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'Better Take This One In For Questioning'

'Dave Is Clean As A Whistle,' But Taped A Security Risk'

FROM THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

OFF' FRUSTRATED BUT NEVER DEFEATIST, TAFT DIED AS HIS FINEST HOUR BEGAN

THE LIFE OF Sen. Robert A. Taft was a strange mixture of heady success and deep frustration.
Son of an American President, a successful lawyer, a happy and proud father, a powerful leader in Congress, acclaimed by millions as "Mr. Republican," whose every public statement made headlines...

foraged him to give up his duties entirely, he had grown to the job. The most poignant aspect of his death is that he was just entering upon the period of his greatest and most useful public service.
The Eisenhower Administration and the Republican Party as a whole will miss the Ohio Senator sorely.

Yet his most cherished ambition—to occupy the White House as his father had done—was denied him by the party he served so faithfully. And by a series of strange twists of fate, death robbed him of his other chance to achieve a greatness beyond any other he had known.

Respected by both wings of the party, Taft was a kind of "balance wheel." He kept the rival factions from each other's throats, welded them into a reasonably unified, middle-of-the-road party. There is a very real danger that, without Taft's restraint, the GOP right wing will veer further to the right.

For Bob Taft, during his years in the United States Senate, he was in an opposition role. Those were Democratic years and Taft, like so many other Republicans, were prisoners of a political system that impels the minority party to object, to find fault with and to block, where possible, majority party proposals that create useful legislation.

And there is no ready replacement for Senator Taft as adviser and consultant to the White House on legislative matters. He was the best informed of the Republicans on domestic matters, and no one knew better the whims and moods of the Senate, when it was proper to press for a particular bill, when a compromise should be worked out.

With the inauguration of President Eisenhower in January, a new role fell to the Ohioan. He had been embittered at Chicago by the loss of the nomination, a man he thought a political upset, yet he put his grievances behind him, worked closely with the inexperienced Eisenhower Administration, giving it the benefit of his wise counsel and advice.

Taft's major fault, and the fault that caused so many Americans into disagreement with him, was a deficiency of historical perspective that kept him from seeing and understanding the fateful position in the world that American's headlong rush to power and influence had thrust upon our people. Before and after World War II, he piled up almost a solid record of opposition to the efforts of two Democratic Administrations to find solutions to the vast foreign affairs problems dumped at our doorstep by history.

At first, Taft found a bit uncomfortable the new responsibilities that came with Republican control of the White House and the Congress. But he adjusted himself quickly, not easily, and by the time his illness

Yet even here he served a useful purpose by drawing the issues, and by forcing proponents of internationalism to justify their proposals.
Sen. Robert Taft gave himself selflessly to the public service of his state and nation. Though he never achieved the Presidency, he left a mark upon U. S. history more indelible than that of many men who did reach the White House.

FROM A MAVERICK, A MORSEL FOR THE GOP

WITH Sen. Wayne Morse's decision to vote with the Republican Party on organizing the Senate, continued Republican control of that body is now more certain.
Frank Lausche of Ohio appointed a Democrat to the Taft seat.

But it is rather ironical that the outspoken maverick from Oregon now finds himself in such an influential position. His would be the deciding vote in the event the Democrats should try to wrest control at the next session of the Senate. With Morse's vote, the Democrats would carry the day. Without it, a tie would result, permitting Vice-President Nixon to swing control to the Republicans.

That record, good or bad, would be utterly confused if there were a Democratic Senate and a Republican House. It would be impossible for the people to give credit for accomplishment, or attach blame for failure, with a divided Congress.

Since Morse styled himself an independent during the campaign, he has been increasingly isolated by the Senate Republicans. He was denied his old committee appointments, and was shut out of party councils. We shall not be surprised if the Senate Republicans now treat him with more civility.

IN SEARCH OF THE MIDLIN' WAY

THE State magazine is exercised over a dilemma that confronts a salaried, family man who heads for the salt water come summer. He, and especially the kids, would like to do just a little cruising, and still have enough money left to take in the carnival or the Lost Colony. But when he gets to the ocean all he finds are these big, fancy charter boats run by uniformed specialists, who'll demand a week's salary for a cruise. It's either take the big boat or load the family into a run boat, and after going on vacation in order to get away from heavy exercise that respects leaves daddy cold. There just aren't, it seems, any midlin' boats.

holder, and all to get the car. And now that someone carelessly parked his car behind ours and the trunk needs remodeling, the trunk specialists want to fix it up better than the rest of the car, at a very special price, instead of doing a midlin' job that will simply permit the old Plymouth to stand unashamedly behind the boss' Buick.
Then there are lawn specialists who want to build you a complete lawn with five kinds of grass when all you want is the loan of a lawnmower and roller. And the plumbing specialist who brings his own assistant specialist instead of letting you run out and turn off the water and pick up a little know-how while cutting down the size of the bill. And the supermarket specialist who, when your wife gets the urge to go on peaches and needs only six more quart jars, ought to seek the middle way and sell you half a dozen. But no, it's all 12 or nothing at all.

And when you bring this news to your wife she does the midlin' way you have now: the lawn (about the middle of each month) wants improvement. What's happened to this middle way approach he said he was going to institute?

Why, here, gather yourselves into one mass and give us 'one of us.'
Why this is the very thing we have fought against, the fashioning of the stereotype. "Pick one out, boys, just so long as he is black." Luckily, I stopped in my tracks; gently apologized to the Negroes for being guilty of such a thing, and went about my business.



Mutual Respect Replaced Suspicions

The Taft Relationship

By JOSEPH ALSOP

THE CURIOUS story of the relationship between Robert A. Taft and Dwight D. Eisenhower tells a lot about Taft, as well as suggesting the kind of gap that can be bridged by Taft's death.
It must be remembered that these two men, who became such intimate partners, began with the profoundest suspicions of each other. For Taft, even before Eisenhower made his great decision, the General was always a potential rival, and what was much more sinister, a member of "Marshall's group" in the Army. This was the Senator's shorthand for the more world-minded military officers, who were frankly intended to replace if he got the chance the "Douglas MacArthur group."

And for Eisenhower, by the same token, Taft was always the symbol of wrong-headedness about America's world role. The threat that Taft would receive the Republican nomination was a lever, in truth, that forced Eisenhower into politics. At Denver, before the Chicago convention, Eisenhower was being queried by the reporters as to his motives for entering the Presidential race. His final, and his frankest answer was, "because Bob Taft is in the White House."

THE DUKIN AFFAIR
Despite the good sportsmanship with which Taft accepted the disappointment of the Presidential race, the experiences of the campaign hardly made matters better between the two men.
In some sense, however, this was a turning point. The Republican political campaign hastened to point out to the President-elect that if he did not ignore the highest honor of Taft, he must get ready to fight him to the death. They added that they would simply permit the party to founder and cripple the President in Congress.
When the Quincio meeting of the top brass was held, it was also impressed by the failure of any of his usual allies to support the President's statement.

At any rate, from this incident the decision clearly arose, in the minds of both sides, that they must work together, men that they would work together, men that they must work together. At first it might not have been easy. But before long mutual respect was born and then a warm liking.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

HE has long wanted the United States to be a neutral country, and he has long wanted the United States to be a neutral country, and he has long wanted the United States to be a neutral country.

Top-Secret Meeting

A "top secret" sign was posted outside the conference room at the White House when the President met with his military leaders at the Quantico Marine base.
The President rambled along pleasantly, except for matters involving military security, which are omitted.

TO HIS knowledge, no one has ever questioned David L. Shillinglaw's loyalty to the United States. He has anyone so much as whispered that his 25-year record as a Chicago business and labor leader is anything but admirable.
But David Lee Shillinglaw led out on a key United Nations appointment as a representative of the United States in the "security" negotiations.

To this-day the man who finally removed his name from sponsorship for the position acknowledged that "Dave is clean as a whistle."
How did it happen? Shillinglaw was one of hundreds of business men considered for key Government positions in the Republican Administration.

THURSDAY Rainville explained the record in checking over Shillinglaw's record. He found one question he belongs to is the Institute of Pacific Relations, he said.
Shillinglaw was found to have been a member of the Communist Party, as Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) charged last year that the IPR at one time harbored Communist and pro-Communist.

RAINVILLE did not accuse Shillinglaw of being either a Communist or a pro-Communist. He said there is nothing wrong with Dave Shillinglaw. I've known him for years.

American Girls Get To Know Men And Politics In France

By PEGGY STREET

PARIS
I KNEW wondering what it will be like to return to the States to study under the watchful eye of a professor, cope with daily quizes, go to basketball games and attend class again.
These questions are now being asked with a mixture of curiosity and apprehension by a group of 15 American college girls who have spent the past year in Paris.

Many of them, like Alexandra (Sandy) Holland from Hiram, Ohio, and Linda Winston of Sarah Lawrence College, New York, arrived in Paris last September with a "Please pass the bread" knowledge of the French language.
Since then, studying under the Sweet Briar College Junior Year in France Plan which awards credit for American college credits for a year of French education, most have mastered their irregular verbs, gained an understanding of the vicissitudes of European politics and have acquired what Linda and Sandy proudly call "a certain dependence."

AND when the girls have finished trying to answer these questions they will be able to give a credit of explaining the American dating system to the skeptical French.
There has been a series of major adjustments. Sandy, who grew up on a farm, is now a city girl. She explains it thus:
"But our biggest job," she said, "was to learn to dress in a certain way. We were treated as adults."

THE girls, frequently chastised by intelligent questioning, claim that they have managed to do their own "We've had our troubles." Sandy explains, "coping with questions about Senator McCarran, American dollar diplo-macy, and 'isolationism.' But we can always

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Many minority views against moves in China, they feared, would be suppressed by President Eisenhower.

NOTE—The members of the Quincio conference were "team play," though some admitted to "cheating" on their own. They were treated like high-school kids on a picnic. At a barbecue, for instance, they were "cheated" by the "defense team" spelled out in big letters across the top and "varity" written across the bottom. The "defense team" consisted of military and civilian assistants also chipped in \$100 each for prizes for the brass hats who won the "big game" and otherwise excelled in sporting events. To Wilson's chagrin, most of the winners were the generals who have been backing Wilson on budget cuts—the Air Force.

NEGROES ON THE LOCAL BALLOT

DURING the last election there were two Negroes running in a place near Charlotte City Council. With a Negro population in the city of 32 per cent, not only the liberals, but leading citizens of every shade of political thinking and many clergymen felt that the time had come for a Negro to have one of the seven seats on the City Council.

Wants Unanimous Decisions

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