

# EDITORIALS

## SWIVEL-CHAIR GENERALS

A remark which has as much truth as humor in it is the one that the best generals today are apparently writing for the newspapers. These words, from a somewhat cynical editor, contain enough of the truth to merit the reader's careful consideration.

It seems that today every writer is posing as a military expert, who can settle the issues in Korea in the space of a few thousand words. More often than not the writer can trace all the mistakes of the Defense Department and State Department and show where the crucial errors were made, and how they could have been easily prevented.

The thing the reader must remember is that, in a little war, as in a large war mistakes are made and the team must nevertheless pull together toward final victory. It accomplishes little to go into the past and explain what actions the writer would have followed. It is more important for the writer to point out how the present problems in military and economic spheres can be settled in the best interest of the country at large.

It is good to know the mistakes of the past, as a guide for further action, but only confusion results from continued and lengthy description of failure and despair. The thing to keep in mind is that despite mistakes and setbacks, U. S. foreign policy has contained Communism in Europe and Asia, by the use of military force, checked Communist military force in a democratic country in the Far East. The cost has been high, in both human life and in dollars, in each of these undertakings. No doubt the policies followed by this government could have been better conceived and executed, but the major result is that Communism has been checked in at least these two situations, and we might remember this fact in our critical analyses.

## WHITE HOUSE WHITE AGAIN

The White House, in Washington again looks as it is supposed to look — with a new coat of white paint and the scaffolding taken down after three years of remodeling. It is reported that President Truman finally became disgusted with the repeated delays and ordered work to be completed speedily.

Taxpayers will be interested to know that the three-year remodeling job cost \$5,500,000 and has required the services of an army of workmen ever since late 1948. The Executive mansion is said to be redone inside and out.

In this connection, it is interesting to speculate whether the President responsible for the remodeling — Mr. Truman — will be permitted to enjoy the modern conveniences of the new White House for any considerable period of time. Present estimates call for the Truman family's removal from Blair House, across the street, to the White House in April. If this schedule is met, the President will have only about nine months of assured occupancy — since his present term expires in January, 1953.

If the President runs and is elected again, he will, of course, be the resident in the White House for another four years. In his current term, however, he lived in the White House only a few weeks after the 1948 election and will live in it only about nine months between April, and January, 1953. Whatever else he has done, Mr. Truman has provided a modern comfortable home for the next President of the United States, even if it is not himself.

## NAVY JET HELICOPTER

The United States Navy has developed a new helicopter which is jet propelled. When we think of jet power we usually think of a strong forward pushing motion, and until this Navy development that is exactly what jet power was, a forward pushing motion.

The jet helicopter is expected to be used for observation, operating from sub-

## Furse's Fresh Flashes

Hitting the bull's eye is seldom accomplished by shooting the bull.

Perhaps the reason they don't have wedding showers for men is because a man has plenty of stormy weather ahead after his bride begins to reign.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little court twister, says she didn't slap her new boy friend when he first kissed her because she was saving her energy for his next move.

A local man, getting his first look at the leaning tower of Pisa thinks it was the work of that contractor who built his house.

A bachelor is a fellow who is crazy to get married — and knows it.

How's your capabilities for adjustment to change? Have you been able to write it "1952" every time?

Your length of life does not depend so much on what star you were born under as the color of the light when you start across the street.

If everybody became interested in the truth, maybe we could locate it.

There are two sides to every public question—and the wise man tries to understand both.

Those political candidates are all talking about "The Road Ahead." What we're afraid of is they are the kind of people who fold up a road map the wrong way.

marines. The jet windmill is known as experiment K-225 and is powered by 175-horsepower gas turbine. The velocity of exhaust gases is used to turn the shaft of the rotor blades, a different application of jet power.

## Down Memory Lane

### 20 YEARS AGO

The list of candidates for the republican nomination for county sheriff climbed to six today when Elmer T. Thackery of Louisville filed. Thackery formerly worked at the Burlington shops here. . . . Paul Grassman former Plattsmouth young man, was married to Miss Patia Smith at Omaha. . . . The interior of the Reliable 5 cent to \$1 store is being remodeled. . . . The music department of St. John's parochial school presented a program at the library auditorium. . . . George W. Olson of Plattsmouth filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. . . . Plattsmouth defeated Omaha North 15 to 10. . . . Martin L. Lohnes has filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for county commissioner from the first district. . . . Willard Clapp of Elmwood has filed as a republican candidate for sixth district representative to the state legislature.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Virginia Pollard of Nehawka was one of four Nebraska 4-H club members named to represent Nebraska at a national gathering. In 4-H work for 8 years she has completed 20 projects. . . . E. A. Wurl, grocer and dry goods store operator, is retiring after 47 years of active business in Plattsmouth. . . . Weeping Water edged Plattsmouth 34 to 33. Yelick and Shaper paced Plattsmouth with 12 and 10 points. Mayfield had 11 for Weeping Water. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thimgan are the parents of a daughter born at Methodist hospital. . . . The Cass and Sary county annual feeders tour is scheduled next week. The Sterling Ingwerson, John F. Wehrlein, W. H. Wehrlein, Jake Tritsch and Oliver Meisinger farms will be visited.

## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: "YANK-EEES OF THE NORTH" CAN BE PROUD OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PUERTO RICO AS CITIZENS THERE VOTE ON NEW CONSTITUTION WHICH MAY SET PATTERN FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE; GOV. MUNOZ MARIN TRUE CHAMPION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES.

San Juan.—Today, in Puerto Rico, beginning just before noon, the streets will be quite empty. For, promptly at 1 o'clock, little groups of Puerto Ricans will be locked up, 160 to a schoolhouse or office building, to vote on one of the most important documents in the western hemisphere—the new Puerto Rican Constitution.

The voters will be locked in the buildings and schoolhouses in order to prevent their repeating at the polls. They sit quietly waiting their turn to vote while a great calm settles down over the island. This calm is so intense that you can almost hear thousands of ballots in this American plebiscite on self-determination of peoples,

## LAFF OF THE WEEK



"... And just when I had the sale cinched—the zipper stuck!"

## Capitol News

LINCOLN—The Nebraska primary election race moved into the final stretch this week with the April 1 balloting less than a month away. These were the highlight developments of the past several days.

Republicans met here for their annual Founders Day program marking the 88th anniversary of Nebraska's statehood. It was a typical GOP post-war, except that it was more highly-seasoned this year with some ding-dong battles for the party's nomination to the offices of U. S. senator, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and railway commissioner.

Democrats heaved a sigh of relief with the announcement by Walter Raeck that he would accept his party's nomination for governor although he wouldn't lift a finger to get it. Earle Burnett of Lincoln got out of the race.

The Gov. Val Peterson-Sen. Hugh Butler scrap for the long-term senatorial nomination heated up. In a radio broadcast, the governor charged Butler with a do-nothing policy toward cleaning up corruption in the national government. Speaking for Senator Butler at a Gage county Republican pancake feed, Lloyd Chapman, Lincoln attorney, said the senator's voting record speaks for itself; that he feels his job is to stay in Washington "and get the job done."

Robert B. Crosby and Victor E. Anderson pushed their gubernatorial nomination but so far have been unable to develop any major issues on which they differ.

Jokers. . . . A sited-down fight in the school land lease battle is shaping up with distribution by the Nebraska School Land Lessees Association of petitions to place on the 1952 general election ballot a constitutional amendment changing the divvy of school land revenues.

Brifly, the amendment would keep more of the revenue in the counties where the school lands are located.

Persons here opposed to the amendments, principally education groups, have challenged the suggestion. One attorney, who asked that his name not be used, said he doubted the legality of the proposal. He said it is filled with "jokers."

Hardest-hit, under the scheme, would be populous eastern counties whose school lands have

engrossed in Korea, domestic corruption, and presidential politics have paid little attention to the new look in Puerto Rico, it has aroused great interest in Latin America.

For various countries of the Caribbean—Cuba, Panama, Central America, Venezuela — are tied to the United States, both by commerce and friendship. These ties are so close that their economy is almost completely dependent upon the U. S. and the U. S. in turn, is dependent upon their raw materials.

Therefore if some loose association of commonwealth nations could be worked out for the Caribbean area whereby these nations would retain their independence yet be "free associated states" with the United States, it might have great advantages both for them and for the U. S.

Some friendly Latin Americans see the day when the Panama Canal could be just as thorny a political problem between the United States and Panama as the Suez is today between Britain and Egypt. But, if an association of free states including Panama was in a league of friendly Pan American nations, this problem would be solved before it ever got started.

That is why the Puerto Rican balloting today is being watched throughout the western hemisphere. It's also why the balloting may set a new milestone in American relations.

been sold, the protestants argued.

Roads. . . . A poll of 50 chambers of commerce across the state was underway this week to determine whether they want to undertake the promotion of a highway program for Nebraska.

State Engineer Harold Aitken said here that he favors such a project and pointed to the job done in Illinois where the state chamber of commerce surveyed that state's road problem and came up with ten suggestions for consideration by the Illinois Legislature, including the reorganization of the highway department under a highway commission.

Both Republican candidates for governor have indicated they favor a commission here. The 1951 Legislature killed a bill establishing a five-member commission, but aiding in its scuttling were disgruntled members who were miffed at the failure of the bill to re-enact the penny-a-gallon gas tax increase.

Pat. . . . The State Board of Control is patting itself on the back for the job it did on improving conditions in Nebraska mental institutions. Mrs. Mary Prince, chairman of the board, told a Lincoln audience last week end that the state's hospitals are in the best condition in a quarter of a century.

The special 1.1 mill building levy has enabled the board to carry on a construction and maintenance program which would have been impossible otherwise, she said. She also credited a program "of unification and co-ordination of efforts" for improving conditions generally.

Completion of a building program at the Beatrice hospital completely wiped out the waiting list here. Mrs. Prince said and the opening next year of a 40-bed treatment center at Norfolk should satisfy the needs there.

Boost. . . . For the fourth time since the end of World War II, Nebraska's truckers are asking the Railway Commission for a rate increase.

The Nebraska Motor Carriers Association has requested an emergency boost of 15 per cent. The Commission set March 12 as date for the hearing. At the same time the truckers are seeking a permanent 25 per cent hike. This will be heard March 24.

In the past six years the carriers have had increases of 20, 10 and 15 per cent and a commission spokesman said rates are now 153 per cent higher than before the war.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the most serious catastrophes in Nebraska's history was the great blizzard of January 12, 1888. The book, "In All Its Fury," published by the Blizzards Club under the editorship of W. H. O'Gara of Lincoln, for many years president of the club, contains many reminiscences of the experiences of Nebraskans and others during the great blizzard.

Typical is that of Mrs. Margaret Davey of Greeley who apparently was serving as a baby sitter when the storm hit. In later years she wrote:

"I was twelve years old at the time, and living with a married sister, but at the time of the blizzard I was visiting my mother who lived five miles south of Greeley.

"That morning her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Cleary, wanted to go to town to do some trading and they asked if I would stay with their children while they were gone. There were three children, one of them a baby about seven months old. They expected to be gone only three or four hours.

"There was a little boy out herding the cattle and just before noon he came in and said the cows were acting wild. So I told him we would put them in the yard and leave them until after dinner. Just as we got them in the hizzard burst upon us. I investigated and found no fuel. There was only about half a basket of cobs. There was no milk, no water, not a thing to feed the baby.

"We had a little old-fashioned cook stove to keep us warm, and I went to the corn crib and brought in corn to burn. It was



## Life's Partner Means All to Man

THIS STORY ILLUSTRATES what your life partner can mean to you. Thurston R. Decatur, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., was so worried once that he almost broke up one of the happiest homes in his town—his own.

At exactly 9:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve he received notice that due to a financial recession of American Airlines, Inc., his services would not be required after another 30 days.

This came as a complete surprise and immediately he became obsessed with worry. He fully realized that the company had so specialized him that he wasn't fit for any other type of work except in commercial airlines.

He had given this company six good years of his life and had nothing to show for it. Due to the housing shortage, he had willingly commuted, for two years, 126 miles each day, thereby sacrificing 6½ hours of each day to them, rather than his family, just because he believed in his future with such a fine company. He hated his home life and all the responsibilities that went with it.

Shortly his wife became genuinely concerned over his health and mental attitude. One night she said, "Let's analyze each as each one was dramatically presented, she laughed loud and heartily until he couldn't help but laugh with her. This went on for a couple of hours until they had covered some problems that weren't even problems.

In laughing he began to realize the faith his wife had in him and she knew that he couldn't fail her by just worrying and giving up. So he set to work solving each problem until there wasn't one left worth worrying about.

Her bit of psychology had taught him the uselessness of worry and made him realize for the first time in their marriage that she was more than a wife, more than a partner and more than a companion, she was a very vital part of him.

about thirty yards to the corn crib and I had to make three trips. I did not have any difficulty in finding it and getting back to the house as the chickenhouse and windmill guided me, but I had a serious time of it, just the same.

"I went to the windmill for water but it was frozen so I had to melt snow for water.

"In those days women nursed their babies so I had to find something to feed the little one in my care. After a long search I found a little bit of whiskey in the cupboard and I mixed a drink for him with sugar and water and whiskey so we got along all right, though the children got hungry, of course. I found it hard to have to walk the floor with the baby far into the night. When he finally went to sleep his eyes were open and I did not know what to think of that.

"The parents were frantic and as soon as the wind began to die down they came home, arriving about five in the morning.

"The house was frame, with three rooms. We did not really suffer with the cold. The wind was penetrating but the walls and windows were sheltered by the deep drifts of snow."

SPOKANE, Wash. — Elger Arndt, 35, went to the Eagles Club to celebrate removal of a cast from his back and neck. A friend, congratulated him with a hearty slap on the back. Arndt went back to the hospital, his back again broken.

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