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The News Will Back Eisenhower For Republican Party Nomination

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS will give its full and enthusiastic support to the effort to win the Republican Presidential nomination for General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

THE NEWS has favored Eisenhower all along as a candidate on either ticket, but only after the General has not advocated his nomination until he himself spoke.

He spoke yesterday. And the brief statement from Paris made it crystal clear that Eisenhower (1) is a Republican by conviction, and (2) he is willing contender for the GOP nomination, if not an active one.

There are many reasons why THE NEWS supports General Eisenhower for the Republican nomination. We shall review several of them.

1. Foreign policy has become the central factor of our existence as a nation. Upon the successful operation of a sound foreign policy depends our very survival.

2. Although General Eisenhower has avoided direct comment on specific domestic issues, his general philosophy as shown in his private observations on this page is in harmony with ours.

3. There is a great need for re-establishing a vigorous two-party system in the nation at large, and for building an effective two-party system in the South.

4. There is a pressing need for restoring public confidence in the integrity of the Federal Government and for rebuilding the prestige of the office of the Presidency.

5. A REFORM A DAY KEEPS GOP AWAY. MR. TRUMAN'S long delay in cleaning up his own house and applying the same to the organized crime has left most Americans with an "ahow me" attitude.

6. Take the Justice Department's new drive on racketeering, for example. It loses much of its force because the orders were handed out by Attorney General Howard McGrath, who himself stands accused of (1) duplicity in the Justice Department scandals, or (2) incredible naivete, or (3) both.

7. But there is a charge of a damned good one—that the 93 Federal grand jurors of whom our jobs to the Democratic Administration will deliver... or else. Not that politics has anything to do with it.

8. Now this change has been used a number of times to fire actors, but not for immorality. Rather, it was used to fire workers accused of Communist activities.

badly willed under Harry S. Truman. General Eisenhower is a man of character, of dignity, and of force. He would be a campaign on a high ethical level, and he would be a credit to the Presidency if he should win the November election.

5. Furthermore, it is essential to restore the confidence of the voters in the American method of selecting Presidential candidates. It is a depressing and frustrating experience to approach national convention time with the foregone conclusion that the conventions are completely under the thumb of regular, professional party bosses.

6. Many Americans hold the conviction that their President should come from civilian ranks. We share that conviction. But there are times like these that demand the best leadership the nation has to offer.

7. Finally, General Eisenhower has had more experience and has shown greater talent as administrator and as diplomat than any other Republican candidate in sight.

8. It is NOT the usual custom for THE NEWS to endorse Presidential candidates prior to the conventions.

This year of 1952 is so full of meaning for the American people, however, and it is so important to preserve our Federal Government against assault from without and decay from within, that we propose to state our convictions about candidates for both major parties. We do so in the hope that we believe for the good of the nation and that they, in turn, will put aside normal political considerations and vote for the best candidate in each party.

9. If they do so, America cannot but be the winner in November, 1952.

made. The tough new Commissioner of Internal Revenue, John B. Dunlap, is apparently bearing down hard, and there have yet been no signs of relenting by the weak and ineffectual John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury and Dunlap's titular boss.

10. We still think Mr. Truman ought to fire both Snyder and McGrath. We think he ought to push hard for structural and functional reforms proposed by the Hoover Commission for many Federal agencies.

11. "Frank (Midas) McKinley" in the current issue of THE NEWS and note that it says President Truman has chosen Mr. McKinley.

12. "An Indianapolis banker, for the task of cleaning out the Democratic Party's Augean stables on the assumption, apparently, that the Democratic machine politicians of Indianapolis are a different breed than those of St. Louis, the James of William Byrd."

13. Now-indicted James P. Finnegan is a St. Louisan and so is uneasy Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder. So was the late Robert E. Hannegan, president of J. P. Morgan & Co., who was named chairman of the Party.

14. When someone asked him about Life's article on the St. Louis and Finnegan... "A few years ago they called me the best-dressed man in the United States," he said.

(General Eisenhower's views on various issues are on the record to an extent perhaps unrealized by many readers. The Christian Science Monitor compiled the following significant Eisenhower statements for this issue, with belief, will provide readers with plenty of food for thought as to where the General stands. Editors, The News.)

Eisenhower's Stand On National and World Issues

to all that is selfish in human kind. Ruthless individuals, whether they classify themselves as socialists or communists, or as radical reformers, or politicians, selfishly promise us prosperity for our support, but they are not, and carefully concealed ambitions.... Address at Columbia University, June 2, 1949.

Monopoly Perils Individual Freedom "One danger arises from too great a concentration of finance, the power of a few individuals and groups, the power of any class organized in opposition to the whole.... Address at Columbia University, Oct. 13, 1948.

Loyalty Oaths Stoutly Opposed "Before appointing a man to our faculty, I would want to know all the facts about his background. If I found he was a Communist, I would not appoint him.... Address to the American Bar Association, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6, 1949.

Practical Equality vs. Arbitrary Law "A paternalistic government can gradually destroy, by suffocation, the creative force in the individual.... Address to the American Bar Association, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6, 1949.

Efficient Economy Vital Aid To Defense "We must have efficiency and economy in all governmental expenditures, and we must concentrate our resources on the activities in this bitter and won't be prolonged struggle.... Address at Denver, Colo., Sept. 4, 1950.

Academic Freedom Seeks True Values "Academic freedom is nothing more than the freedom of the individual to express his own views on life.... Address at Columbia University, Oct. 13, 1948.

U. S. Solidarity Keyed To Three Freedoms "All Americans in every corner of our land must be ever-mindful that the heritage of America is the strength of its democratic system.... Address at Columbia University, Oct. 13, 1948.

Social Stability Tied To Co-operation "Americans should seek 'a way of life that blends and harmonizes the fiercely competitive demands of the individual and society.... Address at Columbia University, Oct. 13, 1948.

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Economic Security An Illusory Thing "We seek an illusory thing called economic security.... Address to St. Andrew's Society, New York, Dec. 1, 1949.

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Hungarian Highlanders "I WOULD IT was no time for milk-lost diplomacy, or a change of affairs almost apologized to the Hungarians for the best which the American public was putting on...

and a resulting paper that would bear the promise of governmental betterment.... "The two requisites to an enduring peace—the elimination of deep-seated animosities, and the elimination of armament for aggression—are, in my view, the only realistic means of achieving a lasting peace.... Address at Columbia University, June 2, 1949.

Extreme Caution Voiced On A-Bomb "I believe that were it in the middle of this thing (whether it was the atom bomb in Korea) would avoid using anything that our own people or other people might consider inhuman.... Address at Columbia University, June 2, 1949.

Blunt Appraisal: 'War Sets Nothing' "War is the least acceptable solution for our problems.... Address to Columbia University students, Sept. 2, 1950.

Political Aspirations Keep Under Wraps "I have never had any political aspirations—period. I am on a job in which the United States has invested worlds and worlds of treasure, time, and thought, and for me to imply any political or partisan interest would be a dis-service to the country.... Address at Dallas, Nov. 11, 1950.

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French and Germans really are up to many of the same old tricks as in the minds of politicians.... "I believe in a free world—when I can see here, I dislaid the whole idea of a European army and I had expected to see a European army.... Address at Columbia University, June 2, 1949.

Strictly Hands-Off On Spanish Issue "Senator Wiley: 'On the political scene, I have seen a kind of Franco-American engaged in some collaborative plan or other in connection with Spain.... Address at Columbia University, June 2, 1949.

General Eisenhower: 'I have been staying out of that question since it is someone else's business, and it is not in our hands.... Senator Wiley: 'What is the trouble with our people.... Address at Columbia University, June 2, 1949.

Testimony to a subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, July 2, 1951.

Cities Imported Into Region "So far as the sheer volume of territory is concerned, there is no more strategically important area in the world than the Middle East, and Asia. This area is tremendously important in terms of what it can contribute for our whole effort.... Address at Columbia University, Oct. 13, 1948.

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