

EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

HOME AIR RAID WARNINGS

Civilian Defense Administrator Val Peterson, appearing before Congress in an effort to get Civilian Defense funds, told members of Congress recently that the Government is considering a device which would sound a warning within the home of each citizen in a target area, in case of air attack.

Peterson said one device under study consisted of a small device which could be installed in any room in a house and which would set off an alarm when a change in the electric current occurred.

By such methods, and other methods of mass warning and evacuation, and by early detection of enemy air raiders, Mr. Peterson hopes to save as many as thirty-five per cent of those who would ordinarily be killed in an atomic attack.

Although Mr. Peterson did not get the money he requested from Congress, we believe he is working in the right direction.

We can't help but wonder, however, what would happen if an electric company's power was suddenly decreased by an accident or failure.

MYSTERY OF THREE NAZIS

A book which has just been published by a former member of the German Secret Service brings to mind an interesting observation.

Hoettl terms the lack of interest in the capture of these three men extraordinary, and points out that they were three of the most important personalities of the Third Reich.

Another of them is Martin Bormann, who was Hitler's assistant from his early days in the 1930's.

Another escapee, about whom much has been written, most of which has also been forgotten, was the head of the Jewish section of the Gestapo, Adolph Eichmann.

They are still living, and free, according to Hoettl. No doubt any one of these men could shed much light on the history

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It is a double pleasure to deceive the deceiver. —Jean de la Fontaine

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The only thing that makes a man important around his wedding is not being there.

It is the thing that is none of your business that arouses your curiosity.

Women just wouldn't get everything said if they spoke one at a time.

The national debt may reach the moon before any rocket ship does.

The guy who thinks it is cheaper to spend a vacation at home just hasn't his relatives spaced right.

We've found it just doesn't pay to do things by halves because, generally, it's the other half that counts.

The Lord made the first talking machine, but Edison made the first one that could be shut off.

Went up to Doc to see what's ailing me. He said I was fat, lazy, eat too much and should take more exercise.

A local man gave his wife a good talking to the other night regarding economy. It got results, too—he's given up smoking.

of Nazi Germany in view of the successful burning of Hitler's personal files.

It does seem extraordinary that the search for these three men has been apparently almost forgotten, and that the world goes merrily on, forgetting these men and their activities in that dramatic period during the 1930's and World War II, when they affected the fate of millions.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Norfolk Packers defeated Weeping Water 10-8 in a softball game here. Napier and Thimgan led the scorers. . . Robert Bestor is president of the Cass county Young Democrats.

10 YEARS AGO

Lulu Wolfe has been re-elected president of the Shrader family as its annual reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Georgia Creamer. Other officers are Mrs. Cappy Chriswiser, vice president; Mrs. Grace Bell, secretary and treasurer.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: IKE TELLS KNOWLAND TO PIPE DOWN ON INDO-CHINA CRITICISM; SENATE DEBATE ON ATOMIC POWER ILLUSTRATES WHY NEW ENGLAND FACTORIES MOVE SOUTH; NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATOR WAS PRIVATE POWER LOBBYIST.

Sending Out a Feeler



to his face. At a White House meeting Ike told the California senator to stop denouncing the Indo-China settlement as if another Munich.

At Munich, Eisenhower said, something was given away to the other side in Indo-China we didn't give away a single thing that the Communists hadn't already won on the battlefield.

Since then, Knowland has not particularly soft-pedaled his criticism of the Indo-China settlement, and, as a result, it looks as if the President might have a new majority leader at the next session of congress.

For some time of course, Vice President Nixon, who is the natural California rival of Senator Knowland, has been hoping that Knowland would eventually cut his own throat.

Traveling up the Connecticut river through western New England a few weeks ago, the big complaint I heard from businessmen was that industry was moving south.

While this change is being mourned in New England, a debate has been taking place in Washington which reaches to the bottom of one cause for the southward trek of New England factories—the fact that New England has the highest electric power rate in the U. S.

The debate is over the control of the industrial power of the future. And it will affect your part of the U. S. as well as New England.

Senator Sparkman of Alabama, whose state has attracted New England factories because of the cheap electric power of the Tennessee Valley, was telling the senate how the power interests had scrapped flood control on the Merrimack river back in 1936 and this was why New England power rates were so expensive.

Up jumped new Senator Robert Upton of New Hampshire, the likable gentleman whom the governor of New Hampshire appointed to replace the late Senator Tobey.

"I was one of the commissioners who drew up the interstate flood control compact in 1936," he said. "It failed because we looked to Washington for ratification, but the advocates of public power in Washington prevented ratification."

What the likable senator from New Hampshire failed to point out, however, was that he has long represented the power companies of New England.

At the time he was negotiating for flood control after the disastrous \$50,000,000 flood had swept New England in 1936, Upton was the registered lobbyist for New Hampshire Gas and Electric, Alton Electric Light and Power, Meredith Electric, Pennewasset Electric, and Goodrich Falls Electric.

What Upton also failed to state was that the reason why New England has the highest electric power rates in the nation and one reason, in addition to labor costs, that factories are moving south is because Upton helped insert an extremely important provision in the 1936

flood control compact, favoring the private utilities. It provided that each of the New England states reserved the right "at its option, at any time hereafter, by itself" to develop the water power to be stored up by the federal flood control project.

This, of course, was why Washington never ratified the flood control project which would have given New England cheap power rates and would have helped save industry from moving below the Mason-Dixon line.

Southern states accepted federal control of TVA. New England vetoed federal control of the Merrimack river project. In fact a registered lobbyist for the power companies, Mr. Upton was on the commission that knocked out the Merrimack federal flood agreement; and that same lobbyist, now Senator Upton, voted to give control of the atomic power of the next generation largely to private firms rather than the federal government.

This complicated but basic question is partly what the current debate on atomic energy is all about. It will affect the future industrial power of the nation far more than the public realizes, and for years to come. Washington Pipeline

The Democrats have put one over on the Republicans when it comes to getting publicity photos of Ike. Over 100 GOP congressmen lined up at the White House recently for individual publicity poses with the president. But for over a year, the Dems have been quietly collecting autographed photos from the president also.

Fertilize Wheat Is Advice for Biggest Yields

If you want an investment that is almost certain to net a return of several dollars for each dollar you spend, fertilize your wheat.

Fertilizer is a paying proposition in the hard red winter-wheat country as well as in the soft-wheat states, say crops and soils experts.

A 30-bushel wheat crop requires about the equivalent of 150 pounds of ammonium nitrate (33-0-0), 100 pounds of superphosphate (0-20-0), and 40 pounds of muriate of potash (0-0-60). About three-fourths of the nitrogen and phosphate and one-third of the potash are lost in the harvested grain.

"In Kansas we now use at least 20 times as much fertilizer as 10 years ago, most of it applied on wheat land," Smith said. "Other wheat states show similar increases. However, we still aren't using nearly enough fertilizer to get maximum profits and yields."

Irrigation Field Day At North Platte

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — An Irrigation Field Day to demonstrate irrigation practices, equipment and structures has been scheduled for Friday, Aug. 20, at the North Platte Station states James C. Adams, superintendent. Irrigation research has been increasing during the past several years at the North Platte station and an annual irrigation day will probably be scheduled in the future, Adams says.

The program will begin at 10 a. m. at the main station and will include the following topics and speakers from the North Platte Experiment Station: Sorghum varieties, Milton Greenwood; corn studies, R. E. Ramig; and well installations and efficiencies, Paul Schuessener.

World-wide shipbuilding off in second quarter.

Vic Vet says... ARE YOU SENDING VA 'MYSTERY MAIL' IF YOU WANT A PROMPT REPLY TO YOUR LETTER INVOLVING YOUR VA CLAIM BE SURE TO USE VA'S OR CLAIMS NUMBER VA HAS GIVEN YOU.



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

NEWS REPORT—Thursday

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—The Republican program which emerged from this last session of Congress will be the key to the year's congressional elections.

Taxes were reduced. That is the ace in the hole. Total expenditures were reduced and that's another talking point. Employee totals for the Federal government have also been sliced.

The Democrats think they have several issues to exploit though, and among them are the farm program, the recession, the McCarthy issue, and the power and housing programs.

Administration economists are rosy in their forecasts for the next few months and years and this lends optimism to the Republican election effort.

The temper of the nation's farmers is an important factor to be considered in the November voting. Farmers have been getting lower prices while costs remained high and most of them apparently are in favor of high price supports.

The Republican Congress did get through a program containing more meat in it than most critics had anticipated two months ago. Republican candidates definitely have some strong points to hammer home, but the deciding factor in determining control of Congress will probably be the economic trend between now and November.

The U. S. Senate squarely ducked the issue in deciding to refer the McCarthy censure vote to a committee. The election year dodge won't fool many voters but the fact that so large a majority supported the "refer-to-a-committee" solution makes it hard for the public to react against those who ducked a stand on the issue.

Actually, the committee investigation of McCarthy could be a favor from the start, and it certainly cannot accomplish anything in the immediate future. If the result is a split committee, divided on party lines, the subject will only become more confused in the public mind.

The question will not be resolved by the investigating committee, either, for the final decision will have to be by the Senate itself.

Perhaps the election will be over when the Senate faces the issue again, however. There is a chance the Republicans won't be in control. In that case McCarthy would have lost his committee chairmanship anyhow and the committee report would have no effect on his chairmanship.

The net result is to prevent McCarthyism from becoming as much of an issue in the coming campaign as it might have been. If each Senator had been forced to take a stand on the controversial subject, the voter this fall would have known exactly where each stood. But since the vast majority voted for an investigation, all those so voting will seek to pacify both sides on the theory that this was the logical course of action.

Gifts and bequests of \$1,000 or more in ten large city areas of this country totaled \$374,960,710 for the first six months of this year. During the same period in 1953, the total was \$247,479,097.

The nation's railroads, which last year lost a record \$704,600,000 on passenger service, are seeking to recover economic strength by pleas for permission to abandon service on more unprofitable lines.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Latin-American crossword puzzle grid and word list. HORIZONTAL 51 Emmets 52 Female rabbit 53 Snakes 54 American animal, the spectacled 55 It is white rings around its eyes 56 It is the South American bear 57 Operatic solo 58 Anger 59 Tidy 60 Tardy 61 River in Belgium 62 Landed property 63 Winter vehicles 64 Measuring device 65 Rupees (ab.) 66 French island 67 Footlike part 68 Operate 69 Negative reply 70 Pronoun 71 Exists 72 Fiber knots 73 Goddess of infatuation 74 Part of "be" 75 Highway (ab.) 76 Forefathers 77 Mexican laborers 78 Mountain nymphs 79 Dark red 80 Rave 81 Bustle 82 Drop of eye fluid