

CHURCHILL'S VICTORY

THREE years ago Winston Churchill participated in the Battle of Khartoum in Africa and declared that it is better to be making the news than taking it; to be an actor rather than a critic. His philosophy has not changed. He now resumes a lead role in the world drama, where he will face some difficult scenes.

The Conservative Party has been returned to power in the United Kingdom principally because of the defection of the Liberal Party. The Labor Party received more popular votes than the Conservatives, and more votes that it received at the last election, thus yesterday's voting can not be construed as a rejection of Socialism. But the Liberal Party, by putting up fewer candidates and largely throwing its support to the Conservatives, returned Mr. Churchill's party to power. The margin of victory is slim, therefore the Tories will face the same problem of keeping their members united and within the framework of Parliament which plagued the Laborites.

OUR CONGRESSMEN VOTING RECORD

JUDGING from their votes on key issues during the first session of the 82nd Congress, North Carolina's Senators Clyde Hoey and Willis Smith and the Tenth District Representative, Hamilton C. Smith, stayed pretty close to the middle of the road.

Administration foreign policy on those major votes recorded by Editorial Research Reports. He opposed the proposed \$350 million cut for economic aid in Europe. He voted for extension of U.M.T. to \$7.5 billion for assistance bill, and the \$5.7 billion tax increase proposed by the House.

A CAROLINA COUNTY AGENT ABROAD

IN THE MATTER of promoting political revolutions, this country, by choice, takes a back seat to Russia. But the Carolina County agent who has returned from his travels can be proud of one of its former county agents, Horace Holmes, who has started an agricultural revolution—American style—in far off India.

But, says Fischer, "so far Holmes' experiment has touched only one tiny corner of a vast continent. The agents who are spreading the Kremlin's brand of revolution outnumber him many thousands to one."

RAFT ROMANCE

THE "Lethargia" eased into its mooring place at the end of its journey down the Mississippi. Its crew of four, two men and two girls, were decked out in stretched weary bones. "Romance," observed the Skipper, Miss Mary Ellen McCrady, "withers on a raft."

Eddy Rickenbacker would certainly agree that romance is to be had on a raft, be it on the Mississippi or adrift in the Pacific. He is a man who has experienced opinion that "Nothing spells a romance so much as a sense of humor in the woman." Could it be that the comely skipper lightly ridiculed the aura of amour inherent in a moonlight trip on the water?

BACK HE COMES

THE grandest that was Rome and the glory that was Greece will never come back. But the glory and the grandeur that was Chatham is being resurrected. And everybody knows that the Chatham County rabbit was as famous as Eastern Carolina berries and Smithfield hams. The esteemed Chatham County News admits that rabbit was a thing of beauty.

However, it turned out to be domestic and not wild rabbit. But it was so good that the Chathamites were moved, even as the Chinese were, to buy the rabbit. The rabbit was so good that the gentleman proceeded to burn the houses of his neighbors in order to get more roast pig. The Chathamites, delighted with the taste of domestic rabbit, resolved to go into production of that fancy meat on a large scale. And the News frankly warns Chatham that though it is now producing 90 per cent of the rabbit meat of the country, its market will have to compete with Chatham from now on.



Herblock is on occasion. His cartoons will be resumed on his return.

People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Too Many Pilates

A NUMBER of your editorials have dealt with the action of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee which refused to confirm the appointment of Dr. Philip C. Jessup to the post for which he was nominated. None of these editorials has excelled in any way your editorial on the same subject—'The Shame of the Senate'—of Oct. 24. My thanks and congratulations.

Jessup's Purgatory

MR. JESSUP may be in the 'purgatory of indecisiveness' as you put it in your Oct. 24 editorial 'The Shame of the Senate,' but it was Mr. Truman who put him there. If it had not been for Truman's 'tortuous' manipulations he would be in the hell of outright rejection by this time, so he should not complain.

GI's Want Letters From Girls

WE are a part of the communication platoon of the 27th Infantry and would love to hear from some girls back stateside. Letters mean a lot to us over here, so we would really appreciate hearing from the girls and we promise that we will answer any that we receive.

Quote, Unquote

Let's Have It Again (Sam Ragan, News & Observer) We've heard about the foreman who told one of his men, 'You did me good, you did me good when I hired you two weeks ago. Now tell me all over again. I'm getting discouraged.'

Tennessee Feudist

THE incident was hushed up, but shortly before Congress adjourned, 82-year-old Senator McKellar, who landed round six to his record as the Senate's most bellicose member.

Displaced Persons

THE old man had been hounding Displaced Persons Chairman Will Boye for some time. 'I beg your pardon, sir,' he kept repeating. 'Finally, McKellar snapped: 'Isn't there anyone around here who understands anything about this?'

Eisenhower Candidacy Is Not As Fuffy As Critics Suggest

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON SEN. ROBERT A. TAFT's wonderfully unsurprising announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President is hardly surprising. It is at least one good effect that Senator Taft did not look for. It has caused the Republicans to re-evaluate Dwight D. Eisenhower to tackle the all-important problem of organizing their forces.

An understanding has been reached that the New York Governor will let his allies publicly lead the Eisenhower parade. He will let his own overt effort to New York and the Eastern states, but quietly lend a hand elsewhere. This will be useful. The purpose is to allay the suspicion that the Eisenhower movement is a mere political ruse. It is already entertained by some people who underestimate how DeWey's political arduousness, even in the fiercest sincerity he brings to this task.

Now, however, the main grouping in the movement has come together at a series of meetings held in Washington by Senator James Duff of Pennsylvania, Irving Hives of New York, Frank Carlson of Kansas and Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts.

First, the headquarters of the Eisenhower movement will be the General's home state, at Topka, Kan. The headquarters are expected to be opened there shortly under the joint auspices of Senator Carlson and his party.

Second, what may be called an organizing office will also be opened almost immediately in Washington. This office will be co-operative venture, where the interested Senators can keep tabs on progress throughout the campaign.

Third, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York has been fully informed of these prospective steps.

In brief, several of the Eisenhower leaders were in intimate touch with the General prior to his appointment as N.A.T.O. commander, when he was actually just going to take the major step of annulling his citizenship as a Republican. Since the General's departure for Europe, these same men have maintained quiet but to them entirely satisfactory and encouraging liaison with him. And it is expected to be opened there shortly under the joint auspices of Senator Carlson and his party.

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Hannegan was a shrewd, intensely ambitious politician. He had a little later on to make his first, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States. What he did was to become the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who by then was not in any way wrong by his standards.

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Truman Privately Lauds Immigrant Byres

WASHINGTON IMMIGRATION Commissioner Harry Byres, who has been named as National Chairman of the White House side door for a secret talk with the President about becoming Democratic, was privately lauded by Truman. The President privately favors Butler, the St. Paul shipbuilder. Outgoing Democratic Chairman Will Boye is taking no chances on the Democratic National Committee inviting a dark horse to succeed him. He has sent out invitations to all national campaign committees who had difficulty in getting their proxies on Oct. 31. At the bottom of the invitations, however, Boyle has typed the following postscript: 'Unless you wish to be a part of my party, please do not bring any name and permit me to fill it in.'

Washington Pipeline

THE freshman Congressman for Senator Taft was named in a Washington, D.C., hotel to the Hotel 240—because Murray Oil, the Washington lobbyist for racketeer Frankie Costello, lives at the Congress Hotel. The GOP advance men have been disclosed names. They think they are being watched by necessary jump-starting Roosevelt's defense. If the chairman of the Displaced Persons Commission doesn't know anything about displaced persons, he should know. But McKellar cut him off.