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Eisenhower: The Early Phase

WHETHER General Dwight Eisenhower

"deplores" it or not, the Draft Eisenhower For President Society has served
notice that it will continue to encourage
the formation of Eisenhower Clubs
throughout the nation. And even though
the Chief of Staff has advised potential
financial backers that they might spend
their money more usefully elsewhere, such
Republican morals as Thomas J. Watson
and Joseph N. Pew. who are rumored to be
interested in the General as a GOP nominee, will not be scared off easily. Certainly Roy Roberts, Alf Landon and their Kanass coterie of would-be President-makers
will note be discouraged by Ike's reticence to
commit himself.

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tener on the responsan ranoual Convenion. Elsenhower has been placed by his momoters in a very uncomfortable post-tion. Since he has had no previous political experience, many "organization" men will never warm up to his candidacy; in June, 1948, the Elsenhower movement, if it still exists, will have none of the spontaneity of the movement which sweet Will-ke hot the Republican nomination because the Old Guard could not combat it. Furthermore, the General will be sublected to increasine pressure from the oublic to announce his intentions as his oreanization. The substitute of the s

Straight From The Pocketbook

Straight From The Po

About this time of the month, when
we're fresh from Irritated contemplation of accumulated bills, we're more than
normally conscious of the vicious process
of inflation. What it does to us, we suppose,
is no more damagting than the bitle is to all
our neichbors, but when we leaf through
those bills the high price levels come home
with a terrible and personal insistence. It
wakes echoes of the plaint of the hausfrau,
who screams every day of the month.

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terrible force of zooming prices which the
capitains of business and industry assured
us would never be felt if private enterprise
were given its head, and OPA done to
death. Even the City Government, bless its
heart, has been forced to hand out bigger
bills from its water Department.

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up its prices since year days when a good old dollar was still worth—well, half a dollar, anyway. That is the Duke Power Company, whose was lines still throb with power over the wast Piedmont region, still given its vikel service at the same old rate. Perhaps it doesn't mean much, that your power bill hamit climbed with other items. Perhaps the savings won't pay the difference in the price of a stack; prices which were the savings which were the savings with the things is so unique in these times that the things is so unique in these times that the things is so unique in these times that the things is so unique in these times that the things is so unique in the stimes that the point clearly in Dike's ears.

But the bill-payer who has time for reflection will see in a moment that his power company is treating him fairly in troubled times, and giving him fairly in troubled times, and giving him fairly in Reddy Killowati's hold-the-line policy affectionately, as real business leadership.

Now We Can Get To Work

Most We Can Get To

Most Charlotte citizens, we suppose, during the long skirmish between City Council and the Park & Recreation Committee the Council and the Recreation From the outside, it want easy to see how the squabble over the Armoty, and the heated debate over the relative merits of the National Guard and Charlotte teen-agers had any real bearing on the City's program of recreation. The layman, vaguely realizing that Charlotte sports perhaps the poorest recreation program of any American city of its size, must have concluded that the duel was a waste of time, and little more than an unfortunate clash of oersonalities.

In the end, however, it became a question of authority, and the climax left City Council as the sucreme local power—which council as the sucreme local power local power local power local power local power local p

For one thing, he took the controversial Armory when it was virtually an idle building and made of it the most useful public structure in Charlotte. Under his hand, it became invaluable to the community, for the control of the cont

more money into it.
It was unfortunate that Mr. Stone and
the Councils con in not set alone. But perhans the struce student us a lesson, Mr.
Stone's example shows what heroic effort
it takes to conduct a recreation program
with makeshift equipment and little
money. After tempers have cooled, orehaps
the Fathers will conclude that a first-rate
recreation provam is essential to the Clivis
ilie, and see that Mr. Stone, however he
differed with them, was trying his best to
make that point.

The Mind Of Taft

SENATOR TAFT appears more and more

definitely in the role in which he distinguished himself for stubborn refusal to
see and face facts before Pearl Harbor.
Just as then he opposed Selective Service
saw wholly unnecessary, so now he opposes
Universal Milliary Training, He employed
his power as chairman of the Senate Republican Silectring Committee to prevent
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section on that impossal in the recent session of Congress.

And just as in 1943 he opposed LendLease, so now he announces his opposition
to a special session of Congress this Fall
for stop-spa sid to Europe. When Congress
recessed, the Republican leadership reserved the right to reconven it in special
session if this became necessary. Mr. Taft
almost certainly can use his position to
prevent that right being exercised. Fortunately, however, he cannot prevent Presdent Truman from issuing a call.

That such a call will be absolutely necesnary seems more and more certain. Economic distintegration in Europe is proceeding at a rate faster than was anticipated a
little more than three months ago when
Becretary of State Marshall made his offer
of American help. This was contingent
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in a long-range program. It has become known as the Marshall Plan. But now it appears that means must be found to sustain Eurooe through the bitter Winter immediately abead, or the Marshall Plan and Eurooe itself will have sone elimmering. And these means must be found, obviously, before Winter comes.

Mr. Tat is right in his view that Congress ought not to be called on to act without full information as to Europe's pilght and the United States' ability to give assistance. But he has too readily made up his mind that this information, or enough of it to warrant action in the immediate situation, cannot possibly be assembled before the first off the year. The first of the year may be too late.

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It is clear that Mr. Truman ought to set Congress to work on the present grave and crucial problem at the earliest possible moment. It is fortunate that so many members of Congress are in Europe or are planning trips there soon. If seeing is believing, this should help. It is unfortunate that benator Tath himself, with his great authority and responsibility, is not on that authority and responsibility, is not on that many that the control of th



People's Platform

The Pope, The Baptists, And Russia

man or woman how to vote? You nor anyone elsecan say this and prove it. In the Presidential election of 1923, who told the people how togvote? It

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or outside, who told us Catholics that we must vote
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of "Ciercical totalitarians"? I do not think so,
and neither dees any fair-minime ruler over State and
Church. But how big is the State, over which her
rules. Just the Vatican, and it is completely surrounders and the Vatican, and it is completely surrounders and the Vatican and the Catholic Church only looks out for the
decidate to get a carred about. Perspass they
would have Pope and President, and not an ordinary
President as now? No, you have been baddy mistinformed. The Catholic Church only looks out for the
dictate to us in any other way whatsoever. This is
expecially true relative to pollitics.

Cone other thing, Mr. Ferguson, the pook does not.

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receives a divine revealation properly so-called.

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s a matter of fact, the pontiff (Pope) pro-the frailties which he has in common with all

-ERNEST R. C. BEST.

CHARLOTTE Editors, The News:

COME days ago I saw in Greensboro a copy of Ties

News and found in it a published list of what the liquor stores charge, or will charge, for various stuft they sell in our good city and county. Two railroad list to publish any such list, or such prices, and that such publishing was very positively and carefully made a crime under the ABC Act, and that it might call for the removal of some officials who suthorized it. If the removal of some officials who suthorized it, if the reason of the removal of the red to the removal of the red to the red to

NOTE: The law says that no County ABO Board may advertise in any place except the liquor stores, where price lists only can appeal. The Mcklenburg Board had nothing to do with the list published in Information. One as advertising. Furthermore, we don't think it can be charged as advertising in any sense coming as it did weeks before the opening of the styres. We doubt that the memory of the thirsty, even, is that long—261s, Tun Mewel.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount if. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if their and the

Senator Soaper Says:

WELL, if politicians can't settle the peanut prob-lem, what can they do?—Greensboro Daily

Uncle Hector Philipot says he misses the days of the silent movies cause he can still remember how wonderful it was to watch a woman's mouth going for two hours and not hearing a single word.—Douglas County (Ga.) Sentinel.

Marquis Childs

The Troubled Poles

WARSAW, POLAND domed forthead, and great that are NINETY-SIX per cent of all poles are Roman and the sagainst this background that a few recourceful, a few of, utilises men or more in the Polish Government are transitional to the figure of a Polish saint in dark wood, on one wall is a large revolution.

revolution.

In the Parliament the question came up of what oath the officers of the Government were to take. Before the war they were required to swear "by Almighty God" that they would be faithful to the law of

The Socialists in the Parliament demanded that the words "Al-mighty God" be taken out and that a simple "I promise" be substituted. This was in line with their long, free-thinking, anti - religious tra-

the Socialists abstained from voting.

This typifies the way in which the
Communist managers of Poland's
revolution are approaching their
task. Some of the harsher doctrines
of the early days of Bolshevism have
been expediently brushed aside. But
nevertheless the machinery for absolute control over the nation's

THE BIG BOSS

One of the key managers — some say he is the most powerful figure in the Government — is Jakub Berman. His official title is Undersecretary of State of the Gouncil of Ministers. An intellectual and historian, steeped in Maryaim, he escaped to Monow his his and returned with the Red Army.

turned with the Red Army.

I had an hour's talk with Berman in his office in the building which houses the Council of Ministers. It is one of the very few structures in the center of Warsaw that was not deliberately destroyed by the Germans. He has a mastive, imperturbable calm, 'almost white hair that recedes from a high.

THE THUMB SCREWS

Most of what he said was, of course, the rationalization that one gets-from the Government in irresponse to any question concerning signed to alter Polands economy, it is the same rationalization one gets in defense of the centionality of all Polish newspapers, and its goes something like this:

"These are only temporary measures. Our country is just now in a very troubled condition. There are elements seeking to create chaos and confusion. They must not be allowed to cause further dissension."

Samuel Grafton

How Brittania Rules!

T IS very characteristic of the Jews, of their dignity and restraint, that the 4,500 refugees aboard the Exodus 1947 did not allow themselves to become dismayed when two British destroyers rammed their vessel in July.

to rid themselves of the 4,500 wouldbe Palestinian immigrants.

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to France. The Jews, of course,
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recopies in this world who can be
moved by threats, by the screams
and blows of red-necked officials,
by strutting military pomp, and
bows are not one of them. The entire British Empire might be
against them, with its top officials
soling off into paroxysms of furyaccustomally a lew could be heard
to murmur. "Rum show, ch?" between purifs of amoke, but no signs
of fear appeared.

MILD RESISTANCE

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Drew Pearson's : President Will Get Sour Economic Report

When USS Missouri next week, there will be dumped in his lap a none-too-happy economic report from his Council of Economic Advisers.

The council set up by Congress to take the nation's business pulse and report on how to head off decressions, is more alarmed than ever over high prices and the inflation sorial. In fact, they are so worried that they have been considering the drastic step of recommending reinstatement of price controls.

than a recession.

the way will also caution that the low-income public—which up the vast majority of the nation's consumers—has sing up its awings, because prices are so high that shey pay their bills out of present income.

New Type Of Junket

WITH Congress busting all records this year for pleasure-juncting at the taxpayers' expense, it is heartening to report that one committee is planning a genuine business trip. GOP Sensior Styles Bridges of New Hampshire has made certain that members of his Appropriations Committee to the line on their forthcoming trip to probe U. S. rellef's byending in Europe.

ding in Europe.

"This will be neither a Cook's Tour, nor a junket," Bridges forewarned his committee, "It's strictly a business trip

The New Hampshire Senator did not bar Senatorial sives, providing they pay all their own expenses. Also sives must travel around by themselves while their husbands are busy on impection town.

NOTE—Among other things, the Senators will probe the activities of Gen. John "Court House" Lee, and Soviet use of American currency plates to print paper money in

German Espionage??

I AST month Bob Allen threw penetrating light on the Prass-hatting of Gen. John "Court House" Lee. U. S. Commander in Taby.

Sales in 1944, had delayed delivery of Christimas mall was sent amazing details as to how that 1944 Christmas mall was handled. Here is the story:

"The 17th Base Post Office with more than 1.00 men." he says, "moved out of Cherbours be haddled by the 19th Postal Regulating Section—an outfit with only about fifteen men. To help them the 17th Base Post Office left behind shout twenty privates, making a total of 33 men to handle what 1.000 men had handled before.

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Auturally it was impossible for this small outlit to handle heding of mail, so the higher command detailed several many of the higher command detailed several the several many of the higher command the several tracks and the several many of the cutting to which it was to be sent. The German prisoners would pull the sacks over to an American solder, who would eall out the name of the outlift. Another American solder held a list marked 'secret', containing the exact whereshouts of each regiment or battalion at the front. And he would eall out the routing of the name of the outline who would mark this declination on the label.

"All this was done with German-prisoners watching and listening. Many of them could speak English, and fresently it seemed to me they were over-curious shall be according to the seem of the country of the seem of the country of the seem of the country of the see of the country of the see of the country of the see of the seem of

Merry-Go-Round