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THE FALLEN STATES MAN: THREE VIEWS—
Dulles Was The Real Backbone Of The Administration

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WHY DO SO many Westerners regard the illness of John Foster Dulles as a major tragedy today, when they would have danced at his funeral two years ago? It is an interesting question, worth careful examination.

In large part, of course, this horror aroused by the incapacity of a man once so heroically distinguished is an admission of weakness. It derives from the general feeling that Dulles is the real backbone, the one remaining element of firmness, in the Eisenhower administration and in the Western Alliance too.

There is more than this, however. It is the change of attitude toward the secretary of state among the most important elements of the administration. The other element, the best doubt, is a change in the lives these men applied to the man himself.



Eisenhower And Dulles: One Man Made All The Difference

Perhaps the best way to put it is to say that, in the last two years, John Foster Dulles came to be judged less by his methods and more by his spirit.

About the methods, the less said the better. The "liberalist" policy was a fraud. The strategy of "massive retaliation" was announced at the very moment when it was becoming impossible.

By the same token, the Dulles vision of the cold war as a gigantic contest between good and evil, between freedom and slavery, between the values of the human spirit and the values of the anti-state, the best thing about Foster Dulles was precisely the fact that he was the cold war in those terms.

Meanwhile, as the years pass, the spirit of Foster Dulles also gained in value because it became more and more rare. It has been much criticized. This Dulles spirit, on the ground that he was "moralistic." He was constantly accused of "seeing the cold war too much in terms of right and wrong." In a sense, moreover, said that as the years passed, and Foster Dulles gained self-confidence in harness, he vastly improved his way of doing business.

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Ike Should Pick Dulles' Successor Now

THE nation's anxiety about the personal wellbeing of its stricken secretary of state is deep and intense. It is difficult not to feel a certain affection for this crusty old warrior who has battled the hosts of darkness so long and with such clear determination.

"The American statesman" wrote Lord Bryce in his AMERICAN COMMONWEALTH. "is apt to be timid in advocacy as well as infantile in suggestion."

But admiration for the man and his spirit cannot alter the necessities of the moment. The United States, whether it likes it or not, stands in great peril. Competition with the Communist world has reached the crucial stage in the past. Western policy, and most especially U. S. policy, has produced stalemates, not solutions.

Neither the United States nor the Western Alliance can wait for the ailing secretary of state to crawl painfully back into harness to direct the operations and planning of American foreign policy.

One Weak Point In Renaming Streets

THE mayor's study committee has outlined basic criteria, with a point system, for the changing of duplicated street names.

There must be some rules, and on paper, six of the seven categories appear sound. There can be little argument with facts of geography, length or traffic count.

Then Chowder Rd. folks take a poll. They've got the longest street — two points. They're nearer the center of town, one point. They score a fourth point from their street name relation to an area pattern, as Soupon Rd. and

A Castro Parade Would Puzzle More

NEWS that Fidel Castro has had his self-named prime minister of Cuba will hardly cause any Charlotte golf matches to be postponed.

If Castro and his hordes suddenly appeared on Tryon St. for a parade, they'd receive all the enthusiasm of students taking a first glimpse at a shabby road card.

There would be curiosity, but little to cheer about. This is hardly in the tradition of the American press and television. Interpretive reporting sometimes known as slanted writing, is bound to creep into a reporter's notes if he has knowledge of a situation.

We all know immediately from television's westerns who is the good guy and who is to be on the black horse.

From The New York Times

NON-HIBERNATING MAN

THERE are days, particularly at this time of year, when one wonders why man's primitive ancestors gave up the habit of hibernation, when they turned warm-blooded and began to roam the earth in all kinds of weather. It is doubtful that the climate in those remote days of change was even as predictable as the January thaw. But when it comes a man's progenitors to face all kinds of weather, awake and vulnerable.

Man still faces it while the cold blooded ones, and even a few of the warm-blooded creatures such as woodcocks, go to sleep and wait for better days. Man waits in snow and slush and asks his cranium and coccyx in sleep. He shovels coal and he tinkers with his oil burner. He muffles himself against winds from the pole and still his marrow congeals. He puts up with it, because he can no longer hibernate.



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seems to indicate that his active career in diplomacy is ended. It is, in a way, admirable of President Eisenhower to leave the question of retirement entirely in the hands of Secretary Dulles and his family. But the matter cannot be left up in the air for very long.

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The harsh medical facts are that he has had a recurrence of cancer, most impericible. The radiological examination presented in a grave matter in itself. It is enough to say that it is unlikely he will find it possible to direct any part of the operations

or planning of the State Department from his Walter Reed bed. At the most optimistic, his treatment will require many weeks.

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