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SOMETHING'S GOT TO GIVE

GENERAL EISENHOWER says he won't ask to be relieved of his job in Europe in order to seek the Republican Presidential nomination. And President Truman says he will never relieve General Eisenhower of his post except at the general's request.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL

WE ARE PLEASED in much that the Weldon County Commissioners have nodded assent to the creation of a County Planning Board and the eventual establishment of a zoning board for Mecklenburg's suburban areas.

BACK TO JESSUP

IT WAS regrettable, although expected, that a majority of Republican Senators started off this session of Congress with a request for the recall of Ambassador Jessup from Paris U. N. meeting.

WHATTA' LAUGH DEPT.

WHATEVER hopes the nation had that President Truman was all set for a vigorous, honest house-cleaning suffered a severe jolt when Attorney General H. Howard McGrath was tapped to supervise the assignment.

PANTS PROBLEM

THE NEWS, a couple weeks ago, noted the concern of a soldier and Congressman that the Army has issued about 12 million suspender buttons for G. I. trousers, but apparently no suspenders. Our judgment then, which we still maintain, is that the important part of the matter is for the pants to stay up.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

IT WAS an obscure little item, buried deep in the editor's front page column of the Fort Mill Times. But it had a meaning greater than the length and position would indicate.

60 FEET OF BEARD

STATISTICS compiled by British sources as to the amount of time a man spends in shaving are enlightening. No figures are given as to what is considered par for the stable course. However, the experts estimate that if a man starts shaving when he is 12 years old and remains clean-shaven until he is 86, he will remove 60 feet of beard from his chin.

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'You Wouldn't Mind Being Investigated, Would You?'

Ruark Likes Ike, And The Way He's Played It So Far

BY ROBERT C. RUARK

IT WILL BET you a pretty paltry sum that I am the only bum around with access to the White House who has not given you a deep and searching dissection of the Eisenhower decision to allow his name to be drafted as Republican candidate for the Presidency. The reason is simple: I will run for the office if the has done or said so far that takes him out of the category of the ordinary adult of Republican persuasion.



In a way your obedient servant is just as much a candidate for the Presidency as Eisenhower, except we have not declared our political allegiance. What Ike has said is simple: 'I will run for the office if the American people draft me. Well, perdition's chimneys, as we used to say before profanity was ruled out, if the American people come knocking on my door, or your door, the chance is that you and I will have a run at the nation's top job, too, it can qualify by age and birth certificate as well as to beat the tax structure. The way she's rigged today, only the President of the United States can lay up a buck for his dogtag, due to that tax-exempt \$50 grand they give him outside his pocket money, and a very nice expense plan, which allows him a house, a plane, a yacht and a fleet of limousines plus a couple of free vacation spots. I'm not a money-grubber, I understand, but it's not a matter of the honor today as the dough consideration.

COYNESS THE BEEF I have been against Ike as his continued coyness. Some folks feel he is still blushing shyly about the fan and the crowd that weary of his perpetual dig-by-the-toe-in-the-carpet. They want him to rear right back and declaim whether he is for what's right or whether it's what's right being largely up to personal interpretation) Ike has finally admitted Republican affiliation almost as if with some kind of sin, and I can't figure out why he bothered to say so long. They don't want any more for Eisenhower. They want more. Generally, they just don't elect you, if Ike had a reasonable bearing his name alone. It is probably a compliment to his common sense. He was possibly revealing out the country that Truman would declare Republicanism illegal, and maybe make it punishable by a life sentence. At times it has seemed the country was heading that way.

WE will inherit General Ike, if he inherits him, on the simplest fact that he is never elected a President, if he sticks to his current credo. It will be more like a marriage with an elective husband. "Come in here, Ducky," we will say. "We want you as you are, ready for anything." "Okay," he will say, "I'm yours. Kiss me." "It will be something after that we discover in the pretty head we find on the national pulpit, but by that time it is too late. If he stays in the White House, if it turns out to be a self-administered lick. Many a lasting affair into matrimony has been built on less.

Me, I like Ike. I like the way he does it so far, but I think seems to have been exceedingly canny, and I like the way he has cut out a head start for his own possible assault by the elements who know all the tricks of the trade and the art of the deal, of eavesdropping and sapping their tails over-bricky. "If you want me, come get me," Ike says in the meantime. I got a job of work to do."

People's Platform

People's Platform is a new political platform for the 1952 election. It is a platform of the people, for the people, and by the people. It is a platform of the people, for the people, and by the people.

Christmas On Capri

THE only time I personally saw General Eisenhower was on the Isle of Capri Christmas Day of 1944. Capri was used as rest center for Allied troops during the fighting in Italy. On Christmas morning of that year the Ike and his staff were resting a few days on the Isle. Upon Christmas eve, a Christmas procession of Italian war-orphaned children the entire population of the Isle turned out en masse to see the general.

Another Dangerous Mine in Illinois

THE same dangerous mine conditions which killed 119 miners in West Frankfort, Ill., also exist at Orient No. 3 Mine twenty miles away, according to miners who work there. Both mines are owned by the same company.

Truman And Ike

THE President's remark to Churchill that he knew Ike would run as a Republican was based on two conversations which George Allen and Averell Harriman had with Eisenhower. To both of them he made it clear he would accept the GOP nomination if tendered.

Draw Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE Merry-Go-Round is a new political platform for the 1952 election. It is a platform of the people, for the people, and by the people. It is a platform of the people, for the people, and by the people.

A Splendid Editorial

I wish to congratulate you on the editorial in Tuesday's News on Dwight D. Eisenhower and your presentation of his case. It was splendidly done and leaves no doubt as to the position The News has taken.

Stoning And Murder

I would in no way condone the actions of the misguided zealots in Colombia who threw stones at a Protestant church in that country because of the persecution of Catholics by the Communists.

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GOP Response To Eisenhower Likely To Influence Truman

BY JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOPL

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