

'Fellas, It's Going To Be A Landslide!'

Joseph Alsop

The Turning Point

Sky's The Limit For The GOP

THE Republicans now indicate they are shooting the moon on tax reduction. Latest report is that they are ready to drive for a 20 per cent cut in individual income taxes in 1948. They are counting on the positive to bring American taxpayers and the GOP the maximum, putting the Truman Administration deeper into debt and leaving Europe with the minimum.

view that maintenance of taxes at their present high rates, debt reduction, provision for a 40 per cent surplus and contraction of the federal budget are anti-inflationary measures. For their part, the Republicans are advancing the unorthodox theory that tax reduction will check inflation. They think it will cure everything.

Passing The Buck For Control

SEN. A. WILLIS ROBERTSON of Virginia, tells his Senate colleagues that the only real cure for inflation is for the steel companies to reduce the price of steel, let laborers cease agitation for wage increases, and let farmers demand lower prices for their products.

that self-control is a remedy by implying that government cannot cope with "selfishness, greed and group rivalry." As long as "selfishness, greed and group rivalry" prevail, it is clear that the anarchic reliance on the reason and restraint of various individuals and groups within our society will be futile.

A Rich Life In The Faith

FIFTY-THREE years of earnest and devoted service came to an end here this week-n-d with the death of Dr. L. R. Pruetie.

Ninth Avenue Church was formally organized in 1898 with a membership of eighteen. Dr. Pruetie served as pastor until retirement in 1926, at which time the church had a membership of 870.

Nationalized Poetry

JOHN Masfield's lines on Princess Elizabeth's nuptials are not up to the usual Masfield standard.

prestige to the laureate than any support they received from state poetry. That is exactly the reason why the poet of Canada was never a small figure in a poet rarely able to settle what he owed with an ode.



People's Alarm
Blessing In Empty Stocking Fund

WELL, time has slipped by and here we are now again near another Christmas and although several changes have taken place in the past two months, we have much to be thankful for. In many instances and cases we are especially blessed and should be thankful but some times stop and wonder if we are as thankful as we should be.

wish and prayer is that God will bless you each one for your great undertaking, and may you have the most prosperous year this coming year and the year after another year.

Atomic Alarm For U. S.

IN THIS great crisis and national peril, we are doing very, very little that will save us from the disaster that is before us. Our leaders in Washington, both Democrats and Republicans are mortally afraid of the electorate and will do little or no rearming for a year, that is, till after the '48 election, thus giving us a Russian another long year of growth in military strength and further time for placing armies, large in numbers throughout eastern Europe and elsewhere.

Samuel Grafton
Censorship In Blank

THE council of the Authors' League of America points out, with burning clarity, that the recent House bill on censorship is a new kind of censorship. It is censorship not of a man's words, but of the man himself. The entire man is declared unwelcome, from head to tail, and his doing so is reading his works or looking at his movies, or pointing to a single sentence in his writing, is as objectionable, it is censorship in blank, without understanding of work unmade and of future work still unwritten. It is the creation of a specific pattern of unwelcome writers, on political grounds, and without reference to what they have produced.

Quote, Unquote

"Conditions will be looking toward normal again when cars are cheaper than new ones." -Palenville (Ky.) Herald.

Drew Pearson's Parlor Politics Seen In Army Promotions

THE ARMY has strange and mysterious ways of doing things. Witness the promotions of 100 of the top brass to be permanent in the War Department.

There is a kind of tense, unspoken drama in the air of London at the moment. The wranglings of the Foreign Ministers make it daily more apparent that the form of the peace treaty, as the world is about to occur. The papers, bristling with news of the peace talks, daily proclaim the magnitude of the burden the United States would have to shoulder to meet the Soviet challenge alone in the division of the world.

Over America, this is a vital point. The industrial nations, long strength, as she has been losing strength continuously since the end of the war. The Soviet challenge will fall squarely upon us in every corner of the world, from the Baltic to the China Sea. Under the circumstances, it is hardly to be expected that Britain, at last seems to be rounding the postwar corner.

Whether it is not necessary that our republic defend itself against subversion, it certainly is not our business to defend the republic. The action is in the case of a man who makes movies, or in the case of a man who writes books, or in the case of a man who reads his works or looking at his movies, or pointing to a single sentence in his writing, is as objectionable, it is censorship in blank, without understanding of work unmade and of future work still unwritten.

This returns us to the point that nobody has been able to prove subversive content in any Hollywood film. The Authors' League is right in pointing out that a strange business it is to put over an oblique censorship of men without reference to their works. The Council could have gone further and reminded us that the creation of specific patterns of unwelcome men is one of the most unattractive features of a censorship system.

We can and should defend ourselves against totalitarianism by strengthening the use of economic strength, and at home, by preventing the overt act, but not by running about like sheep, waiting to be hit, in our homes and offices, and asking them what they think, or by making hysterical purges in industries selected more or less at random. For that is a decline in order, and order is the skeleton of freedom.

Remember me to the workers and my sincere

Another general on the list is Maj. Gen. Marion S. Eddy, chief publicity expert for the War Department. Eddy is an able officer and has been selected. However, he was not on the permanent list of major general despite the fact that he had an excellent job.

Army Officers' Actions

IN WASHINGTON military officers hush up a job of Army officers. In peacetime, people are usually too busy thinking about other things to safeguard against future mistakes. Can the national possibly reach a point where the Ohio Republican have persisted in pointing up Army faults in peacetime and demanding that something be done about it?

Corn, Oklahoma

THE story of "Corn, Oklahoma," a little town of about 500 people near Route 66, a town so small that no railroad runs through it.