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People's Platform

Charlotte
Editors: The News
President of the News: Joe Travis
President of Mecklenburg's Young Democrats: made a statement with which I heartily concur. He said that he wished all Republicans, now registered as Dem-

ocrats, would acknowledge their true beliefs by registering Republican. Unless you do, goes their story, "you cannot take part in city and local primaries." Although they may be perfectly sincere in this, they are robbing the Republican Party of people who would be valuable in forming

'Republicrats' Should Come To The Aid Of GOP

strong precinct organizations and people who might run for office and force Republican primaries. As it is, we had a Republican primary for the state House of Representatives in 1946 and had five men seeking the congressional nomination in 1948.

Actually the argument about participating in city and local elections is a weak one. The Republican primaries might well become the most important ones. If the 20,000 to 30,000 "Republicrats" would register the way they vote in final elections, the Republican primaries might well become the most important ones.

Now is the time for all good Republicans to come to the aid of their party. All you need do is appear at the permanent election office, 727 E. Trade St. and go through a very brief formal Do it now. - E. J. PRESSER

Southerners Need Two-Party Politics

Editors: The News
AN analysis of what happened in the voting is most interesting and revealing. A group of politicians contend that the Eisenhower personality explains the tremendous vote he rolled up, but contend that the people do not trust the Republican Party; hence they refused to give Eisenhower a Republican Congress.

Let's see what is the situation. There were 66 uncommitted voters and six for the Senate - all of course, from the South. The President will have to maneuver carefully for victories. Party lines are closely drawn on such issues as farm policy, power, labor legislation, taxes and welfare programs. Only one Republican senator - William F. Langer of North Dakota - can be called a consistent fence-jumper.

There is another phase to the unwholesome situation, and that is the unusual and illogical alignment of the conservative South with the ultra liberal, if not the radical, elements of the North and West in the so-called Democratic Party. There is a very large conservative element in the Republican Party, an element, in addition with the conservative South, has constituted the nation's stabilizing force for the past quarter of a century.

I predict its existence throughout the 85th Congress. But such is the nature of the South and its break-up may prove disastrous. There should be a realignment of the major parties, resulting in a major conservative and a major liberal party. In this way, the electorate would be given an opportunity to vote its convictions.

The South's peculiar issue, the race issue, will be kept alive by both the major parties. So it's twofold and twofold, as it was during the recent contest. Both parties in the South should remain neutral on that issue; otherwise, we will continue to have a "one-party" system here in the South. - JOHN W. HESTER

U. N. Should Oust Communist Bloc

Great Falls, S. C.
Editors: The News
EVERY time the United States is asked to join a ridiculous U. N. effort, it is the time when the U. N. delegate, Mr. Lodge, introduced a resolution before the general assembly in the U. N. which demanded the withdrawal of the English, French and Israeli troops from Egypt.

The spectacle could not have been more disgusting than to see who our associates were in fighting for the passage of the resolution. Anyone with decent blood refused to go to West Virginia, friends say that he's now seeing the light of day and, like the late Sen. Vandenberg, may be thinking of a liberal. - Biggest debt owed to the U. N. is a billion dollar deficit is to the telephone company and the airlines.

Adlai Stevenson considers himself resigning when he declines to accept the Democratic nomination all over the country. Staff members of the Democratic National Committee are resigning with him. No money to pay salaries. - Mrs. Joe Clark, wife of the new senator-elect from Pennsylvania, is resigning with her husband. Washington Post says that the resignation of Adlai Stevenson is the most significant of all Senate votes. Interviewed in Philadelphia about her husband's terrific victory, Mrs. Clark was asked, "Are you thrilled with the election?" She replied, "You can assume so."

H-Bomb Boomerang

It is no secret that many Democrats disagreed with Adlai Stevenson about the H-bomb strategy in opposing the election of H-Bomb tests. They felt that, while he was right scientifically, he was wrong politically. There wasn't enough time to discuss the complicated question of the H-bomb across to the American public.

Charlotteans Need To Be Nudged

Strength of purpose and in approach. Charlotte Medical Society's plan to awaken the community to the inadequacy of Negro hospital facilities is commendable. The need has been well documented by authoritative surveys. Charlotte's moral and social obligation to meet that need is clear-cut. But progress toward fulfillment has been agonizingly slow. Meanwhile, Charlotte's population grows, meager resources are stretched thinner and thinner, and conditions worsen.

The reason is fairly obvious. The need has not been dramatized for the great majority of Charlotteans. The general population remains unimpressed about both the seriousness of the situation and the necessity to act quickly. As a result, community leaders have been unable to get compulsion to speed up work on

a comprehensive solution. In the sponsorship of an informative campaign to arouse the public out of its lethargy, the society can perform a significant community service. We are told that there will be no finger-pointing or arm-waving. Nor will legality be a basis for the society's appeal. "We are fighting," said Dr. A. R. Hawkins, chairman of the group's speakers bureau, "for the minds and hearts of interested citizens and against human suffering." At a time when racial tensions can become very complicated, this simple humanitarian approach is most welcome. It will undoubtedly be appreciated by the people of the community. The problem is serious. It demands immediate attention. The remedies are known. The tools are at hand. All that is required is the will to complete the job swiftly and effectively.

Spit And Polish For An Old Regulation

THIS nation's traditional attitude toward its soldiery differs slightly from the rigorous Prussian code. U. S. regulations provide that every man must be treated "so as to preserve his self respect." The philosophy is sound. In fact, it is the essence of conduct in civilized society. News coming out of Parris Island, S. C., about degrading acts of cruelty to recruits indicates that the U. S. Marine Corps still has not impressed upon its personnel the importance of this basic American tradition. The latest refinement in the corps' mode of gracious living is a "blanket party," in which a group of Marines throw a blanket over a recruit's head and proceeds to beat him up. Another elaborately sadistic form of punishment involves a recruit who stands on elbows and toes for considerable lengths of time over a naked bay-

onet. If he slips he will be slapped through the abdomen. The corps maintains that it frowns upon this sort of the group's speakers bureau. "For the minds and hearts of interested citizens and against human suffering." At a time when racial tensions can become very complicated, this simple humanitarian approach is most welcome. It will undoubtedly be appreciated by the people of the community. The problem is serious. It demands immediate attention. The remedies are known. The tools are at hand. All that is required is the will to complete the job swiftly and effectively.

Dollar-Rich & Skill-Poor Diplomats

NOTHING succeeds like inexperience in the U. S. foreign service. That hoary truth once again has fallen like a pile driver on a crisis-ridden foreign policy. The White House is urgently searching for "top-flight businessmen" who can also be counted upon as effective diplomats during the critical weeks ahead. Reverse the situation and the full flavor of the incongruity comes out. Picture a giant corporation calling in a State Department expert on Indonesian affairs to direct its affairs during a hammer-and-tongs battle to beat the competition and make a profit. The White House searchers will need the patience of Diogenes. For the men who can be counted upon as effective diplomats in a world crisis are the tried and proved career officers in the State Department itself. These men are experienced, available and on the scene. Unfortunately, they are not rich. And, equally unfortunately, a liberal supply of currency takes precedence over a fund of experience in filling the key embassy posts in London, Paris, Rome and Bonn.

S. presidency rated as one of the nation's most brilliant soldier-diplomats. Yet it was not until his third year in office that he showed the mastery of political strategy for which he now also is acclaimed. More than domestic politics, world diplomacy is his playground of intrigue and subterfuge. A feverish search in the business community for men who can immediately master four of the most sensitive diplomatic posts in the world is a spectacle that could be presented only by a nation long indifferent to the needs of its foreign service. The Congress has never really accepted the foreign service as the nation's top priority. It has been unwilling to provide the funds necessary for a first-class diplomatic establishment. Instead it has nurtured the expedient of settling the honors and responsibilities of diplomacy on the shoulders of men who may not meet the requirements of skill and experience. Nothing succeeds like inexperience in the foreign service. Nothing fails like it, either. The U. S. can afford to support an effective foreign service. What it cannot afford at this juncture in world affairs is a failure even approaching the failure of our London and Paris embassies to thwart Washington of Anglo-French plans for the invasion of Egypt.

Inventors Should Tinker With Turkeys

AMERICAN airmen recently made a record balloon ascent. The construction of the space satellite proceeds apace. A pocket adding machine keeps running cost totals for supermarket shoppers. There are insurance policies for dogs. Clothes pins with milk caps are available for the girl who has everything.

And gold toothpicks for anyone who has an idle \$7.50. The dawn of civilization is approaching. Surely it is now possible to hope for development of a Thanksgiving turkey so small and succulent that nothing—not even a bone—will be left as an ingredient for the post-holiday soup that is an ever-present plague upon society.

From The Kansas City Times

'WHY NOT CRABGRASS?'
WITH awe we gaze across the lush bluegrass lawns of some of our neighbors. Labor has its reward. Yet for most of us, in spite of toil and time, the results are different. The crabgrass wins. We've sprayed. We've uprooted the ubiquitous plants. We've fertilized, seeded, watered and limed until our pocketbook is red in the face. We've cut it short and cut it long. Still the crabgrass wins. Then one day over a lot lawnmower there comes a flash of insight. Or perhaps resignation. Why not crabgrass? It's green. It grows, though a bit raggedly. It's grass, at least in name. Perhaps the crabgrass stigma comes from the lack of a good public relations man. No one sets up a National Crabgrass week or selects a Miss Crabgrass of 1956. We're not fostering such projects, of course. But it does seem that

the poor crabgrass, which makes such a fine effort each year in face of heat, drought and man's enmity, is much maligned by the grass-growing public. So the average week-willed householder now justifies himself. It's easier that way. Making the teenage daughter solely accountable for washing the dishes is a good way to teach her the fundamental responsibilities of life, says a psychologist. But it's a poor way to get the house done. - JACKSONVILLE (Fla.) TIMES-UNION

'It Was Murder - But He's Not Dead, Of Course'



A Mixed Bag Of Goods Measuring The New Senate

BY CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON
HOW STANDS the new Senate with President Eisenhower? On foreign policy, he is a bit shaky, but he still possesses a substantial leadership capability. On domestic policy, he will need all his national prestige and his power of persuasion to maneuver his program through. Eight senators not present in 1956 will help him and weigh in with President's 1957 State of the Union message. Two are true adherents of Mr. Eisenhower's "modern Republicanism." Jacob K. Javits of New York and John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky.

Three are Democrats, whose Republican opponents were favored of the President. John A. Carroll of Colorado, victor over Dan Thornton; Frank J. Lausche of Ohio, who defeated Sen. George F. Bender; Joseph P. Kamp of Pennsylvania, replacement for Sen. James H. Duff. One, a Democrat who will support the President more on foreign policy but less on domestic affairs than his vanquished predecessor, Sen. Herman Welker (R). The last is Herman E. Tamm, manager (D-G), a self-styled foe of replacing Mr. Eisenhower's best bipartisan foreign policy ally, Chairman Walter F. Reuther, Senate Foreign Relations Committee. How does the arrival of these men combine with the incoming Senate, affect the President's prospects in the Senate? On their voting records and their campaign stands, 43 of the 96 Senators generally sympathetic with Mr. Eisenhower's foreign policy so far as they were called upon to approve it. But the

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
EISENHOWER's handling of the Near East crisis made a significant private remark he made on Dec. 31, 1956, the last day he served as president of Columbia University. Sen. James Duff of Pennsylvania, the House Democrat on the matter, Russell Forgan, the stockbroker; and John Bennett, New York Republican, were gathered in his office. Eisenhower's demand on Truman to command the newly formed NATO military setup in Paris. He told his friends: "The Western world, for survival, will have to maintain shipping lanes to countries with critical materials, especially oil and manganese. We have no hands to do this intelligently, and if the Kremlin should move into the oil fields of Saudi Arabia and if the oil embargo were to be used to starve atomic bomb to destroy those oil fields."

Ike Once Talked Of Using A-Bombs

WASHINGTON
Ike today does not believe in using the same degree of force to protect the Suez Canal. Certainly he would not use the A-bomb. He said this in a message to Prime Minister Eden and Premier Mollet of France, urging that they accept a cease-fire in order to prevent the possible threat of Russian aggression. He 'Invented' Lausche
Adlai Stevenson was visiting in Ohio with Gov. Frank Lausche, now senator-elect from Ohio. With him was his press secretary Clayton Fritchey, former ace reporter for the Cleveland Press. "Do you know Clayton Fritchey?" Stevenson asked Lausche. "Know him?" Lausche referred to was the fact that, when mayor of Cleveland, he couldn't make up his mind whether to run for governor of Ohio in 1936. Never before had a Catholic been elected to that high office. Fritchey told Lausche to run, predicted he would make it. He gave Lausche encouragement not only to run, but later to become the first man in history to be five times governor of Ohio. Postal Accuracy
Some years ago, after Harry Truman tagged me with certain well-known in-

stances, someone addressed a letter to me as follows: "S-O-B." With uttering accuracy the postman brought it to me in Washington. After I told about this in the Saturday Evening Post this week, I received a letter from Cecil F. Whitehead, Anderson, Ind. He addressed the envelope with mine, only a negative of me clipped from the Saturday Evening Post. Again the postman with uttering accuracy delivered the letter to my front door.

Miner's Switch
One man who had much to do with switching the 20-year Democratic trend in West Virginia was Readley Nash, former assistant to the secretary of the Air Force and GOP candidate for Congress in West Virginia. Knowing that the United Mine Workers' vote was all-important, Nash went to John L. Lewis' political adviser, Bob Howe, got his permission to talk to district mine leaders in West Virginia. He buttonholed most of them, found them receptive to Republicans, not to receptive politically to John L. Lewis.

Chappie Revercomb, new GOP senator-elect from West Virginia, says he is a West Virginian. Revercomb was so isolationist and so anti-race racial groups in 1948 that candidate Tom Dewey re-

Quote, Unquote

"People are either born hot or born sane." -Max Beerbohm
"it was one of those parties where you cough twice before you speak and they decide not to say it after all." -P. G. Wodehouse