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YET ANOTHER MCCARTHY SMEAR

DUBIOUS CANDIDATES for the Presidency have been forced to carry a certain number and variety of defamatory and different kinds of "smearing," and the wonder of it all is that both are still going strong at this late date despite their handicaps.

For Governor Stevenson, the enthusiastic assistance of President Truman has certainly been a dubious asset. For General Eisenhower, the heaviest burden has been the junior Senator from Wisconsin, Joe McCarthy.

Although he has accepted the decision of the Wisconsin Republican voters to nominate Senator McCarthy for a second term, Eisenhower has made it plain over and over that he "disapproves of McCarthy's now familiar methods. Just a few hours before McCarthy opened his heralded TV-radio attack on Governor Stevenson Monday night, Eisenhower repeated that in cleaning subversives out of government, "we have to destroy the worm, not the insect to which it is attached. We can do it, and we must do it the American way. It was a pointed reference to the McCarthy address.

McCarthy's speech, as it turned out, was a dig, not worth the \$55,000 it was reported to have cost a group of right-wing mid-West Republicans who footed the bill. The material

was old. The random quotes were matched out of context, heavily doctored with innuendo and insinuation and further distorted by the cynical, sneering tone of the McCarthy voice. It was just another wearisome repetition of the "Big Lie" technique, first perfected by Hitler and Stalin, the secret of which is to spread as many lies and distortions as fast as possible and make them just as big as possible so that denials and explanations will never quite catch up with them.

Some of those supporting General Eisenhower because he represents the best in America resent the unsolicited help by Senator McCarthy, who represents the worst in America. The presence of McCarthy in the Republican ranks undoubtedly cost General Eisenhower the support of some independent voters early in the campaign, and his speech this week probably caused others to desert the Eisenhower cause.

In the final analysis, however, McCarthy must answer to two superior authorities. One is the people of Wisconsin; the other is the Senate of the United States, which is the sole judge of its members. The rest of us will profit if we follow the example of General Eisenhower and refuse to condone or emulate the unpunctured tactics of Senator McCarthy.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—II

THE second constitutional amendment to be presented to 37 voters on Nov. 4 offers a new way to fill vacancies in the General Assembly. The proposal appears on the ballot in this form:

FOR amendment to fill a vacancy occurring in the General Assembly by death, resignation or otherwise by immediate appointment of the executive committee of the county in which the deceased or resigned member was resident, being the executive committee of the political party with which the deceased or resigned member was affiliated at the time of his election.

AGAINST amendment to fill a vacancy, etc.

Under the constitutional law as it now stands, if a vacancy shall in any manner occur in the General Assembly, resignation or otherwise, writs of election shall be issued by the Governor under such regulations as may be prescribed by law. In other words, the Governor must call a special election. It is kept in mind that members of the General Assembly are elected in November of each even year. The Assembly meets once each biennium, in January of the odd year following the election. Members elected on November, will serve for only three months beginning in January, 1953, unless there is a special session of the Legislature.

STATE MACHINERY OUT OF DATE

The dividing of state rights cannot, by any measure, be laid wholly on the doorstep of an encroaching Federal government. Much of it is the result of an abandonment of state and local responsibility, a failure on the part of citizens to finance and service state, county and city legislative bodies. Washington then moves into the vacuum caused by this abdication of responsibility.

States operate under constitutions framed in and fitted for the last century. In only 10 states are legislatures authorized to meet annually. When they do meet it is often for a stipulated all-to-brief session—36 days, for example, in Alabama. This means that a flood of bills passes without adequate consideration, many of them dealing with comparative trivialities which should be handled by municipalities.

State bills—the bills which the state, rather than the Federal government could assume responsibility—often fail because of arbitrary time limits on the session, or pass ill-considered form.

And by way of compounding the evils inherent in the system, some legislatures—such as North Carolina's last session—refuse to carry out the clear and just constitutional mandate to redistrict after a census. Add to these shortcomings the fact that many a legislator—often the same as that for a baby sitter or caddy—and the reason

In the event of resignation or death of a legislator prior to or during a session of the General Assembly, the special election procedure now prescribed by the Constitution would be cumbersome.

There would not be enough time for electing officials to receive nomination from an executive committee of both parties, to get the nominees certified, print ballots, to conduct the election. Candidates would have little or no time to present their views to the people, and the election itself would be crowded into a very short time. In any event, the county would be deprived of representation for several weeks.

The proposed change would enable the Governor, on recommendation of the county committee or the committees of several counties in event the vacancy was a Senatorial post representing more than one county) to fill the vacancy promptly.

Opponents of any provision taking away from the people the right to vote directly for their legislators. Tax News feels that this objection is not so important in this case, since a special election under such circumstances would be unsatisfactory, at best. We believe the proposed amendment is a needed change, and urge its support.

WHAT BRITAIN WANTS FROM US

FOR a great trading nation like Britain the present unsettled state of the world presents an increasing trade problem. Many markets, like China, are virtually closed to us for political reasons; some, like Australia, must temporarily shut their doors to our goods because of their own economic troubles. In other parts of the world we face fiercer competition from Germany and Japan.

It is for the Americans to buy more of our goods, to throw down the barriers which now prevent their entry, to give us, quite simply, the chance to earn dollars, not to cash them.

The simple fact should be made clear that the dollar aid we have received was not in dollars, as such. No dollar crossed the Atlantic—but was in the form of goods. And ultimately it is only in the form of goods that it can be repaid.

for lack of interest in legislative service, so evident in Mecklenburg County prior to the last primary, becomes obvious.

An Oregon legislator, Richard L. Neuberger, who is also a prolific and thoughtful writer, once suggested in the New York Times Magazine that steps be taken to do something besides oratorical meaning can be added to "states rights." Here they are:

1. Legislatures should be in session whenever important issues arise and not at sporadic and widely-separated intervals.

2. Pay members of legislatures attract good men—at least \$6,000 a year in all states.

3. States should call constitutional conventions to give authority to create or free legislative bodies from plexiglass restrictions dating from nearly a century ago.

4. Pay members of legislatures in full before they enter into voting. In addition, it is to revise order procedure and to familiarize voters with the qualifications of candidates.

5. Permanent staffs, protected by civil service, should hold over between sessions and thus maintain continuity and experience to the legislative process.

Most of these legislative reforms are needed, badly, right at Raleigh. They must be initiated by the legislators themselves. May we suggest that persons who are concerned about the loss of state rights direct some of their pressure, advice and moral support to the men who will represent us in Raleigh next year?

It may seem rather late in the day for Britain to raise this question, but after the war the radical change that has occurred in world trading relations was not clearly seen. It was too readily assumed, perhaps, that the prewar patterns would return, that we could pay for our dollar purchases with our earnings made elsewhere, from our exports to the United States and elsewhere abroad. But alas, these earnings and investments are no more.

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In The Bag

People's Platform Who's Taking It Away?

Editors, The News: Who's taking it away? That's the question that wants to stay in power at any cost. It's taking away our war. They're doing the taking away. Crooks in government boot-licking their way out of office... And last but not least they are taking our sons away to be slaughtered in an undeclared war 8,000 miles away.

—C. M. LEPPARD

Won't Follow Byrnes

Editors, The News: I'm a Southerner and can state without any reservations that the South has been standing in its own light by supporting a "one-party" policy, being ignored by the party receiving the undivided support.

Today you have a home, a car, food, clothing, electrical appliances, a job, short hours of work at very good pay, old age security. You can pay insurance, now doctors' bills, electricity bills, get good pay, continue to work. Just take inventory of how far our nation has come in that direction.

—J. A. GRAHAM

That Depression

Editors, The News: I have been hearing the Democrats rave for the last 20 years about the Republican depression, but they fail to say it was caused by trying to pay the Democratic war debts.

—S. T. MOSER

Republican Doctors

Editors, The News: A LETTER sent out under the Medical-Dental collection office letter head and signed by the manager, Thurston Davis, has been called to my attention. I enclose a copy of it.

—OLIN E. DEFORD

Leader Needed

Editors, The News: At no time in our history has there been a greater need for a leader as much as it does today. Every true American fully realizes the many problems to be solved, and the grave dangers ahead.

—A. L. BAILEY

Bungler Truman

Editors, The News: President Truman should be engaged in prayerful meditation over the results of his property-making (1) war in Korea which he and his Communist-sympathizers

—BRYANT B. LIPSCOMB

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.

Another Big Frost

Editors, The News: SO Cousin Alben came to town last Friday all in excitement to glory with an entourage of Governors, United States Senators and Congressmen, and a host of lesser Democratic dignitaries.

—A. T. BARKLEY

Too Much Campaigning

Editors, The News: YOU are 100 per cent right when you say we have had too much campaigning in this Presidential race. Never in the history of our nation have we heard so much lying, sneering, slander and mud-slinging as we hear today.

—R. E.

Urges Jones-Jones Debate

Editors, The News: DEMOCRATIC Congressional Candidate Ham Jones is reported to be refusing all invitations to speak on the same platform as Republican Candidate, Charles Raper Jones. He is reported to have refused such invitations from the League of Women Voters, Davidson College, and from a local radio station.

—N. L. NORTON

Democrats Can Vote For Ike

Editors, The News: AS Electricians I have the statement often made that it is impossible to vote Republican and still claim to be a true Democrat.

—J. FREDERICK

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Foreign Policy Used To Be Bipartisan

WASHINGTON THE other day in St. Paul, I was sitting in the Minnesota Club waiting for some friends when I noticed a portrait of Frank B. Rowley on the wall.

It makes me feel a bit odd to look back on it, but I was a news writer reporter covering the State Dept. when Kellogg was Secretary of State under Calvin Coolidge.

I thought he did rather a bad job in Nicaragua and Mexico, but he warmed my heart and that of millions when he negotiated the treaty to outlaw war.

I sent a radiogram from the "SS Leviathan" to the editor of The Times asking him to query me as to whether the anti-war treaty would be claimed as a triumph for the Republican Party or would be considered the bipartisan product of both parties.

Hoover Protests THE statement was important because Herbert Hoover, I thought he did rather a bad job in Nicaragua and Mexico, but he warmed my heart and that of millions when he negotiated the treaty to outlaw war.

In fact, it was more important than even I realized, for two days after we landed Kellogg on our feet, a man that was said to be in that story radiogram from the ship—

and Democrats alike, dare Ham Jones to accept to let voters compare the candidates.

—J. F. PRESSER

Favors Ike And Jones

Editors, The News: AS one time reader of your valuable paper, I wish to congratulate you for coming out for Ike, and also I want to endorse everything that Mr. Robert E. Fink said in the People's Platform, Oct. 23, regarding Charles Raper Jones.

—J. P. LONG

What Is Slave Labor?

Editors, The News: IF the Taft-Hartley Act is a slave labor law, as I union leaders and some politicians claim, what then is the union law that compels a man to join a union before he can earn his honest living at his selected trade?

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Missing The Point

Editors, The News: ROBERT C. McCREA, today, headed "One Party Less Dangerous," in that quotation let's erase the word "less" and the phrase "one party dangerous," which speaks much louder than all the remainder of the circular.

—BRYANT B. LIPSCOMB

Foreign Policy Used To Be Bipartisan

I had a copy in my pocket and showed it to him. He read it and grinned.

"The Secretary of Commerce," he explained, referring to Herbert Hoover, "raised hell with me at a cabinet meeting."

"However," he added, with a wink, "I'm glad you did it."

That he had in mind, of course, was the fact that he needed Democratic support to obtain Senate ratification of his treaty. That support was given. Democratic Senators supported it 100 per cent; a few Republicans opposed; the treaty was ratified.

Stimson Carried On I ATTER I traveled with Stimson to London where he did his best not only to limit dangerous rivalry of arms, but to persuade Europe to sign a consulative pact.

These two conflicting press conferences illustrate the basic foreign-policy cleavage within the Republican Party—a cleavage that still continues.

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