

Suppressing Criticism Because of Illness Jeopardizes Checks and Balances

By DREW PEARSON

Forrestal's Death

Mr. Westbrook Pegler has issued an array of charges aimed to make his readers believe that my criticism of the late James Forrestal largely contributed to his death. Mr. Pegler has now been answered by me in the only language he understands—a libel suit.

But for more intelligent people who may have read the Pegler columns, I should set forth the following facts:

1. After I reported on Mr. Forrestal's mental illness, there was little other reference to him by me either in the press or on the radio. I did compliment him on his cooperation with Secretary of Defense Johnson and I also suggested that he be given a long vacation at government expense.

2. The navy immediately issued a statement which had the effect of denying Mr. Forrestal's illness. If the navy, on the other hand, had taken proper precautions instead of minimizing the facts, Jim Forrestal would be alive today. Navy doctors knew, as they now admit, that he had made earlier suicide attempts in Florida.

They also knew that every other medical institution in the county puts patients with suicidal tendencies on the ground floor. Unfortunately, navy doctors minimize psychiatric treatment, which may have been why they called Mr. Forrestal's illness "nervous exhaustion" and put him on the 16th floor of the hospital tower.

3. Capt. George Raines, the Navy doctor in charge, has since made the following amazing statement: "I recognized the well-known psychiatric fact that the next 30 days would constitute the most dangerous period of the illness as far as suicide was concerned. . . I felt that the

assumption of responsibility must rest on my shoulders and not be shared with the family or other naval authorities."

And after admitting that this was the most dangerous period, the man who assumed responsibility departed for Canada.

Forrestal's Friends

5. In the end it may be found that Mr. Forrestal's friends had more to do with his death than his critics. For those close to him now admit privately that he had been sick for some time, suffered embarrassing lapses too painful to be mentioned here.

Illness such as Jim Forrestal experienced does not come all of a sudden, like a fall from a horse. It begins months in advance. And such an illness cannot be pushed aside or overlooked. It must be treated. Yet during most of last winter, when Jim Forrestal was under heavy responsibilities and definitely not a well man, the little coterie of newspapermen who now insinuate Jim was killed by his critics encouraged him to stay on. This got to be almost an obsession, both on their part and his, until Mr. Truman's final request for his resignation undoubtedly worsened the illness.

6. The real fact is that Jim Forrestal had a relatively good press. All one need do is examine the newspaper files to see that his press was far better than that of some of his old associates.

Secretary of Labor Perkins, for instance, was one of the most criticized cabinet members of the last decade. She took it with a smile and is still working for her country. Winston Churchill had bitter criticism heaped upon his head and suffered one of the most crushing political blows in recent history. However, he still remains an active force in British politics. Herbert Hoover retired from office one of the most criticized and beaten-up political figures of recent years. Yet he has come back as a definite force for good government.

FBI Probe

7. It is true that when Jim Forrestal retired, the justice department was in the process of investigating the Arabian oil purchases made by the navy during his administration. I feel sure this did not involve him personally, though he was known to be dreadfully upset by it.

8. If we are to withhold criticism of a man because of possible illness or danger to his life, a free press, and our entire system of government by checks and balances becomes difficult.

For instance, when the FBI cross-examined the late Lawrence Duggan of the state department during last Summer's un-American activities committee probe, they had no idea he would thereafter plunge to his death from a New York office building.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Miss Lou Birmingham returned to Chicago, Ill., Tuesday after spending the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brill spent Monday in Atkinson visiting at the home of Mrs. Brill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buckmaster and family were Monday visitors at the home of Mrs. Buckmaster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill, of Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hubby and Miss Virginia Roush, of Paddock Union, were Monday supper guests at the home of Mrs. Carrie Borg.

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Mother, Daughter Admitted by Lodge—

INMAN — Arbutus Rebekah lodge met Wednesday evening, June 29, for a special meeting at the IOOF hall. Twenty-five members of Eden Rebekah lodge, of O'Neill, were guests. The O'Neill lodge conferred the degree of Rebekah on Mrs. Herbert Neilson and daughter, Delores, and Miss Erma Luben. Lunch, consisting of ice cream, light and dark cake and iced tea, was served at the close of the evening.

Other Inman News

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark have received word from their son, Howard, who is stationed in Cello, Germany, that he has been promoted to chief observer of the 18th weather squadron.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Clifford Opper, of Kessler Field, Miss., arrived Tuesday, June 28, for a visit with Mrs. Opper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Watson, Carolyn and Sammy.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Mossman were Norfolk visitors on Monday.

Richard Bohn left the first of the week for Morrowville, Kans., where he will spend the remainder of the Summer with an uncle. His brother, Max, has charge of his paper route during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Trowbridge and daughter, Marrietta, of Saratoga, Wyo., came on Tuesday afternoon, June 28, to see his mother, Mrs. Etta Trowbridge, and other relatives. On Wednesday evening, June 29, the Trowbridge clan met for a picnic supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge and family, of Page. They returned to Saratoga on Friday.

Mrs. Pete Cooper, of Orchard, spent last Thursday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thompson, at Joseph Gallagher arrived home from Pomona, Calif., early Wednesday morning, June 29, where he went to see his sister, Mrs. Frances Kemp. He was met in Grand Island by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Chase, of Sheldon, Ia., and Mrs. Elizabeth Colman.

Supt. Ralph Gray, who is attending Summer school at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, spent the weekend here with Mrs. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kivett, of Lexington, Mo., Mrs. J. P. Riley and George C. Kivett, of National City, Calif., Mrs. C. A. Rutledge and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paxson, of Valentine, have returned to their respective home having been called by the death of their mother and sister, Mrs. Emma Kivett.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ferris and daughter, Dora Ellen, have gone to Lusk, Wyo., to visit Mr. Ferris's brother and family. "Jim" is enjoying vacation from his duties with the C and NW.

Mrs. Kathryn Abbenhaus, of O'Neill, spent a few days the past week with her sister, Mrs. Anna Young, Charles and Myrtle.

Mrs. Eva Murten returned Saturday afternoon from Gordon where she spent a few days visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ross and daughter, Naomi, spent Saturday in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley and son, Neal, came Saturday afternoon from Omaha, where they have been attending the Ak Sar Ben races to spend the fourth of July weekend here before going to Madison for the races there.

Group Returns from Kansas City—
Visiting Kansas City, Mo., instruction on Cooperative organization and function and classes in parliamentary procedure textile painting, photography and puppetry were among some of the high lights of the older youth camp at

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The five young people were Elsie Peter, of O'Neill, sponsored by the Elkhorn Valley National Farm loan association; Twila Whaley, of O'Neill, sponsored by the O'Neill Production Credit association; Velma Abney, of Inman, sponsored by the Ewing cooperative creamery; Kieth Barthel, of Amelia, sponsored by the Elkhorn Valley National Farm loan association.

Dairy routine of the camp at Park college included recreation, movies, instructional classes, folk and square dancing lecture, and group singing.

The camp, held June 26 to July 1, was under the direction of Roy Wells, Missouri conservationist.

A tour of the Kansas City hall and of the large Co-op grocery and office buildings and a look at the Municipal Airport were last day visitations by the camp group.

Personals

Aviation Cadet John Lee Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Lohaus, has been transferred for advanced training in jet planes to Williams air base, Chandler, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Norman and family were guests Monday and Tuesday in Ord. Miss Beverly Norman remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Murphy returned to Omaha Friday after visiting his sister, Mrs. M. P. Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schrock and son, Michael, of San Francisco, Calif., expect to leave Friday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shelhamer for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Williamson, of Kearney, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Strong Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Simonson and daughter, Lorraine, visited in Valentine over the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mendenhall.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Grenier and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tomlinson attended a picnic and the festivities in Neligh Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stearns, of Grand Island, were guests

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over the fourth at the home of A. L. Stearns. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tenborg, of Emmet, were also guests.

Palmer C. Skulborstad left Monday on business for Omaha where he will remain for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Stuve were in Norfolk Sunday. felt spent Saturday, June 25, with Mrs. Anna Brown.

Mrs. Arthur Dexter and Miss Mabel Fontaine went to Neligh Monday June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walling and daughter Miss Barbara, of Albion, and Mr. and Mrs. James Walling, of Sioux City were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walling.

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Sunday and Monday, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Holtz, of Omaha, were guests at the John C. Watson home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Becker and family went to Chrystal lake Sunday. Miss Barbara and her brother Donovan Becker, spent the Fourth weekend in Randolph visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jarman, of Chambers, visited Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tomjack.

Harold Connors left Wednesday June 29 for S'dney after spending three day with Mrs. Connors and their son and the M. J. Wallace family.

Miss Mary Kathryn Turner, daughter of the John Turners, left Monday for Stuart where she will visit friends for a few days.

Miss Marilyn Matthews, of Omaha arrived Tuesday to visit her friend, Miss Patty Ann Sullivan for about a week. Patty Ann is the daughter of the E. F. Sullivans.

John and Robert Shoemaker, of Omaha, spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker, sr.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brennan and son, Gene, of Lincoln, spent the weekend visiting relatives and friends.

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and family, of Sioux City, Ia. spent the weekend visiting relatives here.



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