

EDITORIALS

The Military Dilemma

The dilemma being faced in the Pentagon by Defense Department officials is clearly demonstrated by the recent action of Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson. Mr. Wilson finally had to step into the row between the Army and Air Force and settle the line of delineation of authority between the two services concerning guided missiles.

To settle the argument, Wilson gave the Air Force control of all long-range missiles, which include all those which travel more than 200 miles. On the other hand, he gave the Army authority in the field of anti-aircraft missiles, which constitutes a compromise solution in this field.

The Army is still pushing for an Air Force of its own, while the Navy is maintaining its own air force, and the Navy is still maintaining an army of its own—a very good one, we might add—and the Air Force is seeking to acquire a clear road of authority in the field of strategic bombing and hydrogen bombs. Here the Navy is involved also.

All of which leads us to the conclusion that, eventually, the military services in this country will have to be welded into a single service. There will be three branches, but the three services will be coordinated to a greater degree than is possible under the present system. Those who engineered the establishment of the Defense Department, only a few years ago, envisioned a Department which would coordinate the operations and functions of the three services. It has been almost impossible for the Defense Department to weld the services together and the role of the Department has actually become one of arbiter or umpire or judge, while the three services continue to go their own way, fight among themselves about fields of authority, and duplicate themselves in many phases of defense work.

Rockefeller Foundation Grants

The Rockefeller Foundation recently released a quarterly report on grants made to various colleges, professors and in behalf of education in the United States.

The total amount of the third-quarter grants was \$2,113,746. In commenting on these grants, we will state at the beginning that we know of no family in the country which has used its money for better purposes in the charitable field than the Rockefeller family.

In looking over the list of grants for the third quarter of 1956, however, we see where Rockefeller money is going all over the world in behalf of education. It is going to South and Central America, Asia, and the Middle East, in various forms and shapes.

Some of this money is going to Europe and some to almost every corner of the world.

We have no quarrel with the theory, although we think the Rockefeller Foundation could do a wonderful thing for the United States if it concentrated its aid in this country on the poorer colleges and universities, in an effort to bring them up to par. This does not necessarily hold true only with the Rockefeller Foundation, but with all philanthropic foundations of its nature, with considerable funds at their disposal.

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

The average girl would be a sensation if she wore a dress to match the stockings they wear these days.

About all the average man wants from life is a little peach and quiet.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, might not make a good mother, but we'll wager she would make a poor father.

A gal who swears she has never been kissed has a right to swear.

The future seems to get here a lot faster than it used to.

One woman's hobby is often another woman's hobby.

Flattery is like perfume—you're supposed to smell it, not swallow it.

Alcohol puts the wreck in recreation.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

County commissioners at their sessions last week passed on and approved 2,000 claims on the county. Election brought in 240 extra claims, 340 aid age assistant warrants were issued, thirty-five mother's pensions — Royal Arch Masons held their election, naming Anderson, Lloyd, high priest; Robert Painter, king; Charles L. Carlson, scribe; Frank A. Cloidt treasurer; William F. Evers, secretary—Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester uncovered a cache of copper wire from 400 to 500 pounds of the wire being uncovered north of this city. Arrest of one of the residents of the camp north of this city followed the discovery of the wire — children of the Jean school near this city presented a fine program consisting of the operetta, "Peter Rabbit", Mrs. Lucille Wiles, teacher directed the production.

30 YEARS AGO

Captain and Mrs. Geo. A. Fingerson, the latter formerly Miss Marie Donnelly of this city, have returned from a tour of duty in the Philippine Islands, where Captain Fingerson was attached to American troops in Manila. Captain Fingerson is now assigned to the 17th infantry at Ft. Crook. The passing of the fourth birthday was the occasion of a party honoring Master Joe Noble at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Noble on North Eleventh Street. Mr. and Mrs. George Conis entertained a few friends at a dinner party honoring the first birthday of their daughter, Catherine. A fine birthday cake featured the event.

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: IKE PLANS HUGE SPENDING PROGRAM FOR NEAR AND FAR EAST; HE WILL TRY TO PATCH UP RELATIONS WITH OUR WESTERN ALLIES; DULLES WILL TAKE BACK SEAT RE FOREIGN AID.

WASHINGTON: Vitally important plans for the Presidents coming "State of the Union" and inaugural addresses are now being formed in Augusta and Washington.

They indicate a break with the past particularly a break with the isolationist wing of the Republican party, as drastic as anything that has happened in Eisenhower's four years in office.

The President plans a huge global program to recapture American prestige and power in the Near East, the Far East, and Europe. It will take the form of a spending program more expensive than anything the Eisenhower administration has ever dreamed of, greater probably than the Marshall Plan under Truman. It will also include guarantees to Near Eastern States against attack.

The plan is to fill in the economic vacuum in the Near East and Asia caused by the adjustments of outmoded colonialism. This will mean a lot of money. It will be spent on irrigation and various improvements to raise the living standards of Asiatic-African peoples.

At the same time, the President plans to revive tarnished ties with our old allies, France and Britain. He plans to put this whole program under Governor Christian Herter of Massachusetts who is being brought into the State Department in January. John Foster Dulles will be given little or no chance to meddle with it.

Memories of Globaloney
To prepare the program, the President has already brought General Bobby Cutler, former Secretary of the National Security Council, back from Boston to the White House. He had originally tried to draft his former Chief of Staff, General W. "Beetle" Smith, who served as head of Central Intelligence and Undersecretary of State for Truman. Cutler is now holding meetings in the State Department, preparing the big new foreign affairs offensive.

Fatal Fallacies

by Ted Key



"Stop sign ahead ... Watch that car ... Not so fast ... Man crossing ... Easy on ..."

Also helping is Vice-President Nixon. As a former isolationist, his job is to win over the isolationist wing of the Republican Party.

White House advisers are not unaware of the fact that a huge spending program will be viewed as Henry Wallace "Globaloney." They recall the derisive speech of Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce in which she excoriated Roosevelt-Wallace-Truman foreign aid and coined the phrase "Globberoney." They also recall derisive "milk for every hot-tent" criticism that was hurled at Wallace.

However, they believe that the Democrats will have to go along with the president's spending program and that Nixon will be able to swing the right-wing Republicans, first with the gradual demise of Joe McCarthy second with the defeat of Senator Welker of Idaho. He has indicated to friends that he sees the handwriting on the wall.

What brought President Eisenhower around to his present thinking, according to his friends, are two things:

1. Dulles' illness, during which Ike realized for the first time the badly deteriorated state of our foreign policy.

2. The last days of the campaign, when the president listened to the speeches of Adlai Stevenson. The criticism got under his skin.

He realizes, partly as a result of that criticism, partly as a result of two near escapes with death, that his place in history will be decided in the next four years and that he has a lot to do in those years.

He got one of the worst shocks of his term as president when Dulles became ill and for the first time he took over the active administration of foreign policy. Not until then had he realized how many problems had been swept under the rug just to get them out of the way.

He then began to realize that while he had undermined the British and French in the Near and Middle East, we had simultaneously failed to do anything about filling the vacuum left by them as they were undermined. Thus the Russians had moved into the vacuum as the French and British moved out.

The president, according to friends, also began to smart when newspapers which had steadfastly supported him in the past, such as the New York Times and New York Herald Tribune, began knocking him for deserting the French and British. By the time he got to Augusta, he began to realize that he had knocked the spots out of the two nations he had long been closely identified with, the French and British, and found himself lined up with the Russians and their stooge, Colonel Nasser.

Ike's Agonizing Areaappraisal
Accordingly, the president has been experiencing his own "agonizing reappraisal."

This reappraisal has not been without differences of opinion and further mistakes.

During the days just prior to his Augusta trip, Eisenhower refused to see the British foreign minister, Selwyn Lloyd, and

OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Writing in the March issue of Nebraska History, the quarterly journal of the State Historical Society, Dr. Donald F. Danker, the Society's archivist, described the effort of the Nebraska Winter Quarters Company to develop the town of Florence, now a suburb of Omaha.

One of the problems facing the promoters of Missouri River towns in Nebraska Territory was that of providing an adequate means of crossing the "Big Muddy." The promoters of Florence solved that problem with the use of a Steam Ferry. An advertisement for the ferry ran in each issue of the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Chronotype during the summer of 1856. Because it is interesting in itself, and because it is an idea of the nature of advertisements a century ago, it is reproduced here.

"The splendid new steam ferry boat, Nebraska, No. 2, is now running and will continue to run between Florence and the opposite shore, at all hours, from sun rise to sun set, until the close of navigation.

"The Nebraska is a first rate boat, with powerful machinery, built expressly for ferrying on the Missouri River, every thing about her is new and in excellent order! She will not carry twenty-five wagons and teams at a time, nor two hundred head of cattle, but can conveniently carry six wagons and teams at a trip, and cattle and other stock in proportion.

"The river at this point is only about seven hundred feet wide, with rock bottom and rock-bound shores on both sides, perfectly clear of all obstruction, and good permanent landings directly opposite each other, consequently, the boat makes her crossings in less than a minute, and is abundantly able to do all the ferrying that will be done at all points on the Missouri river above the mouth of the Platte, this season.

"We do not, (like the Omaha Ferry Company) call the attention of the public to a time table. We have none, our Charter, as we understand it obliges us to run at all times, from the rising to the setting of the sun, and we are perfectly willing and always ready to fulfill those obligations to the letter, if only a lone footman comes, we cross him without delay.

"The road to the Ferry on the Iowa side is excellent, and from Florence to the Platte Valley, it is many miles nearer and much better than any other route.

"The officers and crew are skillful, prudent and courteous, and will, at all times, be found ready and willing to do all in their power to accommodate and oblige the traveling community. With all of the above advantages and the fact that our rates are twenty-five per cent less than those of Omaha, to-wit: yoke and span of horses or yoke of cattle, 75 cents; extra span of yoke 20 cents; carriage and span of horses 60 cents; horse and buggy 40 cents; man and horse 20 cents; footman 5 cents; cattle, horses, and mules per head, 10 cents; and sheep and swine 3 cents per head, we confidently look for a share of the public patronage."

Platte County (71)

The origins of settlement in Platte County go back just one hundred years and Columbus is celebrating its centennial this year.

Ten-Word INTELLIGRAM

Check the correct word:

- 1—New president of Nicaragua following the assassination of Anastasio Somoza is (Carlos Armaz) (Luis Somoza).
- 2—The International Geophysical Year, beginning July 1, 1957, extends to (August) (December) 1958.
- 3—Russia has agreed to a five-point formula for a peace treaty with (Japan) (Iraq).
- 4—Most populated country in Central America is (Panama) (Guatemala).
- 5—Last ballplayer to lead both major leagues in batting, home runs and runs batted in was (Lou Gehrig) (Ted Williams).
- 6—The city of Jerusalem is (in Israel) (in Jordan) (split between two countries).
- 7—Halloween precedes (All Saints' Day) (All Souls' Day).
- 8—Leading state in the production of sugar cane is (Louisiana) (Mississippi).
- 9—Jacob Javits and Robert Wagner are competing for a senatorial seat in (Massachusetts) (New York).
- 10—Recent visitor to the Black Sea area was (Harry Truman) (Marshal Tito).

Count 10 for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, good; 90-100, excellent.

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1—Somoza, 2—December, 3—Japan, 4—Guatemala, 5—Williams, 6—April, 7—All Saints, 8—Louisiana, 9—New York, 10—Tito.

In the spring of 1856, the advance agents of the Columbus Town Company—representing a group originally from Columbus, Ohio—started out from Omaha to locate a townsite. They selected the strategic point where the Loup joins the Platte.

On June 22, 1856, a person who signed himself "Observer" wrote in the Omaha Nebraskanian:

"I crossed Shell Creek and went to the Loup fork, but imagine my surprise when I found myself in Columbus—not Columbus, Ohio, but Columbus, Platte County Nebraska Territory. Here I found the hearty yeomanry working like Trojans during the siege. I learned that they were all Germans. They inquired of me if I wanted to stay overnight. . . and led me to a neat log house twenty by forty. There were several other houses in the course of construction. I admired their energy and industry and prophesied that Columbus would be in two years as large as Omaha now is."

Though Observer's prophecies were not completely fulfilled Columbus soon developed into one of Nebraska's significant small cities and the county settled up rather quickly with as they used to say in the old publicity brochures, "a thrifty agricultural population."

The county was created in 1855 before the advent of any significant settlement. Organization took place in the winter of 1857-58. Columbus has been the county seat since organization.

The Union Pacific Railroad 1866. The arrival of the railroad was one of the great events in the history of the town and the county, and the county location along the line of the first transcontinental railroad had much to do with its early settlement and prosperity.

In addition to being closely associated with early railroad development, Columbus is intimately identified with the development of hydro-electric power in Nebraska. The Loup River Public Power District with headquarters at Columbus was the first of the Public Power Districts organized under the enabling legislation of 1933. The Loup River project was started in October 1934 and by March

1937 the project started producing power.

Platte County is particularly famous as the home of military heroes. Frank Luther North, the famed leader of the Pawnee Scouts, lived in Columbus, and General Alfred Gruenther, until recently Commander of NATO was born at Platte Center.

In 1856 Platte County had a population of 35. By 1860 there were 32 residents and by 1890, 1,899. The 70's and 80's were years of great growth and by 1890 the population of the county was 15,437. The county continued to grow until 1930 when it returned a total of 21,181. Columbus has continued to grow until 1930 when it returned a total of 21,181. Columbus has continued to grow but the rural areas have declined somewhat that in 1950 the population was 19,910.

Cattle are not like billiard balls. . . You can't punch the ones in the back and expect the ones in front to move, states Livestock Conservation, Inc. This treatment only causes cattle to become frightened and to crowd. . . and they will not injure themselves unless they are frightened, crowded or hurried. At least two-thirds of cattle injuries come from crowding, bumping or rushing. For this reason, take it easy when handling cattle.

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