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ON ELECTION EVE—A REAFFIRMATION

THE Presidential campaign, which started off with some promise of staying on a lofty plane, quickly degenerated into a barroom brawl. No sooner had General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson made their opening speeches than the mud-slinging began. We would grow listless and bored if there were not some fireworks and some blarney in the mud-slinging. But we deplore the low and squalid level of this battle. Even the President of the United States stooped to the gutter in order to berounce the good name of a great leader, not only six months previously, he tried to persuade to become the Democratic nominee for the Presidency.

On the eve of Election Day, because of the rant and the mud-slinging, thousands and thousands of voters may be so bewildered and upset that they don't even know at this moment how they are going to vote tomorrow. Personalities rather than issues have been the focal point of arguments, name-calling, attacks and counter-attacks. There has been a lot more heat than light, and the net result has been confusion and uncertainty in the minds of undecided voters. Most of them are conscientiously in their efforts to make a wise decision.

As a virtually all our readers know, THE NEWS, as early as Jan. 8, gave its full support to General Eisenhower. It has been the Presidential nomination. Again on Oct. 9, after a long and careful examination of the issues at stake and a study of the two candidates' approach to these issues, we published another editorial setting forth our reasons for backing the General in his race against the strongly entrenched Democratic Administration and its candidate, Governor Stevenson. The opinion of THE NEWS regarding the election in the closing month of the campaign, and we wish to reiterate at this time that we remain strongly and firmly committed to General Eisenhower as our choice for the Presidency in the imminent and critical four years which lie ahead.

In all fairness, we freely admit that Adlai Stevenson has campaigned forcefully and effectively for the Presidency. He has proved himself to be a man of vision, integrity and high purpose. Greatly handicapped by the tactics of Harry Truman, who has endeavored to destroy the reputation of Eisenhower by relentless charges, Adlai has been obliged to accept the support of a President who tolerated waste and extravagance in government, the infiltration of Communists into our government, and an economic and corrupt administration as high as well as low levels of his Administration.

Frankly, THE NEWS is concerned by the strong possibility that the shining and picturesque personality of Governor Stevenson has blurred in the minds of countless Americans the serious faults and basic weaknesses of the New-Fair Deal Administration, an administration which has been in power for 20 years. It is a sad and a sobering thought that the number of our voters can even remember.

Let us get back to what we as Americans— not as party members— respect of the incoming President and his administration.

WE want to see the Korean War brought to an honorable conclusion at the earliest possible date. This war, waged at a tremendous cost in human lives and treasure, has led to the loss of billions of dollars involved— at the very top of the list of unfinished business for the new President. We believe that our Federal Government is spending too much money for defense. An adequate defense is absolutely essential, but there is unwarranted waste, duplication, extravagance and other shortcomings in the administration of spending for the defense of our country. We would like to see a man like General Eisenhower, thoroughly conversant with the problems of arming our nation for any and all emergencies, review our entire defense program, lightening

up its efficiency and cutting down its cost. He is well prepared for this big job. At this time we are spending approximately three-quarters of our national income for defense and the remaining one-quarter for all other functions of government. We see a great challenge for the incoming President to streamline all the civilian aspects of our vast bureaucracy so that greater economies and greater efficiency will be introduced. The present administration, after two decades in power, has lost its zest for economy and efficiency. The record proves that. Furthermore Adlai Stevenson, should he succeed to the Presidency with the blessing and support of Truman, would not be in as advantageous a position as Eisenhower to "clean up the mess in Washington." (Even Stevenson wanted to do this, until Truman blandly told him, "There is no mess in Washington.")

We want to see a Government which will strike a death blow to corruption in government. The scandalous conduct of countless public officials during the Truman administration leaves our people crying for scrupulous moral cleanliness at all levels of government.

It will be the responsibility of the incoming Administration to ferret Communists out of all government agencies. We feel that General Eisenhower's Primary will be in a position that his opponent to strengthen the internal security of our nation by ridding us of any Communists who may have filtered into high and responsible positions.

WE want to see our nation develop a strong foreign policy which the American people can thoroughly understand and support. We want our State Department to drop its "internationalism," and clarify and interpret its foreign policy so that the American people will comprehend our policies toward all foreign nations— those aligned with us as well as against us. Because of General Eisenhower's success in directing the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, we believe that he is better equipped than Governor Stevenson by experience and achievement to lead our nation to a position of peace with the Soviet Union by the use of the unified strength of all freedom-loving nations.

The preservation and strengthening of the two-party system, so vital to the South's future, will receive fresh impetus from an Eisenhower victory. In order that both parties may serve the nation, it seems to THE NEWS imperative that far shorter intervals than 20 years should punctuate changes in the national administration. Firm new lines of direction and a fresh approach to many unsolved problems will come from a change of party at the controls.

In conclusion, if the independent American voters, their minds freed from the bondage of party allegiance, want to review the basic issues in relation to the candidates, they will seek themselves the following questions: Which candidate can end with the greatest honor and the greatest success the Korean war? Which candidate is best equipped to reorganize and manage the Federal Government so that it will be operated far more effectively and economically? Which candidate can bring about a decentralization of government so that the States rather than Washington will have larger responsibilities and functions? Which candidate can show the firmest hand and the strongest broom in clearing corruption and Communists out of the Federal Government? Which candidate can develop and put into effect a stronger and clearer foreign policy which will result in a more enduring foundation for world peace?

In answering these questions, THE NEWS chooses General Dwight Eisenhower. May good luck attend him tomorrow when the future of America rests upon a wise decision at the polls. We join our entire defense program, lightening

JOB CLASSIFICATION POPULAR ELSEWHERE

ANY MEMBER of the Charlotte City Council is worried lest a proposed job classification survey be too "revolutionary," he might take a long vacation. The Wake County Commissioners have recently asked the Employment Security Commission in Raleigh to conduct a job classification survey of the Wake Government.

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HERLOCK... ONE POPULAR OPINION

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.

This Frederick A Loyal Democrat

CHARLOTTE CONGRATULATIONS upon your editorial endorsement of all Democratic candidates for State and County offices in North Carolina. Although you have endorsed Eisenhower for President, your paper has shown fairness to both candidates for the presidency in some editorials and in display of news stories. Some of my like Democrat friends have mentioned the letter which recently appeared in THE NEWS and Charlotte Observer signed J. Frederick in which he endorses Eisenhower. I do not know this Charlotte person, who has the right to disagree with my views.

In appreciation for the 197,000 votes cast for me on the Democratic Primary, I would bid for State Commissioner of Insurance. I believe that it is known that I am supporting the Democratic ticket completely. JOHN N. FREDERICK

Dollar Crisis

CHARLOTTE THIS letter is for people, like myself, who put out a large portion of their income on mortgage payments. These payments may be on a house, car, television set, etc. The arguments that the Republicans will bring on a depression and that the Democrats' spending will destroy our economy are my under-standing of economics. However, I have heard the Republicans claim they were going to make the dollar stand again. I don't know how they are going to do that, though they may be a little harder to come by. Now I am wondering whether I will be able to get the bank to accept 30 of those good, sound Republican dollars in place of 50 weak, limp, Democrat dollars that I pay them with every month (G. L. Jan). I am afraid they will not see \$50 matter what condition the dollar is in because that is the amount on the paper I signed. Prices may come down and my wages with them, but that mortgage is going to be there come Republicans or high water. So God bless our mortgaged homes and those puny, weak, Democrat dollars that will pay for it. WILLIAM ORTH

Inflation The Big Issue

KANNAPOLIS AMERICA, today, is facing financial bankruptcy, with the public debt soaring to the sickening sum of \$284 billions. The people are complacent and do not seem to care how the paper I signed. Prices may come down and my wages with them, but that mortgage is going to be there come Republicans or high water. So God bless our mortgaged homes and those puny, weak, Democrat dollars that will pay for it. WILLIAM ORTH

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON THE Democrats have tried to keep it inside the family, but backering and backbiting have broken out among Stevenson's top lieutenants. Chief source of trouble has been the Governor's assistant, ex-professor Carl McGowan, who has planted himself as a roadblock in the way of anyone wanting to see Stevenson. Even Democratic National Chairman Steve Mitchell disapproved of it at three places, important messages to the Governor never got past McGowan's desk. Stevenson's campaign manager, Wilson Wyatt, also was blocked by McGowan.

The two White House assistants attached to Stevenson's headquarters, Dave Bell and Clayton Fritchey, have also had trouble getting past McGowan. In fact, the situation has become so heated that Wyatt feels that McGowan is a "roadblock" in the way of anyone wanting to see Stevenson. Even Democratic National Chairman Steve Mitchell disapproved of it at three places, important messages to the Governor never got past McGowan's desk. Stevenson's campaign manager, Wilson Wyatt, also was blocked by McGowan.

McGowan Another Matt Connelly?

WASHINGTON Just the opposite with a certain top-ranking general who has spent some time in Korea himself—namely General McGowan.

Vote For Eisenhower

CHARLOTTE WHY does this election mean to you? A country freed of Communism? A government free of corruption? A state free to practice a state's rights program? Then vote for Eisenhower. The man who fought Communism on every field... home and abroad! The man whose honesty and integrity would not allow him to practice underhanded methods! The man who believes in the sovereign states practicing self rule within the constitution! MRS. LETA L. CROW

Union Man Independent Voter

CHARLOTTE LEADERS of organized labor would do well to confine their activities to the job at hand, rather than to engage in political campaigns. This business of attempting to sway the opinions or change the minds of people by telling them how to vote has no place in freedom-loving America, and an individual who resorts to such tactics is morally wrong and unfit to lead anybody in anything. I am a member of organized labor and I believe that the average member of any organization has a mind of his own and is intelligent enough to know how to vote without this unsolicited and unwarranted interference. A. L. BAILEY

Don't Let Them Take It Away

CHARLOTTE AS your publication has always tried to be honest with the little people these lines are for them. I want them to pause and think before they drop their votes in the box. In the past thousands of years the masses of people everywhere have been deceived, not just a few of their shackles have been taken off, through the grace of God and FDR. And today our rich and powerful just can't take it. Do not forget the New Deal, brothers. Don't let the big money element take it away. Don't change from a certainty to an uncertainty. Do not vote for the big money. Vote for yourself and family. And don't forget the '30's. H. E. MARKS

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NEW YORK FROM THE Commodore Hotel on 42nd Street, where General Eisenhower has his headquarters, Douglas MacArthur is a brisk five-minute walk. Yet Eisenhower has not taken the time to walk to the office of Douglas MacArthur in his suite high in the Waldorf Towers. Nor has MacArthur taken the time to visit the office of his former aide. In five states MacArthur's name is on the ballot as is also the candidate. In other states it is legal to write in his name. Fanatical followers on the nationalist, race fringe have been working intensively for MacArthur. So far as can be learned MacArthur has done nothing directly to discourage their efforts. CALIFORNIA CRUCIAL A report has come to Eisenhower headquarters from sources with accurate political knowledge that the write-in vote for MacArthur in California may be as high as 75,000 to 125,000. Eisenhower states the gists frankly admit that if a

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GOP Split Network

SOUTHERN audiences didn't know it, but he used a GOP Split Network. The first time it was used by Governors the other night. Three Democratic Governors—Byrnes of South Carolina, Shivers of Texas, and Kennam of Oklahoma—were invited to the South only by 25 Republican Governors from the Northern TV network.

What the South didn't hear was Governor McKelvin of Missouri. The first time it was used by Governor of Maryland was to abolish the Jim Crow car.