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Congress Must Forego Partisan Feasts

THE SECOND session of the 85th Congress will leave in Washington many weeks hence a superlative record. The record will be good or it will be bad. By their very nature the circumstances which confront this Congress have ruled out any chance for it to escape measurement by stern standards.

In this respect it deserves some sympathy. Sympathy should be extended at the outset for there will be precious little waiting at the session's end if Congress fails to deal decisively with the great issues before it. This is an election year when the natural desire of Congress is to spend less and offer hope at least for a tax cut, to promise ease instead of effort, and to run sins on the opposition. For the Democratic majority there are ready-made targets in a President whose halo has slipped and in an administration which has misjudged or ignored the depth and thrust of the Communist offensive against U. S. supremacy.

But the partisan feast must be denied if the nation is to lay the foundation for the broad and continuing effort required to make itself and the free world secure. Leadership by the President must be welcomed. There may be some need to encourage it. Any dilution of his capacity for leadership by partisan swordplay will rob Congress of its own capacity to legislate effectively. Only in close counsel between Congress and the President can an adequate response to the Soviet challenge be mounted.

The symbol of the challenge and of the issues before Congress is the Soviet Sputnik—a space-age kite with a very long tail. In the tail are huge military expenditures, a vast scientific establishment, a school system shaped to broaden scientific endeavor by producing thoroughly trained and inquiring minds and, in addition, a Soviet determination to replace the U. S. as the leader of the world.

Congress cannot seriously think of a

tax cut. It must vote new sums for missiles, satellites, for aid to education and for research. It must continue foreign aid to undeveloped countries. It ought to give some consideration to providing for realistic Civil Defense effort.

But lack of money does not account solely for the U. S. lag in missiles and satellites. If it has no remedies itself, Congress should at least shed light on the organizational failures of the Defense Department. It ought to delve into the conditions that caused such a brilliant and dedicated officer as Gen. James M. Gavin to resign his post as the Army's chief of research and development.

Other steps needed in the defense effort are incentive pay increases for skilled military officers and technicians, a broader U. S. information program overseas, and an exchange of scientific information with U. S. allies.

The response to the Sputniks will provide headaches enough for Congress. But even as it grapples with that issue, thorny domestic concerns will be crowding in. The economy must be kept healthy; a realistic trade policy compromise between protectionists and free traders must be achieved; legislation to protect rank-and-file union members from corrupt bossism must be enacted.

There will be new battles over federal control of natural gas rates, farm price supports and Alaska-Hawaii statehood. Postponed too long and pressing in this session is consideration of the problem of presidential disability.

Some of these matters can and probably will be left over for another Congress. Happily there is no sign that another civil rights tangle is contemplated. But the response to the Soviet challenge, in its space, military, weaponry, economics and education cannot be postponed.

On the thoroughness and wisdom of its response to this challenge the superlative record of the 85th Congress will be made.

Tough-Minded Tar Heel Takes Charge

IT HAS taken a tough-minded Tar Heel to sweep the cobwebs from the four-year-old United States Information Agency and prepare it for the bare-knuckled ideological struggles ahead. Durham's George V. Allen has headed USA only since mid-November but he has already added some innovations that undoubtedly cause discomfort in the Kremlin.

One of Mr. Allen's boldest moves came last week when he made public a blueprint of Communist subversion in Indonesia, written by Indonesia's top Red, D. N. Aidit. What USA is doing is fighting communism directly, and with the enemy's own words.

The USA task, as defined by President Eisenhower when the agency was established, is "to submit evidence to peoples of other nations . . . that the objectives and policies of the United States are in harmony with and will advance their legitimate aspirations for freedom, progress and peace." This is all well and good. But the task goes further. Every effort must also be made to seek out and expose the mythology of communism and the sordid record of Soviet treachery.

Collateral Reading For The President

U. S. Presidents have too busy to select their own reading matter, are we, take it, not too busy to peruse the material selected for the "house library" of the White House by the American Booksellers Association.

But busy or not they are treated to a big crate of books each year—all carefully chosen "to meet the varied interests of the presidential family."

The latest shipment has just arrived over at the mansion on Pennsylvania Avenue and the titles include *How To Play Your Best Golf All The Time*, *Cinderella*, *The Man In The Gray Flannel Suit* and *Harry S. Truman's Memoirs*.

That golf book may be terribly instructive and there may be a few useful hints about the care and feeding of eggheads in Mr. Truman's documentary but somehow we hope the President won't be limited by the ready-made reading lists prepared for him. He might enjoy wandering down to the drug store to have a look at the new paperback or to the bookstore for an afternoon of casual browsing. His discoveries may lack the Puritanism and moral asceticism of Cin-

derella but a little raciness now and then never hurt anybody.

And if his library doesn't already contain them, there are a few recent books we would like to recommend ourselves—at least as instructive as *How To Play Your Best Golf All The Time*.

1—WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED, edited by Don Shoemaker.

2—AMERICA AS A CIVILIZATION, by Max Lerner.

3—THE CRISIS OF THE OLD ORDER, by Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.

4—AGE OF REVOLUTION, by W. S. Churchill.

5—NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FOREIGN POLICY, by Henry Kissinger.

6—PROMISES, by Robert Penn Warren.

7—THE SANDBURG RANGE, by Carl Sandburg.

8—THE FALL, by Albert Camus.

9—CHURCHILL: ROOSEVELT-STALIN, by Herbert Feis.

10—THE STORY OF THE CONFEDERACY, by Robert Selph Henry (not new but still curiously pertinent).

There is but a more volume of recommended reading that comes to mind, a non-bestseller. It is known in the trade as *THE GATHERER REPORT*.

A Buss From The Boss

Will Dulles Be Sacked?

By MARQUIS CHILDS

PERHAPS THE finest New Year's present came to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and the donor was President Eisenhower.

When Dulles went to the White House on Jan. 2 to talk with the President, it was not entirely to discuss the future of American foreign policy. Disturbed by the wave of criticism directed against him both at home and in Western Europe, Dulles meant to raise, in his own fashion, the future of John Foster Dulles. The criticism has been especially intense since the pre-Christmas telecast when the President sat looking old and bored while the secretary of state gave a routine report on what had happened at the Paris NATO meeting.

But that leaves the fate of one who has had considerable to do with shaping foreign policy and who now finds himself at odds with Dulles still in the balance. Harold Stassen believes that the secretary's reluctance to explore the chances for negotiation with the Russians jeopardizes this country's relations with its allies and threatens to turn opinion against the United States everywhere.

That is so, Stassen is convinced that so long as Dulles stays in the balance, there can be no exploratory foreign ministers meeting, should the Soviets agree to meet, to conduct a new beginning to disarmament.

While he is still the President's adviser on disarmament, attending meetings of the Cabinet and the National Security Council, Stassen is in the State Department and subordinate to Dulles.

People's Platform

Editors, The News: WHEN the liberal establishment goes after somebody's political scalp, it almost invariably happens, strangely, that I feel sympathetic in varying degrees toward the poor devil whose scalp is in danger.

The Establishment is out to get—AGAIN—the scalp of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. The Charlotte News has already said that Foster has gotta go, which means that the New York Times and the Washington Post probably said the same thing just prior to The News' take off.

Now alone comes citizen Henry Kaye in the Peoples Platform of Jan. 3 to join the scalping party with some real spicy observations about the type person who should sit down with Communist tyrants and talk about "peace." He suggests Bernard Baruch and Dr. Frank P. Graham because he says these men are wise, unselfish, work for the cause of "peace," and will not only tolerate "foolishness" from the tyrants, but will in effect compel them to talk "real turkey." Bingo Mr. Kaye!

Now I like somewhat the gentleman's spirit about this matter, but I fear he's more carried away with the idea of peace talks with tyrants than he is with selecting the best qualified men to do the talking for Uncle Sam. If Bernie Baruch has ever done anything in his entire life which might qualify him as a stalwart anti-Communist "peace-talker," I'm unaware of it. However, if Dr. Frank Graham assumes the role, after having been cited for a dozen Communist front activities by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities (77th Congress, Second Session), then me and my Smith and Wesson will be ready to lay the contents of my head at the feet of tyrant Khrushchev without further chit-chat.



DULLES

Dulles' closest associates report this exchange to try to end the recurring rumor that the secretary will resign on or about his 70th birthday, which is on Feb. 25. Even though this account may overstate the hearts and flowers, the President notoriously dislikes the kind of unpleasantness that would be involved in asking Dulles to go if he wanted to stay. And he certainly shows every sign of intending to sit tight no matter how high the decibels of criticism become.

STASSEN'S FATE

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Harm Not A Hair Of That Secretary's Head!

Before concluding this piece allow me to make a few remarks on behalf of the beleaguered Mr. Dulles. Indeed, he's not my idea of the astute secretary this republic needs during these turbulent times, but he's a heck of a sight better than any of his predecessors for the past 15 years. And, until like and his Palace Guard come up with somebody "worse" (which might well be the case if Dulles goes), I'm straining along with Foster. To expect them to come up with someone "better" might unduly tax like's fragile brain and heart and, therefore, shouldn't for a moment be considered.

—J. R. CHERRY JR.

Recently public attention has been centered on his differences with the secretary.

BROAD HINT

On his part, Dulles during the Paris meeting threw out at least one broad hint that Stassen's usefulness had ended, since in any event he would be out of the door and more probably years before any further discussion on disarmament would take place. He indicated, too, that Stassen, during the negotiations in the United Nations Disarmament Commission in London last summer, had exceeded his instructions and gone beyond what America's allies would approve.

Stassen's associates say that, quite on the contrary, he has the full approval of the NATO allies and that Dulles deliberately intervened in August to insure that the negotiation would not succeed.

HIDDEN QUARREL

This is just the kind of internal dispute the Eisenhower administration has zealously sought to prevent or to keep from public view. The feeling is growing in the White House that it must be resolved and soon.

But those around the President who try to deal in the realities as well as in good will realize that Stassen's view in favor of making every effort to negotiate his wide popular support at home and abroad. Stassen's mail is said to



'Any Prospect Of Negotiation Over Here?'

be running heavily in his favor in the issue of negotiation.

STASSEN MAY STAY

To dismiss him—and this would be the real significance of his departure, since he gives every sign of intending to fight it out—would be interpreted as a signal that the administration was definitely open and for all slamming the door on negotiation. And Stassen, who has threatened to run for governor of Pennsylvania, would do nothing to discourage that interpretation.

So Stassen may stay and the differences between the two may be temporarily papered over. That kind of "solution" has been used by the administration in the past to obscure for the time being policy differences on issues almost as basic as this one.

There is no such thing as a clear, independent idea of God or spirituality. It is all reflection and analogy. Abstract terms that define nothing, explain nothing, demonstrate nothing.

Science finds no evidence of God in any phase of the universe or existence. All scientists of repute agree that evolution is the only solution which has any basis in factual evidence.

Theologians, meanwhile, concede the Bible offers no formal proof of the existence of God, nor is proof to be found at the end of a logical process. But that ultimately there is an assumed, an idea without a model.

—A. W. BLACK

The Burden Of Proof

Lies With Affirmative

Charlotte

Editors, The News: CHARLES EUREY, defending the assumption of theism, conveniently ignores the principles of intelligent debate and resolutely demands proof of the negative.

Save Your Sorrow

Why Sober Up?

By ROBERT C. RUARK

ROME, Italy I AS well as I tried to be funny today or so after the feast days, as everybody is hung over and dreading the incoming bills and generally mad at mankind and the holy-decked halls.

In these more than several years in the two-finger trade I have noticed that news days generally on long weekends and over the festive periods, which tells me something about the state of the world in general. You get the traffic casualty stories, of course, and stories of fire and flood, but the people who lack the world around take a vacation.

LONGER WEEKENDS This also tells me that there is a lot of ruddy nonsense, made made, that wouldn't be made if people didn't figure they had to relax during working hours to justify position and pay.

In this year, new-fledged, I would like to see longer weekends and shorter hours, more holidays and less time for legal machinations.

In a manner of speaking, I think we mainly everything overmuch, whether it's a heart attack or the President or the failure of another French Cabinet. I also think we went into a state of high hysteria over the Russians beating us to the punch on the satellite, when we never become nearly so nervous as during August 1954 in the terms court. Mr. I don't care who climbs the highest mountain first any more.

Dead Oldie Daddie — me — is exactly 42 years old (looks older, acts meaner) as this aimless masterpiece of holiday prose is being committed, and Dear Oldie Daddie has made a firm resolution.

Today I love everybody, including Arkansas, a state which I hope will be integrated with the rest of the civilized world someday. I'll take some doing, but it is not impossible.

So why do you know what the point of this piece started out to be, except it's a new year and, with a little time off from the coming, it might even be a happy one.

LET THEM BE In this Anno Domini, 1958, I have firmly decided not to worry about 1959. I paid my way in the suit, and let next year catch its own tail. I am going to sit back and let the Russians handle their own international juvenile delinquency, and if they drop a bomb, I have decided I will not be at home that day. I will be fishing, someplace else.

Until the day of awful doom, Papa is going to read some books, drink some whisky, get some sleep, light some fires, shoot some birds, draw some bad pictures, write some pieces, and be polite to everybody except a year-old beaver puppy whom I intend to beat to death just as soon as I get home again.

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE I don't think it makes a dirty damn's worth of difference whether it rains too much, cold, what Mr. John Foster Barredore does, or whether James B. (Scotty) Reston gets the Pulitzer Prize for being scooped on a story he knew about all along. I shall also not be annoyed by the predigested English that Time magazine uses to misinform the people at large.

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From The Manchester Guardian

WRONG NUMBER

THE Budapest telephone exchange, we are told, maintains a considerable variety of tape-recorded services for dialing, ranging from bedtime stories to an A note for musicians.

As soon as Sputnik II appeared its sound was duly recorded and made available to subscribers as a matter of interest and a demonstration of loyalty.

Through some misunderstanding the wrong telephone number appeared in the evening paper, and all night long the night watchman of the communications department received eager inquiries about the dog in the moon.

The night watchman splendidly rose

to the occasion and replied to all calls by barking vigorously.

As the Hungarian Information Service reports, the night watchman said he could not disappoint the many children who rang him.

It was, so to speak his day. He threw himself into this new role with so much enthusiasm that he was hoarse next morning.

It seems probable, therefore, that this particular service has now been discontinued. This would be a pity, since there cannot have been much cause for laughter in Budapest during these past 12 months.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

I WAS wrong if I implied in my column from North Africa that ready-made dropped hydrogen bombs are constantly in the air in U. S. planes. Hydrogen bombs are in the air and on the runway in planes ready to take off, but they are not ready to be dropped. They are in two parts so there can be no danger of a premature explosion.

Explosive Marriage

The two parts are kept in separate sections of the plane, and the H-bomb will not explode unless the two parts are put together, or as they say in the Air Force, "married."

The two parts of the bomb are the

U.S. H-Bombs Stored In Two Parts

bomb casing and the pill, containing the hydrogen explosive. A member of the crew is trained in putting the bomb together, and on training flights he goes through this routine.

However, this practice "marrying" of the bomb takes place only when the plane is over the ocean or desert areas where no civilian lives would be lost in case of an accidental explosion.

It's not a happy state of affairs for H-bombs to be split, even in two parts. But such careful precautions are taken that no accidental explosion is likely.

Slum Clearance

Slum clearance is the only problem in the current Congress. Right off the bat,

beginning tomorrow, a House committee on public housing will begin working on a half-billion-dollar long-range plan for slum clearance and suburban relocation.

Ike's Turnabout

This was trotted upon last summer, even castigated publicly by President Eisenhower. However, last month he released the \$177 million for public housing which last summer he had criticized, seemed glad to use the money to help build the building slump and the business recession.

Big Program

The year Sen. Paul Douglas and Rep. Albert Rain, both Illinois Democrats,

plan to push for a minimum of half a billion over 10 years to help cities clear slums and relocate tenement families.

Headlines & Footnotes

Watch for the Venezuelan revolt to be reported in Guatemala before its Jan. 18 election. The Communists intend to strike before American-supported Guatemalan can be elected. Of the Guatemalan Army's 600 officers, it's reported 150 are Reds.

President Eisenhower has told aides he is determined to deliver his State of the Union address to Congress in person. He brushed aside the suggestion that he simply send his message to Capitol Hill and let it be read for him.