

EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

MILITARY PAY INCREASE

The Military Pay Increase bill, which has been brought up in Congress, contains some controversial points and should be considered carefully by each American. One of the controversial points is the system of raises granted under the bill, which are based on a straight ten per cent increase in existing pay.

In other words, a private in the front lines in Korea, receiving around \$100 a month, would receive an increase of approximately \$10. A General in Korea, who is generally behind the lines and in relatively comfortable headquarters, would receive a pay increase of over \$100 a month, since his pay is around \$1,000 a month.

Of course, this comparison does not tell the entire story, since the General has certainly served considerable time in the service and is supposedly possessed of superior talents which resulted in his promotion to the rank of General.

Even so, there is some doubt whether, with the inflationary trend as it is, the pay raise should be proportioned on a straight ten per cent increase basis. Those Congressmen who several years ago argued for a better deal for the lower ranks, and who were partially defeated at that time, are arguing today for higher increases for the lower ranks and lesser increases for the higher ranks. The question is a basic one which will someday have to be settled in all three services.

A solution might be to provide for larger increases in pay for all men actually engaged in combat, while holding down pay increases for those not engaged in combat. Since this, however, is an election year, and since most service men do not engage in combat, it might be difficult to enact.

DE-EMPHASIZING TWIRLING

Now they are subsidizing baton twirlers, according to George Walbridge of Holland, Mich., an expert in the business. He believes that baton-twirling is getting to be almost as big a business as football, with some of the twirlers getting better scholarships than the football players.

We did not become as alarmed over the fact that colleges were emphasizing twirling as we did over the statement of the 32-year-old twirling instructor that there were more people twirling batons than play any musical instrument. Our fears have been overcome by the news that the metal ball on the end of the baton has been replaced by a rubber end.

ON TELEVISION CONGRESS

A member of the Eighty-Second Congress has proposed that Congressional sessions be televised, so that the public could see exactly what was happening in Congress. He is Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican.

Javits believes the test of a democracy is the extent to which the people participate in their own government, and he sees in television a new method of increasing participation of the average citizen. He also sees in the new medium a way to educate the average voter and increase his interest and knowledge of government.

Javits cites the Kefauver crime committee hearings as a major point in his argument. The impact of the crime committee hearings in New York was tremendous, surprising even those who conducted the hearings, and Javits believes the lesson learned in that probe could be translated into a broad program, covering television of the entire Congress.

The Javits proposal has received a mixed reception, and Resolution 62, which he sponsored, proposing that television of important House debates be authorized under conditions established by the Speaker, has not yet been approved. There are many difficulties to be overcome in this proposed project but the idea is not without some fascination and if some practical system could be worked out, it would give

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Hope is the parent of faith.

— C. A. Bartol

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Just read where a man is seeking divorce from his wife because she insists on putting her dog in the dish pan. He should be told that there is nothing finer than a wire-hair for scouring pots and pans.

For some time now a local man has been presented an accessory for his auto following the birth of each child in the family. He has just reported the arrival of his 10th baby. Somebody ought to send him a stoplight.

If Emily Post wants to be really helpful these days she'll stop telling us how to use our knives and forks and give us information on how to procure the stuff to use them on.

Burning the candle at both ends is one way to go out like a light.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little con-tour twister, tells us she recently got her nose broken in three places. If she'll take our advice, she'll stay out of those places.

At the first wedding we ever attended we were sure the bride had changed her mind at the last minute when she went up the aisle with one man and came back with another.

A secret is something that is hushed about from place to place.

Although she disliked him more than anyone, a local mother finally consented to daughter marrying her young man. Mom decided she'd like to be this guy's mother-in-law for a little while.

We know these shots are not strokes of genius but this column must be filled.

the average American a clearer insight into his government, and a better opportunity to observe his elected representatives in action.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO The industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce is launching a campaign to urge support and patronage of Plattsmouth industries so that a larger payroll can be developed in the community. . . Northern Natural Gas & Pipeline Co., successors in this territory to the Missouri Valley Pipeline Co., will start work on its line from Mynard north to Omaha. . . Plattsmouth defeated Nebraska Deaf 16-14, and the city team defeated Glenwood 41-38. . . County Judge A. H. Duxbury, just closing his second term, has filed for re-election. . . Mrs. George Klinger and daughters, Mrs. Ray Herring and Mrs. J. J. Stibal, entertained in honor of Mrs. Bernard Klinger, a bride of late summer. . . Stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home met here. Reports of Superintendent W. F. Evers were heard and officers elected.

10 YEARS AGO Conant Wiles has resigned as stenographer in the County Assistance office and will enter soil conservation work. . . Floyd A. Yelick, who has been an employee of the Journal for the past nine years, is now working at the bomber plant. . . College View outscored Plattsmouth 32-20. Bratt was high for Plattsmouth with 7 points. . . Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr entertained at a 6:30 dinner party for the staff and employees of the store. . . Miss Maxine Nielsen was honored at a miscellaneous shower. She is to be married February 1. . . Mary Thiel was installed as Oracle of Royal Neighbor lodge at Murdoch. . . The Bauer garage on Vine street was robbed of three tires and \$14 cash.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXPERIENCES HEALTHY REALIGNMENT; WHITE HOUSE NOBILITY JOCKEYS FOR POSITION; "DUKE OF TENNESSEE" CHALLENGES THE OLD GUARD.

Washington.—Beneath the surface, the Democratic Party is experiencing some of the most important realignments in 30 years. Leaders are dickering, jockeying, trading for position. There is a restlessness ferment in the air not seen among Democrats in a generation.

Beneath the ferment, of course, is a race to the throne—as an old monarch totters. It is a race that beginning to split the party up as never since the Al Smith-McAdoo Catholic-Protestant struggle at the Democratic convention of 1924. And it has developed into a race not only between the monarch and his nobility but between the nobility themselves.

Here is how the struggle stacks up to date: Truman's strategy—Is based upon the monarch's right to put a princeling of

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his own choosing of the throne.

To that end his strategy is to control each state delegation until he is ready to anoint the head of his successor. That is why ex-Sen. Robert Bulkley, 72 years old and not even a candidate, will run as Ohio's favorite son in an attempt to control the Ohio delegation. That's also why Sen. Hubert Humphrey, though not a candidate, will run as Minnesota's favorite son to control the Minnesota delegation—and so on.

Then, just before the convention, these favorite sons will switch their support to the anointed princeling of Truman's choosing.

Restless nobility—Meanwhile, some of the Dukes, Earls, Viscounts and Barons around the White House are getting impatient. While they will support Truman if he runs again, they don't like the idea of waiting too long to pick the Crown Prince.

Among these restless nobles are popular Governor Paul Deters of Massachusetts; Mennen "Soapy" Williams, the energetic governor of Michigan, and Sid McMath, the shrewd anti-Dixiecrat governor of Arkansas. They have been angling with Governors Frank Lausche of Ohio and Adlai Stevenson of Illinois to form a new palace guard and pick the successor before the Duke of Tennessee, Estes Kefauver, garners too many delegates.

Kefauver's strategy—Meanwhile they are quite right about the Duke of Tennessee. He has really been making hay. Not content to have Truman capture the Ohio delegates through favorite-son Bulkley, Kefauver is challenging Truman in Ohio, and will challenge him elsewhere. The Tennessee senator is attracting volunteer Democratic leaders all over the country, like Tennessee molasses attracts flies, and will probably end up with Gael Sullivan, former executive director of the Democratic national committee, as his campaign manager. He is easily the most potent threat to both Truman and the Republicans today.

Truman's Crown Prince—The man upon whom the president is reported ready to bestow the divine right of succession is Governor Stevenson of Illinois, an able man. When the three northern governors sounded out team up, indicated that the

monarch had a right to pick his own princeling.

The Prince of Connecticut—One of the ablest members of the senate and a close friend of the president, Sen. Brien McMahon, is doing some presidential stalling of his own, probably with the idea of ending up on the vice-presidential end of the ticket.

The Duke of Texas—Modest Sam Rayburn is probably the last man to think of himself as a candidate. However, the speaker's friends are doing a lot of thinking and planning for him, the most ardent rooters being Sen. Mike Monroney of Oklahoma and Congressman John McCormack of Massachusetts.

The Earl of Kentucky—Vice President Barkley is lying low, saying little. However, some of his friends, led by Senate Secretary Les Biffle, believe that if the Democratic convention faces a deadlock, the party will turn to the Earl of Kentucky. The Earl of Kentucky is a steady state, who has made more Jefferson-Jackson day speeches than any other man in history—Alben Barkley.

Such is the novel and healthy jockeying for position in a party where for 20 years almost no one dared challenge the divine right of the monarch to succeed.

WASHINGTON PIPELINE

Attorney General McGrath has not held one single press conference since he took office. Many editors wonder why he isn't willing to answer questions like other officials. . . Ralph Dyer of Bangor, Maine, a GOP candidate for congress, may challenge Maine's Senator Brewster in the Republican primary. . . They haven't been widely publicized, but the president has picked some top men for government recently—Charles Davis, who used to steer the ways to take Oliphant's place as internal revenue counsel, and astute Henry Fowler to succeed Manly Fleischmann as head of the national production authority. . . Charley Murphy White House staff is credited with their appointments. . . Captain Carlsen's "Flying Enterprise" went down with one strategic treasure—five tons of columbite ore, badly needed for jet engines. . . Russia is now reported stockpiling optimum for sabotage purposes. Harry Anslinger, chief of the narcotics bureau, informed congress last week that 500 tons of Chinese

opium and another 330 tons from Iran have been whipped to the Soviet stockpile.

WELL-SUITED CONGRESSMAN

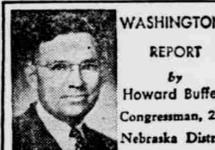
Some strange things have gone on in the offices of congressmen.

There was the late senator from Florida, Park Trammell, who slept in his office, never rented a hotel or apartment in Washington.

Then there was his opposite number from New York, Charles A. Buckley, who became known as the "Phantom Congressman," because he was rarely in his office or, for that matter, in Washington. Buckley is still in congress, but his attendance record is much better since he became chairman of the public works committee.

Other congressmen have used their offices, furnished free by the taxpayers, to promote personal enterprises or as propaganda mills for lobbies, while, during prohibition, several house members were accused of bootlegging. However, Congressman Pat Sutton of Tennessee has come up with a brand new twist.

Sutton has made a profitable sideline of selling men's suits in his capitol hill sanctum. The Tennesseean gets the suits wholesale from his father-in-law, who has a store in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Sutton and a male secretary "measure up" prospects to guarantee a good fit, and, when business is brisk, the congressman's office looks like a tailor shop with the merchandise covering tables and chairs. Recently the congressman received a shipment of 15 suits in one day. Colleagues say the price is reasonable and the suits are a good buy.



WASHINGTON REPORT by Howard Buffett, Congressman, 2nd Nebraska District

"A sock in the teeth" for frugal and hard-pressed taxpayers was the first act of the House in 1952. It was passage of Bill 5715, increasing military active and retirement pay by almost a billion dollars. This burst of inflation is a preview of things to come.

Inflation and more inflation is ahead. I plead with you to get that fact straight now—if you don't want to be automatically impoverished. The value of the dollar is going down and down. The thrifty saver of dollars is going to find those dollars buy less and less.

I have heard forces on Capitol Hill cold-bloodedly outline their plans to steadily and stealthily swindle thrifty and trusting Americans—who do not and cannot understand the pattern of inflation. This fraud makes your blood boil—both because of its cruelty and because of its deadly effect upon America.

So long as no effective counter-movement takes place, you must try to protect yourself. There is no perfect hedge against inflation. But you can protect yourself to a degree—by buying things, tangibles, real estate, and stocks rather than bonds or fixed income obligations.

Inflation is a decline in the value of money. The dollar bought in 1939, in another 10 years it will buy only about 10%

of what it bought in 1939—if present policies continue. How will that affect you?

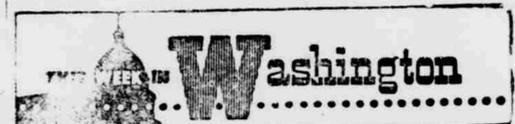
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AVOWED PURPOSE of Winston Churchill is to solidify British-American friendship more on the lines which were in evidence throughout the war, and which have become a little ragged since that time.

The President's plan for re-organization of the internal revenue bureau by abolishing the offices of internal revenue collectors in the states and setting up 25 regional offices with all appointments except the top men under civil service is a long range plan, and has generally received favorable comment. However, it will mean taking from the members of the congress traditional patronage and just how this congress will take the plan remains to be seen. The plan was President Truman's answer to charges of graft and corruption in the tax collection bureau of the government, and it's announcement was followed by action by the attorney general in calling grand juries throughout the country to hear testimony in tax fraud cases.

In political circles, backers of General Eisenhower are jubilant over the general's careful admission that the "general tenor" of his political conviction is that he is a Republican. Some Republicans here see in the general's admission a tendency to be a little too careful in that he did not come right out and declare his Republicanism. General Eisenhower answered the assurance of Senator Lodge, his campaign manager, that he was in fact a Republican with these words: "Senator Lodge's announcement of yesterday, as reported in the press, gives an accurate account of the general tenor of my political convictions and of my Republican voting record."

However some Republicans have expressed the opinion they had hoped General "Ike" would have been more forthright. If Eisenhower has gone as far as he can go, ethically, while still in his general's uniform and is in fact a candidate, the political deposter here see the fight for the GOP nomination narrowed down to Sen-

ator Robert A. Taft of Ohio and Eisenhower. They place both Harold Stassen and Governor Warren of California in the "stalking horse" class as seeking to corral delegates which will go to Eisenhower in the GOP convention in the move to "stop Taft."

This session of the congress will be a wordy session, probably one of the noisiest of record, and there is indication that little will come from it in the way of solid sound legislation. From his state of the union message, however, the President has not completely given up hope in getting through some of his Fair Deal program. Some of that program however has been placed in moth balls for the duration. In this class comes his program for national health insurance which is now in the hands of a bi-partisan commission, headed by Dr. Paul Magnuson, an outstanding medical authority. This commission is out of the realm of politics since it does not report until after the election, and the American Medical Association is being criticized by some of its own membership for the refusal of AMA President Dr. John Cline to serve as a member of the commission.

Another Fair Deal plank, now in the moth ball class, is the anti-salt authority which likely will not see daylight during this session, despite the need for some legislation to stop disastrous floods on the Missouri and other western rivers. Also Taft-Hartley law repeal, civil rights legislation and other lesser programs are doomed insofar as this session is concerned.

Top battles will be fought out on further support for the North Atlantic Treaty nations, a new agricultural policy and a new national production act for 1952. The seasonally high prices of potatoes and attempt of the Office of Price Administration to enforce ceilings on white potatoes has brought the farm price support program directly into the limelight, for just a short year ago, under mandate of the congress, the department of agriculture was dumping potatoes after paying out hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayers money in price supports.

Tree Orders Grow Rapidly

LINCOLN—Orders for Clarke-McNary tree for next spring's planting total about a million thus far, according to Extension Forester Earl G. Maxwell of the University of Nebraska. The extension forester is in charge of Clarke-McNary tree distribution to farmers in Nebraska.

Mr. Maxwell said there are about a million and a half trees available. Fortunately, he said, about 900,000 of them are red cedar, which has been in short supply for a few years. He said that the number probably will not be too many to satisfy the demand.

Red cedar, Mr. Maxwell said, is very hardy and easy to grow. He calls it a "splendid" tree for the outside row of a windbreak. A great many windbreaks, he said, have benefited by the addition of a row of red cedars on the windward side.

GAMBLING NERVES—SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Recent newspaper exposes of gambling in the state capital have towns people on edge. When the city attorney recently suggested to city councilmen that they award the city's quota of taxicab licenses by lot, one councilman asked: "Is that gambling?"

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