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TV NEEDS SOME ATTENTION

EVEN the staid State Department is awakening to the political potential of TV. The Department's unofficial magazine, The Foreign Service Journal, suggests television as a new type of diplomacy.

"The television camera," it observes, "has an uncanny and deadly way of picking out the phony, of separating the real man from the phony."

We are not yet persuaded that TV cameras can discern this difference. In fact, an accomplished phony could convince a TV audience of his apparent sincerity.

But TV, with its blessings and problems, is a political asset, but definitely, and because it is, it qualifies for consideration by this primarily political session of Congress. TV needs some attention today.

In the first place, television and radio stations could be taken out of the book regarding libel. Broadcasters and telecasters are required to give approximately equal time to candidates of major parties. The broadcasters cannot censor the speech, yet they can be prosecuted for libel.

For example, in 1948 the Democratic National Committee spent only \$15,000 on TV. This year the committee's expenditure will probably be \$1 million. It costs big money to stage television, and the major networks have announced that they simply can't afford to give away television time. So they are selling it. As Radio and TV columnist John Crosby puts it:

"The candidates with the best-hedged feet can get before the public most often... it's a little alarming to find that cash and lots of it is an absolute prerequisite for getting into the limelight."

There's another angle too. We don't imagine that, at least during this year's campaign, there will be any candidates who are not selling it. As Radio and TV columnist John Crosby puts it:

GOP PROBLEM

IF the Republicans are to win the Presidency in November, they must capture about four and a half million more votes than the Party has ever received, or else get several million voters to support a third and/or fourth candidate, as happened in 1948 and which seems most unlikely this year.

In 1948 Dewey received about 2.2 million votes less than Truman, and the Progressives and Dixiecrats together received about 2.2 million. Where and how will the GOP get those four and a half million?

Not from the young voters apparently. The Gallup poll shows that voters in the 21-29 age bracket prefer the Democrats over the Republicans two-to-one.

And non-voters, just in case the GOP decided seriously to get out the vote, favor the Democrats over the GOP, by a two-to-one margin.

The Republicans can expect to win some of the 1948 Dixiecrats, but few, if any voters who supported the Progressive Party, although some of the national voters split into three in the following proportions—22 million Democrats, 17.4 million Republicans, 15.4 million Independents.

According to the polls Eisenhower is the choice not only of the Independents but Republicans and Democrats as well. Thus, as well as being the best GOP vote-getter among the Independents, he would also outdo the Democratic vote.

This would all seem to indicate a course of action for the GOP.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

THE POLITICAL YOUTH OF IKE

PERHAPS TRUMAN has only confused the question of Gen. Eisenhower's youthful background with his statement that he had supposed the general to be a Democrat.

The President says he based this belief on a story told him by the brother of a former governor of Kansas. The story was that at the age of 18 young Eisenhower was a precinct worker for George Hodges, who ran for the governorship on the Democratic ticket and was elected.

Trouble with the story is that George Hodges did not run for governor in 1908, the year Eisenhower was 18, and that a Republican, Walter R. Stubbs, was elected in Kansas that year anyway. George Hodges ran for the State Senate, not for governor. Four years later, however, Hodges did run for governor on the Democratic ticket, and he was elected.

Conceivably young Eisenhower might have worked for him then. But in 1912 the young man, aged 22 and not 18, was a Democrat. It seems unlikely that he would have interrupted his work there to

beer. But this year's political conventions are being planned as sponsorship deals with direct sales, still approaching public relations, but will assuredly go as far as the participants and lack of adequate regulation will allow.

All these political ramifications of the new media are relatively unexplored. The Gillette subcommittee has dealt with the issue of election costs, but its study is based largely on what has happened, not what may happen now that TV is on the scene. Clearly the most important aspect of the matter is the increasing cost of running successfully, for high office. Probably a lid should be placed on the amount which can be spent on a candidate, and the poor man should be assured a voice at high-pitched media. But the whole problem needs study and airing before definite and practical conclusions can be reached. That's where Congress comes in. It can do itself and all of us some good by initiating such a study.

CAPABLE COPS

THE policeman's lot, according to the old "Sergeant's Song," "is not a happy one." We don't know whether or not Mecklenburg's county police are happy, but we do believe they can be proud of their work last year, which has been reviewed in a study released last week.

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ONE POINT MADE

THE U. S. made a good point at the Paris U. N. meetings last week.

Credit for the point made goes to Rep. Mike Mansfield of Montana, a member of our delegation to the General Assembly, who proposed that the U. N. prisoner-of-war commission should conduct an inquiry into the Soviet Union on the fate of thousands of missing World War II prisoners presumably held by the Russians.

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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.

Japanese Pen Pals TOKYO Editors, The News: WE ARE thankful for what the U. S. has done for us in the past six years after the war. Under the present condition of the world it is a matter never to be neglected to promote understanding and friendship between your country and Japan.

The Japan L.P.F. Club is an organization established in order to increase international fellowship and understanding by means of friendly correspondence between young people in different parts of the world.

With support and encouragement of the UNESCO Office in Japan and the Educational Department, we have done much, having over 7,000 members here in Japan, and more than 8,000 pen friends outside of Japan.

My young people have been very anxious to know more about your country. Not all of them, however, can travel to your country, but we may carry on friendship through the mail. So I wish you would kindly report in your newspaper about my club, which desires to find many new pen friends there for Japanese.

Those who are so kind as to be future pen pals of Japan are invited to send in their names, together with their sex, age, addresses, and interests or hobbies. They are sure to receive friendly letters from Japan soon.

YOSHIO NISHIMURA President, Japan L.P.F. Club P. O. Box 19, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan

A U. S. Foreign Legion MILWAUKEE Editors, The News: I AM writing this letter to you in the hopes that it will be published for the people of Charlotte to read. This letter is only one of almost a hundred that are being sent to newspapers all over the nation in a promotion program undertaken by a group of Marquette University Business Administration students.

We hope by this program to bring before the people of America an idea that should be given some serious thought. At the present time drafting thousands of young men into the armed forces in order to keep America's peace will be a keen one for these men. Their families are willing to bear the last measure for their country in order to foster world peace, but they are not the only men willing to give so much for the United States.

There are thousands upon thousands of men in Europe today, D. P.'s and others, and not only in Europe, but in places all over the world who are in the struggle against the spreading Communist tentacles which they hate so violently. Along with their desire to fight Communism there is also paramount in many, many of these peoples' minds a

Let's give this idea some serious thought, and let's make it known that we would like our Congress to give some thought to this plan too.

JEROME WARD BUETTMAN KOREA Editors, The News: I WOULD like to ask a favor of The News: It is to my parents, but I would just like to have others write to me. I am a lonely G. I. in Korea. So I guess you know how lonely I am.

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U.S.-UK Asian Policy Tiff

Product Of Misunderstanding By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON THE row which has been breaking out in Britain over Japanese recognition of Chiang Kai-shek is a peculiar product of international misunderstanding.

It is being charged publicly in the British press and privately in British official circles that Japanese and American Ministers Yushida has been forced to recognize the Chinese Nationalist Government, and specifically by State Department consultant John Foster Dulles.

It is being further charged that this pressure has been brought to bear despite a prior American promise that the Japanese would be left free to choose between Nationalists and the Chinese Communists.

By implication, Dulles is thus accused of having acted in bad faith. In fact, this is simply untrue. And because the tenses are so confused, it is difficult to see that the Churchill visit, in the Far East, the true story is worth telling.

The fact is that before Dulles left for Britain last June, to try to negotiate a Japanese foreign policy with the British, the Japanese Government had already made up its mind to recognize the Chinese Nationalist Government.

This fact was perfectly well known to the British Foreign Office, of course including the Japanese Minister Herbert Morrison.

Morrison was nevertheless still determined if possible to prevent Japanese recognition of the Chinese Nationalists. When Dulles saw him in June, therefore, Morrison proposed that Japanese foreign relations become the responsibility of a commission in a Pacific pact, which would include the United States and New Zealand as well as Japan.

By this device, the Japanese Government's hands were to be tied, as far as recognizing China was concerned.

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