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What Last Word?

Editor: The News:
SATISFACTION of the world's atmosphere with fall-out from a succession of H-bomb tests is

Why, then, are the Republicans trying to brush the hydrogen bomb under the rug? Don't they realize that they're gambling with the future of all mankind?

The constant insistence by leaders of the administration in Washington that they have said the "last word" on this subject scares the dickens out of me. Adlai Stevenson is right. This is one subject on which there can be no last word.

I don't care what the one-party press says. The big issue in this election is the distinction between Adlai Stevenson's unwillingness to accept defeat in the search for a way to tame the H-bomb and the administration's unwillingness to consider or even discuss new ideas in this all-important field.

—CHET COLLINS



THE BOMB LIES The Rug

hear without checking into facts. For if they did without prejudice they would easily see whom the Eisenhower administration actually represents. This is only one deal brought to the attention of the public. How many more such deals the administration made with others? This is an administration which claims the government should not be in business, an administration that believes in private enterprise only when it concerns to benefit the general public such as an undertaking would be called socialist.

—HENRY KAYE

Help United Appeal Help The Helpless

Charlotte

I AM SURE there are many who will give to the United Appeal. It will be those who work and appreciate being able to work and who are not crippled and blind. The ones who give have love and sympathy for those in need.

Money is no good if you store it away. For our life here lasts but a few years and then we are gone. We can't take it with us.

Today many have plenty of money. They are making more than they will ever be able to spend. If they will open up their hearts and give to the ones in need they will be happier and rewarded.

I hope the goal will be reached to make it possible for the blind, the crippled and the spastics to have a better life.

—MRS. MAYME BARGER

Prosper In Peace With Republicans

Lincolnton

LET the record speak for itself, fellow citizens. Sixty-eight million gainfully employed at the highest wages in history, restoration of dignity and integrity to the presidency. For the first time in years American boys are not being shot at.

Vote Republican, "Prosper In Peace!"

—CHARLES W. EUREY

Living With Words

The Man In The Rear

We want words to do with them, and the wise course is to read and drill around to independence, and make the best and not the worst of them. But they are parvenu people as compared with thought and action. What we should read is not the words but the man whom words will be behind the words. — Samuel Butler in "The Meebles."

Dulles Followed

His theory was that if we quit waving the big stick at China it would turn to dust and drift around to independence from Moscow. He also argued that the satellite countries of Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia would eventually divorce themselves from Moscow because these countries basically didn't like Russian rule and had little in common with the West.

Tables Turned

Of course, I've peeked into the lives of a good many people. Allegedly I've crossed and uncrossed, I've nagged and enjoyed and criticized. I've upbraided and soothed all sorts, from bureaucrats to brass hats. But turning the tables and trying to do the same thing to yourself is a little difficult.

Spark Of Pride

In the first place, it's hard to tell the truth about yourself. Because almost every man considers himself a greater hero than he is. He can never put himself on quite the same lowly pedestal as the rest of humanity. He has to have that spark of conceit or pride that keeps him plugging along toward bigger and better things.

Shattering

So when you strip yourself down and try to write about yourself as others see you and try conscientiously to tell the truth about all your own mistakes and



Ike's Big Supply Of Luck

Smugness At A Premium

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON I SEEMS a long time ago that President Eisenhower, accepting the nomination of his party for a second term in San Francisco, warned of the dangers of complacency. In that acceptance speech he spoke eloquently of the new Republicanism and its obligations to the country and to the world.

was no question of that because, presumably, our position had not been harmed. Ignoring any other damage that may have been done—and surely President Eisenhower's self-righteous letter to Marshal Bulganin of H-bomb testing can't do it—helped our relations with the rest of the world. There is the fact that the administration has increasingly frozen in defensive attitudes before in foreign policy as they are. This defensive posture will not be relaxed automatically on Nov. 7.

In some degree, at least, the warning was heeded in his own party. What Stinson was doing in the nomination of his party for a second term in San Francisco, warned of the dangers of complacency. In that acceptance speech he spoke eloquently of the new Republicanism and its obligations to the country and to the world.

Then, as though to confirm the all-well conviction that is a major Republican theme, comes the extraordinary break of the result in the Soviet satellites. The timing of this break, as it concerns the foreign policy and the domestic politics of this country, fits into the pattern of President Eisenhower's career for the past 15 years. Call it Eisenhower luck say that someone up there likes him, the result is the same.

COMFORTABLE RELIEF

But if out of all this comes the comfortable belief that we can sit back and watch the Communist empire fall to pieces, giving us the encouragement now and then, we are in for trouble.

That is the kind of complacency which stifles creativity and imagination. It ignores a fundamental fact about which President Eisenhower used to speak with great feeling when he was supreme commander of NATO. This country has become increasingly dependent on foreign sources for a large percentage of the materials vital to our survival.

SHREWD STRATEGY

The Eisenhower speeches tend to be gentle homilies on how much more happiness he sees in people's faces than he did four years ago, and with this there is a cursory brushoff for the politicians of the opposition snapping at his heels.

At the rate at which we are using these vital materials in our prodigious prosperity, this dependence will rapidly increase. As Mr. Eisenhower used his lecture to junketing congressmen in the SHAPE headquarters outside Paris, it proves that America must lead the coalition of the free states, not out of an idealistic, dogood impulse but for our own survival.

NO HARM

When he was asked on a television program how we were going to "retrieve" our position in the Middle East, he reacted indignantly by that word. Retrieved? There

Truman Right?

For instance, when I sat down and tried to figure out whether Harry Truman was justified in calling me an " SOB," I had to admit in my heart that maybe he was. I don't think he was justified on the particular occasion that evoked his blast—Gen. Harry Vaughan and his medal from Dictator Pers. But there were plenty of other times when Harry was probably right.

Tougher Job

Anyway, when I tried to spell all these things out in black and white I found it was a much tougher job than I had ever dreamed. And now that the first issue is on the newsstands I'm beginning to get a little jittery and wonder how it was such a good idea after all. I predict my critics will get a kick out of it. And my friends—well, maybe they won't read—or will be tolerant if they do.

Still Out

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Acheson Threat

One revelation I made in these Saturday Evening Post confessions is to Justice Felix Frankfurter of the Supreme Court asked Dean Acheson, then secretary of state, to have me prosecuted for contempt of court after I had

Offended One

reported that Chief Justice Fred Vinson had had a conversation with President Truman about John L. Lewis' coal strike.

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Arabs & Israel Threaten World Peace

THE QUESTION is not whether Israel's deep invasion of Egyptian territory means war between Israel and the Arab world. That war has been going on for almost a decade behind the bullet-riddled veil of the 1949 truce. The question is whether a new world war is erupting in the Middle East. The world would be very much surprised, but with very little reason. Americans, for example, might expect a great war to begin off Formosa, say, or in Korea, but the daily routine of border clashes in the Middle East has dulled their comprehension of that area's great potential for tragedy.

Yet Secretary Dulles appeared a little hurt the other day when asked what steps are planned to "retrieve" U. S. prestige in the area. Plainly the prestige of the West's Big Three has slipped in the Middle East. Russia's is on the rise. That provides the powder. The tinder is provided by the unsettled issues of the Arab-Israeli war that touch off increasingly serious incidents. There has been no agreement on borders, repatriation of Arab refugees by Israel or on recognition of Israel by the Arabs. The great powers can no longer afford to let the violence between Arabs and Israel as "border incidents."

Good Schools Cost Less In Long Run

ASSUMPTION of the city's old school bond indebtedness by Mecklenburg County is vitally important to the community's educational welfare. The decision by County Commissioners yesterday to submit the proposal to voters Dec. 8 was an act of necessity. If it meets the test of legality it may well open the way to at least a temporary solution to the problem of classroom shortages in both the city and the county. The city has \$310,000 outstanding from a million-dollar bond issue approved in 1924. If the county is permitted to assume this obligation, the legal limit on school issues will be increased from 5 to 8 per cent of the assessed countywide property valuation.

Good schools are expensive. But it can be truthfully said that they are not nearly so expensive in the long run as poor ones. In the most populous and most progressive county in the state there is no valid reason for substandard, overcrowded classrooms for our children now occupy. It is an ironic fact that many Mecklenburgers would not permit their children to live in a house which is as poorly equipped as some school buildings now being used in the county.

U. S. Provides An Address For Hope

FOR different reasons the Russians and some domestic orators are crediting Washington with causing the satellite revolts. The credit is misplaced. It all belongs to the Hungarians and Poles who under tyranny nourished the spirit of freedom in the secret places of their souls. Theirs was the initiative, the courage, the sacrifice and the martyrdom. To say that a U. S. government, past or present, is responsible for their great achievement is to push exaggeration over the brink of indecency.

Behind the blows now being struck for freedom there must rest a belief that the free world will find a way to give the revolts a lasting value. But that hope is addressed to the U. S. no more than to the British, French, Italians or Scandinavians. Its essential quality is the belief that liberty will triumph, whatever the odds against it in any given area, because in the whole area of the human family liberty is loved by the majority of men. In that sense Americans and other free people have contributed to the revolt—by maintaining a society of freedom and thus providing an address to which the highest hopes of the enslaved may be sent.

Divided Government: Certain Tragedy?

NOW THAT the pollsters have settled the question of who will win the presidential election, a new political goblin has been raised to alarm the electorate. President Eisenhower will sweep back into office, say most experts, but so will a Democratic Congress. This latter prognosis has been described variously as a horrid historical calamity, a frightening consequence and an unheard-of irregularity. It would represent a historical oddity of sorts. But it would not necessarily be calamitous. It is perfectly true that only once before in U. S. history have the voters in a single election given the presidency to one party and both houses of Congress to another party. That was in 1848 when Zachary Taylor, a Whig, was placed in the White House and the Democrats in the House and Senate. But presidents have had to cope with a House or a Senate of another party or a whole Congress of another party a dozen times in off-year elections since the Civil War. The 64th Congress is a notable example. Furthermore, a Democratic House elected along with Republican President Hayes in 1876 and a Republican Senate

was elected along with Democratic President Cleveland in 1884. Then there was the rather confused situation during the Johnson administration when Lincoln's successor, nominally a Democrat, was elected on the Union Party ticket which controlled Congress. But we won't go into that. It is altogether possible that the unusual presidential year split of 1848 between the executive and legislative branches of government will be repeated this year. Mr. Eisenhower's personal popularity is obviously greater than that of his party. There is real doubt that the President's coalitions will be as ample as they were in 1952. But even if a Democratic Congress is his rather dubious reward, a re-elected Republican president could still face the future with some degree of confidence. Mr. Eisenhower, despite protestations to the contrary, has been able to work reasonably well with Democratic lawmakers. In some areas of legislation, in fact, the Democrats have been friendlier to administration policy than the GOP benches. Party differences in this country are not so sharply defined as to imperil the nation's welfare when the people elect a "divided" government. Nor is tragedy automatic when tradition is upset.

From The Memphis Press-Scimitar

A WELL-READ MAN

DOWN in Corpus Christi, Texas, Manuel Garz has won a beef against the cops. He got arrested for drunk driving and was hustled off for a blood test. A cop handed him a release to sign. But Manuel was sober enough to insist on reading the fine type and darned if he wasn't giving his consent for amputation for a leg! Naturally he refused to sign anything.

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Spark Of Pride

In a hard struggle to express himself, one sixth-grader hit on a rare moment of truth. "Taxes," he wrote, "is the biggest state." —DALLAS MORNING NEWS.