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## IKE DIDN'T CALCULATE THIS RISK

**G**EORGE EISENHOWER is rapidly finding out that a political crusade is not exactly a picnic. The revelation that Senator Nixon has been the beneficiary of a \$16,000 special expense fund, contributed by California friends, must have jarred the General down to his heels.

Eisenhower has been campaigning all across the country denouncing Democrats who have lowered the ethical standards of public office. Now he suddenly discovers that his own running mate has, at the very least, shown incredibly bad judgment in accepting gifts from his constituents, and using the money in his official duties, without reporting the receipt of the funds on his income tax report. "Why," the General might well ask, "was I not told about this in Chicago?"

Nixon's answer to Democratic Chairman George Mitchell's demand that he resign as Eisenhower's running mate is not a satisfactory explanation of the acceptance and use of the \$16,000. It is not enough to call it a "typical left wing smear", or to retaliate by charging that Senator Sparkman, the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate, has his wife on his office pay roll, which has been a matter of public record for 10 years.

The ethics of the case are clear. It is true that U. S. Representatives and Senators are not paid enough. We have said so many times

in these columns in urging more realistic salaries and expense allowances. Nixon, however, agreed to an indefensible arrangement to make up his financial deficiency. Any public office holder who is subsidized by his constituents sacrifices some measure of his independence. But he need not have asked him for any favors, but he could have hard put to deny them if they should ask.

The Democrats, ranking under the banner of fire from Eisenhower and Nixon about corruption in government, may be expected to take the fullest possible advantage of this unexpected windfall. It will, inevitably, take the sting out of Nixon's campaign against ethical laxity in the Democratic Administration, especially since it has never been satisfactorily explained why Senator Owen Brewster, in violation of party regulations, sent \$16,000 to Nixon via Henry Grundweid, a Mid-North Nixonite in California. It will also handicap Eisenhower.

Eisenhower, like any good general, knew there were calculated risks in entering the Presidential campaign. He had not calculated on this one, however. Eisenhower, awaiting all the facts, says he believes Nixon is an "honest man", but he must feel some disappointment that his running mate has not kept himself above suspicion.

**A DUBIOUS 'ASSET' FOR EISENHOWER**

IN THE rapidly-changing political pattern of the traditionally pro-South, the defection from Democratic ranks of South Carolina's Gov. James F. Byrnes is not a significant development. But whether his endorsement will be of great value to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower is another matter.

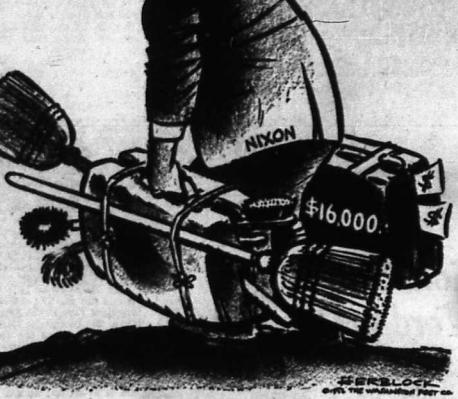
Byrnes, one of the architects of the New Deal and holder of many high offices in the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations, has been a bitter man since President Truman fired him in 1947 as Secretary of State. Not only has he been resentful of the leadership of the Democratic Party, but he is now steadfastly opposed to a philosophy of government that he once helped to fashion and steer through the National Congress by astute cloakroom diplomacy.

Now he says, quite principle above party, At the reasonably young in Gov. Adlai Stevenson, Byrnes is perturbed that Stevenson has veered too far to the left. Like Governor Shivers of Texas and Governor Kennon of Louisiana, he will vote for the Republican candidate in November.

The climate today is far more favorable, for party irregularity in the South than it was as recently, say, as 1938 when the late Furnifold Simmons sealed his doom by backing Herbert Hoover. Simmons was defeated for re-election in 1940 by the late Josiah Bailey, mainly because of resentment among North Carolina voters over his 1939 spending habits, and rebel against it.

Nationally, the Byrnes endorsement must, in all fairness, be put into the dubious asset category. From the first, General Eisenhower has been able to count on the votes of U. S. conservatives, Democratic or Republican. Byrnes will not bring him any more of those votes, since Eisenhower has none of them. In fact, the Byrnes endorsement may even harm him. Eisenhower needs to win over independents who are leaning toward him. Byrnes' inroads into the great bloc of independent voters to win in November, and the independents, who have largely voted with the Democratic Party in the past few elections, may be frightened away if the Eisenhower camp becomes overpopulated with right-wing leadership, especially with malcontents from the Democratic Party who, having basked in the favoritism of that party, now seek to

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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.

### B&PW Helped On Slum Clearance

CHARLOTTE

Editor, The News:

In your "Over The City Desk" column of Saturday, Sept. 13, a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was quoted at considerable length in regard to credit for initiating the slum clearance program. I would like to point out that I remember the 1945 work of the Jaycees along this line and to give their organization full recognition for having labored well and long—before the current program.

This is what he represents and every group which has made organized efforts toward improving housing conditions in this city deserve recognition and praise. However, while we're on the subject of credit, I would like to add that the Charlotte Business and Professional Women, back in February, 1947 and through 1948, our club spearheaded a citywide slum clearance program. Our files are full on this project—see correspondence, minutes, reports, clippings, etc.

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—MRS. ISABELLE ELIOTT HART,  
President Charlotte Business & Professional Women's Club.

### Fill The Quarry

Editor, The News:

CITY Manager Yancey is 100 per cent right about filling in the rock quarry with garbage and covering it with dirt. The neighbors would have no fires, no odors. I speak from 20 years experience as a sanitarian in all branches of inspection. This is the right way to do it. In the past came from incinerators, situations that rendered outfalls from dead animals, etc., and the old battery works, now eliminated. Let Mr. Yancey have his way, and your quarry troubles are over for all time to come. Give him six months and you will be surprised at the results.

—W.M. MCINTIRE.

### The 'Men' Take Over The GOP

CHARLOTTE

Editor, The News:

LONG about June the magnificent Stanley Musa A is wont to say: "From here on in, the men take over the boys." Although he better express the frank position of the men, he is right. Since Sen. Taft's Wednesday speech in behalf of Eisenhowers candidacy, which is sure will give Mr. Taft a bit of trouble, the men have taken over the full-time positions that sterling personality with the marvelous smile, ponifical voice, and inadequate intellect, gave old Ike.

At least the American people will have considerably more information upon which to reflect their destiny from a debate between two such in-

—JOHN W. HESTER.

### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Editor, The News:

EX-GOV. Harold Stassen is serving as Ike's secret ambassador to labor and did a Herculean job of trying to appease top union leaders before the General's AFL speech—so far, so good.

Stassen, who also wrote Ike's AFL speech, first had a talk with Bill Green, urging that the AFL not take a definite stand in favor of Stevenson. Green gave him no encouragement. Stassen also talked to Richard Taitt, president of the CIO, and to George Meany, who had been a strong Eisenhower supporter but later switched to Stevenson. Likewise he talked several times to George Meany, AFL secretary.

"The General is thinking very seriously about Taitt," he continues, "it is my understanding from Taitt that he would like to be allowed to do something to make up for it."

What Stassen wanted was that the AFL either give its solid tacit support or hold off endorsing Stevenson. However, he got no commitment.

"The General should do what he thinks best, and we should do what we think is best," he said, in brief.

### Persistent Stassen

STASSEN, however, approached Meany a second time on Sept. 4, 1952, to hold off regarding Stevenson. But Meany refused to talk.

"It's something the General should decide on the merits," he said, "and it's something we also should decide on the merits."

Not satisfied, Stassen came back again. The last time he saw Meany was on Sunday, Sept. 14, one day before

## Death Of A Salesman

## Ike's Approach Is Emotional—Stevenson Appeals To Reason

By MARQUIS CHILDS

CAMPAIGNING WITH STEVENSON

ONE thing in this Presidential contest has not always been true in the past campaigns. The two candidates are dissimilar, utterly dissimilar, in almost every respect.

To begin with, they could hardly look more unlike than they do with the single exception that they are both almost equally tall. Stevenson is on the small side, somewhat stocky, has a brisk, quick tempo that comes out in everything he does. Ike appears in contrast to be massive, slow-moving, deliberate.

It is, above all, in the way in which each candidate approaches the campaign that the contrast comes out. Stevenson thinks about the issues of the day and in considerable detail. He is attempting by reason to persuade the voters, or enough of them, that he understands the problems before the country can begin to consider the nation through continuing storms ahead.

While this is an oversimplification, Ike's approach is much more casual. He has not yet seen the Citizens for Eisenhower office in New York, he believes people are reached through emotion rather than reason.

He is appealing to deep impulses of loyalty, patriotism, religious faith.

With Eisenhower this often seems to add up to the desire of a great many Americans to return to a simpler way of life when the burdens of world would not rest on American shoulders. When Ike throws out the idea of a time when "your country will not need you in arms sent overseas, he skirts the isolationist position. This is a long way from his own record standing for universal military training.

## Popular Ike Still Getting Conflicting Staff Advice

By JOSEPH ALSOP

### WITH THE EISENHOWER SPECIAL

THE scene is one which will have been repeated some 70 times during the campaign's final days. The back-drop is a small city or large town, its skyline dominated by an enormous grain elevator. As the train halts, there are cheering crowds of a great variety of people, some in shiny streamers, others in their holiday best. A pink-faced, thick set man with a slightly leprous, slightly embarrassed, extraneous, dimly lit, and somewhat step-dancing to the platform. During D. Eisenhower acknowledges the cheers with a characteristic gesture, his arms extended straight above his head, and then begins to talk.

There are certain points worth noting about this endlessly repeated scene. In the first place, the crowds are very big; often they are enormous, with people crowded around the grain elevator, the grain and telephone poles, in order to get a glimpse of the famous general.

In the second place, these people do indeed "like Ike." They like him as a human being, in a way they may really liked Thomas E. Dewey—or even, perhaps, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

### EARNEST PLATITUDES

In the third place, Eisenhower responds well and effectively to the warmth and affection of the crowds. He is a great shaker as an old man of the crowd, nothing very startling in what he says, as he denounces the "bulging" which led to the Korean war, high prices, high taxes, and corruption. He is a good speaker, can respond to questions with an earnest vehemence, or tell an earnest platitude, just as there must be both a fly-wheel and a governor on an engine. The time has definitely come in this country when we need to use the government, both as to domestic policies and foreign policies.

You may turn to Adlai because he has enlisted for the duration; but Taft's action is fragrant and stimulative to my nostrils. You have more effective channels through which to fight. However, I shall do my best.

—JOHN W. HESTER.

## Stassen Worked Hard On AFL For Ike

the AFL convention was to meet, when he urged that

Eisenhower have the privilege of meeting with the executive council of the AFL before he addressed the convention.

At this time the AFL would let them look at the text of his speech and make any changes before he delivered it to the delegates.

This also was turned down. Meany and other leaders took the position that AFL delegates should be free to speak for themselves.

Any advance perusal or correction of Eisenhower's speech, it was felt, carried implied approval, and might offend the freedom of the convention.

Stassen, however, obtained a personal invitation to top labor leaders to lunch with Eisenhower after finishing his speech. This, they felt, implied no pledge of support and was accepted.

### Ardent Louey Johnson

EX-Secretary of Defense Louey Johnson, who performed many services for the Democrats in 1948, has been succeeded by the Republicans to raise funds for the GOP ticket this year.

The irony is that Johnson got the key to his 1948 contributions from two Republicans. Johnson was good friend of Sen. George Smathers, top Democrat in the Senate, and Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire.

From there he moved the funds and hit up such Republicans for a Democratic contribution too, that it was safer to place money on both sides.

The implication was that if the Democrats remained in power, they might remember the big firms that contributed to the GOP only.

Note—The Democrats also are trying to bring Johnson

into the 1952 campaign as a member of a Veterans-for-Stevenson braintrust. So far, the ex-Secretary of Defense has told both parties that he will have to check with his doctor first.

### Real Estate Lobby

THE powerful real estate lobby, which Washington's Sen. Harry Truman has served so faithfully, is now going to bat for the Republicans. Under the new scheme the real estate boys have up to fill his campaign chest is the old chain letter gag, this one asking for one-dollar contributions.

George Marshall obtained a copy of a confidential letter to apartment operators, outlining the scheme. The letter is signed by Donald Hass and C. A. Nicholson, who run the apartment owners' association in Washington state.

"Senator Cain has consistently voted against Federal rent control, public housing and other controls over real property," the letter points out approvingly. "He is opposed to federal ownership of tidelands, and a firm opponent of the proposed diamond tax."

"We believe in the principles of freedom of property rights, operation of the free and private enterprise system and a balanced budget in government," cannot stand by while Senator Cain is attacked," the letter concludes. "A check of Senator Cain's record shows that he has done a great deal for the public welfare of the state. His record is one of service to the public."

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Note—The post office has ruled that chain letters are illegal, though this may not apply if the money is intended for campaign contributions.