

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON (The Associated Press)—The speculation about whether Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will or will not return before the Republican convention in July...

Eisenhower is not coming back prior to July 7, except at the urgent call of Congress or the State Department...

This can be stated as a fact insofar as anything is factual in the secret realm of politics. Those close to Eisenhower marvel that anyone could consider his return...

Under no circumstances will I tender my resignation, and I shall not participate in the presidential activities of others who may have such an intention with respect to me.

Admirers who have followed the General's long career find it unthinkable that he would take a course contrary to his career...

He was invited along with Prime Minister Winston Churchill for a special observation on the week end of May 3. At first those planning the sequestered event...

The only thing that could conceivably bring him back would be a response to reports that interest in the North Atlantic defense project...

Women Will Have More Power At Polls Than Ever This Fall

By ROSCOE DRUMMOND (The Christian Science Monitor)

WASHINGTON (The Associated Press)—More than ever before the woman voter has been within her political power to determine the next President of the United States.

The latest census figures disclose that there are over a million and a half more women than men of voting age.

To put it another way, this means that the total number of voting-age women in 1952 is more than 49 million and is greater than the total vote cast for President in 1948.

Thirty-two states, taking in, as they do, the most contested battleground of the Presidential election, have more voting-age women than men.

These figures show that the political power of the woman voter today is such that she can exert a decisive influence either in continuing a Democratic administration in office or in putting a Republican in the White House after a 20-year exile.

It is one of the facts that about 22 million voters record themselves as committed Democrats, against about 12 million who are registered as committed Republicans.

They're For Ike The conclusion which Gilbert Youth Research reaches, after analyzing the political intentions and opinions of a wide cross-section of these nine million new voters...

They are decisively for Eisenhower; otherwise they prefer President Truman. The question: "Whom would you like to see as our next President?" the new voters gave the following answers:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate, Women Men Per Cent. Eisenhower 31.4-39.2, Truman 39.2-39.2, Robert A. Taft 14.5-11.6

Worried McGrath Old Senate friends who have dropped in on Attorney General Howard McGrath recently are shocked at the change in him.

Usually genial and self-confident, McGrath now complains to visitors: "I'm being lonely. I'm being lonely. I'm being lonely."



Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

The Way Of Jurors

(Moore County News) Is justice blind? Jury verdicts are generally a pretty accurate reflection of public sentiment, but they are not always determined by the evidence.

A Carthage man tells of a case in point. He said: "I was on a Federal court jury in Rockingham a few years ago. It was late in the afternoon when we got the case."

"The National Geographic Society says that scientists have observed many highly developed social systems in the animal world. The condition is often called the "pecking order."

Calm Before Storm

(Harnett County News) "You can't always sometimes tell about the weather," said Allen, of Cornell University.

"Over there in the back of the room I see my old friend Joe Montaga." The Chief Justice referred to the Washington lobbyist of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Growers Association.

Pecking Society

(Statesville Landmark) As usual at this time of year, good crops can be hoped for and planned for, without being counted on.

At Kansas State College a few years ago, a group of boys were brought together. Within five days the pecking ability of each had been recognized by the rest, and a hierarchy was established.

According to observations recently set forth in a book, birds include cardinals, North Carolina's official state bird, a large variety of waterfowl and a great many other birds live in a society governed by the pecking order.

Dr. Allen says that cardinals will fight their own window reflections in gauding their prerogatives. You must have seen like an undersized freight train, prairie chickens stamp and buck; mallards dogfish in the air—almost every

Drew Pearson's Merry-Ground Round

WASHINGTON (The Associated Press)—The secret drive of corn-belt livestock feeders to kill all price controls has recalled the story told by sage Chief Justice Fred Vinson about Sid Richardson, Texas oil and cattle man, who was riding with Speaker Sam Rayburn and Bob Anderson, quiet, efficient manager of the giant Waggoner ranch in Texas.

Someone asked Anderson how much he had got for his calves, and he replied 41 cents. Since the Waggoner ranch had produced about 7500 calves, the deal involved over a million dollars.

"Forty-one cents," exclaimed Sam Rayburn. "Who would be fool enough to pay that much?" Anderson replied that the buyer was Howell Smith. "Who?" roared Sid Richardson. "He's my partner and confederate in the back of the room. I see my old friend Joe Montaga."

Who was that? "The Chief Justice referred to the Washington lobbyist of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Growers Association."

"Joe used to come around to see me when I was Economic Stabilizer in World War II, entrusted with keeping prices down," continued the Chief Justice. "and Joe used to weep on my shoulder. He was against any ceiling price on cattle then, and I see he's still around, fighting OPS and trying to protect the price of cattle."

The Bull Session

(Statesville Record) Aside from these formal program items, there were the bull sessions in which two types of expert will always be found. The fellow who can always solve the other fellow's problem will almost invariably be either a man who inherited a sure thing from his father or who is engaged in spending somebody else's money. We didn't get a great deal of help from either category.

Confused Baptist

(The London, Rockingham Post Dispatch) One of his best jokes was about the old colored man who had rehearsed the words, "Glorry Hallelujah" to say when he was baptised, but who when lifted from the immersion got confused and said "Christmas Gitt!"

The Cattlemen Aren't Hurting Penetrating Japan

"I feel mighty sorry for Joe," continued Vinson. "Sometimes I just feel like weeping for Joe. I remember, during the war, we put a ceiling price on OPS meat and cattle man, who was riding with Speaker Sam Rayburn and Bob Anderson, quiet, efficient manager of the giant Waggoner ranch in Texas."

The Chief Justice told the story, as he always does, and we became so even more armaments could provide offense. But the irony was not lost on the assembled legislators who have to pass on price controls.

Ideals—Not Guns

It still isn't too late to win the "cold war of ideas" with Russia, Gop Congressman O. K. Armstrong of Missouri told the conference on psychological strategy last week. "The free world is losing the psychological struggle," declared Armstrong. "The enslaved peoples are losing hope, and the neutral peoples are losing faith."

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DOES CONGRESS REALLY WANT A CLEAN-UP?

THE TIME has come, we believe, to question the sincerity of the U. S. Representatives and Senators who have yelled loud and strong for a clean-up of government.

These questions are stirred by the strange sequence of events that followed the appointment of Nevbold Morris as special investigator.

Immediately after the appointment, Administration critics sought to belittle the whole thing, pointing out that Morris would be operating under Attorney General Howard McGrath, hence would be under wraps.

Within a few days of the appointment, slurs were cast against Morris—allegations that he was involved in the surplus ship deal now being investigated.

When those charges didn't do the trick, the next Congressional step was to deny Morris the power to grant immunity to witnesses who might testify about corruption.

Currently, there are indications that the Congress will deny Morris the other weapon he must have if he is to succeed—the power of subpoena. Senator Pat McCarran, who heads the powerful Senate Judiciary committee, says he is against giving Morris subpoena authority unless the records subpoenaed are also made available to Congress.

It is always risky to attribute motives to anyone. It may be that the Congress is sincerely convinced that Mr. Truman is just playing politics, and thinks the whole Morris probe will be a waste of time.

On the other hand, there is the growing suspicion that Congress, operating in a privileged sanctuary all of its own from which it can attack others without being subject to investigation itself, is fearful that an aggressive executive inquiry would uncover numerous examples of the improper use of influence on Federal agencies by members of Congress.

There is the further suspicion that Republicans and anti-Truman Democrats are most reluctant to see any realistic clean-up because it would shatter a highly useful election year by making Mr. Truman look good.

Meanwhile, Mr. Morris is moving ahead. He has Mr. Truman's permission to require all Federal officials above the rank of office and manual workers, including the President himself, to answer a detailed questionnaire about all sources of income other than Government pay.

At this point at least, the Administration has created the impression of sincerity. The burden of proof is now on Congress to establish its sincerity.

ANOTHER BLOW AGAINST THE KLAN

A PORTION of the blemish splattered on the Carolina's good name by the Ku Klux Klan has been wiped away. The arrest of 26 men yesterday by State and local authorities, following the Feb. 18 FBI raid that netted ten former Klansmen, is reassuring evidence that the investigation of hooded terrorism in Eastern North Carolina will go on relentlessly until all of the floggings and kidnappings are solved.

The incident that prompted the arrest of eleven men in the best Klan tradition. On the night of Nov. 14, 1950, a group of hooded and robed men forcibly abducted a Negro woman, Esther Lee Floyd, from her home in the town of Lenoir, where she was associated with a white man, a charge she denied. They beat her on the legs and then, when they learned of her pregnancy, clipped a rude cross in her hair, a venerable symbol that the Klan has dedicated for its own evil purposes.

'NEUTRAL' SENATOR WELKER

ON MARCH 18 Sen. Herman Welker of Idaho will deliver the keynote address at the North Carolina Republican Party's state convention being held in Charlotte. Sen. Welker was billed as a "neutral" in the Taft-Eisenhower tussle by state GOP chairman J. M. Baley Jr. and headline writers.

We believe Senator Welker's "neutrality" wants elaboration. The term is misleading. For example, Sen. Welker has been in the fight in that he has not come out four-square for either, or any other, candidate. However, he is generally regarded as being in that neutral position.

Last year, was Senator Welker's first in Congress. Congressional Quarterly rounded up the foreign policy views of each first-terminer, and the Idaho lawyer summed up his campaign as follows: "I tried a little one-man crusade against communism in and out of Government. I opposed our foreign policy in the House and as it now exists. To me the life of one American in Korea is worth more than the whole of Korea."

He called the State Department a "regime of failure that has lost the peace." He was highly critical of the Korean operation, and his failure to take help from Chiang Kai-shek, of our military, in his opinion, to rebuild Europe further despite a post-war U. S. expenditure there of \$60 billion.

A good indication of his leanings can be obtained by his "party unity" record compiled by CQ, which shows the number of times, percentage-wise, each Senator voted with his party last year on 118 recorded issues which split generally along party lines.

Senator Welker's record shows that he supports 64 of the other Republicans with a percentage of 50 or more versus Dworeschak of Idaho—52, Dickensooper of Iowa—50, Brewster of Maine—50, Butler of Maryland—50, Ferguson of Michigan—50, Butler and Wherry of Nebraska—each 81, Bridges of New Hampshire—82, Bricker of Ohio—82, and Bennett and Watkins of Utah, 92 and 90 respectively.

Senator Taft's percentage was 87. Those of General Eisenhower's leading Republican constituents in the Senate were: Lodge of Massachusetts—58, Tobey of New Hampshire—51, Morse of Oregon—51, and Duff of Pennsylvania—52.

SMITH IS RIGHT

SEN. WILLIS SMITH is fully justified in not pressing for Senate passage of a resolution changing the name of the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Robert L. Doughton Parkway.

Mr. Doughton doesn't want the change. The people of North Carolina and Virginia do not want the change. The proposal to honor the State legislator was cooked up by his colleagues in the House, who wanted some way to show their respect for his abilities and his service.

The Parkway belongs to all the American people, and its name identifies it with the lovely and majestic mountains it traverses. Over to the name, now that it has become world famous, would be a grave error.

We trust that Senator Hoyt will show the same good judgment that Senator Smith has displayed.

Radio's swell, but hide's more so;

You'll hear less talk, but see more tomorrow. (McA. Democrat)

WELLS HEAR YOUR CASE NOW

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