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TRUMAN'S LOW BLOW AT IKE

THE News vigorously disapproved the restrictive McCarran-Walker immigration bill. We approved President Truman's unsuccessful veto of the bill. The bill, now law, is chargeable to neither party, for it drew support and censure from many members of each.

In the Senate 26 Democrats and 25 Republicans opposed liberalization of the bill. Twenty-five Democrats and 32 Republicans voted to override the President's veto. In the House, the measure was passed by a standing 206 to 89 vote. One hundred and seven Democrats and 170 Republicans voted to override the veto.

The bill itself, with all its racist overtones and unwarranted exclusions, was nurtured by two Democrats, Senator McCarran of Nevada and Representative Walter of Pennsylvania. It comes with ill grace, then, for President Truman to attempt viciously to associate General Eisenhower with adherents of restrictive immigration. This the President tried to do last week. His distorted reasoning was this:

Senators Nixon, Jenner and McCarthy voted for the McCarran-Walker bill. These men were "embraced" by General Eisenhower, therefore:

"The Republican candidate for the Presidency cannot escape responsibility for his endorsement. He had a choice of moral blindness, for today, he is willing to accept the very practices that identify the so-called 'master race' with the 100,000 leading part in liberating Europe from their domination."

Indeed, by the President's specious reasoning, Governor Stevenson could be equally condemned. Senator Fulbright of Arkansas,

one of the governor's close advisers, voted to override the veto. Senator Montgomery, chairman of the speakers' bureau of the Democratic National Committee, paired against the veto. It would be of course an unfounded asininity thus to reason that Governor Stevenson approved "master race" practices, but that is the way President Truman tried to condemn General Eisenhower on this issue.

Indeed, the same day that the President's statement was made, General Eisenhower declared himself to be "quite specific." He called the McCarran Immigration Law "another glaring example of failure of our national leadership to live up to high standards." To the Czech, Pole, the Hungarian who takes his life in his hands and crosses the frontier tonight—or to the Italian who goes to some American consulate—this is ideal that beckoned him can be a mirage beyond the reach of the McCarran Act. It must be rewritten."

The blame for laws such as the McCarran Act cannot fairly be placed upon the national leadership of President Truman, who has been, as far as his possible successors presumably have, an advocate of an enlightened and liberalized immigration policy. Most certainly the primary onus for the law rests with a bipartisan coalition of Congressmen who, for various reasons, were more reluctant to bring in new blood and new ideas than were earlier and bolder legislators.

Certainly the President detracted from his record on immigration by his unwarranted attack on the general. For Mr. Truman was doing exactly the same sort of guilt-by-association smear technique which characterizes many of the bigots and "master race" proponents he condemns.

'Anybody Care What I'm Like?'



Predicting Voting Outcome More Difficult This Year

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WHASHINGTON—While it is written about political keep-cha-chang in Presidential campaign progress, a lettered "A" about the country's voters is often the chief political reporters of leading newspapers. Or they are shared voters. Some believe this was willing to give their private and realistic appraisal, which is correct at variance with their public claims.

Four years ago at this time these barometers were with few exceptions registering a Republican victory. They were proved wrong by President Truman's re-election. This reporter, combining direct soundings in a dozen states with a series of long-distance calls into every corner of the country has tried to read these barometers as of the present moment. Why this is difficult may be because of their wrongness in '48, or perhaps this is one of the most difficult of all forecasts to make because of its obscure and unfathomable undercurrents.

One factor is that the "experts" offer their "guesses" with great timidity. They are certain of nothing except that the Republican and Georgia will probably — probably — go Democratic. One conclusion on which many agree is that the popular vote will be close. Despite this closeness the experts suggest that General Eisenhower could win by a large electoral majority. They believe that a win by Governor Bledsoe would mean a 50-50 margin of electoral votes.

The ponderable most frequently discussed with respect to Eisenhower's chances is the women's vote. There is agreement that the character of the general, a sincere, earnest, plain man who promises to right so many of the wrongs in the country, would tend to impress on women voters. That may be the "fatal" factor, that the Eisenhower strategy would appeal to white officials of the Democratic National Committee speak

Both Presidential Candidates Shift From Initial Positions

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSO

WASHINGTON—Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1940, when both men believed that this country would probably be forced to enter the European war, had loudly promised to keep us out.

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He and Stevenson, who at first promised that he was "not going to run against Hoover," has begun to do precisely that. He has made promises and has broken them. On foreign policy. But on domestic policy, he has switched over to an intensive effort to maintain the old status quo. He has promised to take care of the Negroes and the South. This change of strategy is, in itself, a major concession. Yet, as in Eisenhower's case, there is no reason to believe that the concession made by Stevenson has had any effect on his ability to take an independent line if he reaches the White House.

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McCarthy And Hiss

EDITION, TEN NEWS. I HAD thought that there would be no more letters from me to The News during his campaign. Then in your issue of Oct. 14 there was a letter from a doctor in Greensboro in which the following bold assertion was made: "But for Senator McCarthy, Alger Hiss would have still been making our foreign policy."

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ONE MORE DAY TO REGISTER

DESPITE the remarkable results so far of the Get-Out-The-Vote drive, some 37,000 or 38,000 Mecklenburg adults 21 and over will not be able to register at the Nov. 4 election unless they register at their precincts on Saturday of this week.

In a democracy ruled by the consent of the governed, that is an appalling figure. It is about 33 per cent of the total adult population of the county.

It is a larger figure than the record vote ever cast in Mecklenburg County—35,781 in the 1940 Presidential election.

It is so large, in fact, that it challenges every citizen of the county to do something about it.

Thanks to the Get-Out-The-Vote drive, some 11,000 new names have been added to the 63,000 already on the books.

That's a fine record, but it is not good enough. Yesterday, Joe J. Smith, chairman of the

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ANOTHER COAL STRIKE

THE FACTS of the latest coal dispute are reasonably clear. A contract between the United Mine Workers and the industry was negotiated by collective bargaining. Among other things, the contract provided for a pay increase of 81.90 a day for the miners, plus a boost of 10 cents a ton to the UMW welfare fund.

Knowing that the contract exceeded the usual living index, the industry granted the increase subject to approval by the Wage Stabilization Board. The UMW refused to accept WSB approval as a condition. The WSB, after evaluating all the factors, ruled that only \$1.90 of the \$1.90 a day increase was permissible. The miners led the pits in protest.

And so the nation faces another coal strike. If it is continued over a long period, it will have very harmful effects on the whole national economy.

The average citizen, tired of John L. Lewis' strong-arm tactics, will be tempted to blame the union. Certainly there is nothing exemplary in a union which refuses to abide by the rules of the game in a period when the survival of the nation is at stake.

There is another factor, however, that must be weighed in any calm appraisal of the strike. Industry agreed to the increases, and

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From The Asheville Citizen

CULTURE? BUT LISTEN!

OUR mountain manners herewith to Editor Clarence Griffin of the Forest City Courier, historian of parts and a partisan of hett when North Carolina's honor is impugned. Mr. Griffin finds in the Sporting Herald a letter writer's claim that "South Carolina has been and still is the cultural and political heart of the entire South," and he snorts back:

Just where the cultural part comes in we do not know. Unless the writer is thinking in terms of magnolia blossoms of the ante-Confederate period we are at a loss to understand his assertion. According to some literature we received only a week ago, the University of North Carolina Press at Chapel Hill published more books last year than have been published by a similar agency in South Carolina in five years!

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Palmetto State with the humble commonwealth known to the late Senator Claghorn as Upper South Carolina. There is book-keeping from one end of Tar Heels to the other. North Carolina produced the matchless Thomas Wolfe and it is watching the revival of its O. Henry. Inglis Fletcher writes about the Albemarle country for a national audience and Betty Smith utilizes the tree that grew in Brooklyn and flowered in Chapel Hill. We lost Walter Hines Pige a long time ago but we received Carl Sandburg, who puts in a part of his time profiting the New York State to young Tar Heels born. Four historical dramas of the front rank fraud forgers to North Carolina, and Paul Green sings merrily in Chapel Hill. Speaking of that quarter-century inventory in 1948, it needed 296 pages just to list and describe all the books from Chapel Hill.

We know about pride, uh, uh. But culture? We got it, yep.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Auto Dealers Chip In Republican Funds

WASHINGTON. A MEETING of Midwest Ford automobile dealers was held in Omaha on Oct. 10, at which they were told that a political emergency faced the nation and that a dealer would be expected to contribute to the Republican National Committee for use in the current political campaign.

still is the largest Chevrolet dealer in the world. His collection of GOP contributions from auto dealers was based upon the number of cars they sold and eventually led to the indictment of twenty dealers for the conviction of eighteen for violation of the Corrupt Practices Act.

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GOP Yells 'Ingrate'

GOP's clean-up of Republicans immediately brought voluminous opposition and charges of "ingrate" from other Republicans. The Republican State Committee actually telegraphed the Republican National Committee government, and we respectfully suggest that you immediately resign.

It was at this point that the Republican attorney general of Michigan went to Washington and turned over to the Justice Department, calling a grand jury in Detroit, under U. S. Attorney Thomas P. Thornton, not only advised the Justice Department of the Corrupt Practices Act, but subpoenaed the books of the new Republican National Chairman, Summerfield brought suit for the return of the books. Black says he is unable to get his books back until the prosecution was over.