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People's Platform

Editors, The News: A SPOKESMAN for the Agricultural Department suggests that maybe it would be best for the marginal farmers to abandon farming and go into industry.

It will be interesting to see if the Department of Commerce now advises small businessmen who are getting poorer and poorer under the Republican to go into something else — fishing maybe — if they can't keep operating except under a war economy.

—CHET COLLINS

Charles Raper Jones Has Excellent Record

Editors, The News: I respond to several letters by a Mr. J. C. James regarding Mr. Jones' record in Congress. I must say I can't see Mr. Jones' point bringing up the so-called facts in Mr. Jones' record since it has not been made an issue by Mr. Douglas, Mr. Hedges or any of the Democratic big brass in either this or the 1954 election.

Mr. Jones has an excellent record and is a very fine man but he is just not a Democrat. Mr. James stated that Mr. Jones voted against a \$700 exemption on the tax reduction bill, a bill introduced by Mr. Jones. The second such cut was by the Republicans in 1949. It was strange that the opposition did not introduce or pass this \$700 exemption in 18 of the 20 years in which they were in control of Congress.

In closing, I would like to ask Mr. James how he would have voted on the oil bill had North Dakota been a state. He would have had off shore oil lands. Also, how would he have voted on raising his own salary? Mr. Jones was opposed to raising his would you turn down a salary raise Mr. James?

—DAVID EURY

Here's Hoping Adlai Wins By Landslide

Editors, The News: I NOTE in your editorial several days ago you are supporting Eisenhower and Mr. James W. Green is backing you. Now, Mr. Editor, that is just two men's opinion. The voters will speak Nov. 6. And if they re-elect Ike after he failed every promise he made in 1952 I surely will speak Nov. 6.

Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Thurmond almost led this state for Ike four years ago and I am thankful for our state's record. I hope you kept it in the Democratic column. If President Eisenhower is re-elected this time it will be with the women's vote and a few men like you and Mr. Green — and also with the big money sharks.

Four years ago the cry was "We Want Ike" and this time the Republicans had to have Ike to have any hopes of winning. If I use the Nov. 6, I am going to vote a Democratic ticket I mean a straight Democratic ticket. I will never let the gutter press and mind-numbing newspapers, news reporters and the Gallup Poll influence my vote.

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—P. C. FURR

Eisenhower Deserves The Nation's Support

Editors, The News: WITHIN the next few weeks the American voter must make one of the most far reaching decisions that it has been his privilege and responsibility to make in many a decade. We must express ourselves by going out to the polls and voting for the candidate of our choice. This is one job that no one else can do for us.

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Stern Protest

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—CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

Political Hostilities Reach Bare-Knucks Stage



The Best Defense . . .

were dying in the mud and ice of Mr. Truman's "police action" and our good American dollars were being carelessly wasted by an indecisive foreign policy.

What is the situation now after four years under President Eisenhower? We are no longer engaged in this Korean war and our fighting men are now back at home with us. Peace is really wonderful. Yes, the war is over, you say, but what about the inevitable aftermath, when all this government spending has been stopped? Will our economy be slowed by this transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy? Are we right in the brink of a depression as the case under the "little man from Missouri" just prior to this "police action" in Korea? On the contrary, this usual near fatal transition has been made under the Eisenhower administration and we are now enjoying the highest level of prosperity in the history of our great nation.

We could use up page after page setting forth the many wonderful accomplishments of the Eisenhower administration. Taxes have been reduced. The budget has been balanced for the first time in the memory of many of us. Integrity has been restored to government and gone are the so-called "five percenters" and the "mink cutters." The respect for the leadership of our nation by other nations has been regained. Economic uniformity of under-represented previous administrations are now being practiced. We could go



. . . Is A Good Offense

Now for the big question! Can we, as intelligent American citizens, ignore all of these facts and instead follow a candidate who speaks from both sides of his mouth at the same time. Mr. Stevenson has unacceptably tried to straddle every major issue facing us today. "When in Rome, do as Rome does" should be Mr. Stevenson's motto. Now I will grant you that Mr. Stevenson would make a wonderful radio and TV comedian. But would he provide us with the kind of leadership demanded of the President of the United States? My answer is an emphatic no! And I am confident that most of my straight-thinking fellow Democrats will also say no, and will join me in November in casting a ballot for President Eisenhower.

—JOHN F. EGGLESTON

The Younger Voter Should Check Records

Editors, The News: IN THE last few days some of the newspapers and the bigwigs of the present party in control of our government have come out with a new face and tactic trying to fool the younger voter into voting for them as they have never voted before.

But let me for one warn our younger voters that you take no records. Go back and check the records of both parties for the last 25 years and you will find that our Democratic Party has accomplished more for the people than all the people, not a minority of our people. If you remember a few days past our President made the remark that he welcomed the big businessmen into his Cabinet, but why did he appoint just about all money tycoons to these positions? Let us speak of the profits being made by our big boys, but how about the profit of the little businessmen and the workers in the plants?

The farmer's prices continue to rise. Yet the workers have received — that is those not in organized labor — just about 10 percent in the last four years and that what you buy has risen about 20 percent. Where's that take-home pay for those who toil for their living in the factory, on the farm and at all other types of work?

We must remember that we have always experienced a party in power that has failed in most of their promises to the people. Yet they seem to all if they had not forgotten them. But I am glad to inform them that the memory of our people lasts longer than four years. For they have lots to remember of the big promises made and very few kept.

Yet they ask me to give them four more years in office on their record. They would have the record of all if they had not had a Congress controlled by the Democrats. Yet Mr. Ike and Nixon, check their records. Check back over their first two years when we had a Republican-controlled Congress and you will see the record of the Republican Party, and see which Congress did most for the country. As we all know, Mr. Eisenhower's own party did not support his ideas — only his so-called program for the Midwest and western farmer, trying to fool those people into voting again for his party. Why was not the rest of the country included in this bill? One reason is that they know if they lose a majority of the Midwest vote they are beaten.

—A. GRAHAM

Nixon's War Song Has Screwed Sound

Editors, The News: MARION COULD you find space in your paper to carry a life-long Madison County Republican express what he thinks of Mr. Tricky Dick Nixon's Korean war song?

He knows only one song to sing, and he tries to sing it in four or five different times. But always ends up with the same old tune — with these words: The Democrats caused the Korean war, the Republicans ended the Korean war, put the Democrats back in and we will have another war. The chorus is: "Oh, the little people never had it so good before." Sounds screwy to me. What do you think?

If Tricky Dick wanted to put some truth in his song he would use these words: Every time the Republicans get into power they bring us to the brink of war, then the Democrats back into power so they can fight and win the war for the Republican and save the insects from being crushed by the slaves by other greedy powers.

—CLEOPHUS A. BRADBURN

Leadership Lapse

In this contest the main point is not that Stevenson is younger, nor who is going to live longer. The main point is that Eisenhower does not have a party behind him and around him which can be counted upon to carry on along his lines if, for any reason, his energies dimish or fail. There is here a risk to the public interest and to the national interest which cannot prudently be ignored. It cannot be discounted by saying that Stevenson too is mortal. The essential point is that Stevenson has a party around him and behind him, and that if anything happened to him, there would be no risk, not even a probability, that the party would go off course and in a very different direction.

—CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

Washington Pipeline

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Harmful To Party

"I am sorry that you have made it necessary for me to write you in this vein, but unlike some of your friends,

Now, in order that we may wisely and conscientiously make a decision, let's take a long, close look at the record. Let's take this look in the cold, hard light of fact, ignoring all the political double talk being put out to play on our emotions and to hide from us the real issues that are before us. Just what is the condition of our country in relation to four years ago? Four years ago we were engaged in a costly war in Korea. Our brothers, sons, and husbands

'Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha-a — Oops!'



No Successor Ready

Eisenhower Shirked A Duty

By WALTER LIPPMANN

THE campaign has been showing that there are two distinct, though of course related, elections in progress. There are the congressional and local contests. There is the presidential contest. This is reflected, we may suppose, in the extraordinary contradictions between what the private polls are indicating and what the actual voters in Maine and Alaska have shown. The polls show Eisenhower running very well and the early voting in Maine and Alaska shows great strength in the Democratic Party.

Early Emphasis

It would be fair to say that until the past week or so the main emphasis of the campaigning has been on the contests at the congressional level. Stevenson and Kefauver have been rallying the Democrats in the various regions of the country, and the issues they have been raising are those which in the different states are most likely to draw the Eisenhower Democrats of 1952 back into the fold. Stevenson's speeches have been pointed primarily at the weaknesses of the Republican Party as opposed to the Democratic Party. Eisenhower has been involved only insofar as he can be identified with the Republican record. A reason, I would not be surprised if he were the main reason, why Stevenson has been arousing strong national interest is that up to this point his campaign has been very largely devoted to helping the Democrats in their local contests.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON COP Chairman Len Hall got a hot letter the other day from a lady. She is rather an important lady, Katherine Kennedy Brown of Dayton, Ohio, Sen. Taft's closest friend and a top Republican in Ohio.

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER A Great Defaulter

on his own active presence, and therefore on his health and his energies. Gen. Eisenhower's great default, which is, I believe, the central issue of the presidential contest, is that he has not provided carefully and reliably for a successor. Given his age, given his illness, it was his primary duty, if he chose to seek a second term, to provide for a successor. It was his duty to offer the country a successor who was indubitably a believer in his principles, a man of unimpeachable character and of proven ability. It would be absurd to say that such men do not exist in the Republican Party. Gen. Eisenhower's failure to bring one of them forward is the crucial issue in the contest between him and Stevenson.

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Turn Tears Into Political Inspiration

INSTEAD of weeping copiously over split political milk, Tar Heel Republicans ought to use new legislation making ballot-splitting irksome as inspiration for a genuine two-party system in North Carolina.

Spot gains and occasional coat-tail riding will have little or no long-range effect. Sooner or later, Democratic dominance has a way of asserting itself. Repeat of the law — which no longer permits a vote to mark the "straight ticket" circle and still make a few single office selections in the rival party's column — is unlikely. Cries of protest have already fallen upon deaf ears.

Republicans ought to make the best of things by building from within, strengthening the party machinery, recruiting followers who are willing to

register as Republicans, going after all offices with able candidates rather than just a few.

This is the way political parties are made.

They are certainly not made by selfishly, hypersensitively and glum defeatism. But those who cry in alarm when things don't go exactly right remind us of the admirable yarr Adlai Stevenson told in the 1952 campaign. Back in the old days of the wild and woolly West, U. S. cavalrymen found one of their men with three arrows in his back. They reviled him with whiskey and, when he could whisper, asked, "Does it hurt awfully?"

"It sure does," he answered. "Especially when I laugh."

Freedom: A Germ Grows In Poland

SOBER second thoughters are now taking the edge of exhilaration flowing from the Warsaw triumph of Communist home rule.

Certainly, as they say, Poland's government is still practicing communism. The new party boss, Wladyslaw Gomulka, has been a Communist since World War I. And with the orders coming from Gomulka in Warsaw instead of from Khrushchev in Moscow it may be easier to sustain the fiction that Poles are choosing and running their own government.

It is still too early to proclaim a rebirth of freedom in Poland, but the germ obviously is alive and growing. It proved itself vigorous in the Poznan riots. And the germ will keep growing unless the cold steel of Stalinism is unshelved again to suppress it. Stalin was right about freedom: The only way to keep it down is to attack ruthlessly the idea with every physical and psychological weapon at hand.

But in breaking his own policy and not crushing Tito with armed force eight years ago, it was Stalin, and not his heirs, who made possible Warsaw's break with Moscow — Stalin and the Tru-

man administration which helped Tito with military and economic aid to stand up to Stalin.

After eight years Tito's government is still Communist, too, but if local communism has been strengthened by his defection, colonial communism and its massive capacity to keep the world on the brink of war has been seriously weakened. And certainly the struggle for local freedom cannot be initiated until the colonial power is broken.

No less than Moscow, of course, Paris and London are suffering from the vast, uneven revolution against colonialism. But if that revolution sometimes seems to favor the Soviet, as in Egypt, and sometimes the West, as in Poland, there is reason to hope that at its completion individual freedom will triumph over both foreign and domestic tyrants.

Meantime, the revolution is keeping the great powers so busy trying to hold their empires together they have little time for ventures of aggression toward each other.

On balance the news from Warsaw is good and it promises even better news in the years to come.

Science And Social Responsibility

IF THE H-bomb issue is to be rescued from political pandemonium, the scientist will have to come out from behind his test tubes and set the orators and the people straight on a few things. The man in the laboratory must not and should not think of his participation in the debate as, at best, bad form and, at worst, sinful.

We happen to believe that the scientist does have a social responsibility, although the federal government's personnel security experts may not agree. Certainly, nuclear scientists are better equipped to discuss the effects of radiation, say, than either of the presidential

candidates — no matter how deep their convictions or reliable their campaign advisers.

Too much misinformation is abroad already. Too many Americans misunderstand the seriousness of the issue. As an indication of social conscience, scientists should let their voices be heard. Furthermore, they should act with the vision Daniel Dubarle expresses so well in the September issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists: "We must keep before us the aim science can never betray: A real humanity in a world where the spirit is held in reverence."

Dr. Liston's Good Work Will Live On

THE COMMUNITY lost a respected citizen and higher education lost a distinguished leader Saturday night when death claimed Dr. Harry Liston, president of Johnson C. Smith University.

But Dr. Liston's scholarship, his wisdom, his strength of character and his love for humanity will not be forgotten. Few men have worked as tirelessly in the cause of education for the many. From the time he taught public school in 1912-13 to last painful days when he battled bravely against a lingering illness, he made education his primary concern. Still he found time to serve his church and his community in a variety of ways. He gave of himself in a way that exceeded ordinary generosity.

His professional life was a study in steady ascent. After teaching in the public schools of Spartanburg, S. C., he was an administrative assistant and teacher of mathematics at Kirell College. Later he went to Slater Normal College (now Winston-Salem Teachers College) where he served on the faculty for 16 years and as dean from 1925 to 1931. He was

dean of Knoxville College in Tennessee from 1931 to 1943.

It was in 1943 that he became executive vice president of Johnson C. Smith University. He was elected president upon the retirement of the late Dr. H. L. McCrorey in 1947.

During long years of service as an educational administrator, Dr. Liston won many national honors and considerable professional recognition. At the time of his death he was first vice president of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negroes. In 1943 he served as president of the Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro Schools.

But he will perhaps be best remembered in Charlotte as a gifted educator who was also a warmly human personality. Students and friends will remember, too, how he helped hundreds of deserving young people to get an education even though they had little or no money of their own. By helping youth to make better use of his own resources, Dr. Liston was helping us all. The effects of his good work will be with us for a long time to come.

From The Raleigh News & Observer

NATIVE BEVERAGE RETURNS

A FOOD and drink note says that a locust beer is fighting hard to return to its rightful place in North Carolina pantries this fall. Not so many years ago residents of small-town and farming areas made this delightful concoction each autumn. It was made by putting a long spell, but it is splendid news that it is coming back into its own.

Many tales have been told about the old German who taught in a North Carolina college who asked a campus janitor to make him some beer. The janitor was an expert and he asked the old German if he wanted to be asked in his beer. "Nein, nein, dumkoff, who wants bugs in beer!"

Anyone who has ever tasted locust beer will concede that it is mighty hard to beat for sheer taste. It is truly a mouth-smacking, chops-licking, tongue-rolling drink. It is easily made and costs next to nothing. You get yourself

a wooden barrel and place small, white rocks in the bottom of the barrel. On the rocks you place a layer of broom straw. Then you alternate with the broom straw layers of ripe locusts and ripe persimmons and sliced apples. Sprinkle in a few drops of sugar, put broom straw and two or three good sized white rocks on the top and fill the barrel with water, seal it and let it stand for two weeks.

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There's a difference between a ballistics missile and the kind that streaks along the highway. The ballistics kind has a reason for being. — CINCINNATI ENQUIRER