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## News and Views From Washington

Washington, April 1.—American taxpayers who financed more than 6 billion dollars in foreign aid operations in 1953 in addition to piling up an unexpended balance of 13 billion on Jan. 1 for Harold E. Stassen's foreign operations administration to spend abroad, may find April Fools Day a most appropriate time to be let in on one of Mr. Stassen's secrets. It has to do with what he appropriately named "Operation Reindeer." It cost United States citizens about \$15,000,000, including \$25 a day and expenses for each member of four husband and wife teams to make a month long deluxe junket to 17 foreign countries. They were hired as "consultants" according to an official spokesman to "take the temperature reading" on the effectiveness of the giveaway project.

Rep. Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina revealed what he termed to be a deliberate and willful misappropriation and illegal and unauthorized use of the money in a speech to the House giving details of the distribution by foreign operations administration of 5 million packages of surplus commodities abroad last December. Rep. Cooley cited the law requiring proper notification of Congressional committee of such projects and said "Operation Reindeer was apparently shrouded in great secrecy." All records pertaining to it, he asserted were marked "critical" classified or secret. He has requested an opinion from the Comptroller General on the legality of the expenditure and is demanding that Congress receive a complete report from Stassen including justification under the law which requires such use of funds must be important to the security of the United States.

This is just another case of the reckless foreign aid spending that has piled higher the nation's tax load. It is a reason too why the Congress took action to terminate the economic aid part of the mutual security program July 1, a mandate which Administrator Stassen appears to believe he can disregard. The growing army of unemployed, especially in the lead and zinc mining areas and in the drought ravaged country, would welcome an Operation Reindeer right here at home.

## Wind Erosion Control Lags

Despite desperate need for adequate help in control of severe wind erosion damage in at least eight New Mexico counties, action taken thus far by the department of agriculture and the state falls far short, according to reports I have been receiving daily from the stricken areas.

The 20 cents an acre loan offer by the state is entirely inadequate the land owners say. The state has not applied for any of the funds, which have been made available by the emergency drought relief committee of the department of agriculture. Use of that money would permit

## ANNOUNCEMENT!

We regret to advise our subscribers and advertisers that effective April 2, 1954, the Penasco Valley News will discontinue publication. The equipment may be moved away or the News may be published under different management.

The present editor has been in the newspaper business since he was 14 years old, starting in as "devil" at the office of the Faribault Republican, published at Faribault, Minnesota.

From that time on, he has been connected with the newspaper business continuously, except for time out to prove up on a government homestead. He will be 73 years old in a few months and has come to the conclusion that it is about time to step down and let some one else, a younger man preferably, to take over.

We are still going to make Hope our home and help make Hope a bigger and better place in which to live. With the water system being under construction, the Hope Retard Dam about cleaned out and the black topping of Highway 83 to begin in a few days, we feel sure that Hope has brighter days ahead.

We want to thank our advertisers and subscribers for their support during the past 17 years and a special vote of thanks is given to the men and women employed at the Advocate office. Without their help we would have been forced to discontinue business years ago. Therefore to cut this short all we will say is, "We'll be seein' ya."

W. E. ROOD.

large enough loans being made to do the necessary work.

I have requested Secretary Benson to take immediate steps to do every thing possible to get this relief money into the hands of the land owners before it is too late. The program now appears to be bogged down in a mass of red tape at both the federal and state levels. Under the authority given the executive branch of the government by the Congress to act in such disasters there is no justification for failure to proceed with relief measures immediately without regard to state participation. The dust bowl that is rapidly building up recognizes no state lines.



Some of them big men in Washington should kick the seat of that man McCarthy's britches so fast he would think he was patting for him to dance. He wants everything investigated but McCarthy. And who is going to investigate the investigator?

Now the way I get it there is about twenty thousand active communists in the whole US. That is about one in a thousand. Now if 999 good old

reliable American people can't watch some lousy rat we had better go into a hole and pull the hole in after us.

Go on Mac do you re-investigating. Never mind the boys over seas that want to come home. Don't mention Indochina that will not get your name in the headlines or your mug on TV. You might be a great leader but I shore don't want to follow you.

The senate sub something did one thing in the Chaves Hurley squabble. It learned we of New Mexico several things. We don't know how to vote. We don't know where to vote and we don't know who to vote for. So what is the use of having an election? These political minded birds that is trying to get a place on the ticket and playing hard for position now is behind the eight ball and no way to get a straight shot. It looks like they are wasting time and money but poor things they can live in hopes even if they die in despair.

My no account vote is for sale but not bid under fifty cent cash in advance will be accepted for each vote and I don't guarantee you nothing like buying a bull range deliver if you don't catch him that is your own hard luck.

## Neighborhood News

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lewis from Virginia arrived in New Mexico Monday night to visit their son, Talbot Lewis. On their return trip they expect to visit the Caverns, the Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, Salt Lake City and other important points. Might

add that Mr. Lewis is in the oyster business on the Potomac River.

We are certainly glad to announce that a rock crusher pulled in on location on Eagle Creek. This evidently means that blacktopping Highway 33 will soon begin. Once they get started, it shouldn't take too long.

Talbot Lewis arrived in Hope about a month ago to take over the Penasco Valley News. He took a trip to Hagerman and has been up there the past week preparing to start a weekly there, the first issue to be out May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hibbard and family were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Hibbard in Roswell.

Mrs. Elva Hogsett was installed Tuesday evening in Artesia as worthy high priestess in Artesia White Shrine. She was honored by the presence of her near relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Reeves from Lower Penasco, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reeves from Dungen, Mr. and Mrs. George Teel and Mrs. Lincoln Cox of Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reeves of Roswell and her husband, Cy Hogsett and son Charles.

Clarence Scharbauer is having a mile and a half of pipe line laid from the north well to the YO crossing. The SCS is doing the work with their heavy equipment.

George O. Teel attended a school board meeting in Artesia last Tuesday night. The meeting was for the purpose of canvassing votes for the bond election and for the setting up of the budget for the coming term.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Madron and daughter were guests for the day Tuesday at the Rex Seely ranch in the Guadalupe mountains.

Joe Clements who has been under the care of a doctor in Roswell for several weeks returned last Monday to his ranch on the Penasco west of Hope.

Wilma Jo Young spent the past week at her home in Hope.

Gray Hibbard suffered a minor head injury last Tuesday while playing iati school. He was taken home to the Scharbauer ranch to recuperate.

Jeri Lyn Carson was taken to the doctor last week to receive treatment for a sprain and burst blood vessel in his ankle sustained at school.

Mrs. D. W. Carton returned last week from Fort Worth. She reports her mother, Mrs. Jim Bragg, is improving following an operation.

Mrs. Enoree Parks was hostess last Thursday at an all day sewing bee at her ranch home near Hope. A delicious luncheon was served at noon and the afternoon was spent in conversation and sewing. The guests included Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. Glenn Booker, Mrs. Due Dunn, Mrs. Hollis Watson, Mrs. Grady Booker, Mrs. Dave Bunting and Miss Lockie Trigg, all of Artesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Weindorf were called to Minnesota last week by the death of Mrs. Weindorf's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bunting spent last week end in Albuquerque visiting their daughter, Miss Puzzy Bunting.

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### Legal Notice

**OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE REGULAR TOWN ELECTION IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF HOPE, EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES AND CLERKS OF ELECTION.**

Notice is hereby given that the regular biennial election for the purpose of electing a Mayor at large for the Town of Hope, Eddy County, State of New Mexico, to serve for a term of two years and for the purpose of electing two board members for a period of four years and one member for a period of two years. And to elect a police judge for the said Town of Hope, Eddy County, New Mexico, to serve for a term of two years, is hereby called and will be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 1954, as required by law.

Any person who at the time of this election would be a qualified elector under the laws of this state for county offices and shall have actually resided in the Town of Hope for 30 days next preceding the election date and who shall be registered at such election, shall be deemed a qualified voter.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been appointed by the Town Board of Hope, Eddy County, New Mexico, to serve as judges and clerks to conduct the regular biennial election at the hereinafter named place which is hereby designated as the voting place where said election will be held as required by law.

#### ELECTION OFFICIALS:

Lawrence Blakeney and M. C. Newsom, judges.

Mrs. Elmer Madron and Mrs. Irvin Miller, clerks.

All persons who are desirous of having their names on the ballot, either for Mayor or Board Members or for Police Judge should file their names with the Town Clerk on or before Friday, April 2, 1954.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the voting place will be open from 9:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M., on Tuesday, April 6, 1954. The Altman Cafe at Hope, is hereby designated as the place where said election is to be

held.

THEREFORE, I, ETHEL ALTMAN, Mayor of the Town of Hope, Eddy County, New Mexico, under and by virtue of the powers invested by me, do hereby issue the official call for the regular biennial election. (SEAL) ETHEL ALTMAN, Mayor  
Ada Belle Trimble, Town Clerk.  
Publish March 19 and 26, 1954.

### Pure Gold!

If you're looking for 'pure gold,' not just a crude nugget, the Artesia public library is the place to go. That is, if you haven't seen their new acquisition that is now on display. It's an issue of the Ulster County Gazette of Jan. 4, 1800, given by the assistant librarian, Mrs. Meryl Story.

What gives this issue such particular importance is that it was published a few days after the death of George Washington and much of it is taken up with a eulogy to him. It gives one of the most stirring and dramatic accounts of his death and burial that I have ever yread. "A multitude of persons assembled from many miles around at Mt. Vernon, the choice abode and last residence of the illustrious chief. There were the groves—the spacious avenue, the beautiful and sublime scenes, the noble mansion—but, alas! the august inhabitant was now no more, that great soul was gone."

Not only will you find the Washington material interesting, but you will be equally as interested in the colorful account of the Battle of Zurich and an account of Napoleon defeating the Austro-Russians on the Rhine.

And you mustn't miss reading the advertisements. Such things as "Ashes Bought at This Store." Mrs. Story explained to me that ashes were used to make lye and that lye was used to make soap. Then, there is a For Sale: 'A Neat, Elegant, Well Finished Pleasure Sled.'

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## LOOKING AHEAD

BY GEORGE S. BENSON  
President—Harding College  
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### The Battle for Distribution

We are witnessing a healthy change in the American economy. We are shifting from a seller's to a buyer's market. In other words the consumer who in normal times is King in the American free market, is returning to his old power and glory. This is all to the good. A neighbor of mine dropped the hint that he might consider trading in his two year old auto mobile. That evening a local car dealer telephoned. And the next day four salesmen from four different companies, drove gleaming new 1954 models into his driveway and made enticing propositions. He bought a car and he told me that he'd made the best trade-in deal he'd made on a car in 12 years.

The situation today, as our country cuts down on its war production and builds up its peacetime production, is a challenge to American enterprisers. Contrary to the propaganda moanings of the advocates of the big government, I predict that the American enterprisers will win this "battle for distribution." They've had tougher battles and they have won them.

### Winning Production Battles

In 1941, when America was suddenly thrust into war, President Roosevelt called for war production quotas which everybody thought impossible to achieve. Nevertheless, American enterprisers set to work building planes, ships, tanks and guns and new factories to produce still more armaments. They far exceeded the quotas. In fact they outproduced all the rest of the world in armaments and this achievement won World War II.

Then came 1945 and the war's end and the necessity to reconvert from military production to the production of civilian goods. It was imperative that this be done without creating serious unemployment. The propaganda of the Big Government advocates said it couldn't be done, that government would have to retain fairly rigid controls over everything. They were wrong. The private enterprise system achieved new records of peace time production, employment rose to new peacetime highs, and there was virtually no unemployment. **Other Battles Won**

Next came June 1950 and the Korean war. The government called for vast new armament production and the economy shifted once more to one predominantly influenced by war. The government would have to retain fairly rigid controls over everything. They were wrong. The private enterprise system achieved new records of peace time production, employment rose to new peacetime highs, and there was virtually no unemployment. **Other Battles Won**

With the Korean war ended, we now hear the complainers saying that production is going to be overdone, that the markets will become glutted, that unemployment will result, and that we will have another depression. It is my conviction that the private enterprisers will also win the battle for distribution and consumption. America's needs are expanding swiftly. More than 11,000 new babies are born everyday—a record! An estimated \$275-billion in individual sav-

ings is waiting to be enticed by a re-awakening salesmanship and private competition.

### Promising Future

The American industry produces the right things in the right quantities, it will be impossible to overproduce. Moreover, there is much that private enterprise can do to expand our foreign trade. If government gives the right kind of encouragement—vitalizing the inherent incentives in our American system—there will be a great peacetime production, adequate distribution, and adequate consumption. Our standard of living will go up four or five per cent a year for the next 25 years, thus improving 100 per cent in a generation.

No government owned and operated economy can be sufficiently dynamic to win such a strategic battle as the one now facing us. No government owned economy, anywhere on earth, ever won such production battles as our American private enterprise economy has won. The hope of winning this battle is wrapped up with the hope of retaining the essential factors of our way of life—faith in God, constitutional government and a private enterprise economy. The three are in one package. Together they are the American way of life.

## Today's Meditation

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord, look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Isaiah 51:1. Read II Peter 3:13-18.

After a visit to ancient Athens, I was traveling through the Suez canal with a Greek officer. He had spent some time in the United States. He asked, "What are you doing with your heritage?"

Somehow it brought me back to the ruins of Athens and its ancient grandeur. For a moment I wanted to reply with a similiar question to him.

My heritage is a spiritual heritage. Am I conscious of the people and the forces that have made my nation and my church possible? God-loving men and women faithful to Him have passed it on to me. Just what am I doing with it?

In a critical period, Isaiah reminded the people of Israel of their heritage. We need to remember God's help and His blessings to us. For mankind's to keep his spiritual heritage, man's dependence must be upon God and His enduring peace rather than upon the things of the world, for they will pass into ruin in God's good time.

### PRAYER

Eternal God, help me to put my trust and faith in Thee. Forgive me where I have wasted my heritage. Help me to remember that the way of the world shall pass, and that the ultimate need is for the God-like way. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"O God, Thy sea is so great, and my boat is so small."

## "Around Here"

Welders from the Hall Sheet Metal Co. at Carlsbad arrived in Hope Wednesday to complete the steel water tank. Work on this has been held up by wind and dust.

"PATHWAY TO MURDER" . . . From her death cell in San Quentin, Barbara Graham, convicted murderer, tells in her own words, the story of her life that led her through the alleys and backways of society to the end of the line—the gas chamber.

## LOOK!

I have still got that 15,000 acres of good grazing country. 11,000 acres carries all mineral rights. \$5.25 an acre. Land is worth that much if it is just to hold the county together. Somebody better grab this. Good terms.

For more information, write

Doughbelly Price, Taos, New Mexico.

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## Many Farmhouses Old and Inefficient

A great many farmhouses in the United States are more than 50 years old and lack most of the conveniences that are considered minimum needs in town. Yet, in many ways, farms tend themselves to modern, comfortable houses very readily.

For example, many farm homes are tall and narrow enough to crowd onto a 50-foot lot. Yet, space is seldom a restriction on farmsteads. Usually, there is plenty of room to spread out. Electricity on the farm has brought with it forced central heating systems that permit adequate heating of low one-story houses.

The front door often opens toward the public road and is seldom used by either the family or visitors. Porches may cover all sides of the house, but only the one at the back door serves any useful purpose. Storage space, too, is frequently at a premium in present farm houses although the average farm family can never get enough storage space.

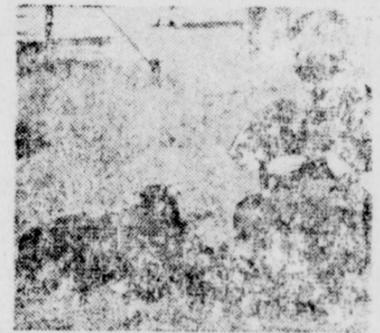
These undesirable characteristics should be taken into account when a new farm home or remodeling job is being planned. The most important point, however, is to plan well ahead of the actual construction date to avoid expensive mistakes.

### Bale Grass Silage

Where a field chopper is not available for handling grass and legume silage, a pickup baler may be used without twine. The untied bales, "plugs," are easier to handle than tangled forage.

There is not too much to report and preparations for war. This time the government asked private enterprisers about that water system. C. C. Westerman, the contractor, is busy digging ditches and laying the pipe. When that is completed the next step will be the installation of meters. The construction of the pump house should begin next week. The Hall Sheet Metal Co. from Carlsbad, is just waiting for a quiet day in which to put on the top on the galvanized iron water tank. Then it will be painted inside and out and will be ready to hold water. We might have water by May 1 or by May 15 for sure. The 2000 gallon pressure tank, the booster pumps, chlorinator are all here waiting to be installed and connected with the power line.

## Baby Swine Beauties



Pigtailed Shirley Couch 3, of Trenton, N.J., proudly shows off her Poland China piglets which she entered in the baby swine beauty contest at the New Jersey state fair in Trenton in September. This oldest fair in the country and the largest in the East marked its 237th birthday this year. The piglets, incidentally, were only nine hours old when this picture was taken.

## Rural Fire Losses Can Be Cut Down

More than \$100,000,000 worth of rural property will be destroyed by fire in 1952-'53 unless building practices change radically.

The Fire Council of America warns in a recent report that the 1951 loss of \$122,000,000 worth of farm buildings and equipment probably will be repeated unless greater attention is paid to construction of dwellings in areas where organized fire-fighting apparatus is not available. It is estimated that at least half the farm fires could be easily prevented through safeguarded construction, and that dwelling fires will be most common in the winter season coming up.

Here are recommendations from leading fire-prevention authorities for protecting rural property against flame:

1. Be sure there is a clear space of 150 feet between major structures. If one catches fire, such as a hay barn from spontaneous combustion, other buildings will be less endangered if flame cannot spread.

2. Fireproof surfaces such as clay tile should be installed in as many parts of the home as possible, including kitchen, basement, garage and bathroom.

3. Take prevailing winds into account. Plan the layout of buildings against the wind, so that fire from one structure will not be carried to the next.

4. Don't have a firetrap fireplace. It should be constructed of fireproof materials, such as clay tile, with the outside chimney of brick or masonry.