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East's Kennedy-Stoppers Lurk Behind Humphreys Boom

BY ROWLAND EVANS JR.

A WELL-HEELED "Stop Kennedy" drive is taking shape in potent, liberal-Democratic circles in the East. Its unannounced aim - to prevent the glamorous senator from Massachusetts from moving so far ahead of the field...

That, of course, was the reason for the pleasant noises that Mrs. Roosevelt cooed to toward Sen. Humphrey the other day. Mrs. R. has shown interest before in the man who stayed to dinner at the Kremlin. In October, she squeezed Humphrey's name in between Truman's and Stevenson's as examples of Democrats who could "lead," and left out all the others.

What this means, quite simply, is that the liberal Democrats, including Mrs. R., have picked the irrepresible, keenly intellectual senator from Minnesota as the man to head off Kennedy. The move toward Humphrey started last spring when Adlai Stevenson, just before his trip to Russia, told some of his biggest East Coast contributors...

So the senator told his New York admirers that he would cogitate and let them know later. Now, partly as a result of the cluster of rich headlines that has blossomed from his mission to Moscow, and partly as result of Gov. Harriman's defeat and Gov. Williams' poor showing, there is little doubt about the senator's intentions. From here on out, he will be running hard.

"He Asked, 'How About A Free Country?'"



HERBLOCK Back To 'Normal'

A Battle Cry Proposed

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON THE Democratic Advisory Council has proposed to the party the battle cry of "expansion" in opposition to Republican "economy."

The net of the council's economic argument is that present budget deficits are due to the country's failure during the Eisenhower years to maintain its "normal" 5 per cent rate of growth in national productivity. The President is talking about savings to make up the deficit. The council's line is that greater revenues will do the job if the economy is not permitted to lag, as it has been doing.

Both sides say piously that budget deficits are bad and economy in the operations of the government is good. Their dispute is over how to cure the deficit and what constitutes wise economy. Both also have kind words to say about expansion but do not agree on how to achieve it.

CLASSIC THEORIES

The President seems to be adhering to classic theories of economic growth. The council is taking advice from economic advisers to Democratic Presidents, including the Truman chairman of the Presidential Council of Economic Advisors, Leon Keyserling.

The President's actions and comments indicate that this will be the principal domestic battle of the new congressional session. He is acutely embarrassed by the deficit incurred in every year of his administration. They have ranged from a low point of \$1.6 billion in 1956 to an estimated \$12 billion in 1959.

Republican nominee, for example, Humphrey would be the obvious "catch on," as the politicians say. "I'd vote for the man who would not be honest son of the mid-west god battling the eastern money interests."

PERSONA NON GRATA

There would, however, be obvious disadvantages in a Humphrey candidacy. Despite his extraordinary intimate working agreement with Sen. Lyndon Johnson, the agreement that has prevented the Senate Democrats from cutting their own throat, Humphrey is still persona non grata in most of the South.

Even if these and other Humphrey aces did not Kennedy's formidable holdings, however, it is certain to be the beneficiary to be Adlai Humphrey himself - but Adlai Humphrey.

Striking Pilots Back A Presidential Board

Editors, The News: Charlotte This year's recent editorial, "Air Lines Strikes & the Sacrificial Lamb," you state that the work engine is caused by "a peculiar dispute between pilots and flight engineers."

One bone of contention between the company and the flight engineers is the requirement that all flight engineers serving on jet aircraft be qualified pilots. In this, the pilots are solidly in accord with the company management. Through the years safety has been a major concern of the air line pilots. Numerous safety devices continually used today were installed only after the sometimes bitter insistence of the pilot group.

Chamber's Films May Be Propaganda

Editors, The News: THE News' report on Charlotte Chamber of Commerce plans states: "The Business Relations Committee asked the directors to appropriate \$600 for purchase of films to be telecast on Sunday afternoons over WSOCT-TV. The films will be devoted to the American economic system and will be presented to the public schools after the telecasts."

Nobody has a right to criticize how the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce decides to spend its own funds, but we do have a right to express opinions about our school system. Before exhibiting the films it would be well for the school authorities to check whether or not they are propaganda on controversial matters which are presented to the benefit of those who produce them. It should be important to learn whether or not the United States Chamber of Commerce is in any manner connected with the promotion.

Literally Speaking

My Hair Stood On End

"IT MADE" I heard a lady say the other day, "my hair stand on end," and as she spoke I found myself longing for she had abundant tresses and was wearing a peculiarly attractive - to witness this phenomenon. . . Our age is haunted by bogeys, and they seem to bogey-fancies in a way that is dismaying than those that troubled our feather-bedded forebears who had nothing but the Black Death, or the Civil War, or a Napoleonic invasion to worry about. If all serious-minded people literally did shudder when they thought about the things they shudder to think about, the nation's life would be gripped by a sporadic palsy, and citizens who have to travel in crowded public places would be very flummoxed. - Peter Fleming in "My Aunt's Ricecooker."

How Colonel Moore Changed A System

school from 1908 to 1910, he brought back to the United States the complete German artillery system installed in the American army during the first World War. I was an early Artilleryman. My wife was born in Germany, which caused her considerable embarrassment during two world wars. She grew up in an army camp, where her continued embarrassment when I write up history critical of the army. It is her claim that she was a "captured" prisoner of war, though she was actually a free woman. She was the daughter of her great-grandfather who was also in the military missile business and also played a part in the early days of field artillery. And the irony is that the embryo of the present missile which Khruushchev boasts can shoot 100 miles was actually brought to this country by my wife's forebear around 1820.

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Mecklenburg Still Has A Lot To Learn

THE North Carolina Health Council's backlist blast at critics who jail mental patients caught Mecklenburg right where it hurts - in the conscience. Fortunately, the county had already begun to mend its ways. Plans to hire a psychiatric social worker to expedite the transfer of mental patients to state hospitals were approved by County Commissioners Nov. 24.

But the newly released findings of a special committee of the health council were as pertinent as they were pointed. It is no longer necessary, said its report, "to place mentally ill persons in jail in order to protect the community from them or to protect them from themselves."

The health council's study committee contended that there are beds available for patients and no waiting period for admission to state hospitals. Despite this fact, there were 1,237 mental patients in jails during the 1956-57 period - almost as many as any year during the previous decade.

Furthermore, statistics from the State Board of Public Welfare for the months of June, July and August show Mecklenburg ran far ahead of other counties in the number of mental patients jailed. During this three-month period alone, Mecklenburg had 37 such cases out of a statewide total of 373.

It's a sorry record. Ignorance about what to do with mental patients has been responsible for some jailings. The committee emphasized, however, that a person who is mentally ill may not lawfully be placed in jail except in an emergency and during an extreme emergency.

How can Tar Heel counties remedy the situation? Experts have suggested several ways. Among them: Closer cooperation between county welfare departments and police officers for appropriate treatment of mentally ill persons, community education to teach citizens to recognize the importance of prompt attention in cases of mental illness, movement of ill persons directly from their homes to hospitals, arrangements for local persons to admit emergency cases, and proper and humane care if a person must be in an absolute emergency be jailed.

Mecklenburg has made a good start by authorizing the employment of a psychiatric social worker to work full-time on the needs of mentally ill persons. But the problem has not been solved by a long shot. It won't be solved until official attitudes toward mental patients change considerably more than they have in the recent past, until space is made available in general hospitals for emergency mental patients and until the public learns that a mental patient is not a criminal but a sick person.

Brainwashing The Younger Generation

On rainy days as far back as Abraham, the elders must have cussed the "younger generation." Never have the elders, to our recollection, gotten so nasty as this, however: "For whatever reason, this country started to go to pieces with the babies that were born in and around the administration of Woodrow Wilson and since."

"Out of this brood has come the worst assortment of traitors, hoodlums, delinquents, over-educated fools and wrongly-educated milktoys that this sherry-lucky land has ever endured. . ."

That's Holmes Alexander, a sometimes perceptive columnist, on our whole generation. Dismal, isn't it?

Yet Mr. Alexander backs this philippic against today's younger generation with the sad story of American Korean War prisoners. Over one-third of them, it is now established, "collaborated" in some way with the Communists. This meant informing on fellow prisoners, becoming "progressives," that is, devotees of the Kremlin clap-trap, and forswearing allegiance to the U. S. And, let's face it, we have little reason to believe that these prisoners diverged widely in temperament or habit from many others in their generation. Though our patriotic hackles rise at the thought, we are all in this together, for who can say that, he faced with the subtle machinery of brainwashing, would have survived with his honor?

Granting this, we are interested to find that Alexander endorses the view of Dr. E. Merrill Root. Dr. Root charges the whole sickness of youth to "brainwashing in the high schools" in "socialist-inspired" American history books. Books which give more space to FDR than to Hoover, which describe the U. S. as a "democracy" rather than a "republic," and which stress the class-struggle aspects of the American Revolution. It is presumed that young folk have swallowed the seed of treason and delinquency.

Rubbish. We could perhaps go along if we thought the younger generation had mastered even this simple view of the country's history; or if people like Mr. Alexander himself were not so heavily biased on the side of a wayward "conservatism" that they buy such a fantastic thesis; or if the older generation itself seemed to know or care about a sense of history.

We suspect that few American prisoners who "collaborated" in Korea knew anything about the history of the country that still fevered an spark of indignation about what was good or bad about it if they knew it. Somehow, in the vast changes sweeping around us these days, conviction, whether of right or left leaning, has gone plumb out of fashion. The quickest way to become a pariah in many circles is to have a passionate conviction about anything.

Why, then, should Americans expect that several of our prisoners would have conviction? Let alone the hard-shell conviction to argue down a skilled and calculating brain-washer.

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Homo Sapiens? Why Waste Public Time?

A RECENT Defense Dept. bulletin announcing plans to shoot live creatures up into space via satellite lists passengers as "mice and primates." But after some prodding, a loose-lipped Defense official revealed that the "primates" are monkeys. As THE NEW YORK TIMES observed, "The art of 'Washington Speak,' as every nifty know-nothing in never calling a monkey a monkey!"

The department listed the phylum instead of the animal because it was feared public opinion will get as emotional over monkeys, perhaps, as it got over

dogs when the Russian sputniked Laika. Anyway, this "primate" deal makes us wonder what the Defense Dept. will say when the first human being is vaulted into the ether in a rocket. Will it list passengers as "mice, primates, and other primates"? Will it resort to species and list passengers as "mice, and homo sapiens?"

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RENO B. LOSSIER IN THE SMITHFIELD HALL

THE ORIGIN OF STORY IDEAS

MRS. Frances Gray Patton, whose novel about a good teacher, Miss Dove, has given entertainment and pleasure to many, is doing a stint of teaching herself at the present. She is teaching a short story writing course at the University of North Carolina.

In a recent interview published in the CHAPEL HILL NEWS LEADER, she stated that her first story, "A Piece of Bread" which won second place in a contest sponsored by the KENYON REVIEW, was prompted by an incident in her childhood. When a small girl, she had to cross a street in which a chain gang was working. A man asked her for a piece of bread. This incident later in her life started a train of thought that resulted in a published short story.

I have often wondered just how fiction writers get their inklings for their stories. There must be a starting point before their imagination can take over and develop a plot. An article in the November issue of TOGETHER magazine tells how a single word was the starting point for the writing of one of our best loved hymns - ABIDE WITH ME. The Rev. Henry Francis Lyte, on a fine autumn afternoon, was sitting on a bench in his garden overlooking the English Channel. He had that morning preached his last sermon to

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a congregation he had served for 30 years. His doctor had given him only a short time to live and he was planning to go to a better climate. As he sat there watching the sun's reflection on the water, he thought of a verse from Luke: "Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." Suddenly the word "abide" caught him up, and, as though impelled by an unseen hand, he strode into his study and wrote the five stanzas of "Abide With Me; Fast Falls the Evening."

This minister had his starting point with the word "abide" and then inspiration led him on to compose a poem that is better known a hundred years later than the name of the author. Could it be as de Maupassant the French short story writer, said, "There is an unknown quantity in the smallest thing"? Find it, de Maupassant admonished; and certainly he knew how to invest simple, familiar things with meaning. He wrote one of his most famous short stories about so trivial a thing as a piece of string.

It would be interesting to hear the authors whose books and stories and poems we read tell how they came to write them.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

MY wife doesn't like it a bit when I write about her, but I hope she won't object too much if today I write about her father. For today the U. S. Army Field Artillery is dedicating a plaque in memory of her father, Col. Dan T. Moore, who founded the Field Artillery's School of Fire at Fort Sill, Okla.

The founding of the school came in an interesting manner. As in the case of our latest artillery development, the modern missile, we get our know-how from the Germans. The Kaiser's army in the early part of this century had developed indirect artillery fire - a means of hitting a target from behind a hill without actually seeing it. No non-German had been admitted to the German artillery school. It was highly secret. But Teddy Roosevelt, then President, was on friendly terms with the Kaiser and told him: "I have a young cousin in the American army who wants to come over and study in your artillery school. Will you let him come?"

Kaiser Agrees The Kaiser reluctantly agreed. Young Lt. Moore gave the appearance of a god-fearing, unengaged officer, though actually a genius in ballistics and mathematics. He had been recruited in Germany and was a typical speckle German as well as he had English. After attending the German artillery

COURSE OF SELF-SURVIVAL

Republicans in Congress - and Vice-President Richard M. Nixon - can be expected to take the course of self-survival. An AP dispatch says that the vice-president has in fact "cut himself in" on the process of assembling the President's state of the union message by way of that army and navy conferences with cabinet members on a. This would suggest that the vice-president has misgivings about the Eisenhower emphasis on cutting back the federal government's activities.

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