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LEST YOU BE LED ASTRAY...

THE persons responsible for high Federal spending, Senator Willis Smith told a Charlotte audience Tuesday, are "radical elements of the Democratic Party which are trying to bring about socialism."
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GAMBLING PROPAGANDA — POSTAGE FREE

THE Dominican "Republic," a tight little dictatorship to the south of us, has wasted no time capitulating to the Kefauver Committee's assault on gamblers and the resulting income tax and license drive on the fast buck boys.

The Feb. 15 edition takes it one step further. Under a headline proclaiming "Legal Gambling Increased in D. R.," we read:
"Gambling in four legal casinos in the Dominican Republic increased 400 per cent since the Kefauver crime investigation curbed gambling in many resort areas, especially Florida."

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national security program call for 76.16 per cent of the proposed \$35 billion budget for fiscal 1953. These include the military services, international security and foreign relations, atomic energy, defense production activities, civil defense, merchant marine, interest on the national debt, most of which was piled up in World War II, will require 7.32 per cent. Veterans services and benefits add up to 4.91 per cent.

Here are the domestic programs that will claim 11.56 per cent: social security, welfare and health, agriculture, transportation and communications, general government, natural resources, educational and general research, housing and community development, labor, reserve for contingencies, finance, commerce and industry. (Percentages are figured to the closest hundredth, so the total is slightly less than 100 per cent.)

Now let's take a look at the actual expenditures and estimated.

Table with columns: (In billions of dollars), 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, Percentage. Rows include Expenditures, Security Programs, Federal Government Programs, Total Budget, Expenditures.

Of added interest is the fact that the 9 per cent decline in the cost of all other government services since 1947 (before Korea) has occurred during the period when the costs of goods and services which the Government buys have been rising.

Now how did this big spending for national security come about? Let's take a look at the record of the 1951 Congress, in which Senator Smith served for a full year.

The \$7.68 billion Mutual Security Act was approved by the Senate 81-15. It was the 200th bill proposed. Recovery aid in the amount of \$1,023 billion was included in this omnibus measure.

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New Plan For Hitting China Being Mapped

By JOSEPH ALSOP

THE MOVEMENT of events in the last few days is little less than the movement of a glacier, grinding, sluggish and all but imperceptible until the avalanche is started by the remorseless ice. Today, the glacier does not seem to move. Yet there are signs of movement for the careful eye to see; and one such is a new plan for carrying the Korean war to the Chinese mainland, and if there seems to be no other choice.

The plan, which has been placed before the Joint Chief Staff by the Air Staff, has no resemblance to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's scheme for bombing in Manchuria. In fact it is a plan for not bombing in Manchuria, since Manchuria now contains a powerful concentration of Russo-Chinese power, and it is also a plan for not bombing the Chinese cities and industrial centers, which constitute so infinitely less to Chinese military power than the cities and industrial centers of the Soviet Union.

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'Okay, Ellis—Take Hold'

Taft's Line Of Strategy Is Now Clear
By MARQUIS CHICAGO

THE MAIN lines of strategy by which Senator Robert A. Taft hopes to restore the business of the President are now clear. First and foremost, the strategy is aimed at the protection of the machinery which controls the party machinery throughout the country.

Taft himself has a remarkably detailed knowledge of the professional and how he stands in each of his moves. He has already talked about it like he's hearing someone discuss a very intricate jigsaw puzzle. With his political machine Taft believes he can gather the pieces of that puzzle so firmly in his hands that on July 7 or shortly thereafter they will spell out the nomination.

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David Ingalls and Ben Tate, two Taft associates of long standing from Iowa, have been named for their immediate supervision. Taft now believes that the campaign will be co-ordinated by headquarters in Washington rather than Cleveland. But neither Ingalls nor Tate is a Republican. Their names are doubtful if the Republican conclude in San Francisco he is a conspicuously successful politician.

Working through skilled managers under his personal supervision, Taft aims to sweep at least three primary contests, hoping in this way to rebuff the Korean War propaganda. Those primaries are in Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio. If New Hampshire should come through with unexpected results, that would be a bonus.

On the ideological side, the Taft strategy rests upon the support of Douglas MacArthur and the unpopularity of the Korean War. Taft has no intention of being a peace candidate. He is a peace candidate in the eyes of the public, but for MacArthur in Taft's speech at Wisconsin Rapids drew the loudest applause of the evening.

In the Taft book the reverse of MacArthur's popularity is the unpopularity of the Korean War. These two themes are twinned in almost everything the candidate says. They are part of the written text or not.

Every politician seeking office has a pretty broad license to use propaganda. The Korean War is here, in the view of this reporter that Taft strains his license to use it. He talks about the "unnecessary" Korean War; about how if only American troops had been sent to the South Koreans trained with planes and tanks furnished by the United States, the war would never have happened.

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Similarly when he compares government spending with the private spending today—six per cent of the national income against 30 per cent—he conveniently ignores the brutal fact that the private world, as it is, does not say what proportion of current spending goes to build American defense plants. He talks about the Communist threat revealed by the attack on South Korea, and Taft's appeal is right. Certainly he is personally recommended to me that the best way to get on with this job from a time standpoint" was to give it to Fisher, Gilpatrick told the committee.

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