

# Looking at WASHINGTON

President Dwight D. Eisenhower is determined to keep the United States out of bigger and more costly wars in the Far East. The Chief Executive is bucking opposition, even within his own party, in following a policy which will lessen our chance of more fighting in Asia.

This policy was made apparent when the President recently announced two United States divisions would be withdrawn from Korea. The announcement came at a time when Communist fighting strength was reportedly being built up in North Korea.

It also came in time to provide South Korean President Syngman Rhee with a clear warning of what might happen if he attempts to renew the war in South Korea on his own. Rhee himself has said he will wait ninety days after the peace conference before marching northward again.

Prospects for a successful peace conference are fast receding and it may be that none will ever be completed. That would leave

troops and Russian advisers are with this advantage on our side to be in charge of this work.

These reports lend urgency to the proposal that the United States conclude a military pact with Pakistan even in the face of obvious strong Indian opposition. India, still refusing to recognize the imminence of the Communist threat, prefers to face the dangers from Communism than those which might spring up out of a United States-equipped Pakistani army.

Recent gains in Indo-China have given the Communists new encouragement in Southeast Asia, but some observers believe the threat to Central Asia is an even more serious one than that in the Southeast. If the Reds can win over Pakistan, at least the eastern states then the threat to India would quickly assume major proportions. Once India is lost, the rest of Asia will be in mortal peril.

Facing all these problems, Ike is trying to lessen chances that United States forces will again be tied up—in large numbers—in Korea. A pact with Pakistan becomes more probable. And a cooling relationship with India, which would be most regrettable, may result, as an inevitable consequence.

Business prognosticators are now differing on chances for a business upturn—after the recession tapers off. The downturn might not be much of a downturn at all if some of the experts prove correct.

Some of the economists are now looking for a mild business pickup in the last half of 1954. They think the first six months of the new year will be a continuation of the tightening up trend. Practically all of the economists, though, see a good business year ahead in 1954, but not as lucrative as that just enjoyed in the record-profit year of 1953.

The more pessimistic experts say an upturn will not arrive in 1954, but the Eisenhower Administration is inclined to disagree with these forecasters and join with those who see a good year in 1954 and no serious recession. To reinforce their views these officials know the President has elaborate plans to counter any general downturn in business. The Republicans in power, they say, will not let a serious business drop occur.

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## District Attorney Jobs Go Begging After New Federal Ruling

By STANLEY JAMES (Torrance Herald Washington Correspondent)

Washington.—The Eisenhower administration is having difficulty filling the places of several United States district attorneys with Republicans—chiefly because of the new Justice Department rule that, after January first, no district attorney can engage in outside law practice.

The new rule, which was first proposed in the belated "clean-up" of the Department in the last days of the Truman administration, is intended to assure that the district attorneys devote their full attention to their work for the government. In theory, it is fine. But in practice, it is not working out so well.

The trouble is that it is difficult to find able, experienced lawyers who are willing to work for the district attorney's salary, which in many cases is not more than ten thousand dollars a year. While ten thousand

seems like big money to the ordinary workers, it seems small to big-time lawyers who sometimes make more than that on a single case. For example, a ten per cent fee for settling a \$100,000 estate case would net a lawyer \$10,000.

So, one by one, various Democratic district attorneys are quitting as of the first of the year leaving the places open for the Republicans to fill. But the vacancies are not all being filled rapidly. The Justice Department is screening applicants carefully, and especially trying to find those with plenty of courtroom experience.

As one assistant to Attorney General Herbert Brownell informed this correspondent, "We want prosecuting attorneys, not book lawyers. We want men of experience, not political appointees."

A Democratic Senator, asking not to be quoted by name, predicted that the Republicans will first fill the offices, and later lift the ban on outside practice.

The ban could be lifted by an order without Act of Congress.

WASHINGTON—Dr. Orin R. Yost, prominent writer and psychiatrist, says mental health in the United States will be properly treated only when the ordinary citizen realizes some of the symptoms and causes of this number one health problem.

In a new book, "What You Should Know About Mental Illness," Dr. Yost attempts to explain in simple language some of the known principles that govern our behavior in everyday life. It is written for the layman.

One of the chapters deals with the true parts of the mind, namely the conscious, unconscious and conscience. If you step out of your house into bright sunshine, and a beautiful day, your thoughts about the weather are the normal conscious working of the mind.

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