

Statesmen Speak Eloquently

Most important (and many trivial) public utterances in the United States are made in carefully worded, prepared statements.

That pattern is not true in the British Parliament, proof of which is given every time Winston Churchill speaks to his own or our government.

In his recent speech before a joint session of Congress, Prime Minister Churchill spoke only from notes. There probably aren't a half dozen members of Congress who would trust themselves to make world-shaking (or less) statements only from notes.

Mr. Churchill's ability to do so wins great admiration from all who observe him in the doing . . . another proof of why he stands out so gigantically among contemporary Lilliputians.

Indeed, a rule exists in the British Parliament that if a member seeks to speak from manuscript he must first obtain permission. Proving, in its way, that Britain's national government contains many orators of first magnitude, even though you may disagree with some of their political philosophies.

Ah, when Winnie shuffles off to his Valhalla, what a great loss will be felt in the world of eloquent civic leadership!

"Mister Milquetoast"?

This New Yorker Newbold Morris, recently selected by Attorney-General McGrath to "clean up the federal government," including McGrath's own department, sounds to us like a Mister Milquetoast.

Several times we have observed him on TV. To expect a chap with his background to do a good job is like expecting, we think, to see the devil in charge of the pearly gates.

But it does show how difficult it is to get a widely known, honest and able man to handle such a job.

Too Much Water

You read that high water levels on the Great Lakes are causing much damage to properties along shorelines. One suggested help is to get Congress to allow more water to flow from southern Lake Michigan through the Chicago Drainage Canal, Illinois river, thence into the Mississippi.

Chicago for years has wanted more water—not so much to float away its sewage, but more to build additional hydroelectric plants at Lockport.

If given more water to operate more turbines when water levels on the Great Lakes are high, then when levels are low it probably would be impossible to decrease the amount of water supply (pollitics being what it is) and Great Lakes levels would go down so far that cottage and resort frontage would suffer.

(Imagine how difficult the "one-world" plan would be to operate when "feuding" exists between our own States.)

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

WHY DO WE GRIPE?

more and more time before the program starts or just as it ends, it certainly looks like Hollywood has moved into the television field. . . . In there a beer company left who isn't sponsoring a TV program? . . . Why can't the TV cameras be given an intensive course in how to focus their cameras? . . . Foreigners who visit the United States are impressed with all the grinning Americans seem to do. These visitors point out the many good things we have, wonder why on his selection follows the pattern by which he has been running the nation on most matters since he was unfortunately projected into the Presidency. . . . Perhaps we feel that if some-

thing isn't being griped at, then it must be all right. . . . Therefore, to find out just how good or bad the country is, don't merely count the times grinning is heard—but count the number of subjects that cause gripes, then compare it to the number of subjects about which there is no griping. . . . Most people are puzzled why President Truman won't come out and say whether he is going to be a candidate to succeed himself in the White House. . . . His wavering back and forth on his reelection follows the pattern by which he has been running the nation on most matters since he was unfortunately projected into the Presidency. . . . They are trained in objective. Their job is to stimulate thinking

Slap 'Em Down, Dean!

It is quite true that time alone properly can record what individuals or nations do in great crises. However, since the present also is a part of what is called "time," it can be used now and then to evaluate the thoughts and acts of men and nations.

Having established this latter fact as truth, we now shall say: do you not shake and cringe all over at the danger we threaten other nations as Secretary of State Dean Acheson rebukes 'em?

LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, when Dean recently said to Hungary (who has just released our four fliers for \$120,000) . . . you nasty Hungarians better watch out . . . after all, Uncle Sam's patience is not inexhaustible.

Gosh, Dean, then shorley is earth-shaking words!

From Our Point of View

• A Michigan Legislator wants to enact a law that will require people talking on a party-line to get off when somebody else wants to use it for emergency purposes. Comes about as result of a Michigan woman whose house was burning several weeks ago, and couldn't get two women already talking on her line to get off so she could call a fire department. Thus you see why, because two women refused to be friendly and helpful, "we gotta have another law passed."

• The Philippine government demands eight billions in war reparations from Japan, because of the latter's various damages inflicted during the days of World War II. Japan, of course, will have a dickens of a time ever paying it. Wonder if Uncle Sam, eventually, somehow or other won't pick up this international tab?

• In announcing his candidacy as a Republican who wants to represent his district in Congress, an Owosso man said, among other things: "I believe I am qualified to represent the Eighth Michigan District because of my wide background and extensive experience in foreign affairs." Such self-confidence is necessary, naturally, to anyone who seeks public office. Here's hoping his constituents have enough interest and intelligence to analyze the width of his background and the extent of his international outlook.

• Beginning next March 1, sound and picture on TV in your living room (or at your favorite tavern) are to be cleansed of all impurity. No longer will modest men have to close their eyes when plunging neck lines appear on the screen, nor will parents have to chase the kids to bed to keep them from learning the latest methods in killing people. Yes, sir, the TV folks are going to respect the moral atmosphere of the American family. Not a bad idea, either.

So They Say . . .

Drighd D. Eisenhower, General of the Army, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe: "Only free peoples themselves can measure the value to them of their own freedom."

Lt. Comdr. Elisha Ricketl, Marine Corps chaplain, back from Korea: "Korea is a segment of a worldwide struggle for the preservation of our way of life."



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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All must be signed, but signators will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

To the Editor: Your editorial of January 31, 1952 mentions the allegation that influential educators are conspiring to influence future generations for acceptance of socialism and collectivism through schools and textbooks. . . . You suggest volunteer citizens to check and censor them. The conspiracy in education is not led by the educators nor the National Education association. It has been organized on a national basis under various names, principally by Allen Zoll.

He is the man who founded American Patriots Inc., listed by the Justice department as a Fascist organization.

THE ATTACK comes from various angles—against adequate salaries for teachers, against untrained citizens of teachers and textbooks, from which sentence are isolated out of context and distorted, etc.

Cloaked under the guise of patriotism, these groups have been busy menacing that a commission, the National Commission for the Public Schools, was sponsored in 1949 by Warren Austin and Dwight Eisenhower and financed by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation to combat this danger.

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TO THE EDITOR: I would like to convey our appreciation to you and all at The Eccentric who helped to make our public school a better place. Your publicity was of inestimable value and, our only source of information on the general public. The personal interest of Miss Alice Morgan made ours a humanitarian effort rather than a pure money-making drive. Our sincere thanks.

TO THE EDITOR: I was trying to learn or find out how so many little people with little minds can get so big a hold on the public, too. I know a lot more about them than I can put into private business unless they have, something more than hot air on the radio, yet they work and they often take on some of the biggest offices in the government.

I lived in Detroit during the war and saw rats the size of cats. It was a month before there were any garbage pickups. . . . So being a resident of our fair city for many years, it's been very prompt in keeping it clean up. So let the rich and poor decide the type of garbage disposal they can afford.

BUT NOW, since I have been debating going in public office, maybe I should try for more education; maybe I ought to stay right where I am, mentally speaking—maybe I should try to get more stupider than I am before trying to run for office. . . . I figured when I retired from my business this would be the time.

FOR INSTANCE: thinking people know that you cannot get something for nothing for very long any more than you can get blood out of a turnip. No country can guarantee security and honesty, unless only the people, willing to work, can do that.

BUT, NATURALLY, most of us want as much as we can get with very little work as possible. That's why so many politicians are so greedy. Most of the politicians that stick to the truth don't last very long in high public office.

So that's right where I am at this minute. Should I learn more, or should I learn less, should I pander to human weaknesses to win votes, or should I stand up full of courage and honesty, and tell the honest truth . . . votes or no votes.

I tell you, Mr. Editor, this decision is no easy task. Besides, I have to get my wife Hanna to agree that I run for high public office. Freedom, I am finding, is a big job.

Moody and Swiaski. Yours, JOHN I. PHILLOS.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO February 14, 1902 A very pleasant evening's entertainment was enjoyed by the choir of St. James church and a number of its friends on Friday evening last. The athletic events were unique and interesting.

A hundred things happen every day that a newspaper never sees. He does the best he can and he keeps his eyes and ears open but he is only a human being, neither omniscient nor omnipresent. You may think a paper has favorites—it has. They are those people who are kind enough to send what they have to the editor in time for printing.

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50 YEARS AGO February 20, 1947 Four Birmingham Boy Scouts were honored last week at the annual anniversary dinner, having attained Eagle Scout rank during the year.

The last meeting before Lent of the Birmingham Ladies' Whist club was held Friday at the home of Mrs. A. P. Jacobs who played the part of a most agreeable hostess. Her home was packed and decorated and the ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch tastefully served.

The Misses Carrie and Alta Poppletton were participants at the last meeting of the Birmingham People's Open Forum in the Community House. He has returned from a trip through the Orient and will speak principally on Manchuria.

Birmingham officials are considering the effect which will be felt here if the proposal is carried through of making Bloomfield Hills into a city. It is felt that the incorporation of the north community would create a tax increase for Birmingham.

Two persons have died of injuries received in a three-car crash at Telegraph and Lone Pine roads Sunday evening. Clarence Myers, 27, of Detroit died shortly after the crash.

HE'S NO OGRE "Junior! Stop asking for candy. Stop this instant or I'll tell the policeman how naughty you are!" Junior blubbered a time or two, manfully trying to hold back tears. The clerk at the candy counter gasped. We watched.

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1946. The boys are Dick Gregory, Jack Adams, Dave Tompkins and Bill Reusch.

Stephen H. Herkimer, 1281 Bird, one of Birmingham's real war heroes, received three military honors from the Belgian government. He has been awarded the Order de Leopold II, the Palmes, Degree of Chevalier, and the Croix de Guerre, 1940, avec Palmes.

Allen K. Parrish, a passenger on the Red Arrow train which crashed in the Pennsylvania mountains last Tuesday, has returned home after treatment in an Altoona hospital for multiple lacerations. Parrish is under treatment for a private physician.

A total of 67 ballots were cast in six Birmingham districts in Monday's election for three circuit court judges in Oakland county. City Clerk Irene Hanley said the election costs for the city were \$325, approximately \$5 per ballot.

Walter Hagland, quonset project supervisor, reported the theft of an electric range worth \$300 from a police car. The theft was discovered when installation supplies were being checked.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

HE EXPLAINED to his son just what the cop's job entailed. He told him how the policeman guarded the city and made it safe for little boys and girls, as well as their parents. He went to the extremes to have his children consider the cop their friend.

It's simple to see that his family grew up understanding the police, respecting them and seeing them as common, ordinary men.

As they grew older there was no chip on their shoulders, just waiting for a cop to knock it off. He had painted no picture of a tough guy, wanting to spoil pleasure and bearing a special grudge against children.

As we listened to poor Junior gulp and saw the look of dread which came over his face, we knew it wasn't the first time the police had been used as a threat.

APPARENTLY it's the favorite trick of this particular mother to get obedience from her son. As we walked away we thought again, why use the police as a threat to get good behavior from youngsters? As a matter of fact—why use any sort of a threat? There must be a better way!

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