Third Party, Public Ownership

IN A recent policy statement, the Progressive Citizens of America beats the Third Party drums louder and add to its nine-point program three planks which must mean that PCA has finally abandoned flope of working with the Democratic Party in the 1948 campaign.

The three new points called for public ownership of the coal mines, the railroads and the electric power industry, a program so bold and far-reaching that it is hardly necessary to add that it will make it impossible to himp progressives of the PCA signify together with any Democrats, liberal or otherwise, who intend to stay in a present or otherwise, who intend to stay in appears that the PCA Board itself wann't outle ready to declare that this would be the effect of its latest action, as its sweeping policy declaration contained the statement that "We shall make every effort to encourage the see (liberal) Democrats to change the present policies of their party and to nominate progressive candidates for all offices."

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The PCA strategists couldn't have entertained a serious hope that anything so radical as their "dynamic new program" would encourage a liberal revival in the Democratic Party. Instead it will aiarm moderates and intensity opposition toward moderates and intensity opposition toward. Proclaiming that the "time has come to begin now for cut out the cancer of concentrated private economic power which is showly but surely eating the life out of American democracy." The PCA statement offers public ownership as the only effective way to deal with the monopoly issue. The merits of that prescription are highly debatable even among many liberal Democrations. The merits of that prescription are highly debatable even among many liberal Democrats but it is the immediate political effect of this program, rather than the economic soundness of the PCA argument, that invitted first attention.

The quality of PCA political thinking is expressed in interesting ways in the statement of the program of the program

A set some kind of inspiration from a new item that reports the American. Vegetarian Party is entering the national position, it field with candidates for President and Vice-President. They actually are seriously and vice-president. They actually are seriously on the vector table a week and the vector table a week and they are seriously as the vector table a week and they are the vector table a week as they are the they are the they are they are the they are they are they are they are

diverting bit out of this hot weather story. There are, said the Vegetarians, three mil-lion people in this country who don't eat meat on principle, and their platform is for "peace for all time" and a co-operative commonwealth based on the Ten Com-

commonwealth based on the Ten Commandments.

There must be something light, quaint or elevating to say about this but all it does for us is to remind us of the increase in meat prices, and of a solemn piece on Sen-

Half Enough For U. S. Policy

Politics Isn't A Tasty Dish

the monopoly issue, while various Congressional investigations are under way and just after the business lobbles had given an impressive demonstration of their influence in government. However, there has been no way to accurately test the public reaction to three disclosures and, in the light of the expressions that have thus the property with the public reaction to the property of the property

tion "has failed to provide a decent livelihood and physical safety to the miners."
He, the average citizen, remembers the recent spectacular improvement in wa age as
and working conditions of the miners and
will wonder if POA takes that into account.
On the subject of the railroads, POA asserts that only public ownership can solve
the problems of modernication of equipment and operations, and of railsing the
living standards of railroad employees.
That bald statement indicates the PCA
policy writers didn't notice or were totally
unimpressed by streamlined trains leading
a great moderanization program, by the
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so their power to bargen sucloss none of their power to bargen successfully. The PCA announcement on electic power has the same extravegance.
Perhaps PCA is right in saying that
monopoly is the main issue confronting
American democracy but many real liberals will wonder if it has chosen the right
program for a cure and if its Third Party
movement lint's actually jeopardizing the
work of reform.

afor Taft which we must do for the paper, and the poor piece of pork we had for lunch.

This is written more in sorrow than irritation, however, for we always have had a, high opinion of vegetarians, in c in d in g. George Bernard Shaw, and we regret to see them going the way of all flesh thath, po-. Illically speaking. It's a bad pun but the provocation is great since we already were surfeited with pollitical complications and alleged pollitical entertainment, particularly of the variety produced by the Hollywood boys and girls in the Brewster in-vestigation, before the vegetarians made their mistaken decision on the proper way to work for peace and the Ten Commandments.

Tomorrow we are going to try the ham-burger instead of the pork.



Summer Confusion

Probes And Politics

WASHINGTON
HE numerous investigations scheduled for this
Summer and Fall, in addition to those airready
de this year, are in line with the Republicans'
6 campaign charges of "Communism, confission
orruption" in the Democratic administration,
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by relentiess investigations:
"We will begin every session with a prayer and
end it with a probe" declared Representative Clarence I. Bröwn if. Ohio in the Fall of 1946. And
although the Republicars did not adopt the suggestion of Senator Edward V. Robertson if. Whoo lor
spending 100 million on one gleantle investigation
of the whole New Deal which may coot as
much as 40.3 million in 1947 alone.

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Democrate.

Of the 3 Senators who must run for re-election next year, eighteen are republicant and fourteen are Democrats, and the other four are from New Mers.

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On the other hand the eighteen Republicans who must face the voters in 1948 include those from such doubtful States as Illinois, Delaware, Kentucky, Idaho, Michigan, Okiahoma, West Virginia, and Massachusetta.

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of trends and opinions. SIGN OF TIMES

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In three election campaign, beyondriegy of the Republicans was in power. The theme has been turn the rancais out.

While the 80th Congress can point to certain legislative achieves the committee of this Congress. Chiefly on the score dominated the talk and the head-dinnes unt of the first session of this Congress. Chiefly on the score of spending, the Republicans managers must now ask themselves whether this is enough. To with the support of the round the control of the round the fections of the 11th to 10th and 10th voters who are not tied to 10th voters who are not tied to 10th voters who are not tied to 10th voters when the tied to 10th voters with the tied to 10th voters when the tied to 10th voters with the exceptions of the two tieds with the exceptions of the man, the party seemed to fit the mood of the country as the Democrate of the the country as the Democrate of the two ties are the two ties and the two ties are the two ties and the ties are the two ties and the ties are the two ties and the ties are the ties

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Taft's Chance

WASHINGTON
As everyone knows, Senator Robreal and the presidential candensity of the presidential canpresidential can be presidential cantery expressive features can
achieve. But tonight, at Columbia,
John he will become articulate at
high density of the 80th Congreas.

Pollowing this grand opening.
Taft is to retire to the refreshing airs of the Thousand Islands. Thence, in September, he will entered and Iffujosated hund, which will not be called a delegate hunt. And in the intervals of stalking his big game, he will make speeches on important subcalled a pre-convention speaking tour.

SIGN FOR NATION
On the West Coast, Taft is scheduled to express himself is scheduled to express himself in scheduled i

As of now, in fact, the predictic s that in California Taft will is least not commit himself again the Marshall plan; will come or for European federation, which a favorite scheme of his; and with making his usual obelances is economy, will strike a general non-bolationist mote.

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Drew Pearson's: Monopoly Story Behind Brewster Probe

hind this battle of Senate witnesses is a lot more than meets the eye.

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At the target end of the investigation, and high up in the Truman Administration, is Secretary of the Interior Kruz, with a long retord and politically naive. Cap Krug is something of a small-town boy first seeing the bright lights of Hollywood and Broadway.

In the senate of the bullets.

The real shooting involves: (1) the old game of Demo-

GOP Backed Pan American

ctually, the battle goes back a good ms s Senate would ever consent to opening sent's confidential records back in the F ion, a story more important, though per t be uncovered.

Secret Instruction

In fact, one of the most unusual letters in the State partment's confidential files was written by Hoover's timater General, Walter Brown, to Secretary of State moon in 1929, asking that "all practical assistance be-en to the Pan-American-Grace Atrways in securing open-g arrangements in preference to any other American

State Department's note to Gualemala on behalf of Pan-Am was so brazen that the entire Guatemalan Cabinet resigned in protest.

E-ven Marines Protested
In Hatti, the contract negotiated by Pan-Am was as high-handed that Gen. John R. Russell. In command of U. S. Marines, protested against the State Department? efforts and devanded the Pan-Am contract 'a monopoly of Command and the Pan-Am and the Pan-Am

COMMENTING on the record of the 80th Congress in passing just half of the measures recommended by Secretary Marshall to carry out American foreign policy. Administration officials say that it is "by no means a bad one for foreign policy coperation between the Democratic Administration and the Republican Congress." In the Congress of the Congress of

policy.

Our migitvings on this zone are not greatly lessened by the interesting circumstance that Rep. John Taber, the Republicant ax cutter who heads the House Appropriations Committee, under we ent an abrupt softening in his attitude on spending for foreign ald in the closing days of

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the session, abandoning demands for further cuts in the appropriations for this purpose and taking action to expedite final passage of the bill. Before attaching great significance to this interesting conversion, it is necessary to note that it came belatedly and only after Mr. Taber and other Republican leaders had been closeted with Secretary Marshall for a thorough briefing on the gravity of the situation in Europe. It is dobtious that the need for legislative represented by Mr. Marshall or the Republican chiefs would not have been moved to change their tactles at the last moment. 4c.

The point-is that the "not bad" record of the 80th Congress and Taber Incident show that reluctance to face the full implications of the Marshall program still is strong in the majority party and it is by no means certain that we have the will and the understanding which are required to play our part effectively in European to the program of the party of the

Another Voice

The Hospital Site Again

In ITS mild, unquestioning way The Citt-zen had supposed that the matter of locating the four-year University of North Carolins-mgdical school and teaching hos-pital had been resolved in favor of Chapel-HIII, first and most vocative deponent in problems of good health.

must raise and most vocative deponent in problems of good health.

This is not so-or not yet so, Quite proportive we think, the question, has been re-opened at least to the extent of rehearing Greensbor's petition now that the Guilford capital has come into a handsome hospital bequest from the estate of Mrs. Moses at Cone. The amount in question is upward of \$18 million, and its use for purposer familying beyond Greensbor's imposed from the proposed familying beyond Greensbor's imposited by Governor Cherry.

But Greensbor is not the only city which is interested in a second chance at the medical school and teaching hospital, for Charlotte. The Observer deposes that is city is the 'foremost medical center in he state. In he largest municipality... quite, of a large densely populated area int has no present or projected medical

school" and is in short "the best possible location".

location".

With none of this does The Citizen propose ummannerly disagreement. We do think, however, that the master should be settled with all possible dispatch.

North Carolina is now ready to go into high rear, or at least a high ratio second, in bringing its good health-dream to full realization. Federal funds are available for hospital construction. A medical school is not the capatione of this program in matters of priority, but it does zome somewhere near the peak.