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WHY WE LIKE IKE

ON JAN. 8 of this year, THE NEWS announced its support of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Today, as the campaign for the nomination nears its climax, we'd like to restate some of the reasons why we like Ike.

We like Ike because he understands America's role in the 20th Century world, because he realizes that an enlightened foreign policy that will protect American interests is the most important single issue in the forthcoming campaign.

We like Ike because his foreign policy is positive and constructive, because it places the proper emphasis on free allies, because it is not based on useless name-calling and 20-20 hindsight.

We like Ike because his record of bringing together men of differing opinions and of producing order and harmony from confusion is an indication that he would lead us to unity without over-zeal.

We like Ike because of his views on domestic issues. He is steadfastly opposed to the growing accumulation of power and authority in the Federal Government.

HURRY UP AND WAIT ROUTINE

THE SEQUENCE of events in the steel dispute follow the Army's well-known Hurry-Up-And-Wait routine.

President Truman was in a big hurry when he went before a joint session of Congress on Tuesday, June 10. He said the nation was in a critical emergency. He asked for authority to seize the steel industry.

Right. He believes in the exercise of local and state responsibilities. And he is acutely conscious that our Federal Government must be based on a new morality and integrity if it is to enjoy the confidence of all the people.

We like Ike because he believes the Republican Party must cleanse itself before it can clean out corruption in Washington. He believes it must open its doors to new recruits—young people, independents, Democrats—and to new and youthful ideas.

We like Ike because he is a warm man, a friendly man, honest and sincere and unpretentious, with an instinct of fair play and a willingness to examine both sides of a question—because he is a reflective man, simple and direct in manner, a man of good will and understanding who inspires confidence and enthusiasm.

We like Ike because he is not a professional politician of the Pendergast or Ohio school. And he has pledged himself to no barter away his soul for delegates, because he is fighting the chicanery and machinations of a well-oiled political machine.

And finally, we like Ike because he has the right background, because he has been hardened away his soul for delegates, because he is fighting the chicanery and machinations of a well-oiled political machine.

We would like Ike if he were the only candidate in the race. In comparison with Senator Taft, that architect of acrimony and crown prince of connivance, we like even better.

CAUSE FOR PRIDE

THE HEAT is still on in Columbus County—and we're not talking about 90-plus temperatures. Last week 38 more indictments were returned against members of the Ku Klux Klan, including Imperial Wizard Thomas L. Hamilton of Lenoville, S. C.

This week, state and local authorities began serving 55 new warrants on charges stemming from nine additional flogging incidents last Fall and this Winter. Arrests are being made slowly, said SBI Agent James F. Bradshaw, so that the defendants can be questioned. "From the questioning," he said, "we are learning a great deal about the Klan's empire, built on the shifting foundations of hatred and lawlessness, has already crumbled under the force of the law. The next assignment is to obliterate any traces of it."

Columbus authorities are doing a workmanlike job, and all North Carolina is proud of them. Hereafter, The Charlotte News has not been guilty of misrepresenting citizens. I am wondering what has brought about this change.

ANOTHER 'IRON CURTAIN'

A COMPLAINT frequently heard by the American traveler who visits the Middle East is that the Arab "case" doesn't get a fair hearing in the United States. The "case" is often Arab charges against France and Great Britain, or allegations against the two states of Israel, depending on the circumstances.

One reason why the Arab nations don't get a better hearing is that they have drawn down a little iron curtain all their own that shuts off normal trade and travel in the area.

This week a group of 21 American students and educators, traveling the area on a tour arranged by the American Christian Palestine Committee, had their visas to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan suddenly cancelled. They had planned to go from Egypt to Jordan to visit refugee camps and

COLLOQUY IN KOREA

OF THE 170,000 prisoners taken by the United Nations in Korea, about 100,000 said they would rather not go home again and would forcibly resist any attempt to send them back. This development, which surprised both the U. N. officers on one side of the line and the U. N. on the other, has wrecked the truce negotiations. The prisoners were given every chance to get back behind the iron curtain and were questioned in detail on their return.

The examination must have gone somewhat as follows: U. N. officers: Would you not like to go back to your homes and loved ones in the new Communist heaven?

U. N. officers: We prefer to take our chances with the Western warmongers. U. N. officers: Will you use force in resisting your return to the paradise of the proletariat?

Prisoners: Yes, we choose to remain with the Wall Street plutocrats, even if it kills me.

Maybe this was no typographical error. A classified advertisement read: Wanted—Woman to cook and do housework.—Pensacola (Fla.) News-Leader.

What's All This Talk About Inflation?



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Firemen Hacking?

Editors, THE NEWS: I AM a taxicab driver in the City of Charlotte with no other means of earning money. I fight the traffic 12 to 14 hours per day in order to make a living and yet I am around me 1 see city firemen, who make around \$300 a month, driving cab extra time, making it hard for the full-time cab driver to make a living.

I have nothing against the city firemen, but it is tough when one is trying to make both ends meet to compete with those who have already made their living with the City and who then come in and take part of our living.

(Note: Chief Donald Charles says that his department has a rule forbidding firemen from competing with other labor, trade, or profession. If there have been violations of the rule, he says, they haven't been brought to his attention. He would like specific complaints. Editors, THE NEWS.)

Negro Is The Proper Word

Editors, THE NEWS: I'M Mr. Fesperman's column Tuesday, June 24 he wrote: "The children lined the street and we remembered particularly one block on Main Street full of little darkies, chattering among themselves like a bunch of magpies."

I am not quite clear on the phrase "darkies." I know it is used about 100 years ago to refer to slaves. But today I think intelligent news reporters, American and foreign, refer to a race of people, if that is necessary, by their proper name.

Mr. Fesperman made reference to "colored" children, they have been classified into a subclass which is called "Negro." You can't definitely say that this person is "Negro" in America. But you must say something other than children or Americans it would be a privilege to be called a Negro and Negro is capitalized.

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MISS BEATRICE MARTIN. (Note:—The passage referred to was reprinted from the Charlotte Morning Journal, and set off by quotation marks. Editors, THE NEWS.)

Lacy Ranson Lauded

Editors, THE NEWS: THERE are some circumstances relating to the run-off in the race for the Mecklenburg County Board of Education, in the second primary to be held June 29, that we would like to call to the attention of the voters.

First, should Lacy Ranson fall of nomination, the entire membership of the Board will be concentrated in the southern and eastern sections of the county. Beginning at Steele Creek, just five

miles from Pineville and swinging west and north through Berryhill, Paw Creek, Long Creek, Huntersville, Lemley, Devesse and Mallard Creek to Clear Creek, there will be no representation on the Board of Education.

Second, R. Lacy Ranson, who lacked only 22 votes in the first primary of being in second place, lives at the very center of the school population of the entire north end of the county.

Third, candidate Ranson is well qualified to serve, having had the educational training and experience that would enable him to grasp and solve the problems facing the Board.

He was a teacher and supervisor for over six years. He was superintendent of Parks & Recreation in the city of Charlotte during the difficult depression years and while there he showed a broad understanding of administrative procedures, operating a successful playground and community recreation program with practically no funds.

He is a business man who has taken the time from his business to help promote the welfare of the schools in his own community, having served for two years as president of the Huntersville Parent-Teacher Association.

Mr. Ranson has stated that he is not the candidate of any group, that he has no axes to grind, no grudges to settle, and that he nominates himself will come to the office free of any previous commitments.

In view of the above stated reasons we urge the people of Mecklenburg County to vote for R. Lacy Ranson in the primary this coming Saturday.

—LEE MULLEN, Mayor of Huntersville. R. E. HOWARD, Mayor of Cornelius.

A Ballot For Bobbitt

Editors, THE NEWS: I WISH to explain through your great newspaper to my many friends throughout North Carolina why I favor the honorable Judge William H. Bobbitt of Charlotte for the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Judge Bobbitt has demonstrated qualities of dignity, learning in law, conscientiousness, fairness, courtesy, impartiality to all regardless of class, color, creed, rich or poor, zealous effort at all times to justice and equity between parties, moral and religious character, all enriched by long experience and developed to such a high degree as to mark him as a judge of extraordinary ability, outstanding in his profession, and meeting all the qualifications for a justice of the Supreme Court.

Let's all go out Saturday, June 28, and cast our ballot for the distinguished CHARLES J. DEAN.

Drew Pearson's Ferry-Go-Round

THE State Department has struck a snag with Dictator Francisco Franco regarding the much-discussed truce and air bases he was supposed to give U. S. forces in return for the \$187 million which Congress voted him.

When Ambassador Stanton Griffiths drove back to Washington with Franco, after a year ago, he was effusive in his anxiety to do anything the United States wanted. In fact, he offered the initiative in wanting American cash and there seemed to be nothing he wouldn't do in return.

Now, however, he is just the opposite. He wants American dollars to be spent in Spain on his terms.

Specifically, the difference with Franco boils down to the fact that the U. S. Navy wants to keep bases in Spain, while Franco wants modern military equipment for the Spanish Army.

However, the tanks and heavy armor which he demands happen to be the things which the U. S. Army is short of. Priority on this equipment goes first to Korea, second to U. S. forces in the country, third to NATO allies in West Europe. Defense officials argue that to give Franco modern army equipment before we send it to our own forces would be nothing he wouldn't do as a future in Western Europe. We are already far behind in our promises to them.

Furthermore, defense officials point out that they aren't much interested in the Spanish Army anyway. Located on the southern tip of Europe, it would be of no help in stopping the hordes of the Army over France and Belgium to the English Channel. What they are interested in instead is air and naval bases. In Spain, and regarding these, Franco now seems much enthusiastic.

Francisco hasn't said so in so many words, but he seems to want the latest \$100 million voted by Congress more or less with no strings attached.

What U. S. Wants

MEANWHILE, the State Department has been engaged in a lengthy painstaking negotiation with Spain for the following: 1. Air and naval bases.

2. A technical aid agreement by which the United States would supply technicians for the improvement of Spanish agriculture, public health, etc.

3. Anti-discrimination against American investors. At present Franco has strict laws against foreign capital, and so far has been unwilling to change them.

Negotiations for the above have now dragged on for three to four months. But whereas the Spanish dictate was practically killing Ambassador Griffiths before the \$100 million was voted, now all he wants to kiss is the \$100 million.

However, Congress voted that this was to be spent at the discretion of the President, and both the State Department and the Defense Department have advised going slow.

Francisco lobbyists and friends in Congress are now pressing to get the \$100 million spent right away without the commitments demanded by the State Department.

Schizophrenia Grips Nation's Air, Atomic Defense Planners

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSO

A SHOCKING story is told by two allied, but in some ways contrasting, orders recently issued by the American government. The first is an order that was secretly limited to take effect June 1. It limited the use of our ports and the Panama Canal for Soviet satellite shipping. And the limitations are so severe that, in effect, the major Soviet shipping lines have now been closed to all vessels from the Soviet sphere.

The need for such an order has long been obvious. The Canal and the ports are almost certainly the weakest links in our whole defense system. If the Canal were blocked, and our naval strategy will be knocked galley west. Let the ports be closed out of consideration, and it will become impossible for us to supply our allies and defend ourselves overseas.

Moreover, the Canal can be blocked, and any of our major harbors can be rendered useless, by the explosion of a single atomic bomb, which any seemingly innocent freighter can conceal in its hold. Again, the Canal is the danger has long been debated in the National Security Council since December, 1948, and reaches of the government. The question was resolved this Spring, when the Coast Guard was told to disregard the port and to place the guardianship of the Canal was conferred to the Navy. Enforcement of the order has not yet been necessary, since almost no Soviet or satellite vessels nowadays cross either the Atlantic or the Pacific the same reason, concealment of the order has been possible. And the purpose of concealing it is to avoid stirring people up, here or abroad.

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Joe Martin Is 'Neutral' For MacArthur First, Then Taft

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Consider the contrast. Fine is a county judge in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the most backward in the state. There is no doubt to the backing of his friend, Senator James Duff, and the fact that he is a member of the power group machine. Fine became governor in 1950.

He has never felt quite at home in the United States. His own impression of looking nervous over his shoulder for reassurance. When he was in the State of Pennsylvania in September, Fine drove with him from Harrisburg to Philadelphia with a steady hand. MacArthur's majestic yet benign manner, the plaudits of the big street of the route — guided by moved the foreigner to glory.

Now that he should be given the Presidential seal in the United States to venture to give the President the whole experience of a thing that hardly bears thinking about. Understandably in this extraordinary circumstance, Fine must feel the hand of destiny resting on his shoulder.

But it is said over and over again that the pessimistic view of the House Speaker Joe Martin is neutral. The fact is that Martin is neutral for his great hero, Joe Taft. Secondly, he is neutral for Taft.

At the convention in Chicago Martin could prove to be the final and most effective part in the iron curtain forged by the Taft-MacArthur managers. Astute, alert and ready with a steady hand, MacArthur has presided over the conventions of '40, '44, and '48.

He knows the delegates as intimately as did Elihu Root, who 40 years ago served as both temporary and permanent chairman of the Albert B. Sabin father and son. William Howard Taft. Root really ran that 1912 model steamroller, using his skill and knowledge to recognize the right delegates and overrule those who tried to resist the tactic of force.

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