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## EISENHOWER OR STEVENSON?

MANY News readers have asked whether this newspaper, having favored strongly the nomination of Dwight D. Eisenhower on the Republican ticket, will continue to support him for election in November.

Counting itself an independent newspaper, The News will approach the question like any independent voter.

Because we thought Eisenhower was the only Republican who had a chance to win, we felt that his nomination was imperative to the preservation of a strong, effective two-party system. We subscribed to his general political and economic principles. And we felt that he had a better grasp of our basic foreign problems and would wield more influence for peace at home and abroad, than any other Republican candidate. Hence our militant support for his nomination.

When we announced our support of Eisenhower last Jan. 8, we said that The News would state its preference for each party. As it turned out, we were not fully satisfied with any of the Democrats openly seeking the nomination, and Governor Stevenson, the logical choice, was discounted by his persistent refusal even to hint that he would be available.

His nomination puts the forthcoming campaign in a different light. He is in no sense a creature of the Truman regime, nor does he share Mr. Truman's views on several key issues. In his own right he is an estimable contender for the Presidency.

As an independent newspaper, we are

pleased with the selection of the Eisenhower-Nixon and Stevenson-Sparkman tickets. We are happy that the Republicans fought off the assault from their right wingers, and that the Democrats repulsed the advances of their left wingers, leaving the more moderate, centrist forces in charge of both parties. And finally, we are deeply gratified that our foreign policy will not be hopelessly battered and irreparably damaged by emotional, irresponsible charges. Eisenhower and Stevenson may disagree about details of our foreign policy, but they agree on the fundamental objectives and they may be depended upon to debate their differences calmly and reasonably.

Even so, to persuade us that there should be a change of party stewardship after 20 years, the Republicans are going to have to be almost insupportable or the Democrats a different breed of cats. In other words, the burden of proof rests on Stevenson.

Both Presidential candidates are, in a sense, unknown quantities. The independent voter will want to see how Eisenhower's views on domestic policies will be defined. He will want to see how completely Stevenson disavows and dissociates himself from some of the grosser aspects of Trumanism. He will want, in brief, to wait until the candidates interpret their party platforms and lay down the issues of this campaign before making up his mind.

That is what The Charlotte News proposes to do.

## THE MONEY KEEPS ROLLING IN

AS THE MONTHS roll by, it becomes increasingly clear that Gov. W. Kerr Scott's administration will end up with a comfortable credit balance, in spite of the fact that it spent more to improve schools and facilities in North Carolina than any other administration in history.

Just a few days ago, the final report for the 1951-52 fiscal year ending June 30 showed an unobligated general fund balance of \$25 million, up \$10 million from the \$15 million balance at the end of the previous fiscal year. This came about because general fund revenues soared to nearly \$170 million, well above the record-breaking expenditures of \$166 million.

The highway fund too, had a good year, ending in \$94.2 million plus \$11.8 million in Federal grants against expenditures of \$104 million, a \$12 million surplus for debt service on the \$200 million secondary road bond issue.

The end is not yet in sight. As a matter of fact, the picture looks even brighter. In July, the first month of the fiscal year, general fund revenue jumped 9.18 per cent to \$10,606,297, an increase of \$881,543 over July, 1951. Sales taxes, best single indication of economic well-being, led the parade with

a whopping 12.27 per cent boost. Once again, the highway fund reflected the state's prosperous condition, registering an increase over last July of \$11 per cent.

More than 100 million dollar changes have been made in the N. C. Revenue Act in more than 15 years. The swelling state revenue is direct proof that North Carolina's economy is sound, and that it is more than keeping pace with the nation's economic growth.

Though the boom is partially a result of the national defense mobilization program, it also reflects the State's expanding industrial base and its growing diversification of agriculture. The State is steadily building sturdy economic pillars that will help absorb the shock if and when the national economy starts slipping.

But with no recession in sight, Governor Scott can look forward to the end of December with contentment. In January, 1949, when more conservative North Carolinians, including the editors of this newspaper, thought that Scott should go forward more slowly, his confidence in the State was unlimited. History has been good to him; he has made his gamble pay off. If he decides to cover a little, we shall tolerate it with good humor.

## CHARLES CLINTON SPAULDING

FOR MANY YEARS Charles Clinton Spaulding of Durham was a living example of what Negroes in the South may accomplish if they take advantage of their opportunities. His death at the age of 57, through his example into sharper focus.

The son of former slaves, born just ten years after the Emancipation Proclamation, C. C. Spaulding rose from poverty to great wealth. He was reputed to be one of the wealthiest Negroes in the United States.

He did it all by hard work and on behalf of the members of his race. His North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co., with 800 agents and more than \$33 million in assets, is the nation's biggest all-Negro business enterprise. It also controls a Negro bank.

From The Winston-Salem Journal

## THE UNLOVED LOUSE

THE LOUSE is not loved by anyone, except perhaps by other lice. Indeed, intimate in his associations, the louse throughout history has been despised and despised by all kinds of people, monkeys, rats, fowls, different kinds of lice have crossed.

But Eldemar Kaempfert, science editor of the New York Times, said in an article recently, talking about the lice which afflict American soldiers in Korea, he reveals that DDT does not kill the form of lice found there. Mr. Kaempfert then said: "There is no evidence that the Korean louse differs from its European or American counterpart."

With reluctance, Mr. Kaempfert's statement is challenged. Professor Frederik Merk of the history department of Harvard University says the Asiatic louse (Monticola louse) he put it is distinct from the European louse.

Mr. Merk related that one of the ways anthropologists have been able to determine that the American Indians actually are Asiatic is the fact that the hair on the back of thousands of years ago, across the Bering Straits, is the comparison of Orientals, with the American Indian: slant eyes, almost the same color, high cheek bones, similarity in tooth structure.

But a clinching verification was found when the scalp of a mummified Peruvian Indian was found to contain a Mongolian louse. The Mongolian louse, Mr. Merk said, must have come to the continent from the South American continent many, many ages ago on the heads and bodies of the Asiatic migrants.

Mr. Merk's story is supported by author-

building and loan association, and several other affiliated insurance companies.

But C. C. Spaulding did not devote his life exclusively to business. A strong believer in universal cooperation, he served on many Durham government and civic bodies, including the Red Cross and the Selective Service Board; last year he was honored by the Freedom Foundation for his contribution to the war effort.

"I shall always feel grateful," Spaulding once said, "that my ancestors were transplanted to North America. It is the best place in the world that I have found to live and to work."

The mark he left was an indelible one that will show all Americans of whatever race that this is still a land of opportunity.

of Hans Zinsser, who wrote in 1935, "Rats, Lice and History." In one of two chapters on the louse, Mr. Zinsser says: "This prehistoric American louse has been described as quite similar to the Chinese head louse and to the lice found upon Aleutian Eskimos—another argument for the Viking wandering across the Bering Straits."

Mr. Zinsser also declares that the louse adapts its color to that of the "host," so they have the black louse of Africa, the smoky louse of the Hindu, the yellowish brown louse of the Japanese, the dark brown of the North American Indian, the pale brown of the Eskimo and the dirty gray one of the European.

All this, of course, doesn't satisfy the American scientist, who says the louse which does not respond to DDT. Fortunately, the Army has shipped a supply of "lindane" to Korea. That does the trick.

As the preacher said as the man panted under the hot sun, "I don't know who the louse is to stay as long as this all the time!"—Kingston (Tenn.) Times.

"I never complain about radio programs, but I feel like I'm on the set."—Harris (Ark.) Daily Times.

Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week.—Aberdeen (N. C.) Times.

Next to a stuck pig, a bull dog hangs on with the greatest ferocity.—Greenville (Tenn.) Sun.

## 'Some Of Them Look Familiar'



## Charge Of Connivance Denied

## No Tricks in Stevenson Win

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

"NO man could be nominated," wise old Sen. Arthur Vandenberg used to say, when he was being promoted for the Republican nomination in 1948, "without conniving." He meant, of course, that no man can get his party without some sort of prior commitment to his party's key chief.

Did Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois "connive" in order to get the Democratic nomination?

This seems a good time to ask this question. A good many people are saying that Stevenson won the nomination in a particularly wise maneuver, and that he was not conniving. Sen. Paul Douglas, for example, has pictured the Stevenson draft as an exercise in "planned spontaneity," and Republican national committee chairman Arthur Summerfield charges that Stevenson was a "shameless opportunist" who tried to "pull a fast one" on the party. In short, the Stevenson draft was supposedly put over, with Stevenson's knowledge, consent and secret cooperation, by Truman and a handful of powerful professionals.

In fact, this is so far from the truth that both Truman and the professionals, like Col. Jacob Arvey of Illinois, actually gave up on Stevenson before the convention was brought to bear on Stevenson by these men not to become an active candidate, but simply to pass the word that he would run if nominated.

Almost tearfully, Arvey pleaded with Stevenson to allow him to pass this word. When Arvey's efforts were unavailing, Truman dispatched Democratic Chairman Frank McNulty to try again. Various other leaders, like Gov. Paul Dever of Massachusetts and Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh, also sent word to Stevenson to make the simple commitment. And finally, shortly before the convention, Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago gave Stevenson in writing a promise that his divorce was not his liability.

All this effort was absolutely unavailing. As a result, Truman and the key leaders like Arvey reasoned—with plenty of historical precedents—that no convention was going to be held at a man who might turn the nomination down. Truman therefore let it be known that Vice-President Alben Barkley was "acceptable" to him. Arvey, Lawrence, and the other leaders also turned to Barkley. Eisenhower telephoned Barkley in Kentucky a few days before the convention, to promise the Vice-President his support.

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

A NEW RASH of Congressmen wangling free airplane transportation to various parts of the world has started now that Congress has adjourned.

In fact, some of it started even before Congress left for home. Several flights are justified, but others have the appearance of junkets, especially when wives and children are included.

One trip with all the earmarks of the latter was arranged by Congressman Harold Cooley of North Carolina, who sent his wife, Mrs. Cooley, to Europe with free air transportation to study hoof-and-mouth disease in the House Agriculture Committee, of which Cooley is chairman and his sister clerk.

The hoof-and-mouth disease in which the United States is chiefly interested is in Argentina and Mexico, and while it exists in Europe, there is no need to import it.

Those listed for this trip in addition to Cooley are: Sen. A. Willis Robertson, Va., his wife and two sons; Rep. Albert Tompkins, his wife, son, and daughter; Sen. Homer Ferguson, Mich., and wife; Sen. Willis Smith, N. C., and wife; Tom Connally, Tex., and wife; Sen. Tom Harkin, Ky., and wife; Sen. Paul H. Douglas, Ill., and wife; Sen. Alben Barkley, W. Va., and wife; and Sen. Charles McNair, Ind., and wife.

The plan fact is that Truman and the "bosses" who are supposed to have maneuvered the Stevenson draft were themselves caught flatfooted when they were asked to support a more vigorous campaign to long as McNulty remained as chairman. They pointed out, too, his close identification with "the bosses" who were supposed to have engineered the nomination of the Illinois governor.

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

GOVERNOR Adlai Stevenson declared that he intends to conduct his own campaign in his own way. But that is a hard thing to do, since he is the nominee of a party with an ancient accumulation of claims and vested interests in the hands of the past.

Stevenson's first task is to make it perfectly plain that he stands clear of the claims and vested interests of the past. But that, too, is easier said than done. Part of his pre-conviction of the ordeal was this very problem.

The problem was vividly illustrated within a matter of hours after his nomination. It came over the issue of whether Chairman Frank McNulty should continue as head of the Democratic National Committee.

Even before he made his acceptance speech, Stevenson had indicated that he wanted a change. But it was on the day after his nomination that the pulling and hauling began. Stevenson is a young man. Senator John Sparkman, was all for keeping McNulty.

THE OTHER VIEW Others, with access to the nominee, took the opposite view, arguing that there could be no vigorous independent campaign so long as McNulty remained as chairman. They pointed out, too, his close identification with "the bosses" who were supposed to have engineered the nomination of the Illinois governor.

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