

# EDITORIALS Furse's Fresh Flashes

## EISENHOWER ANSWERS MALENKOV

President Dwight D. Eisenhower's recent speech—his first since Premier Georgi M. Malenkov succeeded to power upon the death of Joseph Stalin—was a challenge to the new Russian Government so sincere and fairly worded that public opinion in most of the countries of the world has hailed it a major effort for world peace. Diplomats in almost every country of the world, outside the Soviet orbit, believe that the President regained the initiative for the West in the field of peace-making.

Seldom has a speech by a U. S. President been received more enthusiastically in various world quarters and the three questions which the President put to the new Russian rulers were indeed timely ones. He asked: 1. "Is the new leadership of the Soviet Union prepared to use its decisive influence in the Communist world—including the control of the flow of arms—to bring not merely an expedient truce in Korea but genuine peace in Asia?"

2. "Is it prepared to allow other nations, including those in Eastern Europe, the free choice of their own form of government?"

3. "Is it prepared to act in concert with others upon a serious disarmament proposal?"

These three questions, put flatly to the Communist rulers, shift the responsibility for peace to Russian shoulders and demonstrate to the world that Eisenhower is making a real effort to find a peaceful solution to the world's problems.

In addition to asking these questions, the President promised to welcome and enter into agreements aimed at these peaceful objectives, once a Korean truce was effected and other world tensions removed:

1. A limitation on the size of military security forces of all nations.
2. A limitation upon the proportion of total production of strategic materials devoted to military purposes.
3. International control of atomic energy and the prohibition of the use of atomic weapons.
4. A prohibition of the use of other destructive weapons.
5. A practical system of inspection, to enforce these agreed limitations and prohibitions, under U. N. auspices.

We believe a majority of both parties salute the President's speech as an effective appeal to the nobler instincts of mankind, and an effective weapon in the ever-present battle to win over world sentiment in support of western ideals.

## CHAIN REACTION

A London bus driver recently slightly injured two little girls, when he knocked them down with his bus. The driver immediately called an ambulance to take them to a hospital.

The ambulance, answering the call, ran into a signpost. Another bus ran into the ambulance. Fire engines were called to separate the ambulance and second bus. Another ambulance was called to take the little girls to the hospital.

Two police cars were called to straighten out the traffic jam caused by the incident.

The moral of all this, we think, is obvious: A little caution sometimes prevents a lot of commotion. In the case above, it could have prevented injury to two little girls, an ambulance, a bus and the occupants in the crashed vehicles.

## LOSING A TYPHOON

A Chinese weather man was recently charged with failing to properly chart the course of a disastrous typhoon.

Instead of going where the weatherman predicted, the typhoon struck Formosa.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

To what base ends, and by what object ways, are mortals urged through sacred lust of praise. —Poep

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It takes a pretty old codger to remember way back when nearly every home had a "spare room."

We're always tempted to reach back and button the flap on our hip pocket when a man begins telling us what a Christian life he leads.

A teacher on a recent radio quiz program was able to answer only about 20 per cent of the questions given him. Teachers are much more in their element asking questions than answering them.

A small town is where the neighbors watch your wife for you.

You're getting old if you can remember back when there was no parking problem around the high school.

We laugh at the Orientals for trying to save face, but never crack a smile at our own women folk who spend millions each year for the same purpose.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, tells us she's positive she'd be a good match for some guy with money to burn.

We're trying to bring up our boy in the same manner in which his daddy should have been.

sa without warning. The storm left over 150 dead and missing and injured about 400.

In the Chinese view, the weatherman, had he acted properly, could have accurately predicted the course of the typhoon. His failure is being considered grounds for punitive action.

We have sometimes wondered if this policy would not improve our own weather-prediction system.

## Down Memory Lane

### 10 YEARS AGO

The first class of the civilian Automotive Technician school has completed its training here. One hundred sixty women mechanics will receive diplomas from the school. Charles Kozak began training at the Farragut Naval training station. Plattsmouth high school dropped a 7-6 baseball game to Central of Omaha. Eldon Vroman hurled for Plattsmouth. Mrs. Bronson Timm, Mrs. Leonard Brothers and Miss Veda Brothers were hostesses at a shower honoring Mrs. James Lamoreaux, a recent bride. Eileen Gall has recently passed her state board examination for a beauty operators license. Plattsmouth high school has been approved for accreditation by the North Central Association. A marriage license, issued to Isaac M. Goodspeed and Mary Melissee Livingston in Cass county on October 24, 1864, has been received by the Journal office.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Cass county has been allotted a quota of 36 men in forestation work. Making the selections will be J. A. Cappell, J. A. Pitz and George R. Sayles. Junior McCarty, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McCarty received a fractured right arm when his coaster wagon overturned. Wilma Pan-ska, Blanch Eickhoff, Della McCrary, Norma Bornemeier, Ray Stock and Marion Stock of Murdock were here for a typing contest at the high school. John Elliott, 13, was struck on the head by a discus during the track meet between Plattsmouth and Dunbar. The marriage of Miss Dora Sornichsen of Plattsmouth to Lawrence Storjohm of Spencer was announced. They will reside on a farm near Spencer.

## Ticklers By George



"It's 'Fido's' birthday and we're just having a few of his friends in for a party!"

and re-election; but what the United States is interested in is getting the facts across abroad as well as at home.

Most of the prisoners returning from Red camps were not Americans. They included the nationalities fighting in the heterogeneous, sometimes cumbersome, United States Army. Such an army has certain disadvantages. But its one great advantage is that of mobilizing world opinion against a big nation that picks on little nations. That was the reason why the United Nations voted to go into Korea in the first place.

And the return of these wounded war prisoners to face Red representatives who caused the aggression should be the next dramatic chapter in the current unpleasant but necessary battle to defeat Communism and win permanent peace. Politics Comes First

Utah's affable Republican senator, Arthur Watkins, is so anxious to claim credit for someone else's legislation that he has prepared the names of 5,000 G. I.'s in Korea who are in a hurry to get their American citizenship.

The legislation, aimed at speeding up naturalization for eligible G. I.'s was written by Congressman Francis Walter, a Pennsylvania Democrat. Walter introduced his bill last January when Pentagon officials told him they were worried about what might happen if G. I.'s waiting for their citizenship papers were captured by the Communists.

Though serving in American uniforms they would still not be U. S. citizens. Therefore, the Reds might claim there was no legal obligation to return such prisoners to the U. S. A.

Vigorously Walter pushed his bill, got a unanimous vote in the House and hoped for routine approval in the Senate. Senator Watkins' subcommittee was about to okay the legislation when he caught himself.

"Wait a minute," he said. "Whose measure is this?"

A clerk explained that Congressman Walter, Democrat, had authored the bill.

"What's the matter around here?" snapped Chairman Watkins. "This is a Republican congress and we've got to take credit for some of the good legislation that's passed. This is a good bill and I'm going to make sure it's a Republican bill."

"What's the matter with you?" Watkins' subcommittee stopped further discussion of the measure. The next day he introduced the "Watkins bill"—an identical word-for-word copy of the Walter bill.

Watkins' action would be unimportant, except that now it will take months for the new measure to work its way all through the tedious legislative procedures of both the Senate and House. And it's unlikely the congress will get around to passing the bill this session. Meanwhile hundreds of G. I.'s in Korea will be stymied in their attempts to become American citizens.

**Ike's Health**  
White House advisers are determined to get President Eisenhower to slow down and take more trips to Augusta. They came to this conclusion as a result of his illness when speaking before the American Society of Newspaper Editors recently.

The President's attack of indigestion occurred before the speech, and, while resting in the White House, he was too weak to see his secretary of state, who had just come back from Canada. Since the White House staff did not explain to Dulles the reason for his failure to get an appointment, the secretary of state was quite upset. He thought Ike was still miffed over the newspaper bumble of the week before.

Forward the end of Ike's speech, Dr. Howard W. Snyder noticed that the President omitted whole paragraphs of his speech in an effort to finish in a hurry. Hastily he sent Tom Stephens up to the platform to help in case anything happened. Stephens rushed the president to an ante-room immediately afterward where he stretched out in a chair while Dr. Snyder poured some black coffee down him.

On the trip back to Augusta, the President still was not feeling well, but snapped back shortly afterward.

## Capitol News

LINCOLN — The Legislature continued its efforts last week to hammer together some kind of highway program for Nebraska.

Supporters of a penny-a-gallon increase in the state tax on gasoline decided last week to "go for broke" and introduced a proposal by Sen. Arthur Carmody of Trenton to have the increase. The veteran Trenton lawmaker warned his colleagues that it is doubtful the penny boost can muster the 29 votes necessary to pass with the emergency clause. Bills with the clause become effective as soon as they are signed by the governor. Those without it require only 22 votes to pass and become effective three months after the Legislature adjourns. Right now it appears the session will end about June 1, so non-emergency measures will become law about Sept. 1.

Carmody stressed that, if the gas tax bill LB258, passes without the emergency clause, Nebraska's heavy vacation traffic this summer will be fueled with gas taxed at only a nickel a gallon. A half-cent increase probably could command 29 votes, he said, "and get this money this summer."

But his motion was defeated, 27 to 7. The showdown on final passage of the bill probably won't come until next week.

### Commission

In arguing for the half-cent proposal, Carmody said he had found that it was often necessary to compromise. This was a reference to his LB4, the bill to create a state highway commission. Though the measure still bears his name, there's not too much of his original bill left. Instead of a full time commission with administrative powers, as the un-amended measure proposed, the bill now provides for a part-time advisory commission, a good deal more like the highway "committee" which Sen. Karl Vogel, a longtime enemy of commission bills, suggested.

Sen. Terry Carpenter attempted to make the bill stronger but was defeated. The colorful Scottsbluff lawmaker cried, "Let's give the commission some authority and responsibility!" He wanted a fulltime commission of seven members, each to be paid \$5,000.

Vogel himself lost a battle to require the advisory commission to submit a road program which would be approved by the Legislature. Carpenter scoffed that this would simply mean a 45-member commission instead of one with seven members.

Whether the bill in its present form will meet the objections raised by the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, kindred in the 1950 battle against revenue measures, is doubtful. The FB, like several other groups, has insisted on the formation of a highway commission before any more money is made available to the Highway Department.

### License Fees

Yet to be debated by the Legislature as a whole is a bill increasing vehicle registration fees, LB 259, a companion to the gas tax bill. With certain exceptions, the bill is pretty much like the one killed in the 1950 referendum.

The new bill raises the fee for passenger cars from \$5 a year to \$6 a year. The 1949 act raised the fee to \$8.

A State Highway Department spokesman estimated the amended measure would bring the state about \$400,000 a year, about one-fourth what had been expected. Including federal matching funds this would amount to about \$4.8 million less than if the original bill had been voted out.

### PLANTS HAVE CANCER TOO

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## Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

- Do you know the missing words?
1. The \_\_\_\_\_ sea divides Italy and Yugoslavia.
  2. Invertebrate animals \_\_\_\_\_ backbones.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ wrote "Home Sweet Home."
  4. The balalaika is a \_\_\_\_\_ instrument.
  5. A \_\_\_\_\_ has only one wing.
  6. Postal service in the U. S. began in \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. \_\_\_\_\_ Presidents were born British subjects.
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ discovered the Pacific.
  9. The Spanish armada sailed in \_\_\_\_\_.
  10. \_\_\_\_\_ major baseball leagues are in the U. S.

Now from the words below, insert the proper one in each of the 10 blanks of the Intelligram.

- (1) Adriatic, Black. (2) Have, Lock. (3) Payne, Foster. (4) German, Russian. (5) Biplane, Monoplane. (6) 1639, 1902. (7) Eight, Six. (8) Balboa, Champlain. (9) 1493, 1588. (10) Three, Two.

Total your points, scoring yourself 10 points for each correct choice. A score of 6-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, very superior.

## Decoded Intelligram

1-Adriatic 2-Black 3-Payne 4-German 5-Biplane 6-1639 7-Eight 8-Balboa 9-1493 10-Three

The figure would have been an estimated \$64 million under the bill as originally written.

The spokesman said this would knock the contemplated construction program for the next two years from \$35 million to around \$30 million. This will require a revamping of the highway program as outlined to the Legislature by former State Highway Engineer H. L. Aitken.

### Diversion

A quick decision of life or death for the diversion bill was being sought by legislative leaders this week and they had the support of senators on both sides of the issue.

Because it is far and away the most controversial measure before this session, the legislators fear that a binge of vote-swapping will be based on the diversion bill.

The measure came out of the Public Works Committee last week on a 5 to 4 vote after three members of the committee had favored reporting it favorably because it deserved a full-dress discussion before the Legislature as a whole and was too important to be killed in a committee.

Votes to put the measure on the floor were Sens. Richard Marvel of Hastings, Hugh Carlson of Ord, Glenn Craney of Albion, William Moulton of Omaha and Tom Coffey of Alma. Only Marvel, the introducer, and Coffey had indicated they would support the bill. The other three insisted their committee vote means only that they think the bill should be aired in the big chamber. Voting against the bill in committee were Sens. Wesley D. Martin of Grand Island, Lefty Williams of Kearney, Robert C. Brower of Pullerton and Hal Bridenbaugh of Dakota City.

### Crowdout

Gov. Crosby this week sounded like a man about to crack a whip. The likely target? County assessors who have thumbed their noses at the state's new 50 per cent assessment law.

Sen. Carmody, chairman of the powerful Budget Committee, told the Legislature last week, "I'm wondering how these assessors can flout the governor, the tax commissioner and the Legislature. I call upon the governor to do something about the assessors who are not doing their duty. I'm getting sick and tired of it!"

Next day, Crosby issued a statement in which he said, "It will be my firm position that the State Board of Equalization should not permit any assessor to take last year's real estate values and cut them in half, because that would be taking advantage of the many other

counties who are trying to reach an equitable real estate valuation."

### Being Tops Cancer Gifts

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## LETTER BOX

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You and your staff are most deserving of the high honor and recognition accorded your efforts in making your community a better place to live. When you make your community a better place to live you also make Nebraska a better place in which to live.

May you be encouraged to continue the high standards of service which you have rendered your community through your press.

Most sincerely yours,

Richard A. Johnson  
Public Relations Assistant

## Hog Market on Upward Swing

The hog market again Monday at Omaha featured livestock trade. With supply light, swine sold strong to 25 cents higher, butcher top at \$23 but since August 20.

Fat cattle sold steady to 5 cents lower, replacement cattle and calves steady, early sales unevenly higher. Fat lambs were generally steady.

Among recent sales at Omaha for shippers from this area were Charles and Everett Spaulder, 25 steer calves weighing 430 at \$20; Edward Wehrlein, 24 heifers weighing 1036 at \$21. Top for April 23: Siemens & Schmidt, 33 heifers weighing 884 at \$20.50; Fred Schick, 24 pigs weighing 214 at \$21.50; Ernst Stritsch, eight hogs weighing 216 at \$22; and L. B. Mack, 22 hogs weighing 221 at \$21.50.

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