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WHY THE CATTLEMEN WENT TO WASHINGTON

THERE'S a saying out West that in the sheep business you go broke about once every five years. In the cattle business once every seven. A lot of stockmen have gone through those five- and seven-year cycles. But the cattle business hasn't run true to the old pattern lately.

The old "seven-year cycle" twice in a row. Some cattlemen have had it good for so long they've forgotten how the economic pinch feels. So they went to Washington and asked Uncle Sam to save them with high price supports.

IT IS DRY BEHIND THE EARS ALL RIGHT

VAGUE STATEMENTS by important men and rapid transmission of news sometimes combine to distort news and issues. Mr. Eisenhower's use of the term "full parity" during a campaign speech led people to believe he favored legislation providing 100 per cent parity.

His decision to stay out of local elections was indeed. The American people are just not used to this kind of a political party leader, after 20 years of roohtin'-tootin' Democracy.

GOP Can't Afford To Lose Any Seats Seven 'Tight' Senate Races Likely

WASHINGTON A form shaw based entirely on past performances at the polls would single out six Republicans and one Democrat as in for tough races over the same route if they seek re-election to the Senate in 1954.

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HOW COME, 'HONEST JOHN'?

SEN. JOHN BRICKER of Ohio has an interesting financial arrangement. He turns over his \$12,500 annual pay check to his private law firm. The firm then turns around and pays him \$24,000.

Of course, he wouldn't think of that, he says. "Everybody knows I'm honest." No one, to our knowledge, questioned the honesty of Charles E. Wilson when appointed as Defense Secretary last year.

AIN'T WHAT YOU SAY, IT'S HOW YOU SAY IT

DO YOU WORRY, toss in bed at night. Do you wrinkle your handkerchief, bite your nails, before making a speech? Do you deplore the floundering phrase you uttered at the last meeting of the Board of the Better Living Class? If you do, rest easy. The most sought-after speaker in the land mangles the language.

Well, he was relatively new at the business then. But time has not changed everything. Last week, after succinctly stating his position on the role of the presidency in local elections, he unfortunately decided something more should be said.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Grateful Importants' Dream Coming True

WASHINGTON "IN what royal family has the 'W' asked Mr. A. Mitchell Palmer at an embassy dinner in Washington last night? Part of the answer arrives in Washington today—King Paul of Greece. He is the third son of King George and Queen Olga, together with all three of his sons, has ruled over the friendly, turbulent, vitally strategic country of Greece.

Foreign Aid Program Gave U.S. Industry Big Boost

WASHINGTON THIS IS JUST ONE instance of the kind of political decisions that can be made to affect the economy in the critical months ahead. Many of the experts seem reluctant to talk about these relationships. They assume that techniques have been devised by which government can pull the proper levers to insure a continuance of higher prosperity on a stable plateau for all time.

But before the reporting starts it might be well to say that the Commerce Department is looking at a report just put out by the Department of Commerce. This demonstrates in a striking way how government spending for foreign aid provides a good for an important segment of American industry.

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ODE ON A SMALL ITEM FROM VANCOUVER

IN Canada, it may be said, the Diesel horns are raising me with sex life in the mighty altered moose.

But the outgrowth of it all falls in this ending melancholy: There on the tracks lies not a moose, but meese.

Flabbergasted Ambassador

AMBASSADOR Athanasios Politis of Greece was sitting in his embassy on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington when he was called to the phone calls from society matrons angling for invitations to the already jam-packed reception for the King and Queen of Greece.