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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 afternoon 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 winners.

...An expanded federal cooperation program... "Responsible agricultural research..." (with adoption of the Taft-Hartley Act...) The Republicans would enact "federal legislation to further just and equitable treatment in the area of discriminatory employment practices..."

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

TAFT'S PHANTOMS FAILED AGAIN

A COUPLE of days ago, we showed by an analysis of Monday's vote on the "Fair Play" resolution that the "real" Republicans were overwhelmingly pro-Eisenhower, and that Senator Taft's so-called strength stemmed mainly from phantom Republican support.

- 1. Cast 14,470,800 Republican votes in 1948, 74.5% of the total Republican popular vote in that presidential election.
2. Gave the Republican Party 185 of its 189 electoral votes in 1948;
3. Included 12 of the 16 states that went Republican in 1948;
4. Elected 16 of the 25 Republican governors now in office;

...The full convention had no alternative but to overrule the Taft-backed credentials committee. Had it failed to do so, would have (1) put its stamp of approval on one of the grossest election frauds in all U. S. political history, 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 Citizens 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 Commission.

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'FARMER BOB'

AS a general rule, members of Congress 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 praise of praise.

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Looks Like We Filled Every Seat In The Bleachers

Taft and His Reckless Crew Cooked Their Own Goose By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP



AFTER THIS Republican rally, no one can ever again repeat the dreary old chestnut that "the Republicans" are "almost everybody." The plain truth is that in tactics, strategy and judgment of the nature of the Republican Party, the Republican Party has shown themselves to be a lot better than a bunch of stumblebums.

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. CHERAW, S. C. States and any other countries — or between any countries. Suppose the atomic power we are now putting to work for destructive purposes were used for industrial goods for general consumption.

Reserve System Unfair

THE NEWS is to be congratulated for printing Robert C. Ruark's recent column concerning the recall of Veterans of World War II. The article has been written about the inequities of the reserve system.

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Suppositions And Questions

MAY I make suppositions and then ask questions? When you have read these interrogations, you will see that I do not know the answers. I am wondering how differently people may answer them.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Segregation Unchristian

JOHN WESLEY said, "Condemn no man for not thinking as you think. Let everyone enjoy the full and free liberty of thinking for himself..." These wise words are good advice for us.

Real Wages Of Tar Heels Much Higher Than In '39

FROM THE STATE REAL 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 1939. This fact is revealed in a study of the earnings of Tar Heel factory production workers made by Labor Dept. statistician C. H. Pritchard, reporting in the Dept. of Labor Bulletin.

Does Anybody Know Anything?

I HAVE before you my editorial page of I. I HAVE before you the editorial page of U. S. News and World Report of the issue of July 4, and Walter Lippmann's comment on the situation in Europe now, and when you try to comprehend the total of what is said in these pages, I am literally overwhelmed with a feeling of frustration. Does anyone know, blamed thing that he is saying?

Capable Swing Man

AT Chicago today, the Michigan delegation was swung into line chiefly by General Motors and Ford. The Michigan delegation, Arthur Summerfield, was strong for Taft. Even when Michigan Republicans held their convention this year, Summerfield still held out for Taft. But Summerfield is a General Motors dealer, in fact, is reputed to be the biggest Chevrolet dealer in the world. So, when General Motors notified Summerfield in no uncertain terms that he had better vote for Eisenhower, it gave him cause for thought.

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