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### THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

THE Republican Presidential nominee may pay no more attention to the party platform than the delegates did yesterday aftermoon when it was read and perfunctorily accepted. Platforms are usually lightly regarded after the convention. They are a vehicle for condemnation of the opposition and rosy promises by the writers.

condemnation of the opposition and rosy promises by the writers. In these respects the document agreed to yesterday runs true to form. According to lit, the Democrat's goal is "national social-ism". Its leaders have "no foreign policy". They are "without will to victory" in Korea. The Bragnan Plan aims to "socialize agri-culture"

Republicans, on the other hand, will The Republicans, on the other hand, will "put an end, to corruption". They believe they can bring about "peace" and "solvency". Areas of wide disagreement within the party have been breached by skillfully constructed

have been breached by skillfully constructed subsiguous phrases.

That being said, resilistically rather than cynically, certain broad and encouraging con-ciusions may be drawn from some parts of the platform. Vestiges of the part's isola-tionism are few. The MacArthur-Hoover school, with its distrant of collective sections, the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the day of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control of the control of the control of the section of the control of the control

icy, but will look in vain for promises of needed technical assistance.

The platform favors expansion of world trade, but assumes that the mote is only in the eye of our buyers. It presses for "ellimination of discriminatory practices against our exports..." with no mention of our considerable restrictive tariffs and laws.

JUMT is not mentioned. The air-ground army controvery is neatly encompassed with the phrase "Defense... requires the quickest possible development of appropriate and compassible development of appropriate appropriate and compassible development of appropria

possible development of appropriate and com-pletely adequate air power and the simul-

taneous readiness of co-ordinated air; land and sea forces, with all necessary installations, bases, supplies and munitions, including atomic energy weapons in abundance." Despite this rather ambitious military program. "the budget will be balanced and a general tax reduction can be made".

and a general tax reduction can be made". In other fields the platform proposes:

An "expanded soil conservation program, expanded agricultural research"

"Retention of the Taft Hartley Act..."

(with) adoption of such amendments as time and experience show to be desirable..."

The Republicans would enact "federal legislation to further just and equitable treatment in the area of discriminatory employment practices. A Negro delegate, in an nouncing the decision of Negro Republicans to not contest this, said they interpreted the platform as being favorable to an FEPC. This plank, however, is quite different from the 1944 GOP pledge to establish "by federal a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission.

The principles of farmer co-operatives, when not adequately available through private enterprise. . " were endorsed, as was stockpiling of strategic raw materials.
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"All-powerful federal socialistic valley thorities" were "vigorously opposed." " sopably (mineral) depletion allowances" state control of so-called tidelands oil ar

Considering the bitter differences between the two main GOP factions, the platform is probably about as solid a document as could be agreed to. There's lots of room in it for interpretation by the candidate as he ch And, after all, it is the candidate, not the platform, who will delineate the party's cause

## TAFT'S PHANTOMS FAILED AGAIN 1. Cast 14,470,300 Republican votes in 1948, wo-thirds of the total Republican popular ote in that presidential election:

A COUPLE of days ago, we showed by an Analysis of Monday's vote on the "Fair Play" rules amendment that the "real" Republicans were overwhelmingly pre-Eisenhower, and that Senator Tat's so-called strength stemmed mainly from phantom Republican parties. Weetnesday's 2724 vote on the Texas dispute before the credentials. committee illustrates even more clearly how an astute politician can build phantom sup-

an astute politician can build phantom sup-port into major strength.

Two states, Georgia and Texas, could not vote in the credentials committee. The 27 pro-Taft votes came from 23 states, the Dis-trict of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. The 24 pro-Eisenhower votes came from 23 states and the Virgin Islands.

Hence, the einning marpin for the Taft forces come from three insular possessions that don't even puriticipate in U.S. electron-tic and the committee of the committee of the com-tained of the committee of the committee of the com-tained of the committee of the committee of the com-tained of the committee of the committee of the com-tained of the committee of the committee of the com-tained of the committee of the committee of the committee of the com-tained of the committee of the comm

4. Elected 16 of the 25 Republican gover-iors now in office;

2. Gave the Republican Party 165 of its 189 electoral votes in 1948; 3. Included 12 of the 16 states that went Republican in 1948;

Yet they were outvoted 27-24 by 23 states, all but four of which went Democratic in 1948, and by three possessions and the District of Columbia, none of which has any electoral votes!

The full convention had no alternative but o overrule its Taft-packed credentials com-nittee. Had it failed to do so, it would have (1) put its stamp of approval on one of the grossest election frauds in all U. S. political grossest election frauds in an inhistory, and (2) let a tight phantom minority run roughshod over the vast majority of the real U. S. Republicans.

### PROGRESS IN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

THREE years and three months ago a Citi-rens Committee was formed, with its objective the enactment of recommendations regarding reorganization of the executive branch of the government, which resulted from a two year survey by the Hoover Com-

Items as two year survey by the noore commission.

Last week-end the Citizens Committee ceased operation, at least for the duration of the campaign, its bipartisan leaders being practical men who did not want to endanger their excellent record of co-operation.

This Citizens Committee, in our opinion, has done-line nation a magnificent service. Here are spene of the major changes accomplished largely through its effort. The Army, Navy and Air Force were merged under the Department of Defense where the commission of the process were merged. The services now use a single supply catalogue. Accounting practices were medernized, and the more understandable "performance" budget was adopted.

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Tax collection was decentralized and col-ectors were placed under Civil Service.

Other changes, with resulting economy and efficiency, were made in the fields of personnel management, the post office, veteran affairs and federal medical activities. Not attains and tederal medical activities. Not all of the Commission's recommission's recommendations in these fields were adopted, by any means. But, according to the Citizens Committee's research director, Robert L. L. McCormick, identifiable economies of over \$12 billion are now being realized, an eventual annual saving of \$4 billion will result. He estimates that 70 per cent of the Commission's plans were adopted.

In several fields, unfortunately, Congress In several fields, unfortunately, Congress refused to enact worthwhile legislation. Powerful lobbies prevented transfer of the pork barrel civil functions of the Army Engineers to the Department of Interior. Patronage still dictates the appointment of many postmasters. The Veterans Administration is still hidebound by bureaucray. The creation of a united medical administration and streamining of the Department of Agriculture were stymied.

who led the Citizens Committee to keep We most sincerely urge the men and women who led the Chiznen Committee to keep hammering on these still-needed changes after the election. And we hope other persons interested in the sometimes dull but always worthwhile improvement of the Federal Government will consider formation of a similar citizen organization dedicated to

gress.

Congressmen are reluctant to abandon timeconsuming non-efectac voting. The seniority
(senility) system of choosing committee
chairmen should be abolished. Congress is
making huge appropriations with nineteenth
century methods, inadequate staffs. Congress,
always susceptible to lobbles, needs organined pressure from citizens fed up with its
haphazard inefficiency.

## 'FARMER BOB'

a general rule, members of Congress AS a general rule, members or congress will say nice things about each other at the drop of-a gavel. It's all a part of the "club" atmosphere, and virtually any event, be it an unusual honor, an anniversary, a retirement, or what have you, will prompt paens of praise.

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As we read The Congressional Record accounts of the tributes to North Carolina's
Rebert L. Doughton, however, it seemed that
they were more than flowery phrases. One
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sentiments they worked were obviously sincere, reflecting the high setzem in which the
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"Farmer Bob" has been more than a Congressmin; he has been, and still is, an institution. And he may be sure, as he turns himself out to pasture in the hills of North Carolina, that his fellow citizens think just as highly of him as de his Congressional coleven though they may

The doctor came out of the bedroom to the anxious wife. "Frankly," he said, "I don't like the way your husband looks at all." If don't either, Doc," the wife replied, "but he's nice to the kids."—Lamar (Mo.) Dem-

During Spring cleaning there is no place like home, except a battlefield.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

A "gorgeous" Italian film star-has won a suit brought against a newspaper which crit-icized her costume and her acting. Did it say there was not enough of either?—Arkon-sus Gazette.

Looks Like We Filled Every Seat In The Bleachers



# People's Platform

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

CHERAW, S. C.

### Taft Doesn't Have It

Editors, The News;

SENATOR Tatt, in the opinion of the masses of
Our citizens, has not proven himself capable
of the high office of President. He believes that
our country can exist alone in the world, which it
cannot as we all know.

He does not seem to want anything but an Air
Force. His attitude toward the great masses of
our working people he has shown in lots of the bills
be has supported.

has apported by the base and the bills be has puppered to the has puppered by the base and the beautiful to the beautiful to the beautiful to the beautiful to who has a Republican I trust it won't be Senater Taft. I wish to sak anyone who labors for his living to not support those who it seems are only interested in a privileged few. Let's re-eject'the present party, which has belped all of our people, big and little, rich and poor. As it says in the Good Book we should help other. As it says in the Good Book we should help other, because the belping the belping to the beautiful to the property of the property of the beautiful to the beautifu J. A. GRAHAM

### Reserve System Unfair MT. HOLLY

Editors. The News:
THE NEWS is to be congratulated for printing
Robert C. Ruark's recent column concerning
the recall of veterans of World War II. Too little
has been written about the injustice of the re-

print written about the injustice of the re-server system.

During World War II thousands of young men's lives were interrupted, often for several years, in order to light for our country. They did not complishe of choys came of military age at the end of the war and were fortunate enough not to be presed into service. These boys were about for finish school, marry and start their businesses uniterrupted. It is not more data for them, such than veterans of other wars, to be called into Our powermant.

service now?

Our government is demanding that men who survived World War II stretch their luck further. For too many, luck has not stretched. They will never return. The loss of their lives cannot be justified.

-(MRS.) THOMAS H. SANFORD JR.

### Suppositions And Questions

Editors, The News;

MAY I make suppositions and then ask questions?

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States and any other countries — or between any countries. Suppose the atomic power we are now putting to work for destructive, purposes were producing industrial goods for general consumption. Suppose there were no trade barriers and each nation produced only such articles as it could best and most economically do and exchanged them with other nations for those things which it did not produce but needed.

These are just a few of the suppositions which might be made. I shall stop with them and with these assumptions in mind ask the following ques-

tions.

If these things were true, would Russia then fear our capitalists and feel antagonists to us? would ash avec anything to gain by pitting herself against us?

So would any country need to fear Russia?

Would any country need to fear any other?

Could these things ever be fact or near fact.

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## Taft And His Reckless Crew Cooked Their Own Goose

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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## Real Wages Of Tar Heels Much Higher Than In '39

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PEAL wages of a "typical" North
Carolina factory worker with
a wife and two children were 60
per cent higher during 1951 than
they were in 1950
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of the earnings of Tar Heel factory
production workers made by Labor
pept, statistican C. H. Pritchord,
reporting in the Dept. of Labor
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In 1839, the average gross week, yearnings of North Carolina's factory workers amounted to gross and the second of the second of

In terms of the 1939 purchasin power of the dollar, that amout was, worth \$21.50, the worker wit no dependents had a real was increase of just 38 per cent ove the thirteen-year period.

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In 1951, however, the work with no dependents, earning \$46 weeks, shelled out \$5.10 a week! than \$300 a year in direct particular to the state of the

### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# Ike Did All Right For A Country Boy

FOR a man who knew almost nothing about politics, Re
Eisenhower has done pretty well at Chicago.
Lounging in a dark red habrible and a park
Eisenhower sat in his suffice and the same lensing of course, and it's also doubtful that Eisenhower understood all the political jockeying of his campaign commanders. So would the feints of his division commanders.

But, in politics as in war, victory usually goes to the man with the best organization—plus a cause. And though Senator Tath has had twelve years of careful party organization behind him, too (OP), here are the factors which Eisenhowert has had backing are the factors which Eisenhowert has had backing him:

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Lisenhower has had backing him:

1. A skilled chief of staff—What Gen. Omar Bradley
was for the Normandy landing. Gov. Tom Dewey of New
York has been for Ike's political battle. Though unpopular
with many leaders, Dewey knows the political moves, has
built up a smooth machine, and it really functioned at
Chicago.

2. A cause—It wasn't until Taft handed Eisenhower the "vote steal" slogan m Texas and Louisians that Ike really began to gather steam. This gave him a chance to argue that the Republicans not go in for the corru-tion that they'd pinned on the Democrats. The argument carried weight carried weight.

3. A high-powered publicity campaign—No convention since that which nominated Wendell Willkie in 1940 has seen anything to equal like's ballyhoo. It was done by some experts from General Mills in Minneapolis and from Young & Rubicam in New York. There's been a lot of melphy spontaneous like sentiment, too. Pretty girls boosting like have been everywhere, passing out buttions

by the handful. Taft buttons were passed out parsimoniously, only one at a time.

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Presidency to John Nance Garner.

Capable Swing Men
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state, and also happens to be for Eisenhouser. Its executives can be persuasive. Also persuasive were some talk executives are also because the some talk of the source of

that when it comes to politics there's more than one way to akin a candidate.

Chicago Merry-Go-Round

M. Tom Dewey really cracked the whip. To keep and the legates in line on the question of changing the old 181 rules on seating contested delegates, Dewey urged. "It is a seat of the legates in line on the question of changing the old 181 rules on seating contested delegates, Dewey urged." It is republican and a great believer in party regularity You can still be a Republican and disagree with me in thight, but not a New York Republican." ... State Chairms Bill Pfeiffer echeed Dewey: "I also have a long memor New York's Son. Irving Ieves was milder. He said: "It ware going to fight corruption in the Democratic Administration we have got it keep our own house clean." ... They won the day. With the exception of one delegating the control of the contro