

Ike: 'Military-Industrial Danger'

If President Eisenhower had said nothing else in his farewell address to the nation, his warning against the dangers inherent in a vast military-industrial complex would be enough to make the address memorable. It is all the more significant that this warning was uttered by a man who has devoted the greater part of his life to service in the armed forces.

THESE ARE IMPORTANT matters. In calling attention to them, and to others, on a high plane of concern for the nation's ultimate welfare, President Eisenhower made a noble valedictory. It does not detract from their importance to say that, in underscoring the impact of the "conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry," the President struck a vitally important note.

J.F.K. Alerts Nation To Dangers

President Kennedy made a most revealing remark in his message to Congress on the state of the Union. "No man entering upon this office," he said, "regardless of his party, regardless of his previous service in Washington, could fail to be staggered upon learning—even in this brief 10-day period—the harsh enormity of the trials through which we must pass in the next four years."

These are unique access to the documented picture of developments at home and abroad. He has, therefore, an unparalleled opportunity to assess the situation. This does not explain the striking difference between Mr. Kennedy's state of the Union assessment and that offered not long before by his predecessor. Many factors—partisan zeal, Mr. Eisenhower's natural inclination to place his record in a good light, Mr. Kennedy's apparent eagerness to strike a note of challenge, and so forth—played a part in that difference.

Preserving Our U. S. Wilderness

Were it not for the dedicated efforts of a few organizations and their supporters to preserve our nation's wilderness areas, Americans would have much less out-of-doors beauty and grandeur, as represented by 180 million acres of U.S. National monuments and parks.

That so many people with earnest unselfish motives can not be wrong. "Later I was standing near my home here looking up at the Teton Mountains. A strange feeling came over me. I looked at the tall spruces, towering upward toward the blue sky. I wondered—probably they had stood there for nearly two centuries. Even the aspens reached far above me, and they were resplendent in golden autumn color. And off there arose the mountains, topped with early snow."

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

A famous American newspaper man last week told members of the Michigan Press Association that our country needs more "crossing newspapers... if freedom is to be defended." Right you are "Red" Motley, of Parade magazine... but don't overlook the need for more responsible citizenship, too. After all, citizens are the last defense of freedom, wherever it is threatened.

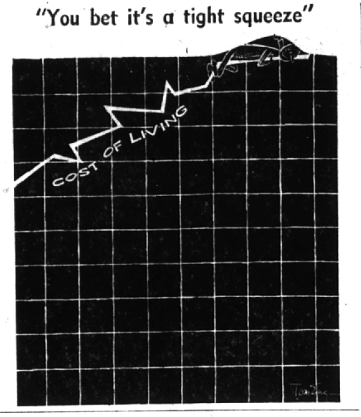
Boy, what an international relief, now that Castro has ceased to maintain "his army" in the role of defenders against U.S. "invasion" of that otherwise lovely Pearl of the Antilles. Any day, it's rumored, somebody is likely to trim Castro's whiskers.

Robert Kennedy, U.S. Attorney-General, is 35 years of age. He has picked his first assistant, age 36. Isn't that paying tribute to age?

The \$20 bill has supplanted the \$10 bill as the No. 1 currency, says the Federal Reserve Board. A good thing, too. Otherwise we'd be without lunch money.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN Says Writer Missed Entire Point of Film

To the Editor: Your Jan. 26 issue contained a letter from Margaret F. Chalk in which she condemned the film "Operation Abolition" as a distortion of the facts concerning student demonstrations in San Francisco last May during the House un-American activities hearings.

Reporter, an extremely liberal periodical. Why does she depend upon a shaky organization called the Bay Area Student Committee for the Abolition of the House un-American Activities Committee?

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 17, 1911. Alice Voerhies Bates Street entertained 14 of her friends Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the birthday of the late Mrs. Bates. The table decorations were pink and white. Place cards were valentines with a ribbon which was attached to a heart-shaped box of candy in the center of the table.

Recognition dinner, two events of high importance to Scouting in Birmingham, were held this week. On Sunday afternoon, Catholic Scouts gathered at Holy Name Church and Protestant Scouts at the First Methodist Church for special religious services.

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One Thing or Another

Michigan's advertising men—most of them live in the Birmingham-Bloomfield areas—will talk for some time to come about their unusual annual Michigan AAAA council meeting last week in Detroit.

COULD BE to what it is: a comic strip, a ho-hum, devoid of imagination and responsibility. Another famous TV personality—Mike Wallace—took over to tear apart Suskind's formal remarks.

SUSKIND, YOU RECALL, has said this many times before. But it was the first time he had spoken to this type of audience. More than 1,100 people packed Ruchman Auditorium in Detroit, with about 150 in WXYZ-TV's studio auditorium watching and listening on a closed circuit.

UNDER WALLACE'S RELENTLESS probing, I am admittedly some of the shows and series he has produced and directed had many similarities of programs he was criticizing.

HERE ARE SOME RECALLS: "This year TV has experienced its most disastrous season. It has been dismal, dreary, stultifying—with only a few notable exceptions."

OTHER PANELISTS on this "Critique on the Spot" program were forced into the background by the personalities and comments of Suskind and Wallace. But these others, too, are to be congratulated on entering the lion's den.

City Beat

His name is Tobias Jue de Castro. His home is in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. He's a private citizen interested in international goodwill—and particularly in the City of Birmingham, Mich., USA.

By KEN WEAVER

Tobias signed his letter, "PAZ E PROSPERIDADE" (Signed in prosperity). TOBIAS IS fond of adages, old sayings and the like.

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WHEREUPON INGRAMHAM swung his chair back and said to the press table:

"That proves we run your paper." He referred to an item in this column the previous week explaining how Ingramham and Benford exploited the business of commission meetings through speedy motions on routine items.

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