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Mystery In Eisenhower Boom

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With Good reason, Senator Francis J.
Weyers of Pennsylvania, chairman of
the Democratic platform-writing committee, expresses some mystification over the
gloom for General Eisenhower in adwriting to the party's national convention
ruly 12.
The Senator is "at-a loss to understand
how so many people can be beating the
drums for a man about whom they know
so little." He can see that the politices are
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In a Democrat, or whether he is a conservative or a New Dealer. Each faction hopes
that the General inclines its way or at
least that he can reconcile all of them on
common ground but that's taking a long
about on a miracle with little except a
hunch or a hope to guide us.
If, by some chance, the anti-Truman
Democratic succeeded in stampeding the
convention for Eisenhower and got him to
someth and continue to astisty, both the
southern conservatives and the liberallabor element and still make an impression
on the general electorate we wonder if he
wouldn't express important reservations on
the Roosevelt and Truman programs, to the
great confusion of the party. We wonder
how well his glamour would wear in the
heat of the campaign.

Both Dewny and Warren, tried and suc-

war hero. Eisenhower the candidate would be thrown into the most rough and tumble campaign we have seen in a long time. He doesn't have the experience of Dewey and Warren, nor the experienced men sur-rounding the two Governors, and he would not have a united, confident party behind him.

Norst of all, the selection of an outsider would constitute a stimning repudiation of the Administration, a Demoratic confes-sion of failure, which would place a tre-mendous handicap. on an inexperienced cardidate even before he got started. Un-less the General is indeed a superman and proposed to the confession of a rece as Truman in this campaign, despite the popular opinion polis.

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It is difficult to view this wild chase after the General as anything except an act of self-destruction on the part of the discontented Democrats. The Gemonstration for Elsenhower before the convention already is attaining the proportions of a repudiation of the Administration by the President's own party, a painful confession of Democratic helplesanes, If the General now closes the door to a draft the party will suffer another blow as that turn-down will be widely interpreted as an expression of no confidence in the party. The Democrats will then be left with Truman, whose chances of election will have been further reduced by the futile effort to ditch him. Perhaps mystery isn't the right word for this Democratic scramble. It looks more like tragedy.

Russia's Game In Germany

for harsament of the Allies.

For weeks the Soviets have been engaged in what appears to be an effort to force the Western Allies to abandon the sectors of Berlin which they occupy under the four-power agreement. They are up a rail traffits blockade which stopped the movement of supplies needed to feed the 2,500,000 Germins in the Allied sectors. The liles have retaliated by establishing an ir-shuttle service which apparently can neet the emergency.

Latest reports from the scene all mini-

RUSSIA'S refusal to say when or if the Berlin blockade will be litted. In repose and loss are presented to a loss of the same and loss are presented to a loss of the same and loss are presented to be loss of the same and loss are presented to be loss of the same and the loss of the

of squeezing the Allies out of the capital.

Indeed, there now is reason to think that the Russian blockade in Berlin was not even designed to force the Allies out of Berlin. Its whole purpose may be to make more difficult and expensive our task of holding, supplying and rebuilding Germany and Western Europe. That it is serving that end is shown by the costs of the air-shuttle service to Berlin, which consumes around 25,000 gallons of aviation gasoline each day. It is a part of the whole Soviet strategy to make the job or reorganizing and reconstructing Western Europe so complicated and so enormous that America will bleed herself white in the effort.

Stray Thoughts On A Dull Holiday

O'NA DAY like this, with nothing to do, we wonder at the fatte that has consigned us to a routine or a rut and we grow a bit rebellious. At the moment we are wondering whether to spend this holiday reading a book, typing letters that are long everdue, fixing the Ford, going to a show, or just taking a nap. It's a pretty dull time. Nothing new happens. Same old thing. While we go our own commonpiace way epics are being born all around us. We get restless when we read accounts in the newspapers of the adventures which other people are able to have. For example, in the last few days we have read about, an ew Ulysses who is having a fine time on an odyssey and a 20th century Ahab (or 20 and 10 and

thing.

Sipping our breakfast coffee while we scanned the morning news, we could picture the whole scene as young John Edward Schults of Miami and points south steered—all alone—his sixteen-foot dug-

From The Asheville Citisen

Inflation Goes Rolling Along

A Fortune Magazine survey of business opinion, released for publication to-day, shows that 48 per cent to the men who make American industry tick "believe that the boom has passed its crest and the downturn has occurred."

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This is a large minority, Also, it is probably a highly embarrassed one. For only in the last few days, while Fortune was still on the presses, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported chilling news about the consumer price index. On May 15, the last reportable date, the BLS index reached an all-time high of 1703. Moreover, the rise since mid-April was 12 point was 12 point was 12 point was 12 point.

The figure has only one meaning: Infla-tion is rolling agdin. The Spring break in commodity prices was not the turning point. Indeed, says a well-known business letter, "all important economic indexes are on a steady rise now."

One may scan the Republican platform, to record of Congress or the most recent

Rolling Along
remarks of the Predicent and find nowhere
the sense of aiarm which ought to prevail.
Inflation has gone on its merry way ever
since Congress souttled OFA back in 1946.
And yet the lapse of price controls is only
one factor. To service the national debt,
the Federal Government keeps interest
rates low—which contributes to the supply
of cheap (and hence inflationary) money.
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hid sup prices. To make the voter happy,
Congress cut taxes—which feeds a potential \$5 billion more into consumer markets.
And to awert strikes, while in some cases
adjusting wages to higher profits, Big Industry and Big Labor have indulged in the
"third round" of wage increases — which
mean that higher prices must follow.

Thus the high cost of living, which was
being deplored only a few months ago as
present and dangerous influence, is in
face higher and more dangerous than ever
before, and the wors is yet to come.

of whale underneath his lingernalis to Great things are being done while we prepare to read a book, type a letter, fix the Ford and snooze on the davenport. To-morrow we will go back to the old routine and perhaps dream for a while over an edi-torial on new epics in while we had no

torial on new epics in which we had no part.

Ho, humi That davemport is mighty inviting on a day like this Modern adventure is pretty strenuous, we must admit, and there is a certain charm about the same old things.



Restrictive Covenant

Living In Your Times

The Citizen As Public Servant

WHEN my generation sat where you graduates of 48 sit today, we, as a generation, had a rather definite philosophy. This guiding general principle of those of us who in the Twenties were as about the age and time of life you are today, can be summed up in this phrase:

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"Take care of Number One."

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The idea was a simple one till was almost universally accepted; it seemed eminently sensible. If you want to the control of the co

sicians and lawyers and bankers and bong assessment and shipboulders and mirch and the same and any boulders and mirch and the same and any boulders and mirch and the same and the same as a good philosophy for individuals and for groups, naturally it was a sound idea among nations io. It was a sound idea among nations io. It will be same thing, and Britain the same, and France welfare of the United States, and if Gernany did the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same, and France and the same thing, and Britain the same and Hardward and the same thing, and the same and the same thing the same thin the same thing the same thing the same thing the same thing the

with the kind of men chosen to go to Washington, before a war was on, while there was still time person and the waste of t

inated is not too strong a word, with these two; physics and politics, or more accurately actione and What do I mean when I urge you to play an active part in science? I do not, of course, suggest active part in science? I do not, of course, suggest actions and method of the science with the practitioner, that the country must depend in determined also either, informed about science but not its practitioner, that the country must depend in determined and science with the science with the practitioner, that the country must depend in determined and control of the science with the practitioner, that the country must depend in determined the country must depend in determined the science with the science with the science of the science with the sci

Marquis Childs

Monumental Reminder

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Joseph And Stewart Alsop

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Drew Pearson's Yugoslavs Provide Break In Iron Curtain Merry-Go-Round Merry-Go-Round WASHINGTON

Will Tito Die In Bed?

they are Roman Catholic and don't appreciate Commun-ism: 3. With peasants in all parts of the country.

Moscow Orders The Impossible

WHAT gripes the Russians is that Tito has forgotten he was "Made in Moscow." He seems to think he is a self-made man . . . Here are some fissibabecks into history, which the Russians renember, even if Tito does not. In clientally, several high American diplomats reme m her