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### After The Sideshow, Back To Business

GEN. RIDGWAY'S "revelation" about his political skulduggery in the shaping of the administration's defense policy was welcomed with whoops of joy by the Democrats. But it was little more than a noisy diversion, contributing nothing to a particularly serious problem requiring robust bipartisan attention.

Gen. Ridgway's ideas on the subject were never really in doubt. It was not necessary to buy a copy of the SATURDAY EVENING POST to gauge the depth of his discontent. He has protested manpower cuts in the Army privately and not-so-privately for quite a time. It was not even any particular secret that he had testified before a congressional committee (behind closed doors) that the new reduced strengths of the armed forces fixed by the President were never submitted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for approval. This information was published in a Washington newspaper last February.

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson confirmed at a press conference Monday that in his recollection Gen. Ridgway had in fact "continually advocated a higher strength for the Army than the other chiefs." He was just unable to "sell

## Eyewash And Prestige The Tricky Primary Races

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

HISTORY offers important lessons to candidates in presidential primaries, but no final answer to the main question—can the nomination be won at the polls?

Ex-President Harry S. Truman dismissed the primaries in 1952 as "eyewash" and the experience of Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) that year seemed to prove him right.

Taft-Like  
But 1952 also was the year in which the late Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) acknowledged leader of the Republican party, lost his presidential nomination to General Eisenhower, a political newcomer with a string of primary victories.

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES**  
Lessons Of The Past Shown  
1956 Strategy

A leading student of American politics, Prof. V. O. Key of Harvard University, says that before 1952 there were only three cases since the first primaries in 1900 where the convention nominee was the man who faced best in primaries: Calvin Coolidge in 1924, Alfred E. Smith in 1928, Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932.

Unclear  
"Even in these cases," Professor Key adds, "it is not clear that nomination was gained because of victories in the primary."

Past experience, however, has shown primaries effective in slugging candidates. Republican Wendell Willkie defeated President Truman in 1940, dropped ideas of a comeback in 1944 after running fifth in the Wisconsin primary. In 1945, New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey blocked the nomination drive of Minnesota's Harold E. Stassen by challenging and defeating him in the Oregon GOP primary late in 1944. A Congressional Quarterly study indicates candidates can win about two-thirds of the convention votes if they can win prestige, an important element in the "hand-wagon" psychology used to sway

uncommitted votes at a convention; but a single defeat in a primary may more than offset the advantages reaped by several victories.

Also, it is possible for delegates to ignore the voters' wishes once they reach the convention hall. For example, in 1952, Kefauver received 84 per cent of the popular vote in Illinois and only three of Illinois' 64 convention votes; 80 per cent of the popular vote in New Jersey and only three of that state's 38 convention votes.

Strategists for Adlai E. Stevenson have concluded, in view of these considerations, that prestige is the best policy. Stevenson, the front-runner with the bulk of the committed support, has tried to lose and least to gain in primaries.

By choosing to enter only five states in each of which he has organization support Stevenson has minimized the risk of an upset defeat that could derail his whole campaign.

**ESTES BOLDER**  
Kefauver, an underdog at this stage in the race, has planned a bold strategy. He looks to the primaries as the main source of his delegate strength, has entered five contests and probably will file in others. He has challenged Stevenson directly in California and Florida and a victory in either would be a great boost to the Tennesseean and a blow to Stevenson.

Plans of the two leading candi-



**BOB TAFT**  
He Lost

**AL SMITH**  
He Won

dates may be influenced by what the dark horses and favorite sons do. New York Gov. Averell Harriman says he is staying out of primaries. Ohio Gov. Frank J. Lausche is the favorite son candidate in his own state but has refused invitations to enter other contests. There may also be favorite son candidates in Maryland and New Jersey.

**REPUBLICAN PLANS**  
On the Republican side, President Eisenhower's nomination is assured if he wants to run. His backers, however, have entered slates in New Hampshire, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and California. This strategy is designed to keep potential rivals off the ballot and insure dominance of the "Eisenhower group" at the convention should a successor be picked.

Any challenge to this strategy is likely to come from Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) who may enter primaries if Mr. Eisenhower hasn't clarified his plans by the end of January. As Eisenhower slates are formed, Knowland's field of action grows narrower. Of the five states with the earliest filing dates, all have been preempted by the Eisenhower forces. The longer the President delays his decision, the less primaries will have to do with the Republican choice.

### A Happy Return On The Investment

LEADING Auditorium-Coleiseum boosters still flinch visibly when they remember those bleak, uncertain days before each municipal bond election. But they can, and most certainly do, take pride in balance sheets for the first 3 1/2 months of operation of the Auditorium-Coleiseum that returns over and above operating costs total \$28,377.90.

It is too early for dancing in the streets for there is no assurance that the Sept. 11-Dec. 31 period is representative of the rate of return over the long run. After all, the use and popularity of the facilities are dependent on any number of highly changeable factors. For instance, more than half the total take in rental fees came from a single attraction—the week-long Ice Capades. And it must be emphasized, there are still such items as interest on the bonds and depreciation to consider (even though hardly anybody ever seriously thought rental fees could take care of these items).

But that most square-jawed character, knocks the props under and gloomy Gus arguments that the "elephantorium can't even make expenses."

Indeed it can if it is properly managed. In fact, things might even look rosy enough to reduce high taxes charged struggling local cultural organizations for the use of the city's grand facilities. Homegrown talent is still in need of a little extra consideration from the Auditorium-Coleiseum Commission.

### Adage: The Lost Wander In Circles

WELL, wasn't it a merry chase? Over the river and through the woods, and almost back to "no parking" on 12 blocks of Providence Road.

Traffic Engineer Hesse says parking traffic movement, puts up "no parking" signs. A merchant says "no parking" burbs business masks the "no" on the sign in front of his place, and then tacks on a little extra assurance: "Free Parking Guaranteed OK." City Council agrees, one councilman tossing a little righteous wrath at Mr. Hesse. Then the State Highway Commission says it's tired of providing parking places for Charlotte in the form of superhighways. Council

decides "no parking" was the right idea after all.

Isn't that Council is having policy trouble.

Council had no policy on this matter except a commendable desire to please.

The Highway Commission now makes it imperative that the city have a policy. The commission presents one, designed simply to move, not impede, vehicles on streets and highways built for that purpose.

The policy may be painful. All growth is, but it is sensible, logical and economical, and, on the whole, we think Charlotteans will be comfortable with it.



### Dragon Bites Reward Young Explorer

By ROBERT C. RUARK

hide as long as you want. So you have to catch him and then make him alive, which takes a little doing."

**HORNBY HALO**  
Carroll, a former Marine who carries insurance in between expeditions, has been working recently for the San Diego Zoo. He has been producing such things as the potouska monkey, which looks like Duranin, and the serow, an animal which seems to be the dividing line between sheep and goat. He has dealt with the amoeba, a wild buffalo, and the barbutina, a dwarf pig whose tusks grow backward and give the impression of a horny halo. He has tracked a clouded leopard—gray, black and white—and a sizzling, the largest of the gibbon family.

"The first two fingers on each hand are stuck together with a membrane," Carroll says. "We don't know whether it's a hold-over from the oldest species, or the start of a new one, due to the heavy work that part of the hand absorbs. But they get more voice range than an opera star."

**ESCAPE**  
Carroll didn't have a great deal of trouble catching his Komodo dragon. They baited a simple trap with a wild pig, and when the pig got ripe enough they checked the snare and found the dragon in it. In the process of disentangling the dragon from the

### People's Platform Be Fair To Jim Tatum!

Baltimore, Md.  
Editors, The News:  
I HAVE READ "The Billboard" by Bob Saunders with absolute disgust. You seem to think that Jim Tatum completely dominated the whole University of Maryland from the time he came in 1947 until he left this month. In your estimation, our university will completely fold up now. Please let me clear up a few facts right here and now.

The Byrd Stadium was planned before Jim ever came to our campus as coach and athletic director. It was completed and opened in September of 1950, but you must realize that such a large undertaking was not a "spur of the moment" project. At that time Maryland football was just beginning to reach its national acclaim. In fact, it was one month later that the university gained national recognition by beating second-ranked Michigan State.



**COACH TATUM**  
No Superman

**BONDS**  
The new Student Activities Building which was opened to the public last month was not financed by football gate receipts. It cost three-and-a-quarter million dollars and was financed by an issue of self-liquidating bonds. These bonds will be paid off by a special student activity fee which is charged to each student enrolled at the University of Maryland.

The stadium cost approximately three million dollars. How do you think that Jim Tatum in the years that he was at Maryland ever crossed, little lone netted, six-and-a-quarter million dollars on football?

The golf course which you speak of is only under construction. When it is complete, it is felt that the University of Maryland will have almost complete sports facilities.

**UNFAIR**  
Your implication that the University of Maryland has only built sports facilities since the spring of 1947 is a gross and unfair statement. I would like to enumerate a few of our other buildings built during this period: Eight dormitories, seven buildings in the Glenn L. Martin School of Engineering and Aeronautics Sciences, four buildings in connection with agriculture, an industrial arts and education building, and a library has been started. Perhaps the building which we are all most proud of is our chapel.

I hope that this will end all of the remarks that have been made in reference to our fine university. We have to see Jim Tatum leave because he is a fine man. But we do not plan to close up our campus because of it. Oklahoma seems to have done very well since he left there. We will follow their example.

—JOAN V. RICKETS

**CERTITUDE**  
The people of Virginia have taken the lead by those good people are no more steadfast in their belief in the right than the good people of the Carolinas and the other southern states. We shall assert our position in due time and with equal certitude. Perseverance, tempered with dignity, love and respect will assure that right shall prevail and in God's good time, our government shall be returned to the people from whom its powers are derived.

—J. EARLE

### Safety Education—Before And After

**POLICE** Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel's proposal to send Charlotte traffic violators to a "safely school" is good—as far as it goes.

If the classes are conducted by men of genuine ability and dedication, if powerfully effective teaching aids are put to use and if eligible types of violators are compelled to attend, the results of the experiment would be clearly worthwhile.

Where one or more of these elements

has been missing in other cities where such schools have been organized results have been far from bright.

But success "after the fact" meets the safety education problem only half way. We would like to see an equal amount of enthusiasm for expansion of driver and safety education in the public schools—where it is sure to reach whole new generations of motor vehicle operators before they have an opportunity to break the law.

### Neatest Political Trick Of The Week

NEXT to the FARMER'S ALMANAC and the personals column of THE SATURDAY REVIEW, one of the most fascinating pieces of reading we enjoy is the RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER'S know-all, hear-all, see-all print nearly-always THE DOMR column.

Yesterday we turned to this column of political potpourri for the usual morning sermon and collection of gems and were surprised to note a Mecklenburg item. Said the N & O: Former State

Senator Thomas B. Sawyer may ask Third District Democrats to nominate him to run against Rep. Charles R. Jonas.

At first we wanted to chide our own political experts—but then we realized that the N & O's pot had not been well watched.

Mr. Sawyer, a radio executive, works here, sure, but lives in Belmont—in another district, the 11th.

Persons who, for shame, N & O. Wipe that smog from your crystal ball.

### OUR SPROUTING LANGUAGE

POSITIVE evidence is now at hand that our language is growing faster than Jack's beanstalk. Reference is to a 264-page DICTIONARY OF WORDS, published by the Philosophical Library.

To suggest how much the language has grown in the last 20 or 30 years, take the word "operation." It formerly was used to denote a surgical procedure.

But today, spelled with a capital O, operation has become a key word in military parlance, with all sort of new connotations, unknown to an earlier generation. All the different operations listed in this book would make a good one for the \$64,000 question.

They are Operations Annie, Anvil, Avalanche, Bootstrap, Cactus, Crossroads, Dragon, Eclipse, Flintlock, Galvanic, Greenhouse, Haylift, Hazy, Ivy, Killor, Neptune, Overlord, Pluto, Roundup, Selection, Board, Skywatch, Sledgehammer, Stork, Tiger, Torch, Vistles and War Brides.

But the most fascinating new word in this book, according to Eric Partridge,

who wrote the introduction, is cybernetics, and we're inclined to agree. In fact, we're inclined to quote Burke: "A very great part of the mischief that vex this world arises from words." It might be well if we deleted cybernetics.

Cybernetics is a branch of science that studies "the human brain as compared with the electrical computing machines and other things which perform certain functions similar to those of the human brain."

Someday, we suppose, cyberneticists will find that the human brain no longer pays and will declare it obsolete.

We don't think we're going to like it.

"Gee, it was a swell picture," exclaimed one of the small fry, as he and his pal left the Saturday afternoon movie. "All except for that kissing stuff," replied the other. "Didn't you hate that?" "Oh, it was all right," shrugged the first. "I just shut my eyes and pretended he was choking her." —FOR MYERS (Fla.) NEWS-PASS.

### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

**E**BASCO, the firm that engineered the Dixon-Yates fiasco, is about to harvest a juicy plum from the government's foreign aid program. Some government officials regard it as an indirect pay-off for failure to go through with Dixon-Yates.

Wholly-owned subsidiary of the Electric Share Corp. that the late owned Edgar Dixon's Middle South Utilities, Ebasco Services is also the engineering firm that drafted the original Dixon-Yates proposal.

**Ironclad Secrecy**  
Though the International Corporation Administration headed by John B. Hollister is doing its level best to maintain

## Dixon-Yates Agent To Receive Big Plum

ironclad secrecy, I can reveal that his outfit plans to award Ebasco a foreign-aid contract so juicy that eight other companies wanted it. Despite this, Ebasco was selected without competitive bids, by Abbott K. Hamilton, director of ICA's industrial resources office and a former vice president of Commercial Solvents Corp.

The newly proposed contract calls for a massive review of Synzmar Rhe's plans for the economic development of Korea. As part of the review, Ebasco would review foreign-aid projects requested by the Korean government, then would help Hollister and his ICA solicit bids and award the construction contracts.

The clincher is Ebasco's demand for a one per cent commission on all construction contracts awarded under the survey. Since the Korean aid program is ICA's biggest, the commission might run into millions, and backgate, the proposal has literally got ICA's experts boiling. The contract is a temp Ebasco to approve all sorts of aid projects desired by the Korean government. For this, Ebasco's agents approved, the higher Ebasco's profits.

**No Comment**  
Despite the violent criticism of ICA's experts, Hamilton has already okayed the one per cent commission demanded by Ebasco. The contract now needs only the approval of Hollister himself.

The Korean government, however, is not sold on letting Ebasco handle the survey. Therefore ICA is sending four Ebasco representatives to Seoul to win over Synzmar Rhe. Each will collect a \$25-a-day expense account from ICA while trying to convince Rhe to accept Ebasco.

Though such contracts are usually awarded by ICA's office of contract relations, this project is being handled by Hamilton personally. Details are so secret that they have even been kept from Hamilton's boss, Dr. William F. Russell.

When Hamilton's office was queried regarding the proposed contract, he refused to talk.

### Quote, Unquote

**Virginia Upholds South's Traditions**  
Lancaster, S. C.  
**IN** People's Platform of Monday, we note that the entire section, with one exception, was taken up with letters from people...

A tourist spotted an Indian sending up smoke signals in the desert. He rushed to the nearest newspaper and reported the sighting. The reporter stepped to his side. "What's the idea of the fire extinguisher?" asked the tourist. The rugged, rugged skin replied, "If my missus had me, erasmus!" — Rocky Mount Telegram.