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BALANCED - BUDGET BOYS DO ABOUT-FACE

A GREAT DEAL of poppycock has been written about President Eisenhower's firm stand in favor of extending the excess profits tax another six months.

For instance, it is said that he may have alienated an important segment of the Republican Party. Truth of the matter is that this same element of the Republican Party has been hostile to Eisenhower since before the Chicago convention. And they'll continue to be hostile to him so long as he pursues anything but a completely reactionary course.

It is said that the Administration decision will make small businessmen unhappy, because the excess profits tax hits them the hardest. There is no substance to this charge. The measure reported out by the House Rules Committee raises the tax exemption from $25,000 to $100,000, exempting some 30,000 small corporations and lowering the bills of those whose net earnings are over $100,000. Presumably the Ways & Means Committee will follow the same plan.

It is said that there's going to be a deficit anyway, and that the loss of excess profits tax would not make much difference. Of course there's going to be a deficit next year, but President Eisenhower is trying to keep it as small as possible, and he knew that repeal of the excess profits levy would create an irresistible political demand for a sharp cut in individual income taxes, thus making the deficit even larger. Even Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia, no high tax man, says he sees no way to cut taxes for another year.

And finally it is argued that if the tax had been repealed, many businesses *would have* expanded their plants and this *would have* meant more jobs which *would have* meant more individual income taxpayers who *would have* paid more taxes, giving Uncle Sam more money in the long run. A neat little theory, this. Follow it out the window, and you can prove that Uncle Sam can get more tax revenue by cutting out all taxes.

Funny thing, but many of these same people who are now complaining about the continuation of the excess profits tax spent much of Harry Truman's administration yelling about deficit financing. Balancing the budget, they said, was the most important single domestic task for the new administration. And now that President Eisenhower is cutting expenditures right and left in an effort to balance the budget, they want to unbalance it further by cutting tax revenues before spending can be curtailed.

It's a funny world.

LET IN THESE DESERVING IMMIGRANTS

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has been doing a good job recently in trying to work up enthusiasm among Congressmen for his bill to admit 240,000 non-quota European immigrants. With some Congressmen he has used the technique of personal consultation. In at least one instance, that of Senator Butler of Maryland, the White House reminded the Senator of possible patronage difficulties if he did not fall in line.

The senselessness of the quota system makes passage of this legislation logical and desirable. And recent events in Europe lend particular urgency to the matter.

The quota system now in effect permits the admission of foreigners who don't want to come to this country but forbids admission of desirous and desirable aliens. For example, Great Britain and Northern Ireland have an annual quota, under the McCarran-Walter Act, of 65,361. Total immigration from those countries has not come near this figure in any recent year. On the other hand thousands of displaced persons from satellite countries now in Western Europe would like to immigrate, but the quota rules them out. Hungary, for example, has a quota of 865, Rumania one of 289. And the quota permits regular entry of only 308 Greeks, 5,645 Italians.

The President did not say, in his original proposal, that we should take so many of one nationality, so many of another. That is the proper attitude. It is, after all, the individual that counts, not his nationality. That is a solid American precept, although many Congressmen have difficulty in fathoming it.

Failure of Congress to take any action on this bill undoubtedly contributed to the weakening of the pro-Western de Gasperi government in the recent Italian elections. Italians, many of whom want to come to this country, believed this inaction reflected increasing anti-Italian feeling in the U. S. And certainly the East Germans who are revolting, yet receiving so little encouragement from the West, would take on new hope if they knew that escape to the West might mean eventual U. S. citizenship instead of a dreary life in a displaced persons camp.

These are substantial, but secondary reasons for passage of the bill. Always, above all, the fact remains that immigrants are among America's great assets. The diversity and strength of America derives from this melting-pot characteristic.

GIVE THE COPS A HAND

GARLAND MUSICK, the Western Union superintendent here in Charlotte, has an idea on traffic safety, as those of you who saw Tom Fesperman's column on it the other day already know. Mr. Musick has appointed himself sort of a committee of one to report traffic violations, or talk to the violators.

We'd like to give our enthusiastic support to the idea, which is already widely practiced in Knoxville. The committee of one ought to become a committee of thousands.

Once Mr. Musick saw a teen-ager swish around to the left side of a traffic island to pass a car. He reported it, agreed to testify as to what he saw. Result: a chastened young driver and a father grateful that some citizen had taken an interest in the boy's violation.

Helping the police certainly doesn't make one an "informer" in the derogatory sense of the word. Rather, it helps all drivers, as well as the traffic officials. And, as will be averred by drivers who have watched a speeder or reckless driver whiz by, and not reported it, then found his bloody wreck a few miles up the road, the main beneficiary of your action may be the thoughtless or irresponsible fellow who is endangering everyone on the highway.

This Fourth of July week-end is a good time for all drivers to begin exercising Mr. Musick's brand of responsible citizenship. It will help the State Highway Patrol and the City and County Police. And it will make the highways less dangerous for everyone.

A PAT ON THE FUSELAGE

LET'S FORGET the aces, double aces and triple aces for a moment, and drink a toast to the host of hot aircraft that whoosh across the Asian sky—the Sabre Jets.

Ever so often some birdman comes along and says the MIG-15 can outmaneuver or outclimb or outshoot the Sabre, that superior technique on the part of American pilots is the main reason for U. N. air supremacy in Korea.

But look at the record. A few weeks ago Vern Haugland, the AP's aviator editor, totted up the record on U. S. jets vs. Red MIGs. Since the Korean War started, American pilots consistently have shot down several times as many planes as they lost. The ratio increased, as newer jets went into battle. At latest count 11 Red planes were destroyed for every allied plane lost in combat.

And Tuesday the U. N. airmen hung up the best record so far in the war. Fifteen enemy planes were lost. Not one U. N. plane went down.

Okay, so U. S. airmen are still the cream of the crop, as the old recruiting posters used to say. But records like these aren't made unless they're strapped to superior aircraft.

From The Atlanta Journal

THE DEADLY FEMALE

APRIL showers bring May flowers. Also June mosquitoes.

The mosquito finds well-watered Georgia a congenial place. While they aren't the menace they were before the days of screens, insecticides and drainage, there are enough of them still around to make life unpleasant.

The State Department of Entomology reports there are about 50 varieties of mosquitoes in Georgia. There is the anopheles which carries malaria from one person to another. The anopheles is easy to identify. She stands on her head when she bites.

There also is the aedes. A species of this family transmits yellow fever. There is the culex, small and black but with a big sting. The salt marsh mosquito is the most vigorous of the tribe. He travels far on the ocean winds and packs a real wallop.

The mosquito's life is brief but busy. From egg to senility is only about a month, half of which is spent under water as a wiggle-tail. Twelve to 15 generations of mosquitoes are produced each Summer, the factor which makes their control so difficult.

The male mosquito never bites and lives only a few days. The female lives as long as 10 days and feeds on blood. She prefers that of men and animals, but will dine on cold-blooded reptiles if she must.

Man has been warring with the mosquito since the two first met. The latest technique is saturation bombing from planes. DDT kept them down for a while but the mosquito built up immunity.

Around Atlanta the mosquito breeds in stagnant ponds and backwaters. A stopped-up gutter or a tin can provides enough water to get a new generation started.

Mosquitoes, except for the salt marsh ones, stick close to home. If mosquitoes bother you this Summer check your gutters and back yard. You may be breeding them yourself, a hobby hardly likely to endear you to the neighbors.

'Can't Have You Breaking Out'

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.

Negro Hospital Needed

CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

WHILE the discussion rages pro and con about the teaching of the Bible in our public schools a real live and vitally important issue involving basic Christian attitude is in the process of being decided upon.

It is time now for those who give lip service to the affirmation of Christian ethics to get down to a very practical matter—a new hospital for Negroes.

Perhaps you can shed some intelligent light on the subject by outlining the major issues involved, so that a wise decision can be made. It would be a pity if a few influential men overrode the wishes of a majority.

ROBERT H. JOHNSON

Take Bible Issue To Court

NEWTON

Editors, THE NEWS:

OF LATE, I have been a most interested observer of the "Battle of Charlotte," namely the church-in-public-schools, debate.

It is obvious that the public tax-supported schools of your city, are being used illegally, to further the teaching and beliefs, of some selfish, kinematic, pious groups, who have no consideration for the many Americans, who do not happen to believe as they do, or agree with them, in the use of public property, to gain their own provocative ends.

Neither the Bible, nor Christianity could be taught by any individual or group without personal bias. It seems that the rights of the American, who may be Unitarian, agnostic, Universalist, Quaker, Jew, Buddhist, Morman, Mohammedan, or any of the nearly four hundred other groups in the United States, are not being considered at all by those who insist that the Bible is the only thing in the world to believe.

I invite you to visit any country in the world, where the church has taken over the State and educational systems, and see the ignorance, fear, ill-health, no-progress of the entire people of that nation.

I shall always be the first person to defend those who want the Bible as their guide of life and I shall always be the first to help keep it out of the state and public school systems, whose public-supported facilities, under our nation's laws, were never to be used for the teaching of just one belief, for the benefit of the few and the embarrassment of the balance.

The Baptist ministers of Charlotte should be thanked and congratulated by every American for their stand on this matter.

And too, I am most anxiously awaiting to see if any individuals or groups in Charlotte have the courage to legally contest this un-American situation, and remove this trouble in North Carolina, for all time and all people

J. W. BATTS.

Charlotte's (Beautiful?) Girls

CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

IT was with mixed agreement and disagreement that I read Mrs. Ralph McDonald's letter to the People's Platform (Where Are The Pretty Girls? June 30).

For the benefit of Mrs. McDonald, whose interest in our pageant is gratifying, and the many other people who are interested in the method by which Miss Charlotte is chosen, let me quote from the official pamphlet presented to each judge prior to the pageant.

"The modern American conception of beautiful womanhood minimizes the ancient classic standards of height and other physical measurements in favor of a generally well-proportioned figure, plus these other important characteristics: 1. Beauty of face. 2. Voice, diction. 3. Intellect. 4. Wholesomeness, disposition, general culture. 5. Special talents. 6. Personality."

It is obvious that the Miss America pageant, of which the Miss Charlotte Pageant is an official preliminary, has evolved from the "Miss Show" of the 20's and 30's to a very high plane. This year $25,000 in scholarships will be awarded in Atlantic City to the national finalists. The Hollywood screen test is no longer considered the acme of awards by this group of intelligent, cultured and beautiful young ladies.

I agree with Mrs. McDonald that there are in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County other girls who might exceed in physical beauty alone our entrants for this year. I feel, however, that all of our entrants possessed, perhaps in varying degrees, all of the attributes which the judges were instructed to consider. Our winner, Miss Dorris Hagler, is in my opinion a wonderful representative of the City of Charlotte, and we are proud of her.

As sponsors of the Miss Charlotte Pageant we Jaycees solicit the aid of Mrs. McDonald and other interested persons and organizations in encouraging other eligible young ladies to enter our future pageants. It is our hope to send to Atlantic City a contestant who will win over entrants from every other state in the Union—even Texas.

CHARLES F. (BUD) COIRA, JR., President
Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce

Missionary For Bible Classes

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

Editors, THE NEWS:

I HAVE had the privilege of living in Panama for the past seven years, and I have seen first hand just what it is like to live in a country that is dominated by the "so-called church." I pray that that will never happen to our good old U. S. A. From what I have seen I am all for keeping church and state separate, but I am not for throwing the Bible, the word of God, out of our government and schools.

I have been a missionary to Panama these past seven years, maintained by the Garr Auditorium of Charlotte, N. C. Recently, my sister has been sending me the letters written to the People's Platform concerning the Bible classes that are being taught in the schools of Charlotte, and it certainly grieved my heart to read of those who are demanding that these classes be discontinued.

I believe if those people could see the tribusands that I have seen who have never owned a Bible, nor even seen one, and could see just what that lack has meant in their lives, they would feel differently. These people have been forbidden to read the Bible.

Almighty God has honored and blessed the United States beyond measure because she has honored and revered His Word. I wish it were possible for those ministers to take a trip through Latin America and see what the lack of the word of God has done in these countries.

I know they have said that we must leave the teaching of the Bible to the home and church. As has been said before, many homes do not own a Bible. Then please tell me how are the young people from those homes going to receive teachings? Can a teacher in the Sunday School be expected to give a child all of the Word of God that it needs in 20 minutes on Sunday morning? The answer is obvious.

REV. MARY BARKLEY

Offhand Discussion Prompted Ike To Denounce Book-Burners

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON

THE REAL story of what happened at Dartmouth—of how the President was stimulated to his famous denunciation of "book-burning"—is still highly relevant and important.

To begin with, the President's swing around the country that took him to Dartmouth was preceded by a long White House debate about "The McCarthy problem," as the President's advisers significantly call it. As is well known, the President personally not only detests Joseph R. McCarthy's methods but also abhors the man himself. The administration's surrenders to Senator McCarthy—and surrender, unfortunately, is the only word to use—have been made for the sole purpose of maintaining the outward show of Republican unity.

When the President's speeches were being prepared, one group of Eisenhower's advisers urged him to speak to the country about "the McCarthy problem" almost as he speaks in private, making no personal attack to be sure, but reaffirming American principles of fair play, and leaving no doubt as to his feelings about the McCarthy methods. This advice was inevitably opposed by the other White House faction, who advocate of Republican unity at all costs.

RUSHMORE COMPROMISE

The result was a compromise. A passage was inserted in the President's speech at Mount Rushmore, warning against those who would "guard freedom with weapons from the arsenal of the tyrant."

More than one of those traveling with the President plainly stated that these words were spoken with Senator McCarthy in mind. There is no doubt that this was the intention. But the intention was not fulfilled. The President's language, though noble and sincere, was not sufficiently pointed. What was said at Mount Rushmore attracted little attention.

By way of contrast, there was no intention to take any sort of stand on any serious problem at the Dartmouth commencement, where the President's language attracted world-attention. The whole thing happened on the platform, while the Dartmouth graduating class was filing into its places.

In this happy academic interval, the President, Judge Joseph M. Proskauer of New York, former German High Commissioner John J. McCloy and Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lester Pearson, were sitting together on the dais. Judge Proskauer, who was sitting next to McCloy, raised the subject of "book-burning" — of the removal from American libraries abroad of all books by authors or on subjects that might just possibly displease Senator McCarthy.

For McCloy, this was a burning issue. The libraries of the "American House," in Germany has always been one of McCloy's great interests. In his last year as high commissioner, he had seen them used by no less than 15,000,000 Germans. Nothing had contributed more importantly, McCloy believed, to showing the real America to German people.

GERMANS WERE WORRIED

Then, too, with the beginning of the McCarthy-stimulated "book-burning" by the State Department, scores of Germans had started writing to McCloy. The worried Germans asked whether America had changed, whether freedom of thought was no longer in fashion here, even whether America was taking the road Germany took 20 years ago. Many of these letters came from real leaders of German thought. Under the circumstances, McCloy replied to Proskauer with some warmth.

Foreign Minister Pearson was then drawn into the discussion. He pointed out, entirely correctly, that the book-burning had done America's prestige untold damage in many other countries besides Germany. At this the President pricked his ears, as it were. He had not been following the conversation, but now he asked what his companions were talking about.

When he was told, he was visibly indignant. His first reaction—which is immensely interesting in itself—was to deny the whole story. Nothing of the sort could be going on, he said; no order had been issued to censor the American overseas libraries.

His companions assured Eisenhower that he was not fully informed; that book burning, at least in figurative sense, was actually taking place on a major scale; and that orders for this practice had, in fact, been issued. The President flushed. And when his turn came to speak, he said, in plain and stirring words, just what he thought of book-burning, for the whole world to hear.

This incident and its sequels illustrate dramatically the difference between the real Eisenhower and the public Eisenhower. The real Eisenhower, spontaneous and truly himself, appeared at Dartmouth. The public Eisenhower was exhibited a couple of days later at the President's press conference.

By then, the political mice who are always trying to nibble the President to death, or at least into meaninglessness, had had time to do their work. The press conference smudged and muddled the stand the President took at Dartmouth, so much so, indeed, that the President had to reassert his views in his letter to the American libraries. Yet, the mice are still nibbling.

Including The Herman Welker Party, There Are Three GOPs

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

TO fellow Republicans who may be interested, Senator Herman Welker of Idaho will explain the tragic fate that has come upon the Grand Old Party. Because of the wrongheadness, the leftwingism of men who call themselves Republicans, there are now at least three separate parties where once a beautiful unity reigned.

More in anger than in sorrow, the Senator from Idaho in the course of an explosive session of the Senate Judiciary Committee pronounced sentence of banishment on some who had considered themselves pillars of the party. The Eisenhower Republican Party was, in the Senator's view, a wayward splinter that had long since broken off from the true faith.

DIRKSEN STUNNED HIM

But what shocked the Senator to the core of his being was to find a regular Republican — Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois, no less — opposing him. The issue before the Committee was a motion to consider the Eisenhower proposal to admit an additional 240,000 immigrants above regular quotas, about half of the total to be refugees from Communist oppression. Through the skillful maneuvering of Sen. Pat McCarran, (D-Nev.) who as chairman under the Democrats had ruled the Committee with an iron hand, all action had been frozen for two weeks. The motion before the Committee, put by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), sponsor of the Eisenhower measure, was to take the bill out of the McCarran deep freeze so it would not die.

When Dirksen, chairman of the Republican Senate Committee, supported the motion, Welker exploded. He stood up and shouted his denunciation of the immigration bill and all who favored it.

"The Senator from Illinois need never call on me to speak for his campaign committee," Welker thundered. "This is politics and nothing but politics. It is intended to elect Saltonstall, Ferguson and Hendrickson."

Senators Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Ferguson of Michigan and Hendrickson of New Jersey are all up for re-election next year. They have large urban populations in their states where sensitivity to the immigration issue is acute. Hendrickson challenged this statement, pointing out the record would show that repeatedly in recent years when no election was imminent he sought to liberalize immigration quotas so they would be less discriminatory.

But Welker was in no mood to listen to explanations. In the course of his oratory he paid a glowing tribute to Pat McCarran, urging that the committee not repudiate the man who ruled over it so long. When the vote was taken, Welker was the only Republican voting with three Democrats, McCarran and Eastland of Mississippi and Johnston of South Carolina. As Welker remarked later, this left him alone in a third Republican party — the Herman Welker Party.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Robertson Advised Marshall In China

WASHINGTON

IT'S an amazing paradox that the man who is Eisenhower's personal representative to President Syngman Rhee, Walter Robertson, happens to be the same man who was Gen. George Marshall's envoy to the Chinese Communists when Marshall was trying to patch up a Communist-Nationalist coalition in China.

The other two diplomats who then believed it was possible to form a coalition between the Communists and Chiang Kai-shek have virtually been hounded out of government. John Carter Vincent, State Department adviser to Marshall, was so castigated by Senator McCarthy that John Foster Dulles eventually fired him—not for being disloyal but for being wrong on China.

And Marshall himself so incurred McCarthy's wrath that the Wisconsinite delivered a 60,000-word diatribe calling him a traitor, and then published his bitter denunciation in book form. What he said, of course, was delivered from the safety of the Senate floor where he could not be sued for libel.

Meanwhile the third member of the Marshall-Vincent triumvirate, Walter Robertson, now Assistant Secretary of State, is in Korea. A Virginia broker, he went to China as economic counselor of the American Embassy, was close to Ambassador Marshall, acted as his most trusted assistant in dickering with the Communists and the Nationalists. He was sent to Peiping as head of a truce team consisting of one Chinese Communist, one Chinese Nationalist and one American. Robertson was the American.

Robertson used to say that it was easier to get along with the Communists than the Nationalists. In the end, he got discouraged about an agreement, and so reported to Marshall.

One year later, in 1947, Robertson was picked by John Carter Vincent to go to Korea as a civilian administrator to put Korea in order. The State Department at that time planned to spend half a billion dollars to protect Korea from Red invasion and show the Russians we weren't going to abandon it.

But simultaneously President Truman launched his doctrine of aid to Greece and Turkey and overruled Vincent. He said he couldn't afford to bolster Korea at the same time we were sending money to Turkey and Greece.

This also is a paradox of fate. For, if the recommendation of Vincent, the man McCarthy accused of being pro-Communist, had been carried out, Korea might never have been invaded. Meanwhile the man whom Vincent proposed sending to Korea in 1947 under the Democrats, Walter Robertson, is in Korea for the Republicans trying to settle the war that might have been prevented.

Note—Robertson, a lifelong Democrat, came out for Eisenhower last Fall and was rewarded with the post of Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Far Eastern affairs. His wife is an owner of the wealthy Universal Leaf Tobacco Co.

Inside The White House

FOR the first time, Ike is using federal patronage to keep balky Senators in line. Maryland's Sen. John Marshall Butler was called to the White House and told that jobs he wanted filled in Maryland might depend on his vote to admit 240,000 refugees into the U.S.A.—U. S. marshals, district attorneys and judges in their states, appointed to Senators. The same tactic was used with Senator Watkins of Utah when he hesitated about introducing the immigration bill calling for admission of 240,000 above - quota immigrants. He was promised the appointment of Tom Lyon, Bureau of Mines director.

Vice President Nixon has turned out to be a newsman's bonanza for what's going inside the White House.

One reason for the private White House dinner for Cardinal Spellman, Herbert Hoover and General MacArthur was the fear MacArthur might sound off in support of his old friend, Syngman Rhee. MacArthur was close to Rhee, used to butter him up more than U. S. officials have of late.

Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire gets invited to dine at the White House almost as much as the man who may run against him, Assistant President Sherman Adams, ex-governor of New Hampshire.

Correction—Contrary to a witness in the Key West naval base smoker embroglio, Mayor C. B. Harvey states that he was not present at either of the two Navy smokers and I am glad to make this fact clear.