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'That's Okay — I'm Scared Enough For Both Of Us!'

A New Political Generation
Invigorates Democratic Party

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AS compared with early August, before the two national conventions, there is something different and new in the political situation. Then, it would have been a surprise to find a seasoned politician in either party who did not think that Eisenhower was unless another illness struck him, unbeatable. Now there are few who doubt that the election is a contest in which the Democrats stand to make important gains in Congress, and have a fighting chance for the presidency.

The main cause of this change of mood, I believe, is the increasing evidence that the Democratic Party is unexpectedly strong—that it is in one of its periods of revival, as in the early days of Wilson and again of Roosevelt. The Democratic victories in the midterm election of 1954 registered the beginning of that revival. They showed that the Democrats who had voted for Eisenhower in 1952 were still Democrats; they showed also that in the new political generation which is taking over, the Democrats have by far the best of it. At the Chicago convention last month, the control of the Democratic party passed after Truman's rear-guard action, into the hands of Stevenson and the liberal Republicans. Harding, Coolidge and Hoover, dared to see, who he represents.

QUARRELS DIE DOWN
The arrival of the new generation accounts also, I believe, for the subsiding of the great factional quarrels of the post-war years under Truman. The quarrels over civil rights and over the Democrats' rights and privileges have been settled. It is not because they have been smartly rebuffed, it is because there is a new generation in the North and the South, in the corporations and in the labor unions, which does not respond to the old war cries. Stevenson, who himself belongs to this new generation, speaks for it. That is why he can go to a southern state and take an unequivocal stand on the school problem, and yet not precipitate an irreconcilable quarrel.

There is a young man and Eisenhower's heir apparent. But nobody supposes that Nixon would or could do that which he wished to remake the old Republican Party into Eisenhower's new Republican Party.
The Republican Party lacks vigor because the new political generation has not yet obtained control of the party. The party is in the control of men who are not vigorous.

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Southern Ham And Whisky Won't Do It

SHOULD the South organize a lobby? THE RICHMOND NEWS, LEADER of a group of independent states rights and third parties—buys the idea as a means of recapturing states rights. It would have selected southern gentlemen, armed with the spirit of John C. Calhoun and a half million dollars for selected food and clothing to be sent North, East and West on the practical politicians of various stateshouses. Their objective: To bring back resolutions from 15 or 20 states stating opposition to the Supreme Court's entry into the field of segregation.

It is this last part that we must constantly and patiently explain to our readers. We have a duty to report as well as a right to report. It is a sheer necessity of survival to know the world we live in and know it well. That is why we feel we must be constantly on guard against governmental secrecy or any threat whatsoever to freedom of information. It is a great responsibility that we are involved in. We bear it cheerfully and dutifully and according to the best of our lights. We always will.

The Newspaper's Job Is To Report

IT IS fashionable in the Ivory Tower set to proclaim during National Newspaper Week that the press sits upon a private pedestal of privilege in democratic society. Alas, it is even the habit of some editors to insist that everything about newspapers is perfect while the rest of the world is out of step. It just isn't so. We at THE NEWS won't pretend that it is, even during this, our own special week. The press is a human institution and, as such, is subject to annoying human foibles. We've never yet met an infallible man. But we've run across several newspapers which seem to claim infallibility. Robert M. Hutchins calls the press "the most unutilized institution in the country." While not entirely true, the statement does reflect an impression that the press considers itself above criticism. We are not, of course. We need right and wrong. We need to listen as well as report. A newspaper, if it performs its proper function, must be in close touch with its readers. How else can it respond to their needs? But the first function of the newspaper is to tell the continuing story of what is happening in the world our readers live in. The story we ought to tell is any and every story that comes along—just as long as it is of interest and importance to our readers.

Naturally, there are fences around this idea. They include libel, military security and occasional matters of taste and judgment. But we firmly believe that no new fences should be put up. Suppression of the news actually betrays the rock-bottom reason for being of journalism. What is that reason for being? It is to present the world to the extent practically possible just as it is—the good, the bad, the indifferent. It is this last part that we must constantly and patiently explain to our readers. We have a duty to report as well as a right to report. It is a sheer necessity of survival to know the world we live in and know it well. That is why we feel we must be constantly on guard against governmental secrecy or any threat whatsoever to freedom of information. It is a great responsibility that we are involved in. We bear it cheerfully and dutifully and according to the best of our lights. We always will.

People's Platform
Party Label Uncomfortable?

Charlotte
WHAT'S this I hear about this Citizens For Douglas Committee? Is Mr. Douglas trying to shake off the Democratic Party label? And how do the Democrats feel about it? This is the most interesting development in this campaign to date. Charlie Jonas, running for reelection to a third term, is honored by his Democrats for Jonas Committee, but the Democratic candidate appears to be running away from the designation.



BEN DOUGLAS
Citizens Recruited

None of the Citizens for Douglas are known to be Republicans, and they certainly are not Socialists. So I can only deduce that they are most probably Democrats in good standing too. So why this Citizens Committee for Douglas? It may be that the "above-partisan" services of Charlie Jonas in the Congress appeals to Mr. Douglas. There is no way of knowing whether or not Mr. Douglas could fulfill such an assignment, but we do know that Congressman Jonas has never yet asked a citizen of the Tenth District what his politics is, when asked to do an errand or perform a service far that citizen as part of government business.

They enter and remain with the Police Dept. for financial security as well as a guarantee of steady employment in times of economic depression. I know a man with two sons whom he encouraged throughout their youth to join the Police or Fire Dept. of their home town so their income would be steady all through boom and depression. He also influenced his only daughter to marry a fireman for the same security purpose. Everything went as the old man wished and his sons and son-in-law now that more than ten years service and seniority with their respective departments.

Do Kids Appreciate What Parents Do?
Charlotte
I AM sure many of us have had our parents' but we have sweet memories. Last week I talked with a very worried father of two boys. He opened his heart to me. He was white-headed and had one boy in school and one married. Their burdens were his burdens. All over the world we see people sad and worried today. Parents save and do without things they need to send their children to school and I wonder how many appreciate it. The only way to prove it is by being good to mother and dad for when they are gone your best friends are gone. I know for I lost mine.

Do you farmers want Secretary Benson another four years? The President has one thing in common with the average old man. That is stubbornness. You think about it.

Sweetness And Light
Turns Somewhat Sour
Mooreville
THERE is no question that the President is a great outwardly wishes to be a friend to everyone, and to desire the friendship of all men. But let us look at the record: Considering the old age group, we feel sure Mr. Larsen will go down to posterity in the esteem of present Republican leadership as a great man. His book was...

Of course, the boom has been extended but thick goodness the anticipated depression has not yet materialized. So the three men involved have rocked along with steady pay and security while others have had to make two or three times as much money. But Mr. Scorton's item brings further light on the subject by pointing out the fact that a substantial percentage of the law breakers' fines go into various funds and associations benefiting policemen and their survivors.

World Peace Has A Local Angle, Too

THE politicians of this campaign must be the envy of every newspaper city editor in the land. In an age of peril never has the "local angle" been so incessantly exploited. The great issues, we're told, are the price of pigs and peanuts, public power vs. private power, an increased minimum wage, and the quickest route to a four-day week. These are identified as the "gut" issues, the subjects the people are interested in and by which they can be moved to ballot box. They are important issues, and the candidates stand on them ought to be known. They concern the opportunities, education, health and livelihoods of Americans. But it is distressing how much is said about these matters to the exclusion of the larger issue to which they all are hinged—peace and how to achieve it. Peace, after all, has a local angle, too, a handle by which any imaginative candidate can grab it and thrust it into the consciousness of the citizens. Unfortunately, all references to the peace issue are fleeting and shadowy. The Republicans say peace is here. The Democrats say it is not here. They are

both right, because the world seems peaceful one day and perilous the next, but they are both wrong to say that and nothing more. What about the unanswered questions that they propose to make a permanent peace, to recover from the severe blows of the Soviet's Middle East offensive? What is to be the U. S. approach to neutralism, and how is it to recapture the friendship of the uncommitted? These are not easy questions, to be sure, and no one can expect the candidates to answer them explicitly. But to ignore them makes all their earnest talk about bread, butter and leisure time seem something of a mockery. For the U. S. has obligations to the world as well as opportunities for more comfort and broader lives for Americans. The candidates' failure is their unspoken pretension that the problems of peace are of no immediate concern to Americans, and that they are more interested in wages and parity, the stock market and stock cars.

Wright Missed Nothing
Governor's Deal
State Treasurer Warren Wright is also supposed to check on vouchers every three months. He also missed the fact that \$1,500,000 had disappeared right under the eyes of Stratton, Hollingsworth, and himself.

It would appear that the law enforcement officers are in effect biting the hand that feeds them when they attempt to stamp out crime; when the fruits of a caught criminal or law breaker (who can pay) materially contribute to their welfare and family security. I should think it better if their pay was satisfactory so they could buy insurance for their disabilities and let the fines be applied to better jails for the comfort of law breakers who can't pay.

From The Greensboro Daily News

HOW TO CUSS

THE current flood of how-to-do-it-yourself books ranges from building a back yard fireplug to installing your own television set. Now comes a hard-boiled egghead professor at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Clyde Croughan, who has written a 64-page book entitled ABUSIVE WORDS ON HOW TO CUSS EFFICIENTLY. After all, he points out, there are only 17 basic words of profanity, so if you limit your abuse to this minimum of profanity, your range will indeed be limited. But if you really sit down and study the English language and just read his book—you can expand your cursing vocabulary to some 800 words, all of them guaranteed to insult your worst enemy. We strongly recommend Mr. Croughan's book for the coming political campaign. Why waste time calling the other guy a blankety-blank Republican or a so-and-so Democrat when with just a little research into the English language of abuse you can come up with something like "resentful slubberdegullion" (greedy wretch) or "higgedy-piggledy jobsterhead" (confused nuns-kull) or "facinorous blatherskite" (evil braggart)? If you have trouble with a bridge partner who consistently trumps your

aces, don't blow your top and turn over the card table. Just coolly call him a "knuckle-headed muckworm," which simply means a low fellow who isn't very bright. Or if you have an argument with your next-door neighbor who wakes you up too early with his power lawn mower, don't tell him what you really think of him—he might sue you. Just politely call him an "abominant curmudgeon," which means a nasty unreasonable man. Ah, the power of words—especially abusive words. A New Hampshire public relations character is mailing out a slip over Texas asking how hot it is here and crowing that atop Mount Washington it was 43 degrees. Fifi! Any town in Texas can produce larger temperatures than that.—DALLAS MORNING NEWS. The visiting football team was having a bad afternoon. Everything they tried went wrong. Their passes were intercepted, their line backs were smeared and their reverses were smothered. The captain signalled desperately to the coach, "What should we do now?" The coach immediately signalled back, "Try fumbling!"—LAMAR (Mo.) DEMOCRAT.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

SOME of the President's friends in Illinois were quite dubious about his tribute to Gov. William G. Stratton, the Republican who has had more scandals break under him in Illinois than any other governor in years. What he said in Peoria was: "I like a man who what anything goes wrong in government cleans up fast. That is the way Gov. Stratton works." The facts in Illinois, according to those who have followed that state's scandals, are just the opposite. Here is the scandal roll call: How Gov. Stratton did not move fast to clean them up. THE HODGE SCANDAL—The theft

Ike Spoke Too Quick About Clean-Up

of \$1,500,000 by GOP State Auditor Orville Hodge was unmentioned by Stratton but by the Chicago Daily News, a Republican paper. Stratton should have detected it, because his finance director, Morton Hollingsworth, is supposed to get an accounting of state funds every three months. This was done regularly when Adlai Stevenson ran the state, but either it didn't happen someone under Stratton closed his eyes. Wright Missed Nothing State Treasurer Warren Wright is also supposed to check on vouchers every three months. He also missed the fact that \$1,500,000 had disappeared right under the eyes of Stratton, Hollingsworth, and himself. BANK DEPOSITS SCANDAL—State Treasurer Wright has some other interests which developing under his own

Pay-Offs?

eyes which may be why he wasn't alert regarding Hodge. He decides where state funds shall be deposited, and the bankers who want these funds gave a \$50-plate dinner at which they raised \$57,000. This was given to Wright for a trailer "educational" campaign of the state. He was given a \$120,000 trailer, a new Buick convertible to pull it, a jeep to help in case the strain on the Buick was too great, and about \$25,000 for "expenses."

SCHOOL-LUNCH SCANDAL

—Three top school officials have been charged with defrauding the state on a school-lunch contract. TOLL-ROAD BONANZA — Gov. Stratton has also been sitting on some dynamite on toll roads. He has not been allowed to investigate or clean up. INSURANCE SCANDAL — A Senate investigator's report shortly to be aired states that George F. Barrett's law firm has received a total of \$250,000 for the (1952) campaign of Governor Stratton. After that, Robert Barrett, brother of George Barrett, was appointed Illinois insurance commissioner by Stratton.



ADLAI STEVENSON Youth In The Saddle

about the quarrels between Truman and his enemies. There is little evidence of a corresponding revival, due to the rise of a new generation, within the Republican Party. That is the real reason I believe for the curious listlessness of the Republican Party. In his acceptance speech at the San Francisco convention, the President spoke sincerely and eloquently in the hope that he might be the leader of such a revival. He called upon the new generation to form behind him in making over the party. There is no evidence of such a rally. If his hope was being realized, it is evident that the prime exponent of the new Republicanism would be Nixon, who is a young man and Eisenhower's heir apparent. But nobody supposes that Nixon would or could do that which he wished to remake the old Republican Party into Eisenhower's new Republican Party.

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