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Humphrey Got There First

Bitterness In The Pentagon

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON
WHAT might well become an open revolt against the administration's defense and budgetary policies is boiling up beneath the surface at the Pentagon.

On the surface, all is calm. But this calm conceals great bitterness against what seems to many military men a policy of putting a balanced budget in an election year ahead of the requirements of national security.
The bitterness is felt especially in the Air Force. There has been no public outcry from Air Force leaders about the budget recently approved for the next fiscal year...

Internal Security: A Return To Sanity

AMERICA has had its emotional ups and downs during 1955 but the happiest lines on the fever chart record a lessening of tension on the question of internal security.
It seems like only yesterday that Sen. McCarthy and his henchmen were conducting their congressional witch hunts with hypnotic effectiveness. For years, the flames of hate and hysteria licked painfully at the nation's conscience. It was, to put it bluntly, a faintly obscene rite of political emotions following the 1954 congressional elections...

claque raised its approval. The quiet, businesslike way the Hennings committee itself has looked into ways the government may be transcended on the liberties of U.S. citizens has contributed to the new sanity.
It has focused attention on a wide variety of possible violations of human rights—from the State Department's self-defeating passport policies to the misuse of the attorney general's "list." It has gotten to the bottom of some popular fiction about the "security risk" figures and has scrutinized the absurd extremes to which loyalty oaths have been carried...

Wow!



Ford's In The Future Of Education

THE Ford Foundation's colossal gift to education and medicine this week must have pleased everyone, even the shade of Aristotle who once observed:
To get angry is an easy matter and in any man's power, or to give away money or to spend it but to know when to give it, and how large a sum, and when, and for what purpose, and how is neither in every man's power nor in every man's choice. Hence it is that such excellence is rare and praiseworthy.
The size of the half-billion-dollar gift to privately supported institutions—philanthropy's largest lump-sum outlay—perhaps is rarer than its excellence. Beneficiary colleges and hospitals owe their existence and present functions to gifts in one form or another, including much aid from many of the 7,000 other foundations in the U.S. But the Ford contribution indeed is praiseworthy and noble.

But most important of all, the fears, the excitement, the emotionalism that have surrounded the issues for so long have begun to fade away. That is not to say that deep-seated conflicts over the question of personal freedom vs. internal security have been resolved. They have not. But people are breathing a little easier. There is under way a return to reasonableness and balance characteristic of a free and liberal democracy. The way is clear at last for more rational and temperate discussion of a problem that must be solved if the nation's constitutional house is to be put in order.



The new nuclear weapons, moreover, have transformed ground warfare far more completely than generally realized. But the task of equipping and training our ground forces for nuclear war is going forward only on a token basis, for lack of funds, by contrast, the Russians have approximately 200 ready divisions which are rapidly being trained and equipped for atomic combat.

People's Platform

Dixie? Stand Up!

Lancaster, S. C.
checked its records and found: "Ambassador Luce was in Venice in the fall of 1954, representative at the festival at the time 'Blackboard Jungle' was withdrawn. State Department officials sponsored the film as a draw after Mrs. Luce made clear she opposed the film on the grounds that it did not typify life in the United States or advance understanding of America abroad."

New Interest Found In 'Voice' Contest

Lancaster, S. C.
THIS is the news: A sincere gratitude for the excellent coverage that The News gave this year's Voice of Democracy contest, sponsored by the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce.
The side purpose of the contest is to give our youth an opportunity to consider seriously and to speak in behalf of the blessings, freedoms, and opportunities traditional to our nation. We justify ourselves in the success of the contest in the number of students who participate and thereby benefit the public by giving the contest by your paper allowed us to create an interest more widespread than would have been possible without it. Therefore, our success was greatly increased with your help.

Quote, Unquote

John Mason Brown — "To my major dramatic criticism must seem like an attempt to tattoo soap bubbles."

Knowland Cut Off At The Pockets

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON
PRESIDENT Eisenhower's staff has cut Republican Senator Knowland off at the pockets in the latest maneuver of its campaign to convince the Eisenhower and the country that the President is the indispensable man.
Last Thursday Senator Knowland said that the President should disclose his true intentions, not later than January. If Knowland is not going to run, Knowland is not going to run, Knowland is not going to run, Knowland is not going to run...

Kerr Scott And The Lady Fingers

THE unremitting fascination of Bill Whitley, Kerr Scott's secretary, with what goes into the senatorial stomach has begun to give us a queasy, if not greasy, feeling in our own breakfast. In his "Washington Report" Mr. Whitley seems to be obsessed to the point of gluttony in preserving Mr. Scott's "country boy" reputation. On just one page of the current report Mr. Whitley manages to associate the senator with country ham, grits, hardfried eggs, barbecue, chitterlins, hush-puppies, cornpone and cornbread, and, moreover, to imply that a pall of ignorance blankets the whole state of Iowa because Sen. Scott's alleged queries about these items on a visit there failed to produce a state of chattering ecstasy among Iowans the senator encountered.

Mr. Scott has gone over to the silk-stocking crowd. The senator may be nothing to say when he's home in North Carolina but never as we deprived of knowing that for breakfast he had country ham, grits, red-eye gravy, biscuits and a black cigar.
The Eisenhower heart has throbbed in news stories for the last several weeks but beside the Scott stomach it is reduced to a vestigial remnant.
The few strings tied to the senator's liking for country cooking. But we have observed that people who have it to eat do very little talking about it, and, therefore, we would not be a bit surprised to learn that Mr. Scott has gone off to the city and developed a taste for tuffi-frutti, lady fingers, crepe suzettes and pheasant-under-glass.

The National Guard Should Be Abolished

Lancaster, S. C.
SUNDAY, says a newspaper account, National Guard officials at Philadelphia sent four jet planes, cost \$110,000 each, South and back to the West. One ran out of fuel, visiting relatives of a pilot at Charlotte and was set down by the Western Air Force. The pilot was rescued by a rescue crew.
Congress should abolish the National Guard. It is inefficient anyway.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
ONE of the most dynamite-laden refuges in the world is expected to see redemission to the United States this week and one or two very high persons in the United States wish he wouldn't.
Partner
He is Nicolas Malaxa, the millionaire Rumanian industrialist who was a partner of Hermann Goering's brother and once gave jewelry to Communist Premier Ana Pauker, but who hired Vice President Nixon's law firm and made Nixon's law partner, Thomas Bewley, secretary of his corporation. After that he troubles for a time supposed to vanish.
He got a special bill introduced in Congress by Nixon's close friend, Congressman Pat Hillings of California, permitting him to stay in the United States.

From The Sanford Herald PARTY SPOILERS

IT WAS country ham, about the color of a cross-section of feet and only as powerfully scented and its taste was such that no poet could describe—not even a properly hungry poet. It bulged between the halves of a dainty little biscuit, and when the hostess pressed the combination upon us, the moment was crowded with joy.
Then came a voice from behind: "That must be at least your ninth one, bub. You're sure a candidate for a gallstone job?"
It was the doctor's wife.
And later on, when we lifted the coffee cup and held it at our lips for a long moment, delaying the first sip while the aroma soothed our brain, there was another voice.
"Why is your hand shaking so?"
It was the doctor.
Medical people are the worst party spoilers we ever got bashed by one was

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The Checked Career Of A Refugee

WASHINGTON
"Construction of the factory was predicated on the approval of a loan from the RFC," said a spokesman for the Western Tube Co. "The loan was refused."
Harold Lutz, Bank of America, Whittier, was interviewed and said the Western Tube Corp. never maintained an office in the Bank of America building, but used office number 607 in the building as a mailing address; the congressional report continued. "This he said, was the address of Thomas Bewley." Bewley was Nixon's law partner. Though Nixon claimed he had severed relations with Bewley, the Bank of America building directory as late as 1952 showed Sen. Nixon, Thomas Bewley and Western Tube occupying the same offices—rooms 607, 608 and 609. The Whittier phone book for 1952 also showed them having the same phone numbers. Nixon was much further. He signed a letter dated Sept. 14, 1951, to Manly Fleischmann, defense production administrator asking him to grant a quick tax write-off to Malaxa's firm. This letter is a matter of official record and I have obtained a photostat copy.

In Coplon's Purse

WASHINGTON
When Judith Coplon was arrested by the FBI for delivering papers to a Russian U.S. representative, in her purse she was found a secret Central Intelligence report from Alan R. McCracken to D. M. Ladd, assistant director of the FBI. The memo was made part of the Judith Coplon court record and is therefore revealed. It gives a detailed account of the way Malaxa had been recruited in Russia by bribery of this regime or that, how he played ball with either Communist or Nazi agents.

Hardest we ever got bashed by one was