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While Dulles Fitters, U. S. Foreign Policy Flounders

By WALTER LIPPMANN

NEW YORK
WITH inauguration day not far off, a large part of the President's business is the picking and choosing of men to fill the offices that become vacant by his decision...

Thus, there is no one here in Washington who has high authority and devotes all his time to the making of foreign policy. Yet foreign policy cannot be made by the under secretary of state, conferring with, let us say, the secretary of the Treasury and the secretary of defense...

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John L. Stickle: Man Of The Year

JOHN L. (JACK) STICKLEY sat at his desk last week and fingered a bronze lion. He talked with enthusiasm. "In Australia we went to Maitland and we saw where the Lions had moved 55 families into new homes on high dry land after a flood had swept away all their belongings..."



Mr. Stickle

IT WAS all part of the education of Jack Stickle, local businessman and international humanitarian, and part of the education of the world. He had returned to Charlotte for a brief Christmas visit before heading back around the world as president of Lions International.

The News' Man of the Year is honored today for his intense interest in all the people of the earth and for his efforts in behalf of the welfare of those people.

For 18 years Jack Stickle has engaged in a battle to help his fellow man. His spirit and his energy have served as inspiration to the men and women of the Lions Club members here and in the rest of the world.

The Man of the Year award is a symbol of more than greatness and deeds. It is a symbol of the spirit and the sacrificial attitude of the men who have received it. It has served not only as a singular honor for the recipients and as public recognition of the highest kind, but as a reminder of the goodness of men.

THE NEWS has been proud and humble in its privilege of providing recognition of the deeds of past winners—Coleman W. Roberts (1944), C. W. Gilchrist (1945), J. B. Marshall (1946), and so on.

For more than a decade Americans have fumed and fretted over the supposed ingratitude for great gifts of money and material. Somehow, neither military might nor unparalleled generosity made things go right for a nation which wanted nothing in exchange for its treasure but a little peace and quiet.

In a widely heralded speech, Secretary Dulles called for renewal of America's

missionary zeal in such a way that dedicated men from all walks would go out to refurbish the image of America in the dusty, troubled corners of the world. He was saying the task was too big for diplomacy.

Such missionaries, of course, are not substitute for skillful diplomacy but certainly are an invaluable aid—and the less they have to do with the propaganda apparatus of government, the better their chances for inspiring respect and friendship abroad.

It is particularly fitting that Jack Stickle also represents an economic system that communism has portrayed to the world as a heartless oppressor of the poor and underprivileged, that success comes to the needy in the hands of a successful capitalist.

For many years before his present service in France, Mr. Stickle served tirelessly in civic and religious affairs of Charlotte. He serves no less now, for the good will inspired by the gift of glasses to a partially-sighted man in India extends to Charlotte and all America.

He is a distinguished Man of the Year for Charlotte and for the U. S. We count it an honor to announce his selection, and to offer the warmest congratulations.

People's Platform

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Dampening The Squib

What Johnson Says Goes

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSON

WASHINGTON
THE much-heralded "revolt of the liberals" in the Democratic Party has turned into the dampst of damp squibs, at least for the time being.

Every American who believes in the principles of our founding fathers is conscience-bound to dissociate himself from those whose actions are corroding the pillars on which our life rests.

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'Have A Seat — I'll Be With You In A Minute'



A Low Bow To An All-American City

WHILE making our manners to the Man of the Year, we also take great pleasure in saluting another celebrity on this final day of 1956. It is our good neighbor to the east, Laurinburg. This friendly and progressive southern community has won national acclaim as an "All-American City" in a contest sponsored by the National Municipal League and Look magazine.

Laurinburg richly deserves the honor. Its record of accomplishment is high. The multimillion-dollar campaign to attract the Consolidated Presbyterian Col-

lege, its \$208,000 addition to Scotland County Memorial Hospital, its new \$40,000 community swimming pool and its new 52-unit low-rent housing and slum clearance project are noteworthy monuments to a city's capacity for achievement.

Laurinburg is blessed with an outstanding community spirit and creative leadership. Its accomplishments will serve as an inspiration to other Tar Heel cities.

We are proud to offer our congratulations to all of Laurinburg's citizens.

Simon Stylites In The Christian Century

IN DEFENSE OF GOSSIP

WHEN Robert Louis Stevenson was in his lonely exile in San Francisco, skirting the edge of death from tuberculosis, he wrote to a friend back home in Scotland. "Why does everyone send me sermons? Why doesn't someone send me gossip that I can read?"

Of course, gossip has a bad name, because so much mischief is associated with gossip. There is no defense for vicious, mean-spirited talk. There is no defense for a tongue like Jane Welsh Carlyle's, which was someone reported, "like a cat's, which would take the skin off a touch." Perhaps that kindly remark was just an example of vicious malice—though it must be admitted that most of us relish a bit of benign malice, such as that in the classic tribute to George Grote, the historian, and his wife. Someone, possibly Sydney Smith, said, "I like the Grottes. George is so slow, and Mrs. Grote is such a manly fellow."

That is not poison; it is just a wallop in good clean fun. But gossip, in the true and undefiled sense, is nourishment from the good earth of the doings of people. Christian love and gossip stem from the same root—an interest in other people. When that interest is lacking, much of the saving salt of life is gone.

Such a petition in bankruptcy excites only pity in anyone who has ever enjoyed the luxury of devouring a vicious, newsy, gossiply letter. Thoreau wrote, "I wanted to drive life into a corner and reduce it to its lowest terms." But if life driven into a corner is robbed of a continuing interest in the folks around us, then the terms are far too low for human nature's daily food.

We would seriously question the reality of "love of humanity" in anyone who did not have stirred into it a lively interest in good gossip. Oh, yes, I almost forgot: What is the news down your way?

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

HERE ARE my predictions for the year 1957:

MISCELLANEOUS—Virginia Warren, daughter of Chief Justice Earl Warren, will become a TV star... Sen. McClintock of California has never permitted discrimination. Neither has the law of the Bible ever permitted discrimination.

Military 'Death Battle'

The Army will start a death battle with the Air Force for the right to control long-range missiles and big airplanes... France will become the fourth nation to divorce itself from the United States its manufacture of atomic weapons.

Predictions Of Things To Come

against Algerian rebels... The Russians will launch their atomic-powered vessel 15,000-ton ice-breaker for use in the Arctic... The AFL-CIO will try to override the State Department's veto against a labor boycott of Russian goods.

BUSINESS—Will be moderately good, but won't approach the big year of 1955. Farm income will remain about level. Other people will suffer because of inflationary prices. The biggest economic argument inside the Eisenhower administration—over hard money—will be a raging roar before the end of the year.

Cabinet Changes

THE CABINET—At least four members of the Eisenhower cabinet will resign before the end of the year: John Foster Dulles as secretary of state, James Mitchell as secretary of labor, Charles E. Wilson as secretary of defense, and Arthur Summerfield as postmaster general.

Divided Democrats

To this end, the magic name "Eisenhower" will be used all over the U. S. Some Northern Democrats will be in the vanguard of renaking the Republican Party... The Democrats will go through 1957 divided and bickering. In the Texas leadership in Congress will weaken, partly because of Sam Rayburn's age, partly because of Lyndon Johnson's assumed presence.

Eden To Resign

IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS—Prime Minister Eden will resign and be succeeded by R. A. Butler, No. 2 man in the Conservative Party... Red China will recognize Red China or agree to its admission into the United Nations.

Peace—President Eisenhower, who made his fame as a man of war, will endeavor to establish his final place in history as a man of peace. He will work toward this goal sincerely, but sometimes timidly, in the backstage battle now being waged between his disarming adviser, Harold Stassen, and the Pentagon for the banning of H-bomb tests and the dread intercontinental ballistic missile. He will not take a forthright stand. Fearful of banning H-bomb tests as now urged by Stassen and once urged by Adlai Stevenson, he will agree to ban super H-bomb tests.

Behind The Iron Curtain

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN—This will be the Soviet's most crucial year. It will also be a crucial year for the rest of the world. Unrest will continue in the satellite nations, with Poland the next country to stage riots. East Germany could follow.