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FOR MARKETING QUOTAS, A 'YES' VOTE

'I HAVE BEEN patient,' said Sen. Alton Lennon last week, 'with Secretary (of Agriculture) Benson. But when a man in high public office refuses to take a position on a question as vital as this (the referendum on cotton) is to the welfare of the farmers, then I think he should step down, as he has obviously lost the confidence of our farm people.'

The Benson news & answer was shaking its head about Benson, not because the secretary won't advise farmers how to vote in Tuesday's referendum.

We can't get excited about the secretary's hands-off attitude. Perhaps he realizes how Secretary Brennan was criticized for telling farmers how to vote. Perhaps he holds to the wholesome view that farmers can and will make up their own minds how to vote, so long as they have the necessary facts.

At any rate, the Agriculture Department has put out these facts. The choice before the farmer, when he votes tomorrow, boils down to this:

About this last marketing quota, and 32 or 33-cot cotton? Or do I want no quotas, and 17 or 18-cot cotton?

For, if quotas are approved by two-thirds of the nation's farmers, the level of price support will be 90 per cent of parity. However, if quotas are disapproved by more than one-third of the nation's farmers, the level of price support will be 80 per cent of parity.

'ONE FOR THE ROAD'—FROM THE PERCOLATOR

THIS is the Christmas season. It is the party season, a time of gaiety and, frequently, inebriety. And it is the season of slaughter.

In 1952, 962 persons were killed, some 13,000 injured, in highway accidents during the four-day observance of Christmas and New Year's.

About this time last year we suggested that hosts and hostesses who serve alcoholic beverages consider the safety of their guests to the extent of making that "one for the road" a cup of coffee which, taken after alcohol, has a marked steadying effect.

Support for that idea has come from what seems may consider a surprising source—tavern owners.

Last year the tavern owners of Maryland met in the District of Columbia together with the executive director of the Maryland Traffic Safety Council.

THE WAY TO PEACE—THREE MEN'S ANSWERS

HOW IS PEACE to be achieved? Hear the answers of three men.

"The problem basically," said Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his speech to Congress, "is theological, and involves a spiritual recrudescence, an improvement of human character, which will synchronize with our almost total reliance on the atom, our literature and all material and cultural developments of the past 2,000 years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

The decisive fact, said Dwight Eisenhower, will be "the spiritual strength, the understanding and the compassion" which will lead us to the peace we have promised in his inauguration as President he said, in his state of the union message, "we must be strong, above all, in the spirit."

From The Christian Science Monitor

LOYALTY IS POSITIVE

WHAT a world of difference there is between the words "loyalty" and "disloyalty." A thin curtain separates the two.

Loyalty denotes conscious moral choice. It faithfully pays the citizen's debt to a lawful government. It honors the letter and cherishes the spirit of a country's laws and institutions, while it seeks to improve them toward more ideal ends.

Not so submission, the child of coercion and the stepchild of indoctrination. If how to the burden it cannot escape, it conforms through fear, through habit or convenience or fear, unenterprising sloth. It accepts what it has not the heart or mind to challenge.

In the United States today much thought is being given to the means of combating disloyalty. It is clear that the strength of a free state must rest in a loyal and not merely a submissive citizenry. Self-convinced support and not merely outward conformity in the demand of unqualified democracy, and education and indoctrination, is the way to achieve it.

But education has a higher loyalty than to the state; its supreme loyalty is to the God-given capacities of the individual. That is why it can never use an individual's own supreme loyalty is to God, the ultimate Truth beyond all relative values, so the educator's dedication is to the development of freely thinking and acting individuals, not to the indoctrination of individuals.

lital resources upon which all else depends."

Last week Gen. George Marshall called for a spiritual rebirth as a prime necessity for enduring peace. "Perhaps" the most important factor "in achieving peace," he said, "will be a spiritual regeneration to develop good will, faith, and understanding among nations."

These speakers are experienced military men, but when they turn heads to the theory that "military supremacy is the key to peace, they are of one mind in saying that spiritual regeneration is the essential prerequisite of a peaceful world.

Coming as they do from America's military past, it is not surprising that their sentiments ought to give pause to those who would rely on military and material means.

From The Christian Science Monitor

People's Platform

'Let's make it 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.

Give These Workers A Break

CHARLOTTE
WEDNESDAY evening, Dec. 9, I read in the "People's Platform" an excellent letter from Mrs. W. Young advocating the closing of department stores on Dec. 28. I heartily endorse her sentiments on the subject.

It seems to me a day and time when almost every business is concentrating more and more on the personal welfare and job happiness of their employees that the retail stores are far behind. I may be mistaken, but at the moment I can think of no other business which features such long hours six days a week for almost two years of the year, for so little compensation.

As Mrs. Young pointed out, the after-Christmas sales can wait, Christmas, after it is supposed to be a commemoration of the birth of Christ—not a commercial production invented for the sake of the almighty dollar.

MRS. BETTY E. JOHN

League Supports Stand For Ike

CHARLOTTE
Editor: The News:
REJOICE in the fact that your excellent editorial of Dec. 7 expressed strong support of administration foreign policy and the dictatorial attitude toward our allies which has recently been advocated. The President and the Secretary of State have been charged by the constitution with the responsibility for the conduct of our foreign affairs.

Members of the League of Women Voters of Charlotte as well as members of other Leagues all over the country are expressing by letter and word their commendation of the firm stand the administration has taken in this matter.

WILLIAMS B. HARRIS, President
League of Women Voters of Charlotte

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By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON
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Arrived in Bermuda, Jackson showed the speech to Secretary of State Dulles, who gave a copy to British Prime Minister Anthony Eden. Eden showed it to Churchill, and Churchill, Eisenhower, French Premier Charles de Gaulle and other principle allies, discussed the speech on Saturday, Dec. 5.

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World Years For Ike's Bold Leadership

MEMORIES crowd back to me of an Armistice Day service in Philadelphia in 1918. Whittier held. Crowds cheered. Pretty girls kissed soldiers. Elderly women wept. The war was over. The millennium was here.

A few months later people settled down to enjoy the peace. Then the peace broke. A hummer, unceremonious, no bands playing, taxes high, business bad, Europe troublesome. The war was over. The millennium was here.

There was his Gullid Hill speech in London, and how loudly the world news-papers editors last spring urged Russia to side with us in world peace.

There was his book-burning speech at Dartmouth, reaffirming the freedom of literature—and his landing in Germany as Chancellor Adenauer of Germany offering food to the East German people.

There was his speech in Paris, in which he outlined his private philosophy about God and man, and his speech at the "if all Americans" speech at Galveston.

But whenever he set his mind to it, the world was his. He has made the result is the inspiration the world yearns for today—inspiration the American people have longed for since our own overwhelmingly just year ago.

WARS ARE BREED—When wars are over people show their hats in their

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Christmas Care Shopping

If you're harassed over Christmas shopping and want a way to shop for someone in a hurry. Here are two suggestions:

CARE has worked out a plan with the government to give away a package of food can be delivered to needy people almost any place in the world for a price that is less than the cost of the food. CARE also has a plan to give away a package of food can be delivered with a few days' notice to the needy. CARE also has a plan to give away a package of food can be delivered with a few days' notice to the needy.

A Virginia lady who checks for remittance has given me a check for \$1,800 for CARE. The amount is raised from other sources, and is in the shadow of CARE's work, where thousands of misplaced children can be taken care of. CARE can help match the \$1,800. CARE, New York, or sending it direct to me.

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