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Let's Stop Cracking The Little Eggheads

SUBBURD by the spunkies, the administration will be ready in January with a program designed to promote tenor, loving care for little eggheads so that in the future we shall have plenty of brainpower behind the nation's bid for supremacy in the space age.

the competitive spirit from education, lest Simple Simon develop an inferiority complex by discovering Socrates is a better man. I consign those journals to the company of the faculty...

THE basic aim of the administration program is to identify through tests the estimated 200,000 students who end their education each year with a high school diploma although they are capable of profiting by a higher education.

FOURTEEN-year-old Ron H. of San Diego knew he could make good grades, but he tried very hard not to. One day he brought home straight A's.

This sounded to us a little fanciful until we ran across a Cambridge Science-Mosstron survey of a number of school officials on the question of anti-intellectualism. The officials confirmed it as a significant roadblock to making the gifted child make full use of his gifts.

It takes more than cold cash, the educators keep saying, to persuade a bright seventh grader to start out on the long, laborious trail toward high excellence in mathematics, say, or nuclear engineering.

THE nation, which suddenly finds itself at the short end of things, will not be able to buy itself out of its educational dilemma. Scholarship has to be made worth the late-burning candle.

FAIR enough, it would seem. But to this plea for prestige for education there have been some sharp and telling retorts—like this one by Gerald Johnson in the New Republic: "I am a member of the new business disregard of educators is said to be the cause of our educational ills."

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Fast Start For A Fresh, Dark Horse

NEIL McElroy hardly had time to count the missiles, and the skeletons in Defense Department closets before the capital's political soothsayers had him centered in their telescopic sights.

His verdict, given a good ride in the press, is that the new Defense secretary must be figured as a man to watch at the 1960 Republican convention, provided the nomination isn't sewed up beforehand by Richard Nixon.

Assuredly, McElroy has some assets. He has not had time to make any enemies as have Nixon, Knowland, Stassen,

et al. He is from Ohio, the land of Taff, which has a big Republican vote. He is a successful business executive, up from the ranks. He is in a job which will keep him constantly before the nation. Furthermore, he seems to have made a good start in mastering that job.

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The lady from Little Rock, when asked to comment on the school situation there said: "Let him who is without sin cast the first little rock."

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AS Mark Twain said, "Everybody talks about Sputnik but nobody does anything about it." Well, include us out. We have a program for overtaking the Russians and neither blood, nor sweat nor tears can stay us in our appointed duty to offer it to the White House as follows:

1. Take immediate steps to turn West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy into schools of science.

2. Stop our left-over cavalry officers from galloping around the country recruiting high school muscles for service football teams.

3. Stop the faculties of these institutions from judging exams to win games.

4. Stop the President from attending annual football games and decorating the players for valor and, instead, have him recognize the brightest graduates each year by inviting them to lunch at the White House in the hope of learning something.

5. Change the uniforms from the present Winfield Scott and John Paul Jones designs to something more adapted to the pursuit of science, transforming them into badges of distinction instead of discomfort.

6. Recruit the brightest scientific minds from the high schools and guarantee graduates a high standard of living with a promotion schedule based on

achievement rather than the Hessian rule of seniority.

When this is done Annapolis need no longer teach that the highest act of patriotism is clipping an Army quartermaster and, perchance, breaking his leg and, on the higher level, clipping the Air Force by stealing its appropriations.

In a word, they can stop throwing spunkies at the Secretary of Defense and learn to devote all of their abilities to the service of their country.

By following such a program we may in another generation be smiling condescendingly on the Russians. Otherwise the country will continue to drool over Marilyn, depend on the defense tactics of Napoleon and spend every Saturday at the football games. In which case, save us a place in radiation-proof shelter, about 50 yards down.

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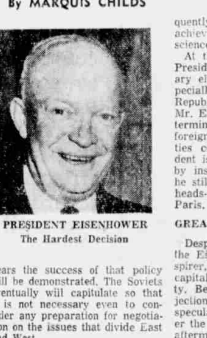
'Sit Y'Self Right Down—Have A Seat, Guv'nor'



Race And Rockets The Calamities Keep Coming

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON IF ONE general impression emerges from the series of White House meetings, it is that the steps taken in response to the discovery of Soviet Russia's lead in rockets and missiles are not enough.



He recalled since the Soviet achievements in weapons and in science startled the free world. At the several conferences, the President spoke with his customary eloquence. This was true, especially in the meeting with the Republicans and Democrats when Mr. Eisenhower expressed his determination to have an American foreign policy to which both parties could subscribe.

That would be expecting too much of human nature, particularly when the Republicans have been proclaiming for more than four years that everything that was done before 1953 was wicked or wrong.

It is necessary, of course, to appraise the statements of Democratic leaders against the partisan bias of the Republicans. The grave situation confronting the nation and the West today, politicians could hardly be asked to ignore the grim dilemma in which the Republican administration finds itself.

With due allowance for political bias, men from across the country reported a widespread feeling of fear and concern. The average American, according to these reports, has been far more impressed with the potential danger arising out of the Soviet success in orbiting two large satellites than the administration in Washington is willing to admit.

This last is vitally important, and the risk has been that the administration would take the easier course of simply asking for a bigger slice for the military. And, since he is an influential Democrat, Sen. Charles B. Russell of Georgia, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, who immediately opposed a large foreign aid program with the argument that the money should go into new weapons development.

But most of the conferees were critical not so much of specific measures as of a general lack of urgency. The feeling seemed to be that American policy is on the right track and that with just a little more push in the next few

years the success of that policy will be demonstrated. The Soviet, eventually will capitulate so that it is not necessary even to consider any preparation for negotiation on the issues that divide East and West.

At a subsequent press conference President Eisenhower said he had no expectation that the Soviets were ready to collapse. The Dulles statement has been frequently expressed conviction of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles after the summit conference with the Soviet leaders at Geneva in June of 1953 he told a House committee that Russia was on the point of economic collapse.

Nikita Khrushchev, boss of the Communist party, responded to this by saying that they were not going to Geneva "with broken legs." He used this Russian figure of speech to announce that they would not enter the conference as petitioners in bankruptcy.

It can be said that the Eisenhower administration has been in a state of great uncertainty. The President's own statements have been contradictory. He has said that he still hopes to do at the NATO heads-of-government meeting in Paris.

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Ike Lists NATO Conference As His Prime Responsibility

By DORIS FLEESON

WHITE HOUSE callers this week have come away with the firm impression that President Eisenhower regards the NATO meeting in Paris as his prime responsibility. They could expect that nothing but a plain retack in his health could deter him from attending.

These calls include experienced politicians who are good judges of men and affairs. Most of them have known the President a long time.

They feel that NATO and its opportunities to mend the Western alliance are uppermost in his mind and that such struggles as the budget and defense are largely delegations to others. It is a persuasive view of Mr. Eisenhower's thinking for many reasons.

It has been revealed that the achievement of peace is his absorbing hope and goal. Harry Truman felt the same way after he had to make the decision to drop the atomic bomb. Now that weapons of war have reached the pitiless hands of the Communists, the United States has penetrated outer space, all Presidents are bound to feel the same.

This President is well justified in a special feeling toward NATO. It was his first supreme command and he was named to that job because he had been supreme commander in chief of the United States in a literally life-or-death war that is now threatened.

Such accounts of his mood are strengthened by a review in the New York Herald Tribune from its chief correspondent, Robert J. Donovan, who has a somewhat special relationship toward the administration. Donovan was personally selected by Assistant President Sherman Adams to write the story of the first Eisenhower years, a task he fulfilled with his honor and professional stature intact.

Donovan believes that the Paris meeting has been accepted by the President as the criterion of his ability to function as a President should. After stressing that the question of how Eisenhower would deliver a pure conquest, Donovan adds that "there are persons around him who believe that he would keep, even in the most dire solution were drastic." Donovan, therefore, regards the Paris meeting, apart from its content, as a critical point in the career of the Eisenhower presidency.

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All the foregoing suggests a reason why Adlai Stevenson was not able to believe that the President personally attached importance to Stevenson's presence in Paris. It is known that the NATO meeting was Mr. Eisenhower's idea, while the idea of enlisting Stevenson in the role of chief of state was Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and that Dulles, in fact, had some trouble getting White House approval for the notion of using Stevenson at all.

Dulles, of course, was thinking of his own unpopularity with NATO and the Democratic Congress. He was figuring with considerable justice that Stevenson could help him out there when the concrete proposals were laid on the table.

PERSONAL CRISIS The President apparently is confronting in his own mind a kind of personal crisis in which the

ADLAI STEVENSON The Raised Doubts NATO meeting looms large indeed. The tactical aspects troubling Dulles would naturally take second place in his thinking.

It has also been established that the President was not informed of the original warning to NATO that he might not be able to attend. That warning was framed by Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Adams, Dulles and Attorney General William F. Rogers during the first hours of the President's new illness when the doctors were talking of a long rest and much reduced activity.

It included the suggestion that Nixon might attend if the President were taking a long rest. Nixon replied that it would take the meeting with Nixon, the White House was saying that the President would decide who would represent the United States.

our deepest affections is equally Life is ultimately set in a framework of death. It is death that gives an emotional background to the future. It defines life conditions, it adds its meaning and value.

Religion has ever misconstrued these facts and filled the world with a senseless fear of death. Science on the other hand provides us with an understanding of death's presence, and so defies its true place in the pagano of life.

God Will Determine Destiny Of Mankind Hamlet I HAVE just finished reading in The News the articles on "afterlife" in which the writers expressed their beliefs concerning life after death. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you readers what God's word has to say on this subject. God is the one who created man, and it was he the one to determine man's destiny.

This gift of life shows God's undeserved kindness and love. We can receive it by exercising faith in Christ Jesus, who said it means His to take our knowledge of God and Christ. John 17:3. This knowledge of the true God is essential. Paul wrote in His Word in Romans 10:9 and we can put faith in it.

—ILA M. READ

Quote, Unquote "Cats seldom make mistakes and they never make the same mistake twice. How stupid a cat must think a human being who is constantly repeating the same errors!" —Carl Van Vechten.

Restaurants Fail The restaurant business of Vice President Nixon's brother Don has fallen upon hard times. Its few remaining assets will be put on the auction block in Los Angeles today.

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Apparently, however, it takes more than political glamor and the financial backing of some of the vice president's political supporters to succeed in the restaurant business. For Don Nixon now

owns a total of \$380,905.87. This includes \$127,000 to creditors, \$7,162.28 in rent, \$14,000 for rent, and \$222,000 in notes. On the other hand, Don Nixon has accumulated \$87,000 in cash which he has kept in trust for his wife, and the preferred claims of creditors.

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Ideas In Action

A Good Word For Prejudice

DISTANCE may or may not lend enchantment to a view, but it does give you a perspective, a view of the whole. A prejudice serves the same purpose for an idea. It is what you think about the whole of it, for or against, one way or the other, before you go up closer to examining it and take it to pieces. It is your attitude toward it to begin with. If you have any attitude or any thoughts about it, you are prejudiced. And why not? There are only two ways to be quite unprejudiced and impartial. One is to be completely ignorant, the other is to be completely indifferent. Bias and prejudice are attitudes to be kept in hand, not attitudes to be avoided. —Charles P. Curtis in "A Commonplace Book."

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE manner in which McCarthyism and Nixonism have barred key scientists from missile-satellite research is illustrated in the California Institute of Technology, where Dr. Fritz Zwicky, the first man to attempt an earth satellite, is now barred from all research.

Dr. Zwicky is a Swiss, is proud of being a Swiss, wants to remain a Swiss. But at the same time, he wants to help the United States and the free world, of which he is a part, get ahead in the missile race. He can't do it, however, under the security restrictions laid down by the Defense Department after McCarthy and Nixon started their scourge of scientists from the government.

A Volunteer

"During the war," explains Dr. Zwicky, "I signed up to fight with you. I didn't have to. Sweden is supposed to be neutral. But I joined the U. S. Air Corps and served on Gen. Hal Arnold's

Satellite Pioneer Barred From Work

scientific band. "After the war I told the Air Corps that artificial moons—or satellites—would be the next step in modern warfare. And on Dec. 17, 1946, we fired a V-2 rocket at the White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico, carrying small new rockets.

"We could not drum up enough interest to carry on, though we could have got earth satellites into the air if we had," said Dr. Zwicky. "Later, under the new security manual which the Air Force had to adopt, I was barred because I am Swiss.

"I can go to Washington and give them my ideas—which I do. But I can't stay to see if they are properly carried out."

Dr. Edward Condon out of government, the Pentagon can't be expected to listen to Dr. Zwicky. He can't be permitted to do any actual work on a project.

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