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TAFT WILL RUN, BUT CAN HE WIN?

ANYWAY you look at it, Senator Taft's announcement that he is a candidate for the 1952 Republican Presidential nomination is a political event of major importance.

It is not the first time that Taft has sought the Presidency. He made unsuccessful bids at the GOP conventions of 1940, 1944, and 1948.

What gives this year's announcement such great significance is the indisputable fact that as of today, Taft is the strongest contender in the field.

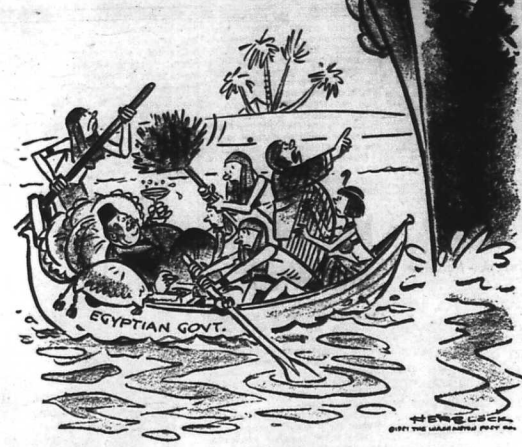
Taft's strength stems from several sources: 1. His resounding victory in the rough-and-tumble Ohio Senatorial battle last Fall.

security for free men everywhere, no matter what the cost. They can hardly be expected to look upon Bob Taft with joy.

In the other group is the great body of Americans who are gravely concerned over the symptoms of decay at the core of our Federal Government.

The Taft announcement does not preclude the possibility that the Republican Party will find a standard bearer who will cut across party and sectional lines and unite the great majority of Americans in his cause.

As of the moment, however, "Mr. Republican" has the field to himself. In five straight elections, his party has been defeated by the Democratic Party of Roosevelt and Truman.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

The GOP In The South

CHARLOTTE

In a democracy the established economic, social and political structure is the product of the people, and the form of law, whether or not the latter conform to the principles of pure law, is a reflection of the people's will.

Liquor And Money

RAEFORD

Editors, The News: Items have appeared in some of the papers published in the state commenting on the increased sales of liquor in recent weeks.

CONGRESS SHIRKS ITS DUTY

FOR nearly nine months, committees of the House and Senate have been at work on an unpleasant assignment—drawing up a new tax bill to pay for the added costs of the nation's huge defense program.

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THE SEETHING MIDDLE EAST

WITH Egypt and Iran seething with nationalistic passion, the assassination yesterday of Pakistan's Premier Liaquat Ali Khan emphatically draws the world's attention to the revolving Arab world.

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The assassin opposed the Premier because of the latter's refusal to launch a holy war against India over the control of Kashmir. There is but a small measure of comfort in the knowledge that had the assassin been a Hindu, the entire Asian subcontinent would probably today be engulfed in blood.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

MISS GAYLIA DAVIS, recently-crowned Miss Sewer Cleaner of 1951, is a commendably frank young lady.

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AS USUAL, THE ASSAULTINGEST

TAR HEELS steel fewer automobiles than their fellow Americans. As for larceny and theft, they are not as light-fingered as the rest of us.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE two old tyrants of the Senate, McKellar of Tennessee and McCarran of Nevada, tried to browbeat the nation's top secret out of Atomic Energy Chairman Gordon Dean the other day.

McKellar, McCarran Ask A-Bomb Data

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators McKellar and McCarran charged today that the atomic energy commission is concealing information about the atomic bomb.

have been bought by the money that is appropriated by this Committee. It is not a small group; it is a very substantial group.

AMERICAN LITHOFLIGHT OFFERS

AMERICAN Lithoflight offers would add what they paid out in legal "fees", expensive lawyers, "casualties" such as plane wrecks, typhoid, malaria, dengue, yellow fever, and other tropical diseases.

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Secret Amounts Of Uranium

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Senator Cordon Objects

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Hoey Committee Gets More Data On RFC Influence Ring

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House subcommittee headed by Rep. Hoey today announced it has received more data on the RFC influence ring.