

A New Challenge For The General

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER, the distinguished general who chose to lead a university rather than a nation, reviewed the age-old challenge to democracy in his inaugural address.

He was speaking to the nation as well as to the 19,000 United States citizens who saw him installed as thirteenth president of 195-year-old Columbia University.

For Poets Or For People

April is the cruelest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.

THAT was how Thomas Stearns Eliot started a revolution back in the 'twenties. With those four lines — the first four of a long, misty, winding, magnificent poem called "The Waste Land" — he set a match to a bonfire that had been a building ever since Rimbaud, Verlaine and Baudelaire began writing poetry for themselves and a very few others back in the 19th century.

This was the flowering of personal symbolism; these four lines which don't seem particularly difficult today were a call to arms for a new generation of poets, a generation which didn't feel at all in its right itself "lost," which withdrew from a society which it considered base, brutal and futile. Society would not have missed the poets too much if they had not tacked poetry to their chests.

With Thomas Stearns Eliot, with Ezra Pound, with a dozen other young writers, poetry retired to the salons, to the artist's cafes, to the innermost aesthetic circles of the middle class. The poets were shuttled back and forth in this tight little poets' island; the public was damned.

authoritarian form of government. In each case the dictator took pains to destroy first all of the last vestige of free institutions.

President Eisenhower is striking that only through education — better education in the United States and the world — can we escape either the heavy course of tyrannical regimentation or the collapse of our democratic civilization as a chaotic anarchy.

Dwight Eisenhower would perhaps agree that there will be more vital leaders who promise the moon in ten days to come. They will appear up out of obscurity in time of economic and social distress as they have in centuries past, and they will be difficult to resist.

Former Congressmen Try Again

SIXTY-ONE former members of CONGRESS decided this year that they didn't like being in private life—voluntarily or otherwise—and applied to the voters for their old jobs.

Can They Come Back?

WASHINGTON
The oldest optimist of the lot, in point of service, was 76-year-old Matthew Mansfield Neely (D), who is given a good chance to beat West Virginia's GOP Senator, Chapman Revercomb. Neely was a freshman Congressman in 1911. Since then, he has served ten years in the House and seven years in the Senate, besides four years as Governor.

People's Platform

Devey's Record
CHARLOTTE
I SERVED as a combat infantry soldier in World War I, and I know that the records of my service are clear. May I ask therefore that you publish over my signature and without any other comment the enclosed question from Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round as of today's (Oct. 14) issue of the News as follows:

Drew Pearson's Road Builders Forget All About Taxes

AROUND the Army's Pentagon, largest office building in the world, winds a network of modernistic macadam highways which now become the center of one of the most interesting business communities in the South.

Byrd Goes Into Reverse

WHEN the Arlington airport owners pulled their ears and called on Senator Byrd for help, J. W. Barton, partner in the subsidiary coal company, boasted that Byrd would be satisfied with the \$10 million estimate Barton was called on the carpet by Hardy and Davison.

'Boy, What A Relief From The Campaign!'



Stewart Alsop

Smelting Of Violence

WITH fear, or with relief, or with anticipation, or with angry, or with weary hopefulness, Georgiana are waiting to see what a kind of a Tamalpais regime will be like. He naturally knows what face the next Governor will wear.

His OWN MANAGER
In his own right, of course, the doctor is eminently respectable. His new red brick suburban house has a determined air of respectability.

His ambitions also include the consideration of making the county a better place. He is naturally a man of wide sympathies, and he is naturally a man of wide sympathies.

There's no doubt that his ambitions extend beyond the confines of the state of Georgia. His ambitions explain why he has given Truman a chance in Georgia by failing to embrace the Dixiecrats' cause.

There'll Come A Time

WASHINGTON
SHOULD come as work be shown on television. Some of these days, Congress will have to say so no.

Better Understanding

AND what could equal television in making all Americans conscious of the workings of their government? They could do so simply by looking at a screen on their television sets.

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