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KEFAUVER TOSSES HIS COONSKIN

THE unexpected announcement by Senator Kefauver yesterday that he is a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination belongs in the good news category. Good news, that is for the Democratic Party, not necessarily for the GOP.

Sensors Humphrey and McMahon have entered the Minnesota and Illinois primaries, respectively, as stalking-horses for the party. Kefauver, by announcing that he is a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, has taken the first step toward turning their traces before Dr. Truman declares his intentions. Quiet Senator Kefauver has been the only Democrat to proceed with his candidacy independently.

Historically, it should be remembered that most Vice-Presidential candidates start out as Presidential candidates, and the possibility of a Truman-Kefauver ticket, should the President again seek reelection, will not be overlooked by practical politicians. Senator Kefauver, by his capable chairmanship of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee and resulting widespread reputation for being genuine in and corruption, will not be overlooked by practical politicians. Senator Kefauver, by his capable chairmanship of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee and resulting widespread reputation for being genuine in and corruption, will not be overlooked by practical politicians.

Instead of enmeshed in the present laborious NATO machinery. To this end Kefauver advocates calling a convention of citizens from the proposed FEPC, although unlike most government. This convention approach was proposed this week by General Eisenhower, in his call for a European constitutional convention, the difference being that Kefauver would include Canada and the U. S. Labor leaders, on the whole, approve of Kefauver. He has been one of the Senate's staunchest defenders of civil liberties. However, he opposed several of the main portions of the proposed FEPC, although unlike most Southern Senators he voted for the unsuccessful proposal to limit debate on the measure.

Sensor Kefauver also has fought to plug tax loopholes. Several of his recommendations resulting from his crime investigation which needs no elaboration, have been put into effect. All in all, Kefauver is a member in good standing of the liberal-intellectual world.

As THE NEWS has pointed out previously, the Administration of Estes Kefauver would be in many important respects similar to that of Dwight Eisenhower. Eisenhower has more administrative experience, would be a more inspirational leader, and his election would probably have the desirable effect of establishing the two-party system in the South. However, a number of reactionary Senators and Representatives would doubtless ride into office on his coattails. Kefauver could be expected to follow a domestic policy somewhat to the left of Eisenhower.

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Nevertheless, Senator Kefauver, if nominated for the Presidency, would make a powerful candidate. If elected, he would probably make a good President.

Kefauver could be expected to carry on the general outlines of the present Truman policy in foreign policy, but he would be much more positive than is President Truman regarding free world unity. As was former Secretary of War Robert Patterson, who died in the New Jersey airplane crash, he is a Southerner, a liability which has long been the scourge of Southern Presidential aspirants.

HOW TO SOLVE A PROBLEM

THIS is a lesson in How to Solve A Problem—Washington style.

Last year, the Air Force proposed to build a multimillion dollar base for troop carrier wings at the Raleigh-Durham airport. Borden said existing World War II facilities at the Seymour Johnson field at Goldsboro (in his district) should be used. Deane said that facilities at the Lenoir-Burke-Maxton base (in his district) should be used. Congressman Durham insisted that the original Air Force plan for the base at Raleigh-Durham (which serves his district) should be carried out.

The net result was that Congress called the whole thing off and withheld the appropriation of funds.

As you see by the papers, the Problem is solved: The Air Force is going to build two bases: a troop carrier wing at Raleigh-Durham, costing \$24 million, and a base for transport wings at Goldsboro, costing \$16 million. A new twist to the old saw about making two blades of grass grow where one grew before.

WHAT SAY YOU ASIATIONISTS?

ACUTELY conscious of their nation's major role in the Korean fighting, most Americans tend to forget that the United States is fighting Communism in other theaters. Winston Churchill reminded Congress that Britain's 50,000-man force at Suwei would welcome at least a "token force." And now Time adds up the cost of France's guerrilla fighting in Indo-China in these terms:

Administration critics have not hesitated to charge President Truman and Secretary Acheson with the full blame for "losing China." Those critics were, however, speaking after the fact. Will they now associate themselves publicly, as accessories before the fact, with a fall warning to China that the Indo-China will bring immediate retaliation?

If they fail to do so, the people will feel that (1) they lack the courage to face up to this new threat in an election year, or that (2) they were not worried over losing the Far East so much as they were over losing China K'ai-sheng.

STEPPING LIVELY

RECALLING the many predictions that 1951 would be the Year of the Big Power Shortage in North Carolina, The State Power Commission has just announced that no new industry was denied power, and that every prospective new industry that asked about the power potential was given full assurance of adequate power.

Furthermore, 80,000 kilowatts of new generating capacity went into operation at the Carolina Power & Light Co. plant at Goldsboro, bringing the state's total generating capacity to 1,620,000 KW. The State adds: "During 1952, the picture will grow even brighter. Carolina Power & Light Co. is scheduled to complete two new 75,000-kilowatt electric plants at Lenoir and one at Lumberton; Duke Power Co. is due to begin operating two new steam units with a total capacity of 100,000 kilowatts. The private companies plan to complete another 250,000 kilowatts, and for 1953, the figure is 365,000."

Governor Scott has accused the power companies of "dragging their feet." "Fears of their stepping right lively."

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People's Platform

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No Liquor Ads

GREENVILLE, S. C.

AM holding my breath, but aside from one issue of your paper which someone made off with, I haven't found nor smelled a liquor ad in a number of days. How we have wished that a fine paper like yours would have the courage to refuse to "drink from the trough." Here's hoping our wishes have come true!

Both Sides Of Picture

CHARLOTTE

IT WAS commented by your editorial, "Persecution Works Both Ways." In times past you have felt free to express your view in regard to the persecution of those with which you were not in sympathy; I am happy to see that you exercised the same freedom and boldness in regard to persecution which came originally with Catholicism in Colombia.

That 'Gradus Ad Parnassum'

DURHAM

THE editorial "Black Gold for Red Men" in Saturday's edition, I read about Eleazar Wheelock and his tutorial equipment. Now, according to another publication of fame comparable to that of THE NEWS, namely the February edition of the magazine Holiday, "Gradus ad Parnassum" (as you spell it) has another syllable in its title: "Gradus ad Parnassum" (as they spell it).

Cops Must Use Force

CHARLOTTE

THE NEWS:

THIS LETTER is written in reference to the four police officers suspended for allegedly assaulting a Negro the other day. I hereby propose that the City Council abolish the Police Department as it stands, and that the police be taken over by some other body. The police will be afraid that charges of assault will be filed against them.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

BENEATH the surface, the Democratic Party is experiencing some of the most important realignments in 30 years. Leaders are dicker, jockeying, trading for position. There is a restless ferment in the air not seen since the general election of 1948.

Democratic Princes Race For Throne

WASHINGTON

ESTES STEVENSON will have to form a new palace guard and probably relocate before the Duke of Tennessee, Adlai Kefauver, garners too many delegates.

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On foreign policy and military matters, the General has supported present Government programs in most cases, while the Senator has sought considerable modification. For example, Eisenhower backed universal military training, while Taft opposed it; likewise, the former has backed the Atlantic Pact and has characterized it as the most important step toward the Russians to war than it is to date.

Contemptuous Of Economic Aid, Congress Emphasizes Military

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

THE echoes of Winston Churchill's noble oratory die away and the great areas of doubt on policy to be followed in coming years remain. The House of Representatives is apparently at wide in London as they are in Washington.

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Congress Holds Pure Strings

HAMLET

IT NOTICED by the paper that the President asked Congress for \$8.4 billion for the coming year. Then the paper goes on to say the Congress won't stand for that.

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There was the late Senator from Florida, Park Trammell, who slept in his office, never returned a hotel or apartment.

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