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The Loyalty Oath: Ripe For Burying

COMMON sense triumphed over sectional passions when the Democratic National Committee laid the loyalty oath to rest in Chicago yesterday. Northern leftists introduced it in 1952 in an effort to force adherence by southern rightists to Democratic nominees. It had the opposite effect for two principal reasons. One, the oath cannot be enforced by oath, and two, that a political party so diverse in economic and social patterns as the Democratic can survive only through willing consent and compromise between the different groups.

There was great sincerity on both sides of the argument over the oath in the 1952 convention. Northerners were rightly outraged over the fact that some southern delegates had no intention of supporting nominees they participated in choosing. Southerners, on the other hand, held to principles they felt took precedence over party.

Whatever the morality of the oath it was a political weapon, a massive piece of silliness. The committee was wise to bury it. Even as the oath was done other factors were enforcing a unity to achieve.

The Truman civil rights proposals that sparked a southern revolt in 1948 have, in large measure, become facts under the Republican rule to which many disaffected southerners adhered in 1952. The Eisenhower name, which attracted more southern support than the Republican Party, likely will not appear on the 1956 ballot.

Thirdly, loyalists, unsworn voters, have begun to make such an outspoken rebuff as Texas Gov. Allen Shivers felt a little uncomfortable when he strays too far from the Democratic range. Wright Morrow, Texas national committeeman who joined the Shivers swing to Eisenhower, was rebuffed Wednesday by 11 Gov. P. M. Ramsey who pledged to support the party's nominees next year.

The loyalty oath was already dead. The action in Chicago was nothing but a ceremony.

In The Center Ring: Outer Mongolia

OUTER Mongolia, which is sometimes mistaken for Lower Slobovia and is located in the general vicinity of Shanghai, has suddenly become a problem in the United Nations.

Russia wants Outer Mongolia to join its Soviet chorus in the United Nations. The package deal under discussion also would admit four other Red satellites—Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Albania—and 13 free nations—Austria, Cambodia, Italy, Japan, Finland, Ceylon, Ireland, Jordan, Laos, Libya, Nepal, Portugal and Spain.

The British and French have approved the plan sponsored by China, president of the association, introduced Mr. Jones the NCO hastened to report yesterday. Mr. Jones, contrary to an earlier report, wasn't even scheduled to be introduced

Non-Fraternization Policy In Politics?

EYES agleam with devilment, the RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER was sure it had a good, lusty knee-slapper to pass along to its readers Wednesday.

"Remember those rumors that retiring C&D Director Ben Douglas might run for Congress in the Tenth District against Republican Rep. Charles R. Jonas?" chortled the Old Reliable. "Well, there was a meeting of the Raleigh Rotary Association last night in Ben's home town, Charlotte. The main speaker, Charles Raper Jonas, the man who introduced him: Ben E. Douglas."

Only trouble was that it wasn't so. Roger Wickett of Raleigh, president of the association, introduced Mr. Jones the NCO hastened to report yesterday. Mr. Jones, contrary to an earlier report, wasn't even scheduled to be introduced

Chapter 103: The Ignorant Multitude

THE public, someone is forever saying, is pretty dumb. The FARM JOURNAL trots out a poll in its November issue to prove the point. The dreary proofs:

More than half the people don't know the names of their senators or representatives in Congress.

Only one in four could name the two vice presidential nominees just after the 1952 conventions.

Three out of four don't know who Nehru or Molotov is.

One in five couldn't identify the United Nations.

All told, 20 to 40 per cent of the people

PSYCHOTIC CHILDREN

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS points out, in a news story and editorial, that there is such a thing as a psychotic child, that there are "fairly large numbers of them"—nobody knows how many—in Mecklenburg County and in the state and that North Carolina isn't equipped to do anything about them.

What The News says is correct, and the situation, we fear, is likely to become worse before any constructive and effective program is evolved.

This situation, stemming from the acceptance of several of these children to the state's mental hospitals, has been considered by hospital officials. There is an understandable disposition not to put these children in with adult patients. But until a better and different arrangement can be worked out there is little or nothing else that can be done.

Sound & Fury: Everyman's Guide To Political Oratory

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain
 WE'll have to listen to a lot of blarney for the next year or so, and I thought I'd run up a little advance issue on what we will hear from the politicians. As far as I'm concerned, it ain't covetous.

The topics are relatively few, and simple. Political and military ties with Canada are desirable because it's so close and it speaks our kind of language. Except in Quebec, which speaks French, but the French is fine enough to make an overlook that laments a little lapse.

TWO-WAY STRETCH
 High prices are horrible, if you are a farmer. Low prices are even more so, if you are a seller. The admirable combination is low buying and high selling, generally available in the installment plan, which is the reason we're so great and it's a signpost to eventual disaster. You have to pick your spots on this.

Taxes. They should be cut, but the budget should be balanced by high taxes on the big economy. Taxes are for the other fellow, but on the other hand, there is free enterprise, and something must be done about it, irreparably. Juvenile delinquency is bad. The farmer needs price support.



"You know his motto, 'Take everything with a grain of salt.' He's just getting prepared for next year's campaign speeches..."

'We Wait Till He Begins To Act Restless, Sec? Then We Sort Of Mosey Up To Him—'



HEINZ LOCK, CREST THE WASHINGTON POSTER

People's Platform

Republican Women's Club Is Nothing New

Editors, The News:
 SOMEBODY "goofed" in giving *Sounding the Gong*, which you ran on Nov. 15, which states that "Mrs. Nixon was the first president of the GOP Women's Club here." There were active, flourishing and effective Republican women's clubs in Mecklenburg many years before Mrs. Nixon moved to Charlotte.

This error is understandable, because so many of our present officers are too new in the party to be familiar with past Republican activities.

—E. J. PRESSER

Thanksgiving Prayer For Captive Russians

Editors, The News:
 IN THE United States November 23 will be Thanksgiving Day. It will be just one more meaningless day of underpaid drudgery for the

workers, and, for their children, another day of reciting party slogans in the Communist schools where they are being educated for similar enslavement.

Under present conditions any such observance as our Thanksgiving Day is impossible in Russia. First, no Russians have anything to be thankful for. And, secondly, even if there were anything to be thankful for, few Russians would dare to admit that they have one to whom they give thanks since neither God nor religion has party approval. In fact, quite the contrary is true as evidenced by the recent words of Nikita Khrushchev:

"We remain atheist and we do everything we can to liberate a certain part of the people from the opium attraction of religion that still exists."

Harsh as is this statement, it contains one cheering fact: This is the admission by the Communist Party boss that the "attraction of religion still exists" in the Soviet. In the steadfast Russians who still cling to God in the face of ruthless disapproval lies great hope. Like the martyrs of an earlier era of brutality, their god-

liness cannot help but favorably affect those around them, however evil, and lead eventually to changes that would provide a real reason for Thanksgiving in the Soviet Union.

I hope that everyone will include these faithful ones in Thanksgiving prayers.

—WALTER E. DITMARS

U. S. Supreme Court 'Behind The Times'

Editors, The News:
 I THINK the Supreme Court is a little conservative and "behind the times" on this all-important question of integration. Everybody should write the court and demand that they rule that all birds, animals, fish, etc., should integrate and intermarry at once. Chickens with turkeys, rabbits with dogs, cats with rats, crows with blue birds, bees with catfish, monkeys with man. Let us all get behind this problem at once and rush it to completion. I want to see some of the interesting combinations.

—DAVE FRASIER

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

CHICAGO
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Adlai Was Knifed
 Not only had Stevenson appointed Mitchell without consulting Arvey, but Mitchell was one of Arvey's Democratic opponents in Chicago.

From that time on, Stevenson saw

little of the man who made him. This was not because either one soured on the other personally, but because Adlai was surrounded by a group of advisers who wanted him to give up the liberalism that had been nominated by the big city bosses. Stevenson worked at this so hard that some of the big city bosses knifed him. They just didn't get out the vote. That was one reason why Eisenhower's majority over Stevenson in Democratic city strongholds ran so much farther ahead than was expected.

Farmers Favored
 The Adlai Stevenson brain trust has come up with the idea of having its candidate do a Kefauver in the farm belt—in other words, go on a handshaking tour.

They remember that the conking-capped senator from Tennessee just went around shaking hands with people in 1952. He had no money to spend on

unless you come out against each other. For the Democrats, the safe target's run is as follows: Big hand with the voters and vested interests. I may or may not have an interest except the vast-industrial interest that were a vest, but let's not beat it. Credit: Wall Street, Easy Street, and Dream Street are all safe, except at night. Bring up Henry Ford and the Hoover administration. Hark back to Harding. Remember Dick Nixon's evoker sound and Charlie Wilson's crack about dogs.

FURBERERS
 The "soundable subjects" for foreign aid is very touchy right now, because everybody might get some more ideas about military America and raising money for a lot of forerunners to waste shouting each other on or with their hands. And the furberers are too complicated. Skip 'em, because nobody understands 'em.

ECONOMY
 Government economy must be skinned over for fear of enraging government employees who live in Virginia and Maryland, and hence have the power of veto in which Washington residents do not.

By no means should this obscenity be free enterprise, since the free enterprise which Washington residents do not is a wicked policy.

IN CONCLUSION
 Finally, Texas is big, and television was responsible for Frank Costello, the conking cap and Virginia Hill. Frozen foods are not yet sold in Texas, and we must do something about these burr-cakes and daisies.

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For the Republicans, it is safe to refer to "twenty years of treason." Harry Vaughan, Harry Truman, John Marston, Walter Chambers, and Alcor Bos. You and Yoda, Maitia, Gheri, and anything else ending in aia. There are red herrings. Unia does not mean Korea is safe, because nobody was allowed to win it. Remember MacArthur and the Alamo.

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ADLAI STEVENSON
 A Remorseless Spotlight

Flow Gently

BY THOMAS WOLFE
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—The Monogabola, the Colorado, the Rio Grande, the Columbia, the Hudson, Sweet Throat, the Kennebec, the Rappahannock, the Delaware, the Potomac, the Chesapeake, the Mississippi, the Niagara (Sweet Affair!), the Saint Lawrence, the Susquehanna, the

Tombeche, the Nantahala, the French Broad, the Chattahoochee, the Arizona, and the Potomac (Father Tiber!)—these are a few of their great, proud, glittering names, fit for the immensity of the farm problem likely to smother the next election, the propose that Adlai visit parts of the farm belt, drop in on farmers, listen to their problems, let them see what kind of a real human being he is.

Meanwhile, GOP advisers with their ear to the ground are almost croaking at the mouth over the rumbling farm revolt. This was the reason for the cabinet against Ezra Benson inside the Cabinet. Attorney Gen. Brownell and Postmaster Gen. Summerfield. They've heard reports that some of the big city bosses where the Farm Bureau asked whether it approved Benson's policies, voted 60 to 1 against him. And the Farm Bureau hitlist has been strongly Republican.

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