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People's Platform The Voters Must Brighten A Darkening Future

Editors: The News: Hamlet fare. SINCE the government of the U. S. is a government of the people, by the people, for the people, the people have an inalienable right to express their opinion on any matter, especially a matter that affects their future well-

he used. These weapons have already become obsolete as far as using them in a war is concerned. In making the testing and manufacture of these weapons an issue in the forthcoming national election, Mr. Adlai Stevenson and Mr. Estes Kefauver are doing the people a great service

Since the Republican Party now in office has not done anything to bring about an agreement among the nations of the world to discontinue the making and testing of these munitions, it is time for the people to decide whether it is time not to elect a party to hold office that will do something about it.

If we, the people, decide that it is time to stop making and testing nuclear weapons it will go a long way toward causing all the nations in the world stop using war as a means of settling an issue. Since the people of the world support the government of the world it is their inalienable right to make this demand.

Who see only peace and prosperity ahead and that prosperity depends upon the presumed wisdom and ability of one frail mortal man or, as second choice (and probably the one we will end up with), an opportunistic and conservative Mr. Nixon, are allowing themselves to be misled once again by the golden appearance of the surface things. Their apathy, complacency and gullibility are cause for great concern.

City Must Make Public Service Inviting

AS THE Hoover Commission was winding up work on its gigantic survey of government operations, a newsman fired a difficult question at Herbert Hoover himself.

The commission has made 314 recommendations," said the reporter. "If you were granted the right to have one accepted, and only one, which would you pick?"

Mr. Hoover did not hesitate. "I would pick the recommendation for the setting up of a senior civil service," he said.

Then he declared with heavy emphasis: "Government cannot be any better than the men and women who make it function. Our greatest problem is to get the kind of men and women the government needs and to keep them in government. Right now we have a turnover of about 25 per cent yearly. We need civil servants of great ability, but as soon as they show ability they are grabbed by private business. We lose the best and keep the second best. We must make civil service so attractive, so secure, so free from frustrations, so dignified, that the right kind of men and women will make it a career. Then we can have the kind of government that the United States needs and should have."

Mr. Hoover was speaking of the government service on the federal level. But his words apply equally well to the local level.

The City of Charlotte is today facing the same sort of challenge. It needs to attract and keep municipal employees of great skill and ability. It has not always

been able to do so recently.

For a variety of reasons, notable vacancies have occurred in the city's engineering, fire and police departments. Replacements have been harder and harder to come by.

In some instances, efforts to lower employment standards have been attempted. An undercover move was actually made to knock out the high school seniors in the hiring of policemen and firemen. But this was a negative move which would have the effect of weakening rather than strengthening civil service.

The answer obviously lies in a more honest and constructive approach to the problem. It lies in bolstering the prestige and rewards of municipal service.

A start can be made in a careful, conscientious stem-to-stern survey of the municipal pay scale. The City Council has properly requested such a study. In the light of recent resignations, no other course was left to it.

Charlotte has been extremely fortunate in the past. Its municipal employees have been excellent. Everything possible should be done to maintain this fine civil service record.

Adequate pay and employment standards do not represent an extravagance. By renewing incentives for improved performance, the city can strengthen governmental efficiency. Actually, every citizen benefits from efficient management of public affairs.

It is little wonder that perhaps the nation's greatest expert on government service has named it as his favorite position.

The World's Long Ball Game Is Over

CHILDREN without money to go to the store make for their amusement a ball of twine wrapped around a stone or other solid object.

Rewarding games may be played with such a ball so long as the inner solid does not crack or the outer strings snap. Parts that happens the ball is useless. When it is perhaps can be salvaged, but until a new ball is fashioned or another game decided upon, the players leave their positions and wander about looking for a thing to do. Opposing players mingle, the orderly pattern of play disappears, fights may develop. When the ball goes bad, anything can happen.

So it is with nations. The world, so to speak, has been playing with two balls since World War II. Strings of peace, alliances and agreements were wrapped around the inner solids of Russia and its satellites, and of Britain, France and the U. S. These solids have now cracked, the balls have gone bad, and the game as the world has watched it for a decade is over. The teams are intermingled, a fight is going on, and anything can happen. Before any semblance of a pattern can be restored the fight must be stopped.

The umpire is the United Nations. Its Security Council, having failed to halt the British-French-Israeli invasion of Egypt, has summoned the General Assembly into action. The Assembly, unrestricted by the veto which crippled the Council, can by two-thirds vote do what it wishes to restore peace. Its greatest weapon of course is its opinion, and that apparently is mobilizing rapidly on the side of peace—but not unanimously for Egypt or totally against the invaders.

Canada, for example, has halted arms shipments to Israel, yet it is unlikely that Canada will act or talk strongly against Great Britain, keystone of the Commonwealth. The U. S. certainly is for peace, and will speak for it but it is not likely to attack its estranged allies, whatever Winston says about standing by its pledge to aid victims of aggression. France, too, so would be engaged in the influence of the Middle East of the Soviet, the influence which made possible Egypt's fateful provocation of her invaders.

Doubtless moral force, had the British and French lent theirs to the Security Council, could have forced Israel out of Egypt. But they instead flew in the face of world opinion, and staked all the remnants of their prestige on this one desperate act. Any victory they win will be hollow, but they obviously prefer that to withdrawal of the ultimate blow against their Middle Eastern power and prestige.

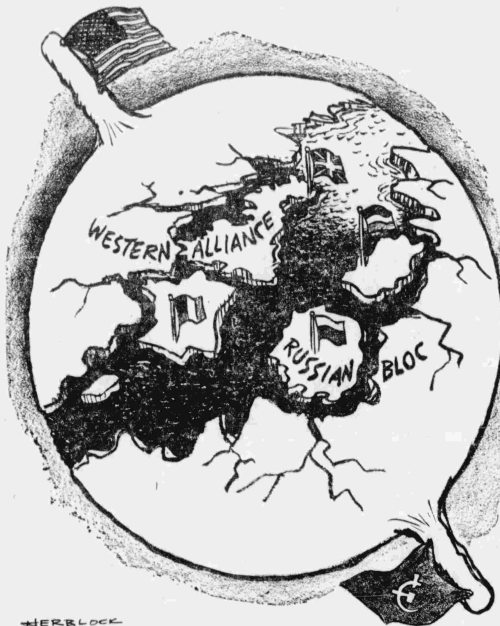
The invaders will not come out of Egypt unscathed.

They already have flouted world opinion, the U. N.'s most ready weapon. And any U. N. military force would have to be mustered from the opposing camps of the Soviet and the U. S.

The U. N. is the world's only hope for ending the war, but without the Western alliance as a good right arm the hope it provides is a very thin reed. Western solidarity not only provided the means to withdraw from Egypt, it was the basic strength of the United Nations itself.

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Bipolar Thaw!



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End Of The Post-War World

By WALTER LIPPMAN

THE latest news available—as I think it is written in its own hand, Nagy did not lead the rebellion, and instead of being like Gomulka, the man who ordered the Russians to retire to their barracks, he became the man who invited them to intervene. An internal peace under Nagy's government will therefore be precarious. For it was at Nagy's request that the Russian troops have been shooting down Hungarians.

SECURITY IMPROVED Our true interest, it seems to me, is that in the satellite orbit Titoism should prevail without external political or military interference, and that the national governments be assisted economically to develop in their own way. It is our true interest because with Titoism in Poland and, let us hope, in Czechoslovakia also, Eastern Europe cannot be used as a base for military aggression against Western Europe. The security of the West will be radically improved.

It is our true interest, also, to have Titoism among the satellites because either of the two possible alternatives is incalculably dangerous. One alternative would be a Soviet decision to reimpose Stalinism. This would mean fearful bloodshed and enormous danger of a European war into which

we might well be sucked. The other alternative would be a spreading rebellion which went beyond Titoism and engulfed it. If such a rebellion were to spread to Eastern Germany, as it might well do, it would almost certainly mean that in some way or other Western Germany would be sucked into the conflict.

If our true interest is that Eastern Europe, and particularly the key country of Poland, should become independent, regain national liberty, but should not actually break irreparably with the Soviet Union, then there are two main lines of policy which we should take. The one line is by diplomatic measures to convince the Russians that their security will not be threatened by an independent Poland. It may be that in this connection the discussion of a general European security pact ought to be renewed.

The other line of policy is to make available to Poland, not only from this country but from Western Europe as well, enough economic assistance to see Poland through the crisis of readjustment which lies ahead. Poland will be emerging from its status as a Soviet colony, and this will involve a difficult readjustment. We ought to give much thought not only to what economic aid will be needed but also to the question of how it will be given, whether by us directly or by some kind of international agency.

GREAT DAYS

We are living in great days. For we are witnessing the dissolution of the international structure of the post-war world. The armistices of World War II, which have never become a peace settlement, left the world with two great centers of power—the one in Moscow and the other in Washington. The armistice lines of 1945, excepting only in China, became the political and ideological frontiers of the two coalitions were organized.

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Ominous Disappearance Of A Dateline

DISAPPEARANCE of the Moscow dateline from the news is almost as ominous as appearance of those from Cairo and Tel Aviv.

For days Kremlin leaders had squirmed under the fascinated eyes of the world as Soviet crimes against Central Europe were exposed. The whole structure of Kremlin propaganda was as full of holes as a peace dove loosed by Stalin. Under pressure of the righteous rebellions in the satellites Moscow was even admitting error, and apparently easing domination over the slave states to some extent. Anti-colonialism, after all, had been the fashion popularized in the Middle and Far East by Khrushchev and Bulganin.

Suddenly the vise of publicity has been broken. The world has looked away from Moscow, withdrawing from the rebels their only outside support—world attention and sympathy.

What is worse, the Kremlin can twist the British-French invasion into precedent for returning Red troops to Hungary. The only satellite attempting a break with both Russian and domestic communism.

Conceivably, Russia will continue relaxation of the iron fist in order to further dramatize the invasions of Israel, Britain and France. Do we have not likely, tyrants like more material profits, and Moscow has a talent for profiting on trouble.

From The New York Times

PHILEAS AND NELLIE

MANY, many years ago, when a mile was a mile and anybody who had been made as far as Liverpool could make a living delivering travel lectures, Jules Verne wrote a book entitled: Around The World In Eighty Days. Elements of the plot are to be found in a current motion picture which, by coincidence or otherwise, bears the same name. M. Verne could have had motion pictures in his mind. At any rate, he introduced travel by elephant, a beautiful lady, a plegmatic, but not unattractive Englishman, a faithful but flighty French valet, a dardevil train run across a tottering bridge—and a dramatic twist at the end.

Now any one of us can fly around the world in whatever turns it takes, and not only are we not welcomed by a brass band on our return but our neighbors do not even know—or care—that we have been away. Do we have more fun than Phileas Fogg? Do games get named after us? Unhappily, no. Progress is wonderful and, as was said on dismal occasions during the late war, we have had it. But it costs something, something has been lost.



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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON SEN. Lyndon Johnson, who once won the nickname "Lyn" from Lyndon," spoke for 40 minutes at a meeting of Texas Democrats at Lockhart without mentioning Stevenson's name.

Omission

Only at the end, when the contributions were being added up, did he remark that this would help put Stevenson on TV. His omission of Stevenson's name was so flagrant that GOP papers in Texas commented on it. Texas grapevine has it that Lyndon now has his eye on 1960. If one cardiac can make it, another can.

Recently circulated all over Texas by

Nation Is Heading Toward Catastrophe

Editors: The News: Charlotte

I LISTENING to Mr. Herbert Hoover on Television and having only one side of the official news to read in our two Republican newspapers, I feel forced to cry, as did William Green in the world that is their inalienable right to make this demand.

I cannot bear to see this nation headed as it so obviously is, toward another catastrophe as it suffered in the dark ages of that period. I do not want my child, nor anybody's child, to have to bear the Republican-produced despair and depression that our generation suffered. I cannot bear to see the voters go to the polls in complete ignorance and blindness as they seem to be doing now. So many, many of the voters today do not know and have not studied the issues of this present election.

It is foolhardy to vote for a man, any man, without knowing why you are voting except perhaps that you like his personality, at least, the side of his personality that you have seen. I could write a book on why I do not trust Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Nixon, and I am sure that you would be able to read between the lines of my coverage as we get here in Charlotte and come to the same conclusions.

For those of you seeking the truth, who read something in the newspapers besides the comic strip and the sports page, the social section, the bridge hand and the crossword puzzle, it is not hard to believe that Mr. Drew Pearson was speaking the truth when he said that Mr. Eisenhower suffered an attack of illness on his recent campaign tour. What other conceivable reason could he have for cancelling an important press conference, and a much more important one to the United Nations? Why was he unavailable for at least 24 hours?

The story that he was writing a speech does not ring true, for we know that Mr. Eisenhower has never written a speech of his own, and furthermore, it is very doubtful that he could, finally, we should all like to hear the speech that he wrote all by himself, that was a general European security pact ought to be renewed.

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On Richard Nixon

Editors: The News: Newark, N. C.

WHERE are those who will ask 'What's wrong with Nixon?' I, for one, don't know what's wrong with Nixon. I am joining up with the NAACP, yet if he had a power/ seems he would force us to believe and do as he has done. We are in the kind of a trap we vote for him—not I.

For we all realize the President's health is not up to par, and he is over 65, and it has been stated by the former presidents that the job is a man-killer. So why take a chance with Mr. Nixon? The Eisenhower Republicans don't like him, and I know of no Democrats who want him as vice president or president.

He says Mr. Stevenson's temper would get our country in trouble. How about his temper and his remarks in the past concerning other countries? Yes, we admit there is no war in Korea now—as that is all they can hear on.

I, for one, feel that we have a war in the making in the South by poor leadership of the Republican administration. Remember, no federal government has any right to interfere in states rights under our form of government, and if we reelect the present party it will be a mandate for them to continue their policy of meddling in our state affairs.

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One Man's Meat

HEAVEN'S SIZE AND SHAPE HEAVEN comes in many shapes and sizes. The heaven of the Eskimos, they say, is hot; the Arabs is cool, with dancing girls; the Persians is an evergreen garden. But give me a blue mountain lake at the end of a long climb. Frame it with the wisps of the western peaks; let the long, clear noise of the varied through announce the day.

—Paul Brooks in the Atlantic.

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Funny Thing

Mrs. Mundt and friends are spreading the untrue story that McGovern must be pro-Communist. Funny thing is that the America aid to Tito was one of the big reasons for the current revolt behind the Iron Curtain. The same could happen to Red China.