

# United States' Policy Today Same As During Korean War

Criticism of the foreign policy of the Eisenhower administration has been made by numerous people during the past year or two. A certain amount of it that emanates from Democratic politicians is discounted by the public, for obvious reasons. However, harsh words also have been directed by eminent non-political Americans, as well as the leaders of a number of foreign governments.

Personally, The Eccentric has been sympathetic to the problems related to the development of a wise and practical foreign policy program, for we know that the very nature of international diplomacy includes something besides conformity to absolute truth and honesty.

BUT THE ATTITUDE of Ike and his Secretary of State John Foster Dulles toward the problem of Soviet Russia's domination of Poland, Hungary, Austria, and other Central European satellites puzzles us mightily.

More especially, too, since the return of Vice-President Nixon from Hungary, with his arguments for more help for the distressed Hungarians.

Let us be more explicit. During the recent Hungarian rebellion, Secretary Dulles told his countrymen that the Eisenhower administration did not, openly or covertly, encourage either Poland or Hungary to fight their common Soviet tyrants.

To do so, the Russians said, would be to antagonize the Dullesians . . . and then they might get excited and do something to trigger a Third World War.

... as though anything we can do or will do or do for the cause of freedom would satisfy the Russian leaders! Recall that we helped them fight against Hitler not long ago . . . yet they have turned against us.

SO, IT SEEMS to millions of us Americans, that our United States, together with other so-called "free countries", propose only to stand by . . . hoping that Russia's Communism itself will disintegrate . . . and that eventually the world will be freed from tyranny. Is this our definite foreign policy?

On the one hand Uncle Sam spends billions for military defenses . . . not only of our own, but we give of our resources to other nations so that they can become stronger militarily and economically, and thus withstand the attacks of Communism.

How would you, as a freedom-loving citizen of Poland or Hungary, feel if, in the throes of rebellion against a tyrant, you were told by the anti-Communist nations that you must not expect open or covert help of any kind from them? Would you not wonder what kind of a foreign

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Of course, when the Hungarians are beaten again to enslaved submission, when thousands of their people have been killed and wounded, imprisoned or sent to Siberian slave-labor camps . . .

We then go to their aid. To be sure, we join all who declare that war itself is no creator of lasting peace; that today's nuclear weapons are all that is needed to prophesy that another war is like committing world-suicide. Russia knows this, too.

Directly, Russia has not gone to war since the end of World War II, yet has extended her power over additional hundreds of millions of people; that she will continue to do so unless stopped by freedom-loving nations is a foregone conclusion.

THIS NEWSPAPER does not suggest that either the United States or the United Nations deliberately provoke Russia to trigger a war. We do argue, though, that the U.S. and the U.N. courageously and manfully stand up to the Kremlin and, in words that Russia's leaders can understand, mean it when declaring: "So far, Russia . . . so far, no further!"

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NATURE NOW  
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## Man's Concepts Are Ever-Changing

Early man crouching in a dim-lit cave worshipped the sun, that object which was most beneficent in his world. Then as the centuries passed, the sun became a source of darkness and fear forever linked in his mind.

As the autumn days drew shorter and shorter, he prayed for the return of light. Each year with the coming of the winter solstice his prayers were answered. The days lengthened imperceptibly and his life took on new hope and promise. It was the beginning of another year.

Now looking back through the long corridors of time we measure man's slow progress toward a deeper understanding of that complex world which is his home. The early Hindus believed that the earth was supported by the backs of four elephants that stood on a huge tortoise floating on a universal ocean. The earliest of Greeks thought that Atlas, the mightiest of men, was made by the angry gods to stand in the middle of the ocean, while supporting the world on his shoulders.

BIT THEN AS NOW, man has constantly changed his ideas of the universe as his knowledge of it increased. He had already reached a comparatively high degree of culture when a Greek scholar looking up at an eclipse of the moon concluded: "The shadow is curved, so the earth that makes it must be round."

In the fourth century BC when Greece had reached the peak of her culture the great Socrates, endeavoring along with every shore picked up a stone containing some fossil shells. Turning it over and over he concluded that life must have had its beginnings in the bowels of the earth.

It was before Charles Darwin published his "Origin of the Species" which defined the card-

inal points to the evolution of life and emphasized the antiquity of its earliest beginnings from the single cell. Now present day paleontologists are piecing together but by far the answer to Socrates' question.

THE 16TH CENTURY had already dawned before Copernicus made his great deduction that the sun and not the earth was the center of the universe. It was caused, not by its apparent movement, but by that of the earth. But with no means of sight beyond the power of his own eyes, he could not prove his theory. It was not until 300 years ago that quite by accident Hans Lippershey, a Holland eye-glass maker, discovered the principle of our modern telescope. Galileo, the greatest scientist of his day, realizing the possibility of such a discovery, made the first telescope from an old iron pipe and two pieces of glass, ground so that one curved out and one in. Now an astronomer on Mt. Palomar can train his giant instrument into outer space to see a distance of two billion light years beyond our small universe.

THE 17TH CENTURY was closing when Isaac Newton in his English garden asked "Why did the apple fall to earth?" His answer, "Because the earth pulled it" recognized the great magnetic force which is gravity.

"And how did the earth come to be in the first place?" At the beginning of the 19th century the French scientist Laplace, and the German philosopher Kant, explained the origin of the earth by advancing a theory called the nebular hypothesis. This was accepted by most scientists for the next 100 years.

Now the search for essential truth about the universe is being conducted in all realms, from the infinitesimally small atom to the inconceivably distant galaxy. Other

## ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

What happens when 100 new families arrive in a medium-sized city like Birmingham?

Well, it means about 322 new people, including 100 children, 67 in elementary school, the other 37 in high school.

This requires 2.2 new grade school rooms, and a bit more than 1 1/2 high school rooms at a cost of about \$120,000.

Four new teachers will have to be hired. These 100 families, therefore, mean about \$30,000 more has to be added to the school district's operating budget.

THE CITY WILL NEED one-half of a new policeman and half of a new fireman. This will up the police and fire department budgets each by \$2600.

All sorts of extra jobs will have to be done—from collection of taxes to garbage collection. So add one to one-and-one-half new city employees at a total of \$1500 to \$6700.

The water department has to pump 30,000 more gallons each day. Traffic will increase by 160 cars and trucks.

Five hundred more new volumes may have to be added to our public library, part of a visiting nurse.

And don't forget a fraction of a cell in the county jail!

One of the quickest ways, say some people, to get a new popular song dropped from the hit parade is to let the tune be used with non-commercial lyrics plugging some product.

Segments of Southfield's population want to have the Dec. 3 charter election voided because 533 people apparently forced to vote on the charter question, but did vote on councilmen.

There have been many reasons advanced as to why. Conspicuously absent from the list this one: maybe some of the 533 DIDN'T want to vote on the charter acceptance, preferring to "leave it up to George". But in the event "George" did decide to adopt the charter, then it would be wise to have expressed a choice on who was to be the councilman from the voter's ward.

This is the season of the year when some people get weaker by the open house.



feel you've been wronged in any one of thousands of ways. That's why we have courts.

Among these thousands of lawsuits, however, are bound to be some that should not be tried because the plaintiff doesn't have a case to start with.

In such cases judges have been given the power to call off trial or put an end to a suit.

OUR SYSTEM requires that one side in a suit make out a case before the judge will hear a trial. There are several "timesavers" which a judge uses now and then when it appears that it is useless to continue a trial on the basis of legal points alone.

One method is for the judge to grant a motion to dismiss. Take an imaginary example where an auto dealer sues John Jones for failing to go through with his contract to buy a jalopy. The court finds out that John is under 21 and cannot be bound until he comes of age.

ANOTHER COMMON shortcut is the directed verdict. A judge may let a trial start, only to find that one side doesn't have enough facts or evidence to make out its case under law.

The judge then may direct the jury to bring in a verdict for the other side whenever it's obvious that the face value of the evidence presented could support no other verdict.

Giving judges the power to "short-circuit" lawsuits allows our busy courts to give more time to those cases which need careful consideration and avoids crowded dockets. It also saves money and, as a taxpayer who shares in the cost of operating our courts, that's of great interest to me, too.

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50 YEARS AGO  
January 1, 1907  
"The family of Albert W. Campbell was sitting around the family hearth New Year's eve when the occasional bell rang and Campbell, their absent son in Alpena, wished them all a Happy New Year. It seemed incredible that he was in his office at Alpena, the voice was so clear and loud. A happy chat was enjoyed by all."

"The women's rest room in the Court House at Pontiac was given to the women of Oakland county on the condition that they would pay the mastron. The women of Birmingham and vicinity for the purpose of raising their share, are to hold a food sale at the library room Saturday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. Every woman in town is earnestly requested to help. If each one will do a little, it will be easily raised."

"Mr. and Mrs. Milo Baker, all the way from Waverly, in the western part of the state, enjoyed a holiday visit with H. J. Myers and his wife . . ."

30 YEARS AGO  
"December 30, 1926  
"Birmingham will have one of the 10 collection stations to be established by the Oakland County department of health for culture taken by school doctors and nurses daily, according to announcement. The culture will be taken to the new Oakland County Contagious Hospital at Pontiac, where they will be analyzed."

"The Samas' Tea Shop has been opened in Birmingham. It is located at 129 1/2 West Maple, in the building recently erected at the Green Pleasant Gift Shop site."

"Nobody has been bashful about expressing his opinion of Michigan weather, now, or any other time, but there are no men in Birmingham who will admit, that the

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