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IKE GOES TO SOURCE OF HIS STRENGTH

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has realized, somewhat belatedly, that more than the money behind the White House...

The President has enjoyed excellent personal relation with Congress, but to date, not a single major campaign promise...

Fortunately, the President is enjoying personal and non-partisan support from a majority of the Democrats in Congress...

A coalition with the Democrats, however, is not the final answer to the President's problem...

IN THE 'WELFARE STATE', A PARADOX

THE SUCCESS of the House farm bloc in increasing the Agriculture Department appropriation...

To our knowledge, every Eisenhower domestic budget request so far has been a disappointment...

And, without exception, the House has made still further reductions...

This is an interesting development. The American farmer is the most rugged of our rugged individuals...

THE YOUNG FOLKS TAKE DOWN THE BARS

ON CAMPUS after campus, young college students are rejecting a long-entrenched feature of the fraternity system...

Similar bans are already in effect at Amherst, Dartmouth, the University of Connecticut...

This trend toward judging and accepting a fraternity for what he really is, instead of from what church he belongs to...

On THE JOB AROUND THE CLOCK: HOW it happened we're not quite sure, but Voluntary Fire Department Week came and went without our going on record...

Already a model for the rest of the state, Mecklenburg's eight volunteer departments outside the City of Charlotte have brought insurance rates down by some \$200,000 a year...

And, statistics go, the 1952 record set by the departments is a convincing one—410 calls, excluding grass and automobile fires, to fires threatening property worth \$1,000,000.

It was inevitable to us that the British have more headaches than Americans have, so we were not at all surprised when Dr. John C. Krantz, pharmacology professor at the University of Maryland Medical School, produced figures showing that we swallow 42,000,000 aspirins a day.

It appears that the British take one aspirin a day for every 4.2 persons, while over here the intake rate is one for every 3.6 persons.

Dr. Dickel's description of the British as "a class of aspirin consumption" Americans are broader and sicker.

Actually, it seems improbable that such

The President needs a more lasting foundation for the structure he hopes to build in the next four years.

The more reliable observers in Washington agree that the President's decision to go to the people with his program was taken reluctantly, and after much consulting with his most trusted advisers...

With a critical Congressional election just around the corner, it is not surprising that show tangible progress toward solving the great issues outlined during the campaign.

The President has lost none of his tremendous personal popularity so far. On the contrary, the polls show that he is stronger than ever.

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Discrepancy In Air Defense Should Be Fully Explained

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON (AP)—On Feb. 19 of this year, one of the most significant meetings in recent American history took place at the White House...

The man who called the meeting was the President himself. Those present included the principal Congressional leaders of both parties...

In some sense, NSC-141 was a confession of bankruptcy of the Truman administration's defense policy. On the basis of a reportedly formidable array of supporting facts...

NSC-141 is further known to have attracted attention in the public mind because of the fact that it had been raised in this space—the problem of American air defense...

SOVIET POWER In crude summary, it was forecast that the Soviet Union would have the power to launch a totally destructive air-atomic attack on the United States within two to three years...

It was admitted that our existing and presently planned air defenses were wholly inadequate to stop such a Soviet attack. And it was stated that an adequate American air defense could not be achieved without a great and urgent effort...

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Lonely Secretary Durkin A Fifth Wheel On Ike Machine

By MARCUS CHILDS

WASHINGTON (AP)—THE PLUMBER in the cabinet is not working out according to plan. Thus far, Martin Durkin, the Secretary of Labor and former head of the AFL-CIO...

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Congressional Quotes

In a May 3 radio broadcast, Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) said that the CAB has "drawbacks. It is slower to move, it is costly to waste and the heads of giant organizations tend to love power and bigness for its own sake and tend to become intellectually dizzy."

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Airline Lobbyist Blocks Probe Of Fares

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CIO-AFL Merger?

MOST people know the CIO auto workers' boss, Walter Reuther, whose name has been in the headlines, but not as many have heard of the A.F. of L. auto workers' boss, Lester Washburn.

CIO leaders are worried that the A.F. of L. union may raid the CIO's auto plants and take them away from Reuther's union. However, the two unions are investigating the possibility of signing a non-union defense budget below \$40,000,000.

Depression Debate

HOTTEC backstage debate is over the economic outlook—whether we're slipping into a depression, a GOP economist says.

The man who may swing the deal is the fighting, imaginative, 47-year-old Washburn. He has been successful in the labor movement since its rough-and-tumble days. His mounting stature is due to his success in the labor movement but also to his increasing activity in the broad field of human welfare.