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N. C. VOTERS GET A LOADED QUESTION

ALTHOUGH THE NEWS believes very strongly that all proposed amendments to the N. C. Constitution should be approved by the voters on Nov. 4, we must say that the phrasing of the first amendment, as printed on the official ballot, is highly misleading.

In fact, it is heavily loaded in favor of passage. At present, the constitution limits to 15 cents per \$100 valuation the tax that counties can levy for general fund purposes.

FOR limiting the amount of total State and county tax which may be levied on property to twenty cents (20c) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation.

CAMPAIGN COSTS GO UP AND UP

ALot of people around the country are talking about the soaring costs of modern political campaigns.

Contributing to the added cost has been the growing use of expensive communications media, especially TV. One nationwide 30-minute TV-radio broadcast runs to some \$75,000.

Herbick's cartoon on this page today points up the problem, but a recent interview in U. S. News & World Report with Joseph Gillette, former chairman of the Senate Elections subcommittee and an authority on the subject, offers no solution whatsoever.

There is no limit to the number of committees, however. A wealthy individual can send \$5,000 to a national committee, \$5,000 to each of 48 state

State and county tax which may be levied on property to twenty cents (20c) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation. Nowhere on the ballot is there any hint that a limit now exists.

On the contrary, the casual voter, reading the ballot, is likely to assume that no limit now exists on the amount of tax that counties may levy.

In addition to the \$3,000 limit on contributions to committees, individuals may contribute directly to candidates. Furthermore, a campaign deficit may be made up after election, in which case no report is required.

The unhappy results of high-campaign costs are quite apparent. To cover them, candidates have to get big contributions, and big contributions too often place an elected official under obligation to the donor.

What is the answer? No one has come up with any yet. It may well be that the only final answer will be public revision to the more distant evidences of money spending in campaigns, but that is a great deal to hope for in a nation long conditioned to elaborate ballroom.



HERBICK: How the campaign goes on.

People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Editor '48

MONROE: I WISH to thank you for your splendid editorial endorsing General Eisenhower. It was also good to know that those who voted in your support...

Take A Stand

CHARLOTTE: IN answer to Dr. W. C. Terry's letter of Oct. 13 I would like to say that I too read the editorial stating that the News will back Eisenhower for President...

Like Yes, But Nixon—No

N. BERGEN, N. J.: I CAN understand how you could consider Eisenhower a suitable man to be in the White House, even without agreeing with you. But how a responsible editor can discover Presidential material in Senator Nixon is quite beyond me.

'Slave Management'

ROCK HILL: I HAVE listened to politicians for the past several months telling labor that they "never had it so good before."

Try The Other Shoe

CHARLOTTE: IT is difficult to put oneself in another's shoes—arranging a meeting between two famous generals, long political opponents—MacArthur and Eisenhower. The job has not been easy.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON: HERBERT HOOVER, who lives in the Waldorf Tower, is not far from General MacArthur, as far as arranging a meeting between two famous generals...

Truman Degraded South

CHARLOTTE: I AM so glad you came out for Ike. The President spoke to the Negroes in Harlem last week. On last Sunday night I heard two reporters say that Truman mocked and degraded the South there.

Where's Harry?

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Hey Diddle Diddle

ELIZABETH CITY: THIS Administration, through shrewdness and wisdom, is sure to figure some way to take your last three acts. If it treated home folks like it treats those afar, we'd all live in mansions and drive a Cadillac car.

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Pro And On (They Attack Ike Where He's Best)

(An Editorial In The New York World-Telegram) GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER'S political enemies now attack him for the very quality that makes him great. That quality is Gen. Eisenhower's extraordinary ability to weld all sorts of persons into an effective, harmonious, winning team.

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him for "embracing" a traitor. Nobody accused him of "betraying" his ideals. Nobody called him a "captive" of Josef Stalin. He was everybody's hero. For these accomplishments, Gen. Eisenhower deserved and received the devotion of America. Because of them, he had a candidate for the Presidency — by popular demand.

Drumatic Distorter

chairman of the board of the endowment of which Hiss was president. It was the son of the man who, when their official, Alger Hiss, was caught in perjury about his past.

Fortunately, however, the dramatic Nixon is gradually being unmasked. In his emotional excess of himself for the fact that after matters that both Dulles and Eisenhower were more fooled than Stevenson about Alger Hiss.

Since that time Stevenson and Dulles also disclosed the facts about all their income for the last ten years. Though he had delayed it, General Eisenhower has now disclosed his income for the same period. Now, however, Nixon says he does not plan to disclose his income tax returns, or further discuss his personal finances. His finances, he announced, were closed, and are "a completely closed issue."

From his own point of view it is increasingly unprofitable that Dulles should tell his half truth so late that the full truth cannot be disclosed to make clear that neither Dulles nor Stevenson was ever in any real doubt about their own faithfulness to their own country. Such a man would probably come up with a long list of excuses before the election. From the standpoint of America, therefore, it is fortunate that the French failed to fall into the trap of Hiss. Hiss has already shown himself a dramatic dodger and distorter who in neither the smear of others nor the trust as either a candid or an honest man.

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