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The President Shows His Hand

IT HAS BEEN said of the Democratic Administration that, after sixteen years, it is running out of talent. Except for Secretary Marshall...

His program to contract high prices is only more of the same that hasn't worked in the past and is hopelessly out-dated at this stage of the game. It is, in some of its phases, a program to maintain high prices. This theme has developed as follows...

1) An Excess Profits Tax. This is a device by which profits of a business are limited to a certain amount, fixed by a complex formula. When profits for any year exceed that amount, the excess is treated as an unearned profit beyond that point...

2) Consumer Credit Controls. This is another restriction lifted from war times. It is designed to limit the amount and length of credit that may be extended...

3) Federal Reserve Regulation of Inflationary Bank Credit. This is an objective which may be approached in various ways, some of them technical, but the general trend of the procedure is to limit the proportion of their funds that banks may lend out...

4) Authority to Regulate Speculation on Commodity Exchange. In this proposal Mr. Truman is merely re-emphasizing the thing which is inducing speculation toward higher prices on the commodity exchanges is...

the Government itself. Its policy of supporting commodity prices at 90 per cent of parity levels, which is to say stepping in to buy commodities when prices start going down, effectively prevents the Government from moving in any other direction except up. Already the Government is "supporting" wheat prices, an activity that directly "supports" bread prices...

5) Allocation and Inventory Controls of Scarce Commodities, and Rationing. This is the plan over the long haul. It is Government which has erected a floor to keep prices from seeking their own levels.

6) The Strengthening and Enforcement of Rent Controls. Rent control is about the only regulation concerning the public that has survived the three post-war years. It has endured because there weren't enough houses to go around and because there weren't a diverse, unorganized group, easy marks for politicians...

7) The President's final and most fervently uttered point is the give-away of his intent to maintain high prices rather than to bring some down. He has indicated that the continuation of rent control is in the public interest and is necessary until the supply of houses catches up...

In fact, the President explicitly proclaims that further wage increases should be allowed and encouraged, except in those rare cases where the Government has imposed a price ceiling, further wage increases would jeopardize the controlled price. Otherwise he urges that wages be paid out of profits, a plain admission that...

It is a weak exhibition by a weak President, hardly worth the interruption of Congressional vacancies.

Kefauver's Fight Against Crump

THERE IS GOOD news from Tennessee in reports that Boss Ed Crump of Memphis is slipping away from power. The County overlord now faces the most formidable influence he has encountered in twenty years...

A two-way attack against the Memphis machine's control comes to a climax in the Aug. 5 primary election. The challengers are youthful Rep. Estes Kefauver, running for the Democratic Senatorial nomination...

Estes Kefauver celebrated his 45th birthday anniversary on Monday of this week when he interrupted his campaign to go to Washington for the opening of the special session of Congress. Both in Washington and Tennessee, Kefauver has demonstrated that he is a Southern progressive who combines a deep concern for his own state and region with a broad national and international outlook...

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From The New York Times

Blue Sky

WHAT IS MORE beautiful than a clear, blue sky? Humid, sultry days may raise the question, not only of blue skies make fine days in any season. Not skim-milk blue, which is a sign of moisture that neither goes up nor comes down; but the blue of flax flowers fresh at dawn, which marks a sky to be lived with and enjoyed.

Such are the skies of mountain country at its best, and of the seashore on rare days, and of almost anywhere after a thunderstorm has cleared the air. It is the thought the smothering gause of humidity had been ripped by the lightning and washed away by the rain, and there was the sky of infinity and eternity, blue and innocent and full of benevolence.

outlook. Among other accomplishments, he has made himself a leading figure in the Memphis struggle against the aging boss...

On one occasion, a divine shouted, with great fervor: "Brethren and sisters, there ain't but two roads in this world lead to Hell and 'ollier 'Demination." At that a large Negro sprang to his feet and cried: "No, here's one, here's one, here's one: 'ollier 'Demination." "DUBUNTANT"

The young challenger is showing that he is an able campaigner and one of his cups in this race has been his success in sparking a revolt against Mr. Crump in the boss Memphis stronghold. The aging boss may be able to best off this attack as well as the assault of Browning in the Governorship race but the forecasts are for a Kefauver victory. In any event we now are getting from Tennessee above the layer, in the cold stratosphere, the sky is a deep purplish gray. The murk that masks the blue lies below it, earthward, in layers of smog, or mist, or even low clouds gathering for a storm. Clear the sky and look up to the depths of infinity, and there it is, the blue that is healing to the heart and soothing to the senses.



People's Platform

Litter And Loafers Downtown

Charlotte, N.C. Fall. And some, in the warm months, will be destroyed by moth. Yet for the lack of such clothing, hundreds of thousands of children will suffer, and many thousands will die of exposure next winter. For the past sixteen years Save the Children Federation has been providing clothing and other necessities for many needy children in the disadvantaged rural areas of our own country, and in more recent years in Finland, Holland, France, Greece and Australia.

I hope that by publishing this letter, your readers will be inspired to send this used and outgrown clothing to us for these needy children. It will be sent by parcel post or express prepaid to: Save the Children Federation, 30 N. Maple St., Winchester, Ky.

The Passing of Jim Crow

Charlotte, N.C. In the matter of the glass, the stone, and steel, there is little that the Christian can do about it. In the matter of Jim Crow, it is a blot on the Christian's soul and it is up to us to accomplish his demise. It is not too late for us to give him a Christian burial.

John R. Voris, President, Save the Children Federation.

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Weak Message?

WASHINGTON In the rowdy game of political chess being played out between Truman and the Congress...

The weaknesses are pretty obvious. It doesn't take a political chameleon to see that...

In my opinion, Mr. Truman would have been better off if he had taken a somewhat less right-wing approach...

BY CONTRAST After recommending price control for scarce commodities, he says non-inflationary wage increases can and should continue to be made by free collective bargaining...

The President reads his claim for non-inflationary wage increases on the same base that organized labor has used for years...

Theoretically this may be true. Profits have been fantastically, unconsciously high even after pharmaceutical inflation has been set aside for reserves.

But it is impossible to compel manufacturers to take a wage increase and to keep it there...

Recommendations and professions of good intentions are invariably measured against past performance. The President's record is not good.

DeWitt MacKenzie

Up To Russia

The United Nations committee for conventional armaments (the United Nations Disarmament Commission) has decided that armaments can't be reduced and controlled until the great powers agree on a UN police force, atomic energy is limited and nuclear tests are made with Germany and Japan.

In short this momentous question, which is the crux of the effort to enforce world peace, is being put off until the end of the world.

Such an assessment wouldn't mean an end of the cold war but merely an armed truce. So long as a power bloc dictatorship remains in control of Russia, just so long will the Communist world revolution continue to rage.

The trend of the German situation is likely to give us a fair guess as to what the future holds for us on securing domination of Germany. The German situation is likely to be greatly determined by the way in which the three Western democracies handle the German situation.

"In all probability she does not want it now. From Russia's point of view a 'shooting war' is not to be undertaken until the process of internal erosion in the democracies has reached the point where only the very slightest push from under the Federal Reserve Board is sufficient to topple over the whole structure."

However, let us not fool ourselves into thinking that we can have world Communism reaching for power in all countries—no least in America.

Drew Pearson's Withdrawal Would End Reconstruction

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Arthur B. Borden

ARTHUR B. BORDEN, Borden Mills, Inc., New York. Thanks for your open letter to Secretary for Air Symbionism, and for the information that you are giving me regarding the honor of serving under Gen. LeMay both in India and Guam believe his boys could really do the job you suggest. They would do it with a minimum of fuss and feathers.

Edward Nelson, Oxnard, Neb.—Your letter to Stuart