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WE'RE WAITING, MR. TRUMAN

IN July, 1949, Major General Feldman, Quartermaster General, was suspended because of indiscreet remarks to a contractor's representative procurement information under circumstances which appear irregular.

The same month Major General Walt, chief of the Chemical Corps, was suspended on suspicion that he "improperly furnished personnel data" to a civilian.

In July, 1951, Brig.-Gen. Crawford, commander of the Detroit Arsenal, was reprimanded and relieved of his command because he "had not met the high standards required of an Army officer."

On Nov. 14, 1951, the President asked for and received the resignation of T. Lamar Caudle, Assistant Attorney-General, because of "outside activities," incompatible with the duties of his office.

During the latter part of World War II Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, the President's military aide, helped John Maragon and

two officials of the Verlay Perfume Company go to Europe on an Army transport, and gave Maragon various letters of introduction on White House stationery.

In 1947, owners of the Tanforan race track were unable to get material to rebuild their grandstand and buildings, even after General Vaughan had sent Tanforan officials to Housing Expediter Frank Crowder who denied their request.

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Subsequently, Vaughan blurted in a moment of frankness, "I am considered in many circles to be unethical . . . I am going to continue to be the way I have been."

While Vaughan goes, the President's avowed ally John Maragon, who is regarded as so much hogwash.

A SOUND BUSINESS INVESTMENT

MANy humanitarians and idealists have vigorously supported the Point IV program of U. S. aid to underdeveloped countries.

In a report to the Committee for Economic Development which was headed by Mr. Folsom said the "economics of the free world" requires greater efforts by American businessmen in raising the production and standard of living of underdeveloped countries.

Actual Point IV appropriations to date have been small. We spent \$30 million on it last year, appropriated less than \$100 million for it this fiscal year.

It is in the interest of the country and American businessmen to help these countries achieve greater production.

Such economic development pays off commodities of dollars as counsel to General Amline and to General Dystuff Corp.

The Senate sleuth behind the inquiry is Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, who became interested in charges by former Alien Property Custodian Leo T. Crowley that a "powerful OAP holding company" had pressured him to open a New Jersey resident who had holdings in General Dystuff.

The Administration is expected to argue that its custodianship of alien property has been profitable, that the assets of many of the firms have increased even so, no agency of the Federal Government should be permitted to hand out \$200-a-year jobs.

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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.

Steele Creek And Airport

Editor, The News:

"YOUR editorial, 'The Airport Must Be Expanded', was excellent, as your editorials usually are. I cannot agree with you, however, in your statement that we have a difficult question before them but I am sure they are men of too big a calibre to be thrown into a state of dilemma.

I am sure, after the plea of the Steele Creek people to help them preserve their community, and the very reasonable presentation of the city's side of the question by Mayor Shaw, Manager Yancey and Attorney Shaw, that these men are capable of arriving at a decision which will be fair and just to all.

I am most thankful, and I am sure all the citizens of this community are thankful, for the Commissioners' patient and careful consideration of our plea, which I believe the minority will still be heard and their rights respected. I sometimes fear that one of the freedoms which we are losing is the right to free speech, but I believe that the minority citizen to defend his own against the trespass of governmental agencies under the disguise of progress. In my opinion, the law of eminent domain is often abused.

The people of Steele Creek do not necessarily oppose the expansion of the Municipal Airport, but they are not convinced that the extent of the proposed expansion is necessary. That question was asked of the representatives of the city at the Commissioners' meeting on last Monday and, as I recall, the answer was that it will probably not be necessary within the next four or five years. Presumably it is necessary if the city is to qualify for the funds from National Air Guard Unit.

That presumption brings up the question: "Has the City made any effort to meet whatever expansion demands that exist other than to follow the easiest course and that of selling the property under its power of eminent domain and thereby contributing to the destruction of a community which, along with many others similar, is a national asset and bulwark of our everlasting fight to preserve our freedoms. Can such a community be evaluated in dollars and cents?"

We are not convinced that it is necessary, or even advisable, that National Air Guard Unit be stationed in Charlotte. We realized in the beginning that to express such an opinion would mean that we be branded unpatriotic, but patriotism can be expressed practically, as well as enthusiastically. The former is possibly the better. Are there not a number of air fields within a few hours drive of Charlotte which could be restored and reactivated with a much less outlay of Federal funds than it would require to extend the runway at the Charlotte

Alport? Would not extensive activity of military planes at the Alport seriously hamper the service of commercial lines? Would it not for purposes of defense be better that military installations of any type be away from congested areas?

We think we are right in our protest and if we failed to strive for that right we would not be the true American citizens we are, but if we are proven wrong we will graciously yield. The people of Steele Creek gathered at their church at their regular Wednesday night prayer meeting this week and placed the entire matter in the hands of their Lord. Whatever is His Will, they will abide.

J. B. WATT

Correction Of Bible Story

Editor, The News:

WE wish to call your attention to an error made by your reporter in the Thursday, Nov. 22 edition of your paper in regards to the new Catholic Bible for which we are national distributors. Your reporter misquoted us when she said this was the first Catholic Bible published in the last 25 years.

Dale Francis at the Catholic Information Center, tells us there have been several hundred editions of the Catholic Bible published in the United States in the last 25 years. To my personal knowledge, I know of four other Catholic Bibles on the market at this time which I have examined personally.

We would like for you to make the necessary corrections, as we do not want to claim this is the first Catholic Bible published in the last 25 years.

—CATHOLIC BIBLE HOUSE, INC. —Evans S. Cregeth, Vice-President.

(NOTE—The News regrets any error in its report.—Editors, The News.)

Good Bus Service

Editor, The News:

IT is gratifying to know that in the proposed change of management of our city bus service the Secretary of State Ted Brown has agreed to

During the many years of local bus operation we have been fortunate in receiving most satisfactory passenger service. I am sure that few cities of the size of Charlotte have enjoyed better bus service than we have had under the operation of Duke Power Co.

The new management will be composed of men who have had extensive experience in local and inter-urban bus transportation who have been successful in their field of activity and we may expect a continuation of the present high standard of bus operation.

—B. T. WALKER

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Both Sides Flouted Law in Ohio

THE Senate hearings have barely scratched the surface of the scandals in the Ohio election in Senator Ted Brown's defeated 'jump' Joe Ferguson in 1950. The investigation has uncovered shocking law violations on both sides.

Believing that honest elections are the backbone of democracy, this column has obtained copies of the Senate investigators' secret report. It shows a wholesale winking at the laws, and should be published as a warning to the nation in 1952.

Here are some blunt statements which conscientious Senate investigators wrote of the Ohio campaign. "The Federal Government should be permitted to hand out \$200-a-year jobs."

"We have uncovered evidence," the report continues, "that an unauthorized check-off was used to obtain \$100,000 from the Columbus Dispatch and appearing in thirteen leading Ohio newspapers."

"Both sides were found guilty of filing reports with the county Board of Elections when they should have filed with the Secretary of State in Columbus," the report adds. "Both sides tended to ignore the requirement that contributions of things of value other than money are required by the Ohio law to be accounted for and reported."

Law Officials HOWEVER, the report blasts the "lat attitude on the part of state officials" as contributing to an "attitude of carelessness on the part of political committees in complying with the law."

Specifically, the investigators' report accuses Ohio Secretary of State Ted Brown. "The report informed our staff that he did not consider it his duty to search out violations of the law," blisters the report. "The function of his office in this regard was merely to serve as custodian of the reports actually made."

The report then quotes the Ohio law which requires the Secretary of State to report "any law violation in the State or in any other State which is a crime or misdemeanor or which is a violation of the Ohio campaign 'promises to play an important role in the 1952 general election campaign.'"

"The report also warns sharply that the election law violation was sponsored almost totally by the 'short reader' advertisements of the Columbus Dispatch and the 'free enterprise series' sponsored by the publishers of the Columbus Dispatch and appearing in thirteen leading Ohio newspapers."

Quaker Oats Politics WHILE none of the advertisements supported Taft or attacked Ferguson, some of them contained fairly direct attacks on the CIO, on collectivism and on Administration spending and wastefulness. The fact that the enterprise series was sponsored almost totally by the CIO was masked by the legend appearing at the bottom of the full-page advertisements: "This is one of a series of important messages brought to the public by patriotic, public-spirited individuals and organizations."

Corporations Pay Campaign Bills, Get Votes in Return

BY JOSEPH ALSO

ONE OF THE best indices of the present relationship between business and American politics is the condition of the Washington lawyers, whose offices are growing fatter at a remarkable rate. Why they increase, and how fast they can be expected by an expert of John J. McCloy.

When McCloy was winding up his remarkable service at the War Department, he was offered a Washington law partnership with a guaranteed income of \$50,000 a year. The other obscure man who made this fantastic offer had formerly been an able but middle-grade Government official. He did his law business in a small suite of offices with one or two clerks and two or three stenographers. "But in proof of his good faith," he showed McCloy a list of returns from large corporations amounting, altogether, to about \$1 million annually.

"The money's nothing," he told McCloy. "If you don't take it the Treasury will. And you don't have any worry about doing anything you won't like to earn it. These businessmen are not going to know any way around the Government, and they don't. There's nothing to be done about it."

McCloy preferred to go into one of the great New York law firms with national reputations, which in fact make smaller net profits than his own. But McCloy's old-fashioned efficiency has not been able to do anything to ease their dealings with the government.

BIG GOVERNMENT The reasons for this are obvious enough. In the last twenty years, the government has grown so enormous that it is like a labyrinth. It has also assumed so many new functions and powers that Government decisions now affect the welfare of almost all business interests through the labyrinth are

therefore in urgent demand: and this is the source of the influence. The influence business has many permutations and combinations, not all of them good. You can't see it, but it is also influence. McCloy's friends, who simply found it difficult to get the business to decide his clients' problems, and then arranged for his clients to meet those officials, have to sell this kind of influence, plus a little or a lot of improper political influence. Or you can even sell influence which you have not got. This reporter knows of one great corporation executive who paid \$5,000 for a chance to appear before a Senate committee when the Senators had already decided, on their own hook, to invite him to testify.

The more astute and pensive corporations not only pay generous retainer to representatives in Washington, they also seek to strengthen the hand of their ambassadors in the capital by making large political contributions.

Sometimes the campaign funds go to individual politicians, for a sympathetic Senator may be useful in some cases. Sometimes they are used to nourish powerful local political organizations, an unpublished survey showed that more than half the State Governments were dominated in this manner by the objects of business interests. And regularly, every four years, the contributions of the business community to the candidates of war for the Democratic and Republican Presidential campaigns.

Contributions are made through dummies and written off as business expenses. The objects of business contributions are almost invariably to have sure friends at court when regulations, or franchise laws, or matters to businessmen are under governmental consideration. The whole process amounts to open corruption openly arrived at, in the case of almost all business men, men are jointly implicated.

NATO Must Move Boldly Or The Alliance Will Disintegrate

By MARQUIS CHILDS

AROUND A GREEN BA table there sat a group of men and women, some of them men of letters, some of them men of letters, some of them men of letters.

They were discussing the future of the NATO alliance, and the need for a bold move to prevent its disintegration.

The second line the revision must take is therefore concerned with changing the basic attitudes of all concerned in an American election year, that is, the revision must be by the end of 1952 would give a realistic assurance of security to get more done. It is important, it would take the stress off the buildup of a vast armory for a distant target date.

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