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DEATH OF A DICTATOR

THE GRIM REAPER to whom Stalin sent
many victims claimed the Communist
leader swiftly and quietly. No chatter of
machine guns, no shock of bombs, attended
his demise. Stalin was too efficient a dictator
to permit such an ending.

IT'S CAMPBELL'S MOVE NOW

CHAIRMAN W. B. McClinckock's statement
on the County School Board's dismissal
of L. D. Campbell, supervisor of bus routes,
clears the air somewhat. The next move is up
to Mr. McClinckock.

AN APOLOGY IS IN ORDER

WE ARE QUITE SURE that Mrs. Emily
Bellows was acting out of sincere
concern for the city school system when she
suggested the other night that Frank O. Roberts
and Dr. Herbert Spaugh resign their
school board posts which could attend
more meetings.

A STRAIGHT JACKET FOR CONGRESS

SEN. EVERETT M. DIRKEN and Rep. Chauncey
W. Reed, both Illinois Republicans,
have introduced resolutions asking
a constitutional amendment for that purpose.
The amendment would limit the individual
income tax rate to 25 per cent, unless three-
fourths of the House and Senate vote for a
higher rate. In the event a higher rate is
voted, the top rate could be no more than 15
percentage points above the lowest rate.

This more cautious view of the Soviet
future has an encouraging side. Even after
out-revolution, no Soviet regime will care to
embark in a major war until it becomes
entrenched. There have been many indications
of the unrest of the Soviet peoples
lately, and with the defunct, adulated Stalin
gone the new leaders will have quite a domestic
problem on their hands. Factories
hummed, racers ran and fur flew to make
the great Stalin happy, and no one can
doubt that transfer such adulation to a corpse
or a new man.

Administration Cautious

AMONG other things that the Truman Admin-
istration left behind in the chaotic Washington
landscape was the case of Owen Lattimore,
with the greatest caution the new Administration is
approaching this celebrated case, suspecting that
it may backfire with loud political repercussions.

The Lattimore Case Shapes Up

While he has turned it over to a new prose-
cutor, Leo Rover, Attorney General Herbert Brownell
intends to give it his own careful scrutiny.
One reason for this caution is the curious sequence
of events leading up to the indictment of Professor
Lattimore on a charge of perjury growing out of
his testimony before Sen. Pat McCarran's Judiciary
subcommittee.

McGraney's Doubts

PRIVATELY McGraney told inquiries that he did
not intend to take the perjury charge before
a grand jury. He expressed doubts about the
perjury accusation, which was on two grounds.
One was that Lattimore had denied to the committee
that he had been a "sympathizer or promoter of
communism as Communist interest." The second
ground detailed a half-dozen points at which Lattimore's
statements failed to coincide with indictments
of Abe Fortas, Lattimore's counsel from the start of
his troubles, agreed to associate himself with the
defense.



QUEST THE WASHINGTON PARTY

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BY MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
If the indictment is finally upheld, Lattimore
would not go before a jury for at least a year.

Opinions Or Acts?

QUITE apart from the individual, his views, his
temperament, or his prejudices, may thought-
ful persons have been concerned about the case.
The doubt persists—it is forcefully raised in the
O'Mahoney brief—that he is being tried for his opinion
and not for any overt act.

Quote, Unquote

Some farmers are sore at Agriculture Secretary
Earl B. Breaux. They suspect him of favoring
parity for taxpayers.—Memphis Press-Scribner.
Gen. Omar Bradley says he never has met anyone
with a solution for the Korean stalemate.
Doesn't he ever get his hair cut?—Fort Myer
(Fla.) News-Press.

VA Spent \$125 Million On
N.C. Veterans Last Year

WASHINGTON
DURING 1952 the Veterans Administration
expended some \$125 million in
North Carolina in direct pay-
ments and other services to vet-
erans and their dependents.
Of that amount, \$85,995,000 was
paid in compensation and pensions.
Adjustment benefits under the "GI
Bill" accounted for \$48,000,000. In
the total, \$9,333,000 was for World
War II National Service Life In-
surance and \$10,000,000 was for
under the Servicemen's Indemnity
Act for veterans of the Korean
war.

Nimrod Has Good Gung With
Him On The Kenyan Safari

ISIOLO, Northern Kenya
THROUGH my kit, shook his head
sadly, and informed me that I had
nothing worth commending ex-
cept his Bwana who he sweated to
have that," Juma said. He will
to you about some Africans I know.

Merri-Grownd

GEN. JERRY "Elli" Persons has appointed
to Eisenhower that it's impossible to
tax the Congressman Dan Ross' mind on
taxes as Herbert Hoover did in Wisconsin.
He is the appointment of Francis Will-
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America, Williams has been fighting
taxes as head of the Bondholders'
Committee against the Latin American
taxes with Wall Street.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch
NEW GOINGS-ON AT SPOON RIVER

Where are Elmer, Herman, Bert, Tom and
Charlie,
The weak of will, the strong of arm,
The cloak, the boomer, the fighter?
All, all are sleeping on the hill.

too few people live too much with each
other on a lonely farm or in a small town
such as Edgar Lee Masters knew.
No doubt, the AEC will bring some changes.
Just making atomic weapons on that fruitful
land will in itself, be about as big a change
as men can work. But we hope changes will
"not reach the hill where 'Ella, Kate, Mae,
Lizzie and Edith, the tender heart, the simple
soul, the loud, the proud, the happy one,"
are sleeping under their tombstones. And we
hope that the new order along the Spoon
River will not cause people to forget all-
together those words of Serepta Mason:
'Ye living ones, ye are fools indeed;
Who do not know the ways of the wind
And the unseen forces
That govern the processes of life.'

Drew Pearson's
Merri-Grownd AFL Editor Annoys Oil Senators

WASHINGTON
THE Senate Interior Committee called a
special secret session early this week
to consider the question of disciplining
or even expelling the indefatigable Washington
columnist, managing editor of the American
Federation of Labor magazine, "The Affertan-
na Federationists" for his criticism of oil
lands Oil Senators.

Oil Money Flocked

SENIATOR Cordon looked around the room
indignantly as he finished reading, then
said to Sen. Wallace, "I think Malone of Ne-
vada. By that time oil money was flowing
arrived, not enough for a quorum, and a
quorum is necessary to take such important
action as the disciplining of a Senator."
So the committee went into a public ses-
sion, and the question of proceeding against
Tasler was left in mid-air. Senator
are hoping Cordon and Daniel will cool off.
Note—Illustrating the oil contributions
made to Texas, here are some figures: In
\$5,000 given away by Texas oilman H. H.
Cullum during the recent campaign; Eisen-
hower \$1,000; McClure \$1,000; Pat Hill
in New Mexico, \$1,000; Malone in Nevada,
\$1,000; Eason in Montana, \$1,000; Ken in
Missouri, \$1,000. A total of \$5,000. All of the
above have voted for

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