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HOOVER

For the friends of Herbert Hoover, for all Americans -- for humanitarians everywhere -- a simple statement suffices. "The Chief" -- is dead. It's hard to accept -- even though we all knew it was coming -- even though we knew that for a man of ninety -- this last attack would almost certainly be fatal.

How courageously -- Mr. Hoover struggled with his ailment! He began to sink on Saturday -- but kept up the good fight until today. Then he dropped off - into a coma. And the end came -- peacefully, quietly. A dignified departure -- for one of the most dignified men of our time.

What shall I say about our former President -- whom I knew so well? I have talked about him so often. Perhaps his wit and wisdom are the qualities -- that strike one at this moment -- and the way he made friends, close friends. He was always cheerful -- never

acromonious. He loved sports -- as his book on fishing shows. He loved children -- and hundreds of schools are named after him.

Of course, one of the most important things about Herbert Hoover -- was that the American people elected him to our contry's highest office. President -- of the United States. The years from Nineteen Twenty-Nine until Nineteen Thirty-Two -- were years of greatness and tragedy. Mr. Hoover shouldered some of the blame for the depression -- without flinching. But historians now point out - that the real cause lay abroad. The disturbed condition of Europe -- inevitably affecting the United States.

One thing -- is clear. Herbert Hoover outlived all the criticism -- to which he was subjected. The old animositites vanished -- and he became one of the best-loved men in America -- in the world. He returned to government service -- at the request of Presidents

Truman and Eisenhower. Advising the White House on such things as streamlining the administration -- and feeding the population of the underdeveloped countries.

That last item is one that will always be connected with his memory. The bulletin from the Waldorf Towers in New York -- puts it like this. "He fed more people, and saved more lives -- than any other man in history."

The reference is, of course -- to his labors in Europe after World War One. Especially in Belgium, which has never forgotten - the great American humanitarian, Herbert Hoover. I have often been asked, who was the greatest man I ever knew? The answer is easy -- for all around greatness -- few greater men ever lived.

REACTION

President Johnson is leading all Americans - in paying tribute to our former President. Mr. Johnson, terming Mr. Hoover - "a humanitarian citizen of all mankind," And ordering national honors - at the funeral. With all government buildings, to fly the flag at half staff - for thirty days.

Former President Truman speaks of his predecessor in the White House as - "a devoted public servant." Former President Eisenhower uses the expression - "a friend of humanity."

Eulogies from three men who followed Mr. Hoover - into the Presidency. Lyndon Johnson, Harry Truman - and Dwight Eisenhower.

Tonight, messages are pouring in from private citizens - right around the globe. Expressions of sympathy and sorrow - from ordinary individuals who mourn the passing of Herbert Hoover.

SOUTH VIET NAM

A bizarre report from Saigon - ties together two problems of Southeast Asia. The problem of - Chinese immigration. And - Communist infiltration. Either of which - is bad enough by itself. Together - they can be devastating.

Here's - the story. A factory working for the Red guerrillas has just been discovered - in Saigon's Chinatown. A group of Chinese, working ~~at the behest of~~ ^{for} Peking, turning out a product to be transported into the jungle - and handed over to the rebels. The product? Battle dress - with camouflage.

You can see how this factory - simplified the logistics of the North Viet Nam regime. The infiltrators who crossed the border - didn't have to carry all of their equipment with them. They counted on finding it - deep inside South Viet Nam. The enemies of Saigon - supplied from Saigon.

BRITAIN

The first big problem of Britain's new Labor Government - is Labor. Specifically - the laborers on the docks. The British longshoremen made their demand for higher wages and more fringe benefits - under the Conservatives. They are repeating that demand - in spite of the Socialist victory. Sixty-five thousand of them, threatening to walk off their jobs - on Thursday. Threatening to tie up - the docks.

Which would be distinctly embarrassing for the Laborites - who claim to represent Labor. Especially embarrassing for Harold Wilson - the Socialist Prime Minister.

LEYTE

Today's dispatch from Manila - will jog a lot of memories. Especially among Americans who served in the Pacific during World War Two. And for those of you who were with MacArthur on his return to the Philippines --well, this dispatch must sound like an echo. An echo - from twenty years ago.

Remember - the Battle of Leyte in Nineteen Forty-Four?

MacArthur making good his vow - "I shall return." Sending his men ashore - to begin the recapture of the Philippines from the Japanese.

The Filipinos - remember it. President Macapigal,

leading his nation - in ceremonies commemorating the liberation.

One of the ceremonies, summarized - in that Manila dispatch:—

"U.S. Marines have stormed ashore - on the island of Leyte!"

Repeating the words that went out from MacArthur's headquarters - twenty years ago.

COLLISION

Anyone who knows Alaska will understand what happened - when two tankers collided in Cook Inlet. Small boats are constantly bobbing up and down - on the waters of the Inlet. The flotilla commanded by - the amateur sailors of Alaska. Of whom - there are many thousand.

When one tanker burst into flames - and the S.O.S. went out - the nearest vessels were those along the shore. Their captains - never hesitated. Obeying the law of the sea - they raced out to the scene of the collision. And picked up thirty-eight members of the crew - who had been forced to abandon ship.

— Dick —

A spectacular rescue operation, by the small boat

flotilla - of Alaska's Cook Inlet.

KEANE

The baseball season may be over - but Johnny Keane is still making headlines. Johnny, signing a contract - to manage the Yankees next year. The Yanks - the team he just beat in the World Series. No other manager in the history of baseball has ever switched teams - in this way.

Johnny Keane, leading the Cardinals - to the championship. Quitting Saint Louis - the day after the seventh game. Now, less than a week later - replacing Yogi Berra as top man at Yankee Stadium.

As odd a double play - as you'll ever see.