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**Trade Policy Needs Bipartisan Support**

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S foreign trade policy, as outlined in a special message to Congress, is moderate, progressive and sound. But whether he will be able to sell it to the Republican Party is another question.

Protectionism has been a Republican Party policy for many decades, and its allure has been enhanced by 20 years of unsuccessful opposition to the Democratic reciprocal trade agreements program. Until 1953, Republicans in House and Senate had approved reciprocal trade agreements only three times: in 1943, a war year; and in 1948 and 1951, when they managed to include the controversial "peril point" provision. Last year the Republicans voted for a one-year stopgap extension of reciprocal trade agreements pending completion of a study of foreign trade by the presidential commission headed by Clarence B. Randall, board chairman of the Inland Steel Co.

The President's message largely follows the recommendations of the Randall Commission report. He stressed the need for curtailing foreign economic aid, for encouraging investment abroad, for facilitating currency convertibility, and for expanding trade. To attain these objectives, he asked for a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act, a modification of the Buy-American Act, and authority to adjust tariff rates downward a small percentage each year on a wide variety of products. He also endorsed an expansion of non-strategic trade between the East and the West.

The President stressed the importance to this nation's economy of expanded trade, so there will be a market for U. S. agricultural and industrial products abroad. And he emphasized that the solidity of the free world depends on greater trade. "If we fail in our trade policy, we may fail in all," Mr. Eisenhower said.

Yet the congressional obstacles to passage of the Eisenhower trade program are formidable. In the Senate, the Finance Committee is ruled by Chairman Eugene Milliken of Colorado, a high-tariff man who dissented strongly from the recommendations of the Randall Commission, on which he served. In the House, the Ways & Means Committee is headed by Unruly Rep. Daniel Reed of New York. Rep. Richard Simpson of Pennsylvania is the next ranking Republican member. Both of these gentlemen also took exception to many of the Randall recommendations. Indeed, it is reported that Rep. Simpson has ready a bill of his own which would hand out generous tariff protection to American industry.

In sum, the Republicans in Congress who are in key positions on tariff legislation are not in sympathy with the Eisenhower approach—a dilemma for the President which Herblock points up in his cartoon today. If the trade policy is enacted, it will be with the help of Democrats. And strangely enough, Mr. Eisenhower did not consult the Democrats before sending his message to Congress.

Trade policy, like national defense and foreign policy, desperately needs bipartisan support in these crucial times. If the President has any real hopes of getting his trade policy through Congress, he had best enlist the help of the minority party leadership.



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.

**A Great Tar Heel Is Coming Home**

YOU CAN COUNT on one hand the number of seasoned high officials in Washington who command universal respect and admiration. Their number will be decreased by one the end of this month. Lindsay Warren is coming home to North Carolina.

When he became comptroller general of the U. S. in 1940, he had already made a distinguished record as a legislator. He served three terms in the North Carolina General Assembly, 15 years in Congress, where he was twice elected speaker pro tempore and served as acting majority leader. A partisan Democrat as a legislator, he put politics behind him when he was chosen as watchdog of federal expenses.

He fought against waste wherever he found it. These battles pitted him against virtually every government agency. Warren usually won. Even so distinguished an authority on the executive department as Herbert Hoover came out second best in an argument with him, after the former President argued that Warren's General Accounting Office had too much power.

Perhaps a part of Warren's success was due to the firmness with which he stepped on toes on both sides of the political fence. Former Secretary of Agriculture Brannan shouted "politics" when Warren upbraided him for failing to act promptly against grain manipulators. Wealthy holders of lucrative government contracts felt his wrath. So did the Maritime Commission, Atomic Energy Commission, Reconstruction Finance

**People's Platform**

Aggressive Drivers Nudged Her Dress

Charlotte

I WANT to say bravo on the story by Donald McDonald in Saturday's News about local pedestrians. It was a hater to the soul of the trodder of Charlotte streets. I have had my dress hem nudged several times by aggressive drivers, when all I did was walk when the traffic sign told me to.

—MRS. B. J. HOYT

Tighter Laws Increase Safety

Charlotte

YOUR EDITORIAL of March 27 concerning common courtesy plus enforcement regarding pedestrian and traffic matters was very timely indeed. It was a law against and a definite penalty for jay-walking. Of course I advocate enforcing the law prohibiting a motorist's turning into pedestrian traffic when the light says "walk."

—GRAHAM C. REICH

Justice Is Best Done Honorably

Marion, N. C.

I KNOW there has been an awful lot of space in the Platform taken up with letters pro and con about Sen. Joe McCarthy. And I wonder sometimes, if it really does any good, one way or the other, yet I guess it does make the writers of the letters feel better or else like they wouldn't keep at it.

There have been a couple of letters recently that I just couldn't swallow; therefore, I feel I just cannot pass up the chance for a rebuttal. These writers, as most of the others who favor McCarthy's tactics, try to make a hero or martyr of McCarthy. And he is neither. I cannot help wondering what sort of people they are and if

**Sears Appointment Prompts Second Look At His Record**

WASHINGTON

McCarthy, but not later than two years ago.

He was quoted as saying McCarthy "has done a great job" and the loss of McCarthy to the Senate (in the 1952 elections) would be a "blow to the United States."

Harvard Prof. Mark Howe, who had opposed McCarthy's re-election, said Sears' appointment yesterday "incredible." He said he had debated with Sears and that the latter was willing to excuse any McCarthy tactic.

Two members of the committee—Senators Potter (R-Mich) and Jackson (D-Wash) said they will ask Sears to look back on his past statements and see if he still feels he can do an "impartial" job.

Two other senators—Mundt and McClellan (D-Ark) said they doubted anything said two years ago could be taken as indicating possible bias in his investigation, led by the search for a lawyer. He must be, said Mundt, a man "as fairminded as an eminent jurist."

Mundt first tried the president of the American Bar Assn., who turned it down. Yesterday the committee decided it had found the man.

Samuel Powers Sears of Boston, a co-founder of Republican Party who collects gold toothpicks as a hobby and was three times president of the Massachusetts Bar Assn.

The committee talked 45 minutes with Sears and then picked him unanimously.

Sears said he could act "dispassionately."

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**Adlai Stevenson A Remarkable Man**

Pinehurst

TWO weeks ago Adlai Stevenson, in an address to an important gathering of Democratic leaders in Miami, made an appeal to President Eisenhower to take a firm stand in letting everybody know that he and Sen. McCarthy is head of the Republican Party. The speaker was sincere and spoke for the good of the country.

Everybody in the GOP immediately wanted to "reply to Stevenson," indicating that Adlai had touched a very sore spot. The vice president was assigned the coveted honor and, after mulling over his assignment for a week, he made a television address that was in all essential points a repetition and confirmation of what Stevenson had said in the Florida address.

President Ike apparently was not as appreciative of the good advice and in a rather pointed way spoke of Stevenson's remarks as "nonsense." Everyone knows that the more modern Jackie Coopers, Adlai never talks nonsense.

However, since then, Eisenhower has been hearing the wise advice and in a rather pointed way defeated the Presidency and has been trying to "put McCarthy in his place." He has also apparently been trying to get together and has secured in the House by a narrow margin the approval of one of his tax measures.

A remarkable man is this Adlai! The GOP as well as the Democrats would do well to take Stevenson's Miami address as a pattern and guide in policies that are good for the whole country and the world in these anxious times.

—FRANCIS M. OSBORNE

**A Thought**

A PASSING thought, while mulling some literature of the world calendar reformers: Wouldn't it be fine to rearrange the seasons, too?

Five months of days like today, topped off by one month of good hot weather; and five months of those balmy October days followed by one month of ice and blizzards.

It would, of course, play havoc with agriculture—

But we can dream, can't we?

**A Capsule Report For Mr. Stevenson**

JUST IN CASE Charlotte's distinction-gained visitor, Adlai Stevenson, hasn't had much time to read the papers and otherwise fill himself in on 10th District affairs, we would like to sum up for him the situation as we see it.

The 10th District has, in recent years, been infiltrated by a lot of Republicans from up north.

Some of the local Democrats did so well during 20 years of Democratic rule that they decided they were Republicans, at least presidential and congressional Republicans.

The Democratic Party machinery got bogged down.

The result: a Republican, Rep. Charles R. Jonas, went to Washington, and President Eisenhower received 86,223 votes from Mr. Stevenson's 59,919.

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

WASHINGTON

ONLY two women in the entire history of the United States have been repeatedly elected to the U. S. Senate, but now it looks as if there might be a third.

Two regularly elected senators were Hattie Caraway of Arkansas and Margaret Chase Smith of Maine. Though both were widows of members of Congress, both later were elected entirely on their own and served with distinction.

Mrs. Rogers is a Republican and is running for reelection this year and is almost certain to win.

Meanwhile, the dean of congressional ladies, Congresswoman Edith Norton Rogers of Lowell, Mass., has told friends that she has decided to take a momentous step and will run for the Senate from Massachusetts.

Mrs. Rogers is a Republican and in the primary is also a Republican—Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, dismissed Boston "blue blood" who has a good record in the Senate but faces tough opposition among the Irish voters of Boston.

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GOP leaders in Massachusetts have a means of enforcing that "regret" by a vote of Mrs. Rogers in the Senate. In fact, a bill was introduced in the Massachusetts legislature some time ago which would strip her of her public votes.

This discriminatory measure created such a backlash of criticism, however, that Gov. Christian Herter and other

**Exploitation Of Kid Talents By Eager Parents A Raw Deal**

By ROBERT C. RUARK

I WAS READING a piece not long ago about juvenile singing and dancing little creatures who sing dreadful little songs about Mommie kissing Santa Claus and such as one of the most modern and dreadful fads to afflict us lately.

I remember that once a piece back they sentenced that fellow whose little daughter died violently of the process of becoming a champion swimmer. And going "way back" I remember Jackie Coogan, who made millions and is today a comparative odd-jobber at many trades because so many people used up all his dough when he was a child.

And then I remember all the child stars and singers and athletes and prodigies, a lot of whom had their lives ruined by early exploitation, and it seems to me that we strive harder than anything else to live off our children.

THE PARENTS' FAULT

Thinking back all the way from Baby Rose Marie and Coogan to the more modern Jackie Coopers and Deanna Durbin and Shirley Temple, it seems to me that rarely ever had one child who had less than two heads is praying that Little Horrie will be another Bobby Brown or that child, Lillian Bronstein will be a Shirley Temple.

Even in the field of sports, the eager parent attempts to mold his child when the poor brat is just a toddler. Perhaps Bobby Feller, playing catch before he could talk, might have wanted to be a ballplayer when he grew up, but maybe he would have preferred to be a fiddle. Perhaps Mickey Mantle would have liked to be an artist.

There is something horrible in the prospect of the commercial exploitation of a child, if only because it robs him of his childhood. There are awful little lispers on the air and on recordings today, with their Cadillacs and agents and lawyers and special tutors, who have been only filched of the only perfect period of a lifetime—the childhood.

They go out of fashion, soon, and even if they're made any money as one of the modern-day sweepstakes, they spend the rest of their lives in frustrated intellectual. They're rarely seen every day. They're rarely seen every day. They're rarely seen every day. They're rarely seen every day.

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**ADD: EDUCATIONAL NOTES**

The School of Education of N. C. State College, Dean J. Bryant Kirkland announces, will offer 10 professional courses at its spring term for the special benefit of elementary and secondary teachers living within commuting distance of Raleigh.

Dean Kirkland explains that academic credit earned by taking these courses may be used to meet certificate renewal or advanced degree requirements. They are listed as: Improvement in Reading Abilities II; Advanced Educational Psychology; Technological Psychology; Industrial Management Psychology; Principles of Guidance; Occupational Studies; Techniques in Guidance and Personnel;

Course Building in Vocational Agriculture; and Philosophy of Agricultural Education.

Now, let's see, just where were we in this continuing argument over certification, subject matter vis-a-vis techniques and methodology, present investiture of the State, certification, coordination of schools of education with the public school systems, its needs, purposes and responsibilities and factors which enter into the teacher shortage and curricular clude Hawaii from statehood?

It was easier for George Washington to be a great president. He didn't have to bother about being a Republican or Democrat.—MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR

**Mrs. Edith Rogers May Run For Senate**

WASHINGTON

Saltonstall is considered one of the most venerable Republicans, with a good record in the Senate. His election even if he is renominated in the primary. Mrs. Rogers would give him a much needed fight.

However, it suddenly came back to life after Mrs. Rogers courageously voted to recommit the tax bill.

Two days after that vote, the plucky congresswoman learned that Gov. Herter and his legislature had changed their minds again and were pressing for adoption of a new errandman plan, aimed solely at the Rogers district and obviously a reprisal against her tax vote.

All of which has caused the lady from Massachusetts to get her back up. And, being a heroine, she has decided that her political back is something to be reckoned with.

Catholic Dissenter

Father Robert C. Hartnett, editor of the Jesuit publication, "America," is one of various distinguished Catholics who disagree heartily with Joe McCarthy. Protestant clergymen have criticized the Catholic hierarchy for not taking a stand against McCarthy and his tactics, but the other day Father Hartnett invited a speaker at the friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Chicago, declined because McCarthy was a "bunch of hypocrites" and often pre-terminated in his "spare" time same platform. Instead, he accepted an invitation from another group, also in Chicago.

Arriving at the place where the dinner was to be held, Father Hartnett was surprised to see a notice on the door which read:

Robert C. Hartnett dinner—Joe McCarthy speaker.

The Catholic editor was about to retreat when someone explained that there were two dinners and that the other speaker at his dinner stop, for the exact opposite of Wisconsin Joe.

Merry-Go-Round

Newsmen arched their eyebrows when the attractive secretary of health, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, calmly lit two cigarettes while testifying before the House Interstate Commerce Committee. There are two prominent "no smoking" signs in the committee room, but the only lady committee member apparently didn't see them.

Hard-working GOP Congressman Leo Allen frequently puts in a 12-hour day, shuttling between the House and Senate, which he heads, and his other office maintained for Illinois constituents.

Allen also is a member of the House leadership committee, which meets weekly with President Eisenhower, and often presides in the House chamber in the speaker's absence.