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Firm, Responsible Leadership

Dwight Eisenhower intends to be President. He refuses to be merely an administrator, enforcing whatever laws Congress cares to provide. He is taking command of his party to make it the responsible instrument of the public purpose to achieve certain well-defined goals.

Mr. Eisenhower made this quietly plain before entering on three days of consultations with Republican congressional leaders on a program for the new session. Seeking congressional advice, he left at the same time no doubt about the areas of compromise. They are limited to "details," do not extend to "principles."

This is because the President considers the final responsibility for his administration rests on Dwight Eisenhower. In 1952 the President received a much more emphatic mandate than did his party. It won only a finger-tip hold on Congress. Mr. Eisenhower is not, however, making this a personal matter; he is emphasizing the platform on which the Republicans took power. He is underscoring party responsibility.

But plainly he regards himself as the party leader, possessing the fullest authority to interpret the platform. Moreover, he makes no bones about his intention to obtain frequent renewals of that authority by laying the case before the public. Very significantly he has announced a radio and television report to the people on January 4, three days before he addresses Congress on the State of the Union.

This is a common-sense position. Indeed, if the two-party system is going to be genuinely effective it is an indispensable position. Every student of political science, every thoughtful practical politician knows that the two-party system exists because of the need to establish responsibility and give voters a clear choice between parties and platforms.

They know, too, that presidential leadership is required to give coherence and direction to party action. Both parties as now existing are combinations of diverse elements. No congressman can match the political authority of the presidency, speaking as the one representative of all the people.

This power of the Chief Executive can be abused—as can any powers of government. But there are many checks upon it, and at the moment—with the nation engaged in a cold war abroad and beset by confusions at home—there is more danger from weakness than from strength in the presidency.

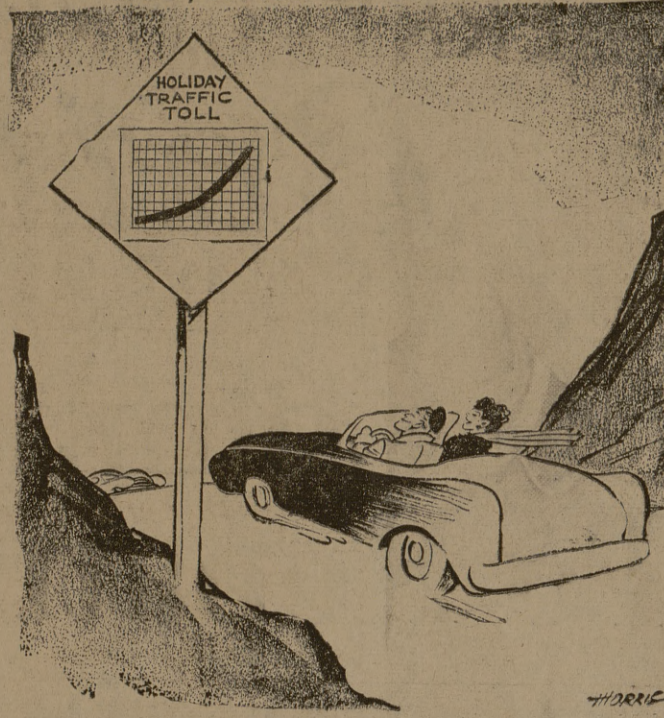
One manifest check upon Mr. Eisenhower is the opposition within his own party. He is seeking to act first of all as a party chieftain. The machinery of the system requires that, and he has therefore called only the leaders of the Republican Party into consultation. His first task is to gain as much understanding and acceptance as possible for his program in his own party. But even in the field of domestic legislation he cannot count on complete support from Republicans.

This places him in a doubly difficult role of leadership. After he has found the largest common denominator of agreement with the Republican ranks for a program which in essentials fulfills the promises made in the election, he must strive to enlist Democratic aid to provide the needed majority. This is no simple operation. Democratic partisanship has been hardened by some Republican efforts to identify Democrats with Communists. But on the fundamentals of much of the President's program—particularly on foreign affairs and trade—a majority of Democrats can oppose only by denying their own records and convictions.

The strength of the President's position is that by every visible sign the people want leadership—firm, responsible leadership. And in the direction he is taking.

—(Christian Science Monitor)

SLOW, DANGEROUS CURVE AHEAD



Ideas For Saving Small Dog Offered

CARLSBAD, N.M.—(AP)—Battered by a multitude of suggestions, Fire Chief Ira Stockwell today took his turn at trying to rescue a 2-month-old pup from the bottom of a dry water well.

Ideas by the dozens were offered by newspaper readers and radio listeners.

It all began nine days ago when 6-year-old Teresa Curtis pushed two pups into a hole in her back yard. It's about 10 inches wide at the top and 38 feet deep.

Her cousins, Dan Hardin, 15, and Poe Hardin, 12, rescued one of the pups. They lowered a burlap sack and the pup walked into it. But the other little mongrel shied off.

The Hardin boys have been keeping the trapped pup alive by lowering bowls of milk and cereal.

Yesterday a couple of Boy Scouts tried unsuccessfully to drop

a rope loop over the pup and haul him to safety.

New Mexico newspaper and wire service offices were besieged with suggestions for rescue. One of the plans came from a woman who said:

"Send the other puppy down in a basket. The trapped puppy may be so glad to see him he'll climb in the basket too."

A fisherman: "Drop a piece of net the size of the bottom of the hole to the bottom with ropes tied to the four corners. When he reaches for his piece of meat in the center, jerk him out like a catfish."

America's merchant fleets began to decline after 1840 when steam engines and iron ships in which the English held advantages began to be used extensively.

FAMILY FAVORITES

By Mrs. G. W. Adriance

(Ed. Note: Mr. and Mrs. Adriance are out of town this week and we are unable to get any personal comments on her favorite recipes especially the favorites of her husband, Guy. However, it is known that Mrs. Adriance is well known for her gourmet dishes.)

Shrimp Bisque

5 Oz. can Shrimp
2 cans condense Cream of Celery Soup
Add shrimp after mixing other ingredients.
Serve with Cheese Loaf:

Trim off crusts from side and ends of a 1 pound loaf of unsliced white bread, then slice, cutting almost thru to bottom. Combine 1/4 pound grated American cheese with:

4 tablespoons margarine or butter
1/2 tablespoon minced onion
1 tablespoon Lee and Perrin sauce
1/4 tablespoon Celery seed

Spread mixture between bread slices. Brush sides and top of loaf with melted butter. Bake in 350 degree oven for 20 minutes.

Spiced Tea

1 quart boiling water
2 tablespoons tea
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 stick cinnamon
6 whole cloves
Juice of 5 oranges
Juice of three lemons

Add sugar and spice to 2 cups hot water, boil 5 minutes. Heat bit do not boil, juice of 5 oranges and 3 lemons. Mix all. Garnish with lemon.

Lacy Rolls

1/2 cup molasses (Brex Rabbit)
1/2 cup shortening (butter)
1 tablespoon Ginger
1 cup sifted flour (or plain flour)
1/2 tablespoon salt
1/2 cup granulated sugar

Heat molasses to boiling point. Add butter and stir well. Mix and sift the dry ingredients and slowly add to first mixture, stirring constantly. Drop 1/2 tablespoon at a time about 3 or 4 inches apart on Crisco greased baking sheet.

Bake in moderate oven (350°) until snaps are golden brown (8 to 10 minutes). Allow to cool slightly, remove and wrap quickly around handle of wooden spoon into a roll, remove. Makes 5 dozen rolls.

White Fruit Cake

1 cup butter
2 cups sugar
8 egg whites
1/2 cup cider
1 grated cocoanut
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon lemon extract
4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 lb. citron
1/2 lb. candied cherries
1 1/2 lbs. candied pineapple
1 quart pecans

Cream butter and sugar and add eggs one at a time. Add cider, cocoanut, vanilla and extract. Last may be added the fruits. Use extra flour for dredging the fruits.

Bake very slowly in pan lined with greased brown paper. Bake with pan of plain water in top shelf to add moisture. Cake will be improved by keeping in airtight tin several days.

Retirement Study Shows

Substitute for Work Needed

CHICAGO—(AP)—If you would be happier after you retire from your job you had better try to find a substitute for work. Watching TV or following an isolating hobby will not do the trick.

This is one of the preliminary conclusions reached by sociologists at the University of Chicago who have a three-year study under way in six Florida communities.

First reports on the study appear today in the American Journal of Sociology in an issue devoted entirely to the subject of growing older.

L. C. Michelson, assistant professor of industrial relations, says there is a difference between the leisure of the job holder merely pausing between work activities and the full-time activity of retirement.

"Leisure of the individual busy at work is welcome," said Michelson, "because there is the knowledge that there will be a return to the vital business of work. With retirement, the individual must live for himself, rather than worrying about a job or what other people require of him."

"Looking at television, taking a ride in the country and engaging in hobbies are called leisure for the person engaged in work, but actually they are only a "pause between activities."

He added that hobbies a man undertakes in isolation are satisfying during his working life because it is good to escape the hustle and bustle of daily living.

In retirement, however, isolating hobbies are not so satisfying, he

said, since the new leisure should force a person into activities with others.

Luxembourg Head Dies of Stroke After Breaking Leg

LUXEMBOURG, Luxembourg—(AP)—The long-time Prime Minister of NATO's smallest member, Pierre Dupong of Luxembourg, died today after a stroke. He was 68.

The veteran politician, Prime Minister since 1937 and a member of his nation's Parliament since 1915, was hospitalized last Friday after breaking his leg in a fall.

During World War II, he traveled widely in the United States and organized a provisional government-in-exile in Montreal. Later he shifted his administration to London, where the Grand Duchess Charlotte, ruler of the tiny principality adjacent to France, Belgium and Germany, had taken refuge from the Nazi occupation of her land.

The skeleton framework for modern skyscrapers was perfected in Chicago around 1885.

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