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FOR A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE

ALTHOUGH President Truman's invitation was couched in the friendliest of terms, Dwight Eisenhower wisely rejected the bid to visit the White House for a luncheon with the Cabinet and a briefing on the international situation. It would not have compromised Eisenhower personally, but it might well have limited the freedom to launch his offensive at any time and place and with any weapons he might choose.

Even so, the spirit in which the invitation was offered was encouraging. Obviously Mr. Truman is concerned over the possibility that lack of secret information about current foreign problems might prompt the Presidential candidates to indulge in irresponsible criticism of foreign policy. The arrangement to give confidential weekly summaries of the Central Intelligence Agency to both Eisenhower and Stevenson should enable them to criticize foreign policy constructively and responsibly.

The Presidency of the United States is an awesome responsibility. Great and sometimes unpopular decisions have to be made on the basis of information available only to the President and his close advisers. Even Sen. Robert Taft, who has never hesitated to lash out at Truman foreign policies, admitted as much in an interview with U. S. News & World Report last March when he specifically if he would have undertaken

the rearming of Western Europe. Taft replied:

"That is very hard to say. The President has information about conditions abroad that none of the opposition has."

And in reply to a question about the Marshall Plan, he said:

"If I had been president of the United States, after the first (British) loan had apparently failed, information would have been brought to me from the inside—this is happening in France, this is happening in Italy, and we have to do something more. I would not doubt have proposed something like the Marshall Plan, probably on a less global scale. That's the kind of situation you find in any openhouse position, that you are not given at first the information on which to proceed."

Certainly the determination of our future role in this troubled world, which is also the center and dominating fact of our domestic problems, is the most important topic for debate in the forthcoming campaign. It should be debated exhaustively in order that the people may know what each candidate and each party stands for. Since both Eisenhower and Stevenson will be briefed regularly from now on, the voters have some reasonable assurance that the debaters will know what they're talking about. The nation, and the world, cannot but benefit from the arrangement.

REFORM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

FOR MANY CENTURIES, the system of land tenure in the Middle East has contributed to the political and economic backwardness of the area. Though the details vary from nation to nation, the general pattern is the same. The great majority of cultivable land is owned by a tiny percentage of the people, who live lives of fabulous opulence while the millions of share-cropping peasants exist at a bare subsistence level. Through a combined system of feudalistic interests and small shares of the produce for the peasant, the landlords of the Middle East have held their peoples in a vicious economic bondage.

Beyond that, the rich landlords have controlled the governments of the Middle East. They have blocked any economic reform, discouraged education, prevented extension of the franchise, resisted all efforts at social and economic reform, and they could not squeeze from the labor of the peasants, they purchased through the corruption of public officials.

Today the peoples of the Middle East are rising against the political and economic oppression which is their inheritance. In Tunisia, the waves of revolt are dashing against French colonialism. In Egypt, the new

military dictator, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Naguib has ordered the expropriation (with fair compensation) of all land holdings over 200 acres and their distribution among the landless poor. In Iran, Premier Mossaddegh, himself a large landowner, has been forced by economic duress and the threat of Communist revolt to issue a new decree requiring landlords to return 10 per cent of their profits to the peasants and to pay another 10 per cent to rural banks that will extend aid to needy farmers.

It is far too early to determine whether these and other reforms will be carried out, or how much ultimate good they will do. But this much is certain. Any modernization of the political and economic structure of the Middle East must begin with land reform. Until the millions of landless poor have some real stake in life, they will continue to be receptive to the taunts of terrorists and the allurements of anarchists, and hence a grave potential danger to peace in the area and in the world.

Iran and Egypt have started in the right direction. It remains to be seen whether the historic opposition of the landlords will be finally overcome.

HIGHWAY HISTORY LESSONS ARE DANGEROUS

NORTH CAROLINA abounds in rich history. The State Historical Commission offers the interested traveler portions of it by placing historical markers along the highway. Driving along these markers may read about the exploits of Confederate or Revolutionary soldiers, nearby birthplaces of famous men, memorable meetings held in the vicinity.

They may, that is, if the driver is willing to arouse the temper of other motorists and jeopardize his and his passengers' lives by cutting in on a swift stop or parking on the highway, on a soft shoulder, or almost in a ditch. Or if he's impatient enough to park the car or walk up to a marker. Or if he's foolish enough to take a wrong turn. Or if he's too slow to move. Or if he's too fast. Or if he's too slow to move. Or if he's too fast.

Other states also have historical markers placed locally, while some don't even bother to put up the signs. But perhaps our road historians—and persons interested in N. C. tourism—could profit from the experience of the state of Montana.

There, on either side of the markers, a sign reads "Historical Marker—1,000 feet ahead." When the motorist arrives opposite the large and attractive sign, he finds ample parking space near it.

Going through Montana, one will see cars, local and out-of-state, parked alongside the signs. Their occupants enjoy a stretch, savoring Montana's wholesome atmosphere while taking their history lesson. And the state has received hundreds of letters from appreciative tourists who like the system.

We see no reason why the historical and highway commissions in North Carolina can't work out a similar arrangement. Give them a chance to have a chance to give some of that good Appalachian air we relish the days of the Watauga Association, or feel the fresh sea breezes as we reconstruct the days of the Fort Raleigh colony. Then, most important, we won't be endangered by, or a danger to, other motorists.

So what happens? The motorists, almost to a man, zip by, hardly noticing the signs. This disregard was not, we are sure, the intent of the State Historical Commission. But it will continue until the motorists are given the opportunity to read the signs.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

TIME FOR DECISION—SORT OF

THE TIME for decision is upon us. We cannot ignore the demands of the moment, nor can we postpone the consequences of our actions should we choose the wrong course these hot and fateful Summer nights. Shall we leave the window fan running when we go to bed, and wake up shivering? What do we do about the mosquito? What of the coverlet at the foot of the bed? If we pull it over us now, we'll never get to sleep. If we don't, the morning will find us in a shivering half-sleep, unable to rouse enough to cover chills with our blankets.

What of the mosquito buzzing in the shadows over the dresser? Shall we arise and

swat, or relax and hope he gets caught in the fan? How about the vacation? Lake or beach? Should we start the trip on the old tires or get new ones all around? Leave the key with the neighbors and have them park in front of the TV set, or take the car and have the neighbors burn down behind locked doors? What of the grass? Cut it and have it turn brown or let it grow into a refuge of mice and snakes? How about the children? Shall we send them to grandmothers for vacation, or save Grandma for a rainy day?

The time for decision is now. The future waits.

'Help! What Is This Strange Creature?'



Adlai's Amateurs Hesitant, But Campaign Is Shaping Up

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
THE division of labor between President Truman and Gov. Adlai Stevenson in the coming campaign was shown in the course of a discussion of their plans for the coming Labor Day holiday. The President, proposing to accept the invitation of Wisconsin school teachers to speak in Milwaukee on that day, was in high good humor.

"You can't," he quipped, "keep me from having some fun in this campaign that's coming up."

There is nothing Truman relies more than a slam-bang political speech. In preliminary draft of a Labor Day talk, McCarthyism and the harm the President believes it has done in the attempt to avert a foreign policy for containing communism.

Whether it will directly attack Sen. Joe McCarthy, who has been on the eve of the September primary is not yet certain. The Senate around which the controversy has raged is still recuperating at a Wisconsin resort from a major operation. Consideration is being given to the possibility that a direct attack on McCarthyism by President might create sympathy.

BOTH BARRELS
While the President is talking about McCarthyism as a domestic policy, as now planned Stevenson will be delivering one of the most important messages of the campaign in Detroit. The present intention is to deal with labor relations, the touchy business of the Taft-Hartley Act and what to do about it.

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Enough Of Child 'Counseling'
—Let's Go Back To Switches

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK
THERE has been much talk of a youthful hoodlumism in the papers lately, and many recordings of want ads about pimply punks on immovable bystanders. One read in the headlines about the two junior jerks who shot a strange rap for laughs, and you see the rising statistics on crime, and you read the due addition among the young and of the muggings and thrill murders.

And you are prone to say shucks, this happens to other people, and you don't really care what happens to you and you sit up a little sharper. It happened to me once. I think I might have used it.

In a perfectly respectable part of town, Mama and I had a cab after the movie. The cab stopped in front of me. Three young punks came and grabbed the door. I showed my fists, and you see the rising statistics on crime, and you read the due addition among the young and of the muggings and thrill murders.

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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.

New Sanatorium Needed

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

THIS letter is in reply to your editorial a week ago Thursday against a new sanatorium building, and also in reference to a letter in People's Platform Tuesday by Charles H. Stone.

I don't understand why you and Mr. Stone are so much against a new sanatorium. I know this—you couldn't have ever had any close relations there or you'd have an entirely different attitude.

I spent over two years as a patient there and I know a little about the conditions and also the wonderful work done by the entire staff.

The need for a new building is long overdue and I'm glad to see the commissioners have better judgment about it than you do and voted to replace the old one.

BILL HORNSBY.

Coach McGuire Able

NORWOOD

Editors, The News:

THROUGH the columns of the People's Platform I would like to offer congratulations to the University of North Carolina on securing the services of Frank McGuire as head basketball coach. His five year record at St. John's University, Brooklyn, stamps him as one of the ablest coaches in America.

Carolina's basketball fortunes began looking up with McGuire's acquisition and I am sure Everett Case of N. C. State will welcome competition from the title of the outstanding coach in the Big Five and the Southern Conference.

J. R. BOWMAN.

Don't Let The GOP Fool You

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

I KNOW a little business man whose pay roll will run to approximately one-half million dollars this year. Prior to the 20-year rule of the Democratic Party he was digging businesses with a pick and shovel, one old mule and a drag pan. The South has a new crop of business men like him who have prospered under the Democratic rule.

What will happen to these little business men if the party of big business gets in power again? What does big business do to little business? It swallows it up like a whole swallowing a minnow. That is what the business wale called the Republican Party, with its high tariff history, its Wall Street orientation and high freight rates for the South, wants. So they trot out fair-haired lies to front from them while they get ready to run things from their room.

Make no mistake, the big business Republican whales want to save America—for themselves.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

CLOSE friends of Eisenhower report that he is now almost getting accustomed to American politics. It is no secret that at first he was most unhappy. Even during the Chicago convention, he cried privately at the things he was required to do. Once he confided to a friend:

"I had known it was going to be like this I'd never gotten into it. The people who came to see me in Paris didn't tell me about all these things. They didn't tell me about all the backslapping and the silly questions. 'What I need,' he continued, 'is a good chief of staff.'"

The General has been a good sport, however, and despite an occasional private grumble, he settled down to the campaign that he knows will bring him after Labor Day.

It is not, however, sticking his neck out on any important decisions until after consulting his "general staff." He has surrounded himself with some of the best professional GOP politicians in the business, and he is leaning heavily on their advice. Politics, he has concluded, is

What do they care for old people who die prematurely for charity children in soup kitchens and millions of jobs? They know what they did when our hungry soldier boys marched to Washington. They ran them out with words and pitchforks.

Friends and citizens make no mistake. The race will be close and fierce. Perhaps not in the Old North State, but we must take no chances and give no quarter. Friends who were almost broke under Hoover but who have grown fat and wealthy under the Democrats and who profess new-found Republicanism, take warning. The Bible says you should never turn down an old friend for a new one.

I have an abiding faith in the future of our Southland. There were some people in high circles of our government after World War II. It was concluded that wanted Germany returned to pauperism and passivity, so that she would never flourish again. That venal philosophy did not prevail. Did it ever occur to you, my friends, that for long years, that venal policy of pauper peasantry was practiced upon a bleeding Southland by rank Republicanism that controlled our national government in Washington?

Let the Republican Party die the ignoble death it so richly deserves.

MERCER J. BLANKENSHIP.

Gullible Public

MONROE

Editors, The News:

AMERICA is a nation with an irresistible weakness for political promises. Any promise from "Chicken In Every Pot" to states' rights is enough to send honest and well-meaning Americans into a dizzy swoon. Yet after their ears, professionally hardened politicians promise much and deliver little, yet the American people continue to swoon in a blissful state and retain his sense of belonging to the civilized race. No politician can for long trade the rights of one fraction of his fellowmen for the support of another without earning a large price.

The political parties are using the shortcomings of a great nation as a stepping stone to reach the heights of ill-famed Julius and Quislings. The rights of men are being bartered for the selfish right to rule. The politicians are peddling a dangerous commodity, for no man can become a trader in human rights and retain his sense of belonging to the civilized race. No politician can for long trade the rights of one fraction of his fellowmen for the support of another without earning a large price.

If America is a staunch believer in justice, there is no better place to start than in America. As a Negro, I am not interested in hearing arms again to bring so-called justice to foreign people when I, as an American citizen, have never been its beneficiary. I shall not cast a vote for justice, nor shall I bear arms in an unjust cause.

ROBERT F. WILLIAMS

Ike Irked By Politics, But A Good Sport

WASHINGTON

Real barometer of the drastic wave of Communist influence in Mexico came with last month's general elections, when labor-leader Vicente Lombardo Toledano, a fellow Communist, was elected president of the state. President—less than one-half of 1 per cent of the total.

Merry-Go-Round
PROMINENTLY posted in the office of Congressman Frank Chelf of Kentucky, chief prober of the Justice Department, is this "prayer"—"Dear Lord: Teach me to keep my big mouth shut until I know what I'm talking about and deliver me from blabbing what little I do know—Amen!"

The late great Sen. Brien McMahon of Connecticut died from cancer at 48 recently shocked the nation, literally gave his life for his country. McMahon sacrificed his health while working a man-killing schedule for 41 of the 42 days of the Atomic Energy Commission and for its constituent, the Senate. McMahon's sacrifice is being urged to regular physical checkups. A complete checkup takes less than a day with modern X-ray technology. Gov. Sen. Brien McMahon of Connecticut has been urged to regular physical checkups. A complete checkup takes less than a day with modern X-ray technology. Gov. Sen. Brien McMahon of Connecticut has been urged to regular physical checkups. A complete checkup takes less than a day with modern X-ray technology.

When the Batista regime took the first opportunity to force a break with Moscow, Russian help personally in Havana, including cooks, chauffeurs and gardeners, had dwindled to a total of 14, against 49 in 1948.

During that same period, Moscow, although maintaining outwardly correct relations with the Kremlin, was getting progressively tougher in her official attitude toward the Russian money that was available couldn't keep the government has dealt out some pointed social snubs to Russian diplomats in the last two years.

Moreover, local Communist placed friends behind the large staffs and fat budgets of the Soviet embassies in Havana and Mexico City. But, as the cold war settled in, and especially after fighting started in Korea, all of the Russian money that was available couldn't keep the Red cause from losing Mexican and Cuban sympathizers by the thousands.

Communist Drive In Americas
WHILE the U. S. A. is engaged in domestic politics, some significant and different kind of politics is taking place below the Rio Grande. The Kremlin is sending its toughest ambassador and skilled saboteur to direct a new drive to overthrow Latin America.

It is Vasily Y. Yerefoev, who replaces career Russian diplomat Nicholas Gorkelin as ambassador to Uruguay. His

be the same, in Eisenhower's post-convention outlook. The conduct of the Eisenhower campaign is too many professional directions. Stevenson's handicap is too many amateurs still hesitating about how to get going. The more the Democratic strategy is more firm, at least insofar as travel plans go, than that of the Republicans.

The first campaign sortie is now being fired up, subject of a revision of the Stevenson campaign in the West just as the candidate will go to the West Coast with an opening speech in Los Angeles to be followed by talks in Oregon and Washington and probably on the return in at least two or three of the mountain states.

A political figure qualified by experience and past performance will have a lot to do with plotting this trip. Secretary of Interior Oscar Chapman will be advance man for Stevenson in the West just as he was for Truman in '48. Taking part in the strategy huddle at Springfield, Illinois, Chapman will be the road to line up the Western stops.

GOOD ADVANCE MAN
He will make sure that Democratic leaders organize overflow crowds wherever Stevenson appears. This is one of the services Chapman performed for Truman with conspicuous success four years ago.

Returning from the West, Stevenson according to present planning will make a quick swing through the South and what October will come the campaign train and a number of stops for in-lane platform work in the Midwest and the East. Full-dress speeches are to be kept down to 12 at the most. The time is to be left toward the end of the campaign for a quick return to the West Coast and a second barrage there.

As evidence of the innocence of the amateurs immediately around Stevenson, they were actually talking about making the Western trip in commercial plane as a substitute for the chartered craft. They said that chartered planes were too expensive. Stevenson has a number of such a notion, pointing out that they would waste precious time in the airports for commercial flight.

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