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THE LEFT, THE RIGHT, THE CENTER

TWO political developments in the news this week point to more active participation by Labor and Management in the 1950 Presidential election.

Victor Blase, labor columnist, writes that a group has been named by the CIO's Political Action Committee to negotiate a merger with the AFL's Labor League, and thus unite the political activity and influence of these two giant labor organizations.

To fight the CIO-AFL coalition, former Congressman Fred A. Hartley, co-author with Senator Taft of the Taft-Hartley Act, has announced plans for a right-wing political organization. Hartley thinks there are "thousands upon thousands" of people in this country who fear an ever-increasing labor stranglehold upon the national administration. They'll have to start "ringing doorbells," the ex-Congressman said as he resigned a \$20,000-a-year job to take up the new duties.

There are at least three things we don't like about this turn-of-events:

1. It promises to array Labor on one side and Management on the other in lines even harder and faster than those existing today.

2. It gives the great mass of Americans the unhappy choice between Leftism and Rightism across the broad road for everyone concerned may be straight down the middle.

3. Finally, we don't like the casual separation reflected in the two developments that government by pressure group is here to stay. Perhaps it is inevitable that the growing Federal structure, and especially the executive and legislative branches, should be subjected to pressure by selfish blocs. However, we are not going to accept the proposition that they should yield to that pressure. To do so would be to give up our cherished notion that the national welfare ought to be put above that of any pressure group.

So we vote this hope that the merged-and management-minded Fred Hartley will fall at their new endeavors. Perhaps we will be able to construct something better from the shambles.

CASTING STONES

IT'S GENERALLY understood these days that the fellow who goes around casting stones at others ought to have a clear record himself. Else, he's liable to be embarrassed.

Senator McCarthy has thrown a basketful of them, but hasn't been too discriminating in his targets. One reason the Senator hasn't made the impression he hoped to make was the revelation of his somewhat unsavory activities as a Wisconsin Judge before he became Senator. Now we find out that McCarthy was the beneficiary of some of the Federal largesse doled out by the Reconstruction Corporation to the fabulous Lustron Corporation. Lustron, you will recall, borrowed \$51.5 million from the Federal Government to build prefabricated steel houses. The houses didn't click, and Lustron failed.

Yesterday it was revealed that McCarthy had drawn a \$10,000 check from Lustron. It seems he wrote an article on housing for a little promotional booklet Lustron published. Now the transaction may have been legal, but it appears to have been irregular for at least two reasons: (1) McCarthy, so far as we know, is no expert on housing, and (2) \$10,000 is too much

AS OTHERS SES US

HIDDEN RAMSEY, general manager and editor of the Asheville newspapers and an ardent personal supporter of Frank Graham, has been having a little fun on his feet. Speaking in the McDowell County Courthouse this week, he deviated from the Graham line long enough to classify some of the newspapers of the state, this one among them.

"We have The Charlotte News as favorite newspaper," he said, "and I love it. They were for DeWey and now they're for Smith."

Well, it's mighty hard to fend off a man who deals out a compliment with his left hand while he takes a poke at you with his right. Also in Mr. Ramsey's favor is his statement that The News was for DeWey and not Smith. It is true. We were for DeWey as the better of the two candidates. We were for a change. And does anyone maintain anyone after this second round with Light-Hearted Harry, that a change might not have been—er—refreshing?

We are bound to remind Mr. Ramsey. In turn one of our favorite newspaper men, that the election of Frank Graham would be putting the stamp of approval on the Truman Administration and its program. It's not, Ramsey, so independent a Democrat, in his philosophy if not his allegiance, to relish that by-product. So is Willis Smith.

General Manager M. G. Mann. Here is Ramsey's letter after the production of Graham paragraphs are deleted:

"Dear Member and Patron:
I hope that you will read every word in the Special Edition of the News, we hope that you will feel you can do a part in this great FOX enterprise.
Four long paragraphs about Dr. Graham (deleted here).
The News is the original intent of this letter, we are enclosing an application blank and hope that you will feel that you can have credit for the purchase of the printer plant, and the improvement in conditions at our feed mill, thereby making for a newer and a new way for the farmers of the Carolina.
No-hum.

From The Greensboro Daily News

TALKING DOG MENACE

NORTH CAROLINA talking dogs will soon be as famous as Tennessee walking horses, we predict.

The first talking dog in the present series appeared about a year ago at Warren Plains. His name was Muegg, and he could say "water" and "mama."

The latest one is Smoky of Winston-Salem who in a transcribed conversation over WTOP was interviewed by Mayor Kurfess and said "I was named Smoky because of the view of the fact that he didn't locate here the first time. Other dogs, not to mention people, were listening in."

"We know where this might lead!" the dog was cutting. —Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

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today. The General Motors contract showed it can be more profitable for both groups to get together on economic matters. Is there any reason why they could not benefit from general agreement on political matters?

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In the same run of news was a sharp attack on GOP National Chairman Guy Gabrielson by a member of his own party, Senator Capehart. Mr. Capehart had discovered that Gabrielson was head of the C. I. R. of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York when it received \$18.5 million in loans from the RFC to pay half the cost of a synthetic gasoline plant and pipe line at Brownville, Texas.

That money should have come from private financing, said Senator Capehart, adding that "those who preach free enterprise should practice it, no matter whether the name is Smith, Jones or Gabrielson."

We agree. A good case can be made out against Federal meddling in private enterprise, but not by a man whose own corporation has gone begging to the Federal Treasury. And a good case can be made out for honesty, loyalty and patriotism in Federal service, but hardly by a man whose wallet is lined with bank-notes that came originally from Uncle Sam, especially when he did so little to earn them.

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'Shhh! No Fair Asking Questions'



People's Platform

Pro-Peace News 'Killed'

Editors, The News: A STRANGE coincidence it was that The News "killed" pro-peace news on the day its platform contained four correspondents writing "A Holy miracle would be the free press giving pro-peace news a front page streamer." This is told us in effect that such a miracle is not likely to occur.

This unpublished or "killed" news was the report of a group of "sixteen scientists, educators and laymen" headed by Albert Einstein, and which included a "five-point program for total disarmament" adopted by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Albert Einstein, Harold A. Bosley, dean of the Duke University Divinity School; Charles F. Ross Jr., of the Methodist Church's Commission on World Peace; President Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University; Episcopal Bishop William Appleton Lawrence; President Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College, Atlanta; Novelist Louis Bromfield; William J. Miller, B. J. of John Carroll University, Cleveland; Roy James Morgan, editor of the National Education Association Journal.

"Almon F. Myers of New York University; Methodist Bishop Glenn Randall Phillips; Smith College Physicist William T. Scott; Pittman A. Borokin, chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Arts; President Charles J. Turck of MacAlister College; James G. Yall, former president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers; and Physics Professor Robert Wilson of Cornell.

I think any one of the above peace mongers could be reviled by Frank Graham's "What is it like war is inevitable," get at least a three-column headline on Page One of the nation's 1,700 daily newspapers. The News gave a 1949 one three-column headline to "Baseball Fan Comments Out on TV." But not one square inch to these high level peace mongers.

Perhaps some News readers will recall seeing in the People's Platform a few months ago the following quote that Winston Churchill's "What for a Big Three peace party" got cold-shouldered by the "cold war" supporters—mostly "united" titled and titled biggies" were "two-columns," and that The News placed Winman's peace mongering on "page 5-A," or buried it.

It looks like the reactionaries will have to be whipped on the home front before a peace move can be made in the way of success. And so a vote for Sen. Frank Graham is a vote for peace and democracy.

—B. E. EIDSON, LINCOLN TON

A Farmer's View

EDITORS, THE NEWS: THE second primary being called by Willis Smith after he was beaten in the first primary by more than 100,000 votes, I am wondering if he is a quitter? In his campaign speeches he has been talking about economy and stop spending money yet he

has called a runoff and another statewide primary which will cost the taxpayers of North Carolina hundreds and thousands of dollars. He seems to be preaching one thing and practicing another. His actions called by the people the mean of a Democrat. I have heard and read Tom Dewey's speeches and they sound very much like the statements and policies and achievements of the Democratic and New Deal administration, of which our great leader Franklin D. Roosevelt, labored to achieve.

Who is Willis Smith? By this time we should be able to know who he is. A big corporation lawyer, he says he knows who he is. A big corporation lawyer, he says he knows who he is. A big corporation lawyer, he says he knows who he is.

McCarthyism Doing Infinite Harm To National Politics

BY MARCUS CHILDS

WASHINGTON YOU HEAR the question frequently asked in Washington: When will McCarthyism be stopped? The answer is: When Senator Margaret Chase Smith, that champion of the common sense and the common law, is doing infinite harm to the political and moral life of the nation.

It is being asked by politicians up for re-election that it will be used to defeat them while others are hopeful that McCarthyism will be a weapon on their side.

It is being asked, above all, in the State Department, where thousands of hours of effort have gone into refuting the attack with the result that the whole episode has handicapped the work of the State Department.

The idea of a commission of citizens of integrity and stature who would review the whole security policy of the department in relation to the attack was suggested by the White House. Inspired stories disclosed that 10 days ago the idea was rejected.

In persuading the top-ranking dignitaries to take on this inevitably arduous and thankless chore. At least this talk is being actively discouraged.

But in this instance, it is reported, (Ohio) that because of the signing of the Smith bill, the Cincinnati (Ohio) City Council has not accepted a temporary arrangement likely to take him out of Washington for a considerable period. This decision has been made in agreement among those trying to

late-blooming Jackson, I doubt if he is a man who is caught up to those of Autry and Rogers, or even to those of late Mix and Hart, who made their names in Washington. There is a period in the life of most every child when he wishes to be a policeman, a soldier, a major league ballplayer, a scientist, an atomic scientist. But the cowboy stage, I believe, has always dominated the greater portion of Junior's formative years, for the cowboy stage is most appealing to the kids. I was an open admirer of the cowboy stage, and I believe I have had a secret idol since. I still hope someday that somebody I know will be a cowboy.

The boy-sized cyclotron and the atomic rifle and the jet airplane are all fine, but they are a touch too lofty for most little boys. A pistol says boom, boom, and the main aim is to kill. The main aim of a girl in the picture she is just an object to the horse, and there's no sense in that. The main aim of the grown folk fancy, Cowboy's clothes are the fanciest, costume of the cowboy. I believe I have a youngster feel Jackson, even in the living room.

A man named Zane Grey wrote a few more books about and made a name for himself. He was a cowboy, and the movies often brought him the glory. He was a cowboy, and the movies often brought him the glory. He was a cowboy, and the movies often brought him the glory.

Unless the kids are duller today than they used to be, I see little thrill in the American Minister Perle Mele in Luxembourg. Mrs. Mele plans to move out. This is by no means a small thing, and it is not to be taken for granted. There aren't enough rooms in the Legion.

Political youths in Miami during the President's visit there. But they are not the same as the youths who were in Miami when the President was in Miami. They are not the same as the youths who were in Miami when the President was in Miami.

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