### EISENHOWER'S TASK IS A DIFFICULT ONE

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THERE is a similarity between Dwight Eisenhower's assignment in the forthcoming campaign and some of the assignments given him in the past. It is a big undertaking, against a powerful foe, and in the face

taking, against a powerful foe, and in the face of many difficult obstacles. But there is a difference, too. In his Army career, Eisenhower did the planning, and left it up to his assistants to carry out the objectives. This time, he will have to do a major part of the work.

A glimpse at the hard, cold figures of volting habits will show how big a job Eisenhower has taken on. After five Presidential elections, the Republican Party is a minority water. It is dominant only in a small number elections, the Republican Party is a minority party. It is dominant only in a small number of states with an insufficient number of electoral votes to name a President. Barring a new Dixie "revolt", the Democrats start this campaign with a comfortable backlog of "probable" electoral votes:

	No. of		% Der
State	Electoral		Vote
	Votes	In 1948	In 19
Mississippi .	8	2.6	10.1
South Carolina	4	3.8	24.2
Louisiana	10	- 17.6	33.0
Alabama	1.1	19.3	-
Georgia	12	18.4	61.2
Arkansas	8	21.2	62.2
Texas	24	24.4	66.4
North Carolina	14	32.8	58.3
Florida	10	34.3	49.8
Tennessee	11	37.1	49.4
Oklahoma	8	37.3	62.7
Minnesota	11	40.2	57.5
Virginia	12	41.4	48.2
Rhode Island	4 -	41.5	57.7
Missouri	13	41.6	58.2
Kentucky	10	41.7	57.0
West Virginia	8	42.2	57.3
New Mexico	4	43.0	56.5
Washington	9	43.2	53.2
Massachusetts	16	43.3	54.9
Montana	4	43.4	53.3
Arizona	4	44.0	54.1
Utah	4	45.0	54.0
Total electora	votes:	219.	

\* The influence of the States Rights Party was felt in these states.

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In 1948, then, a year when President Truman was being counted out by the experts,
the Republican Party got 45 per cent or less
of the popular votes in 23 states with a total
electoral vote of '219. In other words, the
Republican nominee must spur a shift of at
least 5 percentage points if he is to make
a dent in this bloe of Democratic states.
On top of these 219 "probable" electoral
votes, the Democrats have the edge in 12 additional states with a total of 196 electoral
votes.

No. of % Rep. % Dem.

State	Electora	I Votes	Votes
	Votes	In 1948	In 194
Colorado -	6	46.7	52.1
Wisconsin	12	46.8	51.2
Nevada	3	47.2	50.4
Wyoming	3	47.4	51.7
California	32	47.4	47.8
Idaho	4	47.5	50.2
Iowa	10	48.0	50.8
Ohio	25	49.3	49.5
Illinois	27	49.6	50.4
New York	45	46.3**	45.4
Michigan	20	49.7**	48.1
Maryland	9	49.9**	48.4
Total elector	al votes: 1	196.	

\*\* Dewey carried New York, Michigan and Maryland, although he got less than 50 per cent of the vote, because the Pro-

gressive Party took large blocs of votes from the Democratic Party.

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In each of these 12 states, with a total electoral vote of 196, the Republican Party got less than half the total vote in 1948. The winning narty must get 266 electoral votes in November. If the Democrats are able to hold the 22 "probable" states listed in the first table they will have 210 electoral votes. They will need only 47 additions for the first state of the control of the con

Most of the criticism of the Administration has been directed against Harry Truman and his associates, rather than against the Democratic Party as such. Now that Mr. Truman is stepping down, and now that the more moderate center of the Democratic Party has taken control, a primary target of the Republicans has been snatched from them.

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The Democratic slate of Stevenson and Sparkman has high potentialities. Both are proven vote-getters.

There is further, a prosperity that, though stimulated artificially in many respects, has given millions of Americans a higher standard of living than ever before. Many big blocs of voters—farmers, slabor, small businessmen, minority groups—think they have fared better unser the Democrats than under past Republican administrations. There is a big army of Federal jobholders, and an even larger number of persons who receive Federal checks in ane sort or another. Furthermore, the Democrats have the superior party organization and, it would appear, more than their share of political brains. In no other way can one explain the brilliant maneutivering at Chicago that (1) divided the field so thoroughty that a Stevenson draft became inevitable, and (2) avoided the dictates of the right and 'eft wings of the party to settle on the middle ground.

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the right and 'eft wings of the party to settle on the middle ground. No one can predict the outcome of a Presidential election in these uncertain days, and none but a fool would try. It does not require any crystal ball, however, to see clearly that Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon must wave an upfull battle if they are to win in November.

The Agriculture Department is pass out tips to gardeners on how to make vegetable patches yield more Nothing see about them: More toil, more sweat, meallouses, more aching muscles.—New cleans States.

#### ON THE BRINK OF CHAOS

FROM THE FIRST, the United States has refrained from intervening openly in the dispute over oil between Iran and Great Britain. It was in our interest to settle the dispute amicably, but the situation was so touchy that U. S. influence, had to be applied

toleny that C. S. Intilence, and to be applied behind the scenes. Following the recent riots in Iran, Premier Mossadegh is once more in power—more solidly than ever before, so solidly, in fact, that, there are hints in the nationalist press that the Shah of Iran, like King Farouk of Egypt, may be forced from his throne. Now Mossadegh has made a gesture toward tenier to settle, he oll distinct once again

trying to settle he oil dispute once again. No one knows what his terms will be. That No one knows what his terms will be. That they will be high is a foregone conclusion. This time, however, Mossadegh's nation is on the brink of bankruptey. No longer can he stave it off by-his-amazing financial gyrations. He mixt soon get the oil flowing from Abadan if chaos is to be avoided.

ONE THING AT A TIME

HAVING noticed that Governor Stevenson HAVING noticed that Governor Stevenson
has just asked National Committee Chairman McKinney to carry on for a bit while
he gets together an organization, we were
naturally impressed when we opened the current issue of David Lawrence's U. S. News & Yenr ISSUE OF THE AMERICA'S U. S. News & World Report. Not only has it already determined who Mr. Stevenson's inner advisers will be, if he becomes President. It has even named President Stevenson's entire Cabinet.

Secretary of State-Averell Harriman. Secretary of Treasury—George W. Mitch-l (whoever he is).

Postmaster General—Jake Arvey Secretary of Agriculture-Gov Sid McMath

Secretary of Commerce-Chester Bowles.

Secretary of Labor—Frank Graham.
Secretary of Interior—Sen. Joseph C.
O'Mahoney of Wyoming. Attorney General—Ex-Sen. Scott Lucas of

llinois.

Secretary of Defense—Robert A. Lovett.

It is remarkable to note how well the
Lawrence" Cabinet coincides with what

In this state of affairs, America's interest takes a new turn. Britain's policy has been to bring Mossadegh to his knees. As long as to bring Mossadegh to 'his knees. As long as it had a chance of working, the U. S. could afford to stay in the background. But it is evident now that Mossadegh is not geling to recant on nationalization. A continuation of the impasse will not leave him on his knees, but flat on his back. And the resulting crisis would be made to order for the Tudeh Communist Party and its masterminis across the Soviet border.

A new policy is needed one that will save face for Mossafegh while providing for the fair and orderly repayment of Great Britain for the confiscated oil properties. The policy must accept the realities of the situation, unpleasant though they may be Failure of the U. S. to intercede in the formation of such a policy was person with the properties. such a policy may very well mean the com-plete loss of oil-rich Iran to the Communists.

# some Republicans would like to have estab-lished in the public mind as the opposition's proposed Cabinet. There's the political boss, Jake Arvey, dispensing patronage, the de-feated Senator with alleged underworld links, Scott Lucas, heading the Justice Dept, the fast-spending Harriman in con-trol of the State Dept. The left-wingers in the saddle, down the line.

The Democrats would be equally gleeful if Eisenhower's purported Cabinet were to include Governor Fine as Postmaster Gen-eral, Joe McCarthy as Attorney General and Senator Hickenlooper as Secretary of State.

We doubt if either candidate has given much thought to his Cabinet, in the event he is successful. Rather, they are concerning themselves with the campaign. An excellent idea, even for news magazines.

Farmer Grimes of Vinegar Bend says that e never began to grumble about that 2 ents for a penny postcard until he received cents for a penny postcard until he received
13 postage-free letters from one of our Congressmen. Then the thing really began to
bite.—Oklahoma City Oklahoman. POTTERS ROAD AND THE PLAZA-A SAMPLE PROBLEM



# Rural Intersections Pose Major Traffic Control Problem

By A. M. SECREST
Charlotte News Staff Writer
THE DATE - April 18. the
place - The Plaza, where Potters Road intersects.
Darkness was just settling
down over the inhabitants of that
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a half mile from the city limits.
Suddenly the peace and quiet
of that early Spring evening was
split by the squeed of brakes foling grinding sound of metal
slamming into metal. For a moment all was quiet.
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This accident touched off am over me in which ultimately reached the State Highway Commission in Raleigh.

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Posple began to say that something ought to be done about the city, of the people who lived the company were threatened. Why wasn't a traffic light installed there to prevent a recurrence of such a tragedy of the company of the company were month the receipt of professes was translated into a petition to the County Commissioner—a petition that was supported by over 300 names. The petition alleged that the in-the petition alleged that the interaction with its present in-different control of the company o

maintenance of a traffic light . . . would slow down traffic and prevent property damage and loss of life."

M. E. Beatty, division engineer of the seventh division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, wrote that there were many intersections. Works Commission, wrote that there were many intersections "as bad or worse" in Mecklem-burg County and that if equal treatment were provided for all, the state would be called upon to install over a dozen lights, and, therefore, "it is my recommenda-tion that a signal light not be installed at this intersection..." BACKED UP BY FACTS

Mr. Beatty backed up his argu-ments with some facts. According to a survey made by Robert A. Burch, the traffic volumes at the intersection are relatively low and far short of the minimum re-

so far this year. FOUR THIS YEAR

FOUR THIS YEAR
There have been four accidents, at Potters Road this year. Short-lay after the State Highway report was made public, another accident occurred at Potters Road and The Plaza. Four people were injured, one critically.

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OTHER ACCIDENTS

to a survey made by Robert A. Burch, the traffic volumes at the intersection of a traffic signal. He said that the west leg of the intersection, which bears the intersection, which bears the intersection, which bears the holy 2.150 vehicles a fig., and that the south leg as but 60 only 2.150 vehicles a fig., and that the south leg as but 60 vehicles per\_day,

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# 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.

## Objects To DDT Truck Noise CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

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[WISH the Health Department would pick a different hour for scattering the DDF fog. At
about 3 A. M. this morning, I was awakened by
the most unearthly noise, and the wastened to the
control of the control of the control of the control
to the stinking pray truck was combing every
street in North Charlotte, scattering the fog. filling
up all the homes and leaving a trail in its wake.

—H. E. MARKS.

#### A Vote For Ike

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News.

NOW that the Trumanites have taken their bow, it looks like they intend to shove their civil rights program down our throats whether we like it or not. The Constitution gives each state the right to govern itself, and any interference direct.

or indirectly from the Federal Government will unconstitutional, and another step toward dic-torship.

tatorship. They speak of how prosperity existed these states of the speak twenty years. Twenty-three years ago I worked for \$8.50 a week. All they was the speak twenty with the years ago I worked for \$8.50 a week. All they was the speak they was the wa

Now they infer that Eisenhower doesn't know what it is all about. I would like to remind them that Hitler and Mussolini, had the same idea. Come hell or high water, my vote is for Ike, and not Truman's Shadow.

—G. GRAY.

never with the driver. We have literally dozens of requests for stop lights at intersections which carry heavier traffic loads and which are more dangerous in ap-

which are more dangerous in approaches.

CHE maintained the cost of installation and upkeep would be probibitive. Best estimate of the cost of installation and upkeep would be probibitive. Best estimate of the cost of installation per stop light is \$1.200. If lights were in-needs one, it would cost the state in Mecklenburg County alone approximately \$21.600.

Chief Lineberry confessed that in "Something ought to be done-about the intersection to make its "Something ought to be done-about the intersection to make its after," be assy. "But I'm not a

he doesn't know what the answer is. "Something ought to be done-about the intersection to make it safer," he says, "But I'm not a traffic engineer." He appreciates

the viewpoint of the people who live near the intersection which has seen two fatalities and four injuries within three inouths. He suzgest the possibility of illuminating the crossing with the motivities are inclined to slow down at lightled intersec-tions. Flood lights are relatively cheap, Chief Lineberry pointed out.

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But I don't know what the final answer will be. The State Highway men are traffic engleners and know their job."

Meanwhile over 300 people who signed the petition are not satisfied with the report. They still want some action to make the vicinity of the intersection a safer place in while to live.

### **Ike-Adlai Contest Promises** High Level For Campaigning

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

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Which we can be duly thankful for blessings received. The prospect is for a campaign on a higher level than we have known in this country for a very long time. It is as though a cleansing wind had blows away the dank air of suspicion.

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cominant theme in the weeks to come.

While one speech does not make a campaign, Governor Adial Stevenson's acceptance address after his nomination had in it a kind of nobility that found an instant response. The reaction to that speech has been remarkable. It seemed the beginning of a new era, interest and the speech has been remarkable. It seemed the beginning of a new era, the classification of the speech something more than the cheap and easy lures of most political speeches.

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WASHINGTON ent of pause in the troubles before him, and they are sagm on a higher sagm on a single sagm on a single sagm on a single sagm on a single sagm on a higher sagm on a single sagm on a single sagm of the sag

sits who had decided to "put over." Senator Estes Kefauver as their man.

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may determine whether the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket can win.
NORTH-SOUTH SPLIT
The gulf between the Northern labor-liberal wing and the Southerners has been widened. But the South came away with a sense of victory and a Southern split seems unlikely. Stevenson's greates thandicap, as he reconfized in his

# Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Sparkman Choice Will Help Heal Wounds

THE chief problem faced by the Democratic Party is that which follows in the wake of even onvention.

—menting up the wounds is a re some of the wounds that Southern wounds—With a few exceptions, that are likely to heal more casily than the Chieso fireworks indicated.

Insuite fact is that Chairman Frank McKinney called in the leaders of the three revoluting states—Virginia, South Carolina and Louisian—one day before the bay blowup on the convention floor and offered to seat them without any the amount of the control of the c

South Carolina and Louisians—one day before the big blowup on the convention floor and offered to seat them without any argument. He said he would have the chairman of the credential of the would have the chairman of the credential of the control of the control

Truman's Hatred

Lucas' Revenge
HOWEVER. Scott Lucas. the Illinois ex-Senator who
telaims he was defeated by Kefauver's crime probe,
hit the ceiling. So did Speaker Rayburn. In the face of
hit opposition, plus the known coolness of the President. Kefauver was dropped. He never did get even a
not for the Vice Presidency.

because of Truman's attitude toward the Senator from John Sparkman for Vice President should help to bind up Southern wounds.

2. Public wounds—may be a little harder to heal. Some of the Democratic leaders forgot that a good part of the American public was watching on television, and that the roughshod tacties used in the House of Bersenatives; so the public does not realize that the roughshod tacties used in the House of Representatives; so the public does not realize that the sassage of certain laws sometimes depends merely on the ear of the presiding offiser.

Therefore, Gov. Paul Dever of Massachusetts and at first Speaker Sam Rayburn axive the public a bad impression. West Virginia's Walter Ballman, bublic as much fairer. Hallman's patient fairness in handling the Puerto Rican delegation was cabled all over Latin America, and made a profound impression.

Delegates also fumed when the Democratic platform, thousands of words long, was adopted by voice vote, with no printed copies distributed for scrutiny.

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THE President's revenge tipped the scales at one de-cisive midnight huddle when Averell Harriman told Kefauver supporters that he could not throw his support to Kefauver because of his own loyalty to Truman and