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The Platform

information as is available about the Republican suggests no great deviation from American policy as it has developed during the past five

foreign policy as it has developed during the past five years of cold war. In promise of greater ald to the un-dergrounds of the nations which Russia has grabbed, the implication that American policy includes their eventual liberation, would go a step beyond any position taken for-mally by the Truman administration.

If the plank as now outlined is finally adopted, it will endouse collective security through the United Nations. In Will promise continued ald for fere nations and support of the various agreements for mutual security made by the Truman administration. It will promise continued sup-port of the movement for European unification. So, as for the positive promises, the platform encour-ages Europe and American internationalists to believe that the Republicans are no threat to the continuity of fer-eign policy.

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The emphasis on efforts to obtain the liberation statellite peoples in Europe and Asia is an effort to show that there is room for initiative, which the Republicans accuse the administration of having lost to Russia.

This matter of initiative, in a conflict which exists only because of the aggressive aims of one side, has always been a nebulous one. Were the Marshall plan, the Truman Dectrine and European unification pieces of initiative, or merely reactions? They have many of the qualities of both.

All this platform talk, however, has little effect on international thinking either in Europe or America. Where will collective accurity be emphasized, in Europe or Asia, or both, and boy strong will the emphasis be? How must economic, and military aid will be continued? What will be the projudices of the mere who deelide what is meant by a strong will be mere who deelide what is meant by a strong Air Force when the american the strong and the strong will be answered through the nominations of both parties and the ultimate election, not by platform

The Office Cat

The attorneys for the prosecution and the defense been allowed fifteen minutes each to argue the case, attorney for the defense had commenced his argu-st with an allusion to the old swimming-hole of his bood days. Ite told in flowers oratory of the balm, the singing birds, the joy of youth, the delights of air, the singing birds, the joy of youth, the delights of the cool water—
In the midst of it be was interrupted by the drawling voice of the judge,
"Come on out, Chauney," he said, "and put your clothes on. Your fifteen minutes are up."

Married Man-George, you should get married. It wonderful to have a home waiting for your return at just; there is eestasy in caring for a garden and a lawn; ou can raise a dog from a pup; children are adorable and not trouble at all; a wife is an inspiration, and even she does get stupicious you can always talk her out of it. Bachelor-dunghtfully I could II oudli II could II be like you

Castomer—1d like a dozen limes, please,
(The girl looked puzzled, disappeared in the back, and
returned with twelve lima beans.)
Customer—No, no. I want limes. They're a fruit,
Green lemons.
Girl Clerk—(Drawing berself up with dignity and with
touching loyalty to the firm) Sorry, sir, we handle nothing
but ripe lemons.

Rachel—So you were hurt in the war? Where w u wounded? Hackey—Lady, I was hit in the Belgian Bulge. Rachel—Oh-h-h. How dreadful!

Ask The Times Recorder

A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing The Zanatville, O. Times Recorder Information Bureau. 1200 Eye Street, NW. Washington 5, D. C. Please enclose three (3) cents for return postage.

Q. Who said "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still" It. S.

A. The idea occurs in "Hudibras" by Samuel Butler: "He that complies against his will Is of his own opinion still."

Q. How many persons have been fingerprinted in the United States? A. J. B.
A. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has criminal eards for 9.239,677 persons, and non-criminal eards for 9.259,644,897. In all, the FBI has approximately 122,000,000 fingerprint eards on file.

Q. When is Ramadan? S. T.
A. The Lent of Mohammedans is the ninth month of
e calendar. It began this year at dawn on Sunday, May
. During this great Moslem fast, pious Mohammedans
uch no food from sunrise to sunset.

Q. What is the cost per mile for plane travel today?

A. Approximitely six cents per mile for regular travel, and four cents per mile for coach fare.

The Spirit Of '52





Imbecilic Season Now Underway

CHIICAGO — That stupendous seizure of mass imbeellity by which the presidents of the greatest free mation on earth are foisted on the people, the season of nominating conventions, is now efficially open. The stylish Lake Front section of Chicago and certain areas of the society of the convention of the control of the co

sonal.

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asid. She hasn't planned even one party.

This reporter, who has seen her working at Luxembourg; knows she toils assiduously at diplomacy. A critic blasts her — then invites her to cocktails — and she goes: it's part of her job.

When somebody criticizes Truman, though, she says, "Now you wait a minute. I'm his friend first, last and all the time."

In August — her third anniversary as Minister to Luxembourg — she'll return to her post.

She laughed off reports that she might marry a famous Albuquer-que doctor or another diplomat.

"Tm ooly interested in MY diplomatic carreer," she said.

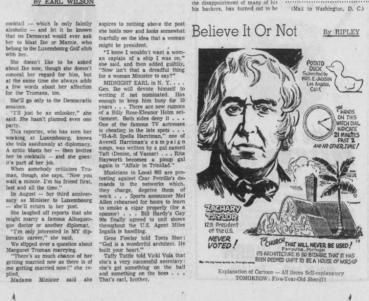
"There's as much chance of her getting married now as there is of me getting married now as there is of me getting married now as there is of me getting married now," she re-piled,
Madame Minister said she

Byrnes' Testimony On Prisoners By GEORGE SOKOLSKY



(Mail to Washington, D. C.)

By RIPLEY



Explanation of Cartoon — All Items Self-explanatory
TOMORROW: Five-Year-Old Sheriff!