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'Wonder Why We're Not Keeping Pace?'



Administration Cues Ethics To Wrong-Doing Revelations

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON The psychology of the Eisenhower administration with respect to accusations of wrongdoing has long seemed to be that there is nothing either good or bad, but publicly makes it so. Harold Talbot had to quit under fire as secretary of the Air Force, but it was explained that he was a very honest man and the President gave him a medal.

HAROLD TALBOT A Medal Winner

QUET REVERSALS In at least two instances, however, the administration has quietly recorded its own condemnation of deans and officials that in public it defended to the last gasp. One is the Al Sarena mining case. The other is the speculation in oil stock made by Judge Stanley Barnes when an assistant attorney general in charge of the Anti-Trust Division, Barnes, then first assistant, Edward Foote, was also involved in the speculation.

MINING FIRM The story of Al Sarena was developed by a joint Senate-House investigating committee. Former Interior Undersecretary Clarence Davis had awarded a mining firm of that name 23 mining patents covering 464 acres of timberland in the Rogue River National Forest in Southern Oregon. The firm mined no minerals but cut timber valued by the investigating committee at \$300,000. The firm was fined no minerals but cut timber valued by the investigating committee at \$300,000. The firm was fined no minerals but cut timber valued by the investigating committee at \$300,000.

STERN BOOKLET In a stern booklet called "You and Your Job," the Eisenhower administration has explained to Justice employees what they can and cannot do. One page is devoted to bans on outside activities connected with the department's work, mentioning speculation in any form.

MORE RE-WRITES Now the Justice rules have been rewritten to define speculation as a stock or bond investment lasting more than six months. Thus Barnes and Foote would be wrong now just as Davis would be barred from speculating in stocks which he was warmly defended for doing.

FRED SEATON A Rule Revisor

'Big Stick' Tactics Can Boomerang

A STRIKE threat now by public school teachers would tend to tarnish a high-minded case for better pay. Charlotte Classroom Teachers Association acted wisely this week in rejecting the suggestion.

Luther Hodges has attracted little or no support. Even Mr. Hodges says now that he will not insist upon it. But the most interesting indication of support for an across-the-board pay raise came Tuesday in House action on Rep. George Uzzell's surprise resolution favoring a 15 per cent vote. The resolution failed by five votes, but not until a substantial majority had been put on record in favor of a pay hike of 15 per cent or more. It was tabled simply on procedural grounds.

But persuasiveness has its limits. Hasty and hardboiled tactics at this crucial point of the campaign might actually work against the best interests of North Carolina's underpaid educators. A boomerang now would be nothing less than tragic for legislators who have given every indication that they are sympathetic to the teachers' plight and will grant a substantial salary increase.

Teachers should tread firmly but gently. After all, there are other issues in Tar Heel education on which the state will need their considered advice and support.

The Difficulties Of Defining Aggression

IN HIS EFFORTS to formulate a U. S. policy on the Israeli-Egyptian dispute, Secretary of State Dulles has found himself impaled on one of the thorniest problems of the decade.

Thus, with no authority to cite, the secretary of state has no recourse to take other than a common sense approach to the problem. Such an approach involves realization of these basic facts:

Key to the current dispute is one of the most controversial words in international diplomacy—"aggression." Regardless of which side Mr. Dulles finally backs, he will inevitably be accused of "rewarding aggression."

Israel attacked its neighbor only after continual harassment from Col. Nasser's forces. Israel's primary objectives in the recent conflict were the same as they are now—assurance that the Fedayeen raids and the blockade will not be resumed. If Israel is not given the guarantee it asks, the terms of any armistice will eventually be restored and Egypt can be expected to resume its attacks with a fury.

Stated in its simplest terms, the dilemma Mr. Dulles now faces is this: Israel seeks guarantees against Egyptian guerrilla raids from the Gaza Strip and against a resumed blockade of its port of Elath on the Gulf of Aqaba. If Israel is given these guarantees, according to Egypt, the "aggression" of Israel in initiating the recent full-scale attack will be rewarded.

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Should the United Nations refuse such guarantees to Israel, the international body will in the view of Mr. Ben-Gurion's government be rewarding the blockade—which provoked Israel to march on Egypt.

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The lexicographers' definition of the word was unsatisfactory to the U. N., so it appointed a special committee to write one. In six years its members have been unable to agree on a precise meaning. Even the International Law Commission to which the question was referred, was unable to provide an expression. Instead it drew up a list of specific acts of aggression, but the commission went on record as feeling that no such definition was undesirable, since no list could be exhaustive.

Pick 'Em Up

THEY identified themselves as Pinewood School students collecting old newspapers for the school.

An armload being provided, the boy said to the two lassies accompanying him: "Okay, girls, pick up those papers."

They're teaching the fundamentals at Pinewood.

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lowered its membership age to accommodate a drive to enroll teenagers. Perhaps this is a heartening development, even though the Klan's cynical campaign continues through Brotherhood Week.

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Organized hate is still a luxury, even for youngsters who can cover their leaner noses with one cast-off sheet. Perhaps they will perceive quickly that a mere boxtop sent off to a cereal company will bring by return mail more tangible rewards than all the dollars they contribute to the support of anti-Semitic, Kiegles, Kotops, Nighthawks, and Cyclops.

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"Being 20 different people rather than the perfect housewife is what Carolyn feels is her real duty," says the writer enthusiastically. "She works on five fund drives a year for various organizations, she works for her church, her public school her sons go to (she has three children, by the way), and at the Louisville General Hospital. She arranges for volunteers to drive polo patients to the clinic for their weekly therapy, and when aazaar is being organized, she is the one called on to do the telephoning to line up women and merchandise. She throws herself heart and soul into these activities."

Obviously, this situation calls for the old golden-mean approach. If a housewife tries to "be 20 different people" in her community, she is bound to neglect her family. On the other hand, if every housewife refuses to step out of her house into her community, who will see that the educational and recreational needs of youth are met, that the needs of the underprivileged are filled, that cities get better government and improved cultural advantages, and that women themselves get an understanding of the larger world outside of their kitchens?

"The other side of this picture appears in the NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE, in an article by Dorothy Barclay. "The shoemaker's child who walks about barefooted is no sadder sight than the youngsters of community-minded parents

Some of us—men as well as women—tend to spread ourselves too thin in community work, while others refuse to spread at all.

Virtue Is Contagious 'We, The Working Class'

By JOSEPH ALSOP

THE PLUMP, fussy restaurant manager is greatly upset by the party of miners demanding a table. They are too cheerfully lit for his taste. But they grow angry and shout: "The reason you don't want us in your damned place is that we're members of the working class. You only want those others in business suits."

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HOUSE OF CULTURE

In these circumstances, the restaurant atmosphere tends to be a bit rowdy. But at the big, pompous pseudo-classical "House of Culture," which the Kemerovo Coal Trust has just built in the miners' district, the atmosphere is prim enough to please the strictest nursery governess.

MINERS' CLUB

At the miners' club (each mine and every factory has a club) the menu of activities is much the same as at the House of Culture. But the building is smaller, shabbier and looks more lived in. Here there is an almost bar-like buffet, where bread and sausages and wine and weak beer are sold.

PATH OF VIRTUE

But this is by no means the whole story. As the foregoing short sketches may perhaps suggest, very great efforts are also made to keep the working masses on the path of virtue. Governmental and governmental agencies, municipalities and government-state all join hands to diminish the temptations to be "uncultured" and to encourage right thinking, general good behavior and, above all, unremitting hard work.

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People's Platform

Thorny Crown Was Woven From Fiction

Charlotte

Editors, The News: In a recent review of LeGette Blythe's book, "The Crown Tree," Dr. Herbert Spanish accredits the novel as being "historical," and states without reservation that from "a thorn tree" the crown of thorns placed on the head of Jesus was taken. Whereas, as a point of fact, there never was any such crown.

Among the many authorities, both secular and sectarian, renowned in the legend of Dr. Adam Clarke says, "Painters, and the worst of all, commentators, frequently represent Christ with a crown of thorns." These representations engender ideas both false and absurd" (Commentary Vol. 1, p. 256).

Dr. George Sandison states, "Several treaties have been written about it (crown of thorns), but nothing definite can be stated favoring it" (Bible Questions Answered, Vol. 2, p. 280).

Renan, Foote, Michaelis, Remsburg, and a host of other notable

authorities on the matter, variously brand the crown of thorns premise as either "false," "incredible," or "unbelievable."

The internal evidence of the four Gospels, by virtue of their unbridgeable discrepancies, adequately establishes that no such indignity as crowning Jesus with thorns was ever committed. The Bible and the Roman law, both Jewish and Roman law.

If Jesus had been arraigned before Pilate, "wearing a crown of thorns" (John 19:5), he would have been so enraged and provoked and because he was such a stickler for dignity of the crown of thorns, he would have had the lives of every man responsible for such a degradation of Roman jurisprudence.

Every lawyer knows that for more than 2,000 years the Roman court has been the world's model for dignity and fairness. That an innocent and defenseless person was subjected to the insults and indignities, ascribed to Jesus, in a Roman court, presided over by a Roman governor, none but a slave of superstition can believe.

By Thursday, Feb. 15, State Department officials were putting out the idea that the American support for freedom of navigation through the Gulf of Aqaba would mean more than substitution of the matter to the World Court.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON The public has been not entirely aware of it, but Secretary Dulles' Mideast policy have wavered back and forth so much during the past 10 days that both diplomats and senators are not quite sure just where they are. Here is a chronological record of what has happened in the backstage jockeying over whether to impose or not to impose sanctions.

Free Shipping

On Monday, Feb. 11—Secretary Dulles attended what is called a "background"—a special, private conference with select newsmen, one at the home of a prominent Washington publisher. Here he outlined American willingness to support the principle of freedom of Israeli shipping through the Gulf of Aqaba. He indicated that the United States would undertake to support this principle if it were violated by Egypt.

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The Wobbly Course Of Secretary Dulles

Also on Monday, Feb. 11, though earlier in the day, Dulles delivered a formal note to the Israeli government, reportedly giving it the same general assurances on free shipping.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, the Israeli Embassy, reading the newspapers, noted the "background" story which has come direct from Secretary Dulles, though he was not quoted. These news accounts indicated greater shipping guarantees than the official note handed the embassy. The note did not go as far as the press reported by the press regarding free navigation through Aqaba.

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