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Nixon Stock Preferred In Vice Presidential Speculation

By THE ALSOPS

WASHINGTON
THE ACES of newspaper that are being hunted on the political future of Vice President Richard Nixon are chiefly interested in the fact that the figure of President Eisenhower now dominates the political scene.

"He won't be, will he, will he?" speculation, a note as much as another song by the mock turtle, that has been going on for some time. The main factor in the situation are very plain indeed, if ordinarily reliable information can be trusted.



THOMAS E. DEWEY
An Eastern Power

problem I honestly can, and I can't and won't do anything for it."
In these circumstances, in the second place, Nixon has certainly played several laps ahead of all the other contenders for the vice presidential nomination at the present time. He has certainly been nominated by a Presidential endorsement at this time, as reported to reason, and reason very logically too, that he is being penalized for hearing the best of the political battle at the President's request and on the President's behalf.

His personal position is also extremely delicate, perhaps even more delicate than in the doubtful period after the President first takes up. As those words are written, therefore, he is actually reported to be under consideration, an announcement that he has not made, but which is a political choice should be left open until convention time.

Pleading The Privilege: A Moral Issue

TO CURIOUS spectators who crowded Charlotte's federal courtroom this week hearings of the House Un-American Activities subcommittee dissolved into an inky muddle of monotony. "I decline to answer..."

merely because they exercise a constitutional right when they are not guilty of a crime and are not necessarily Communists. One witness before the Walters subcommittee has already lost his job as a teacher.

After two days of measured boredom, the words became a chant. The parade of witnesses who refused to answer questions on the ground that truthful replies would tend to incriminate them somehow managed to reopen old wounds in the liberal conscience to the corridors during recesses when the same old arguments about the rights and wrongs of the constitutional amendments invoked—the Fifth Amendment in particular, although reluctant witnesses also called upon the First Amendment for protection.

The point, while possibly overdrawn, is illustrative of the current dilemma. The word "guilt" is ambiguous. An unfavorable inference based on a witness's refusal to answer questions on the ground that a truthful answer would tend to incriminate him may establish guilt. Not legal guilt but guilt in the sense that a witness may be morally blameworthy and irresponsible.

It is surprising that a Fifth Amendment pleader can still provoke impatient anger in the breasts of congressmen and others but it is true. The legal side of the dispute is interesting, but settled by pleading the privilege witnesses are availing themselves of an indisputable legal right. Tests of that right involve matters the court must decide.

There are those who automatically assume that any refusal is a ground for an unfavorable judgment. Others assume that every refusal is a manifest exercise of civil liberties and makes heroes of Communist conspirators who would be the first to destroy civil freedom. Both reactions are misguided, before evaluating the moral and social significance of a refusal to answer questions, we must take note of the nature of the question and whether it is relevant to the duties and responsibilities the individual is expected to perform in society—and the grounds on which he refuses to answer.

But there is another side to the problem which gets less attention. We agree with Sidney Hook that as far as the public is concerned the chief issue is a moral, rather than a legal one. It is a question of who can be morally inferred from the legally justified use of the constitutional privilege. Only enlightened common sense and our ethical values can be our guides.

This is a matter for the community—not a court of law—to decide.

The Middle East: A Worn-Out Policy

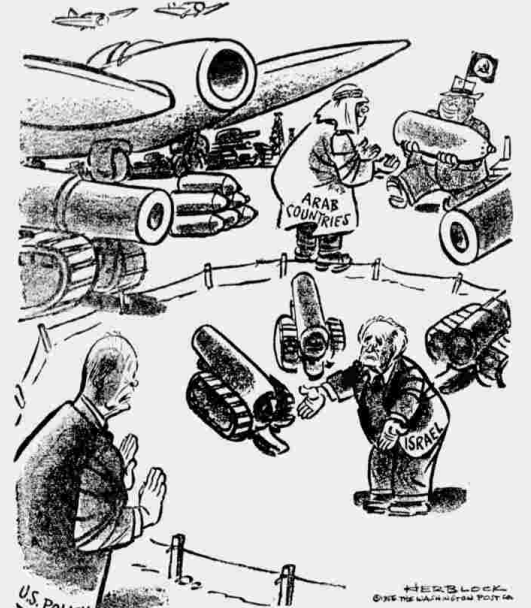
"NO ARMS RACE" policy for the U. S. was a natural after Russia jumped into Egypt with tanks and technicians last summer because it pledged the nation to do what it was prepared to do—nothing. The Russians had presented a fait accompli—it had turned Arab fraud and trade toward Moscow by offering arms with which to threaten or to fight Israel. The U. S. could not send arms to either side without offending the other or to both without increasing the risk of war.

The Arabs simply do not believe the State of Israel can be allowed continued existence. The Israelis are prepared to fight to the last man to assure that existence.

There were certain propaganda advantages in do-nothingism, too. By withholding arms and counseling peace, the U. S. was able to spotlight Russia as an instigator of violence, and to appear as a friend to both Arab and Jew.

So far none of these questions have been answered publicly. And if Middle East "incidents" events proceed with the terrible sameness as they have since summer it may soon be too late to answer questions on this matter.

'We Wouldn't Want To See You Get Into An Arms Race'



The Future's Task For Negro Youth

By JAMES T. TAYLOR

Editors Note: Following is an analysis of what a future of unbridled social and educational ills means for young Negroes.

Individuals and groups who fail to use the ballot on election day have no right to complain or boast about subsequent happenings and events in their municipal, state or national legislative bodies. The best advice that I can give you on this score is to vote up or shut up.

What some of the political leaders of the South expect plans to void the Supreme Court's decision regarding desegregation of the public schools, you should use your talents, intelligence and energy to encourage an increasing acceptance of the democratic way of life in every area of American life.

WHAT course should young Negro Americans follow in the present situation? 1. You must by your restraint, obedience to law, goodwill, and genuine courtesy toward others demonstrate to your fellow Americans that you deserve and should be accorded all the privileges and rights which other Americans enjoy.

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The Word, Gentlemen, Is 'Jump'

STATE DEPARTMENT explanations of why more immigrants are not being admitted to the United States under the Refugee Relief Act remind us of a contemporary collegiate rouser.

With less than 10 months to go, only 86,321 refugees have been granted visas under the program, according to a State Department announcement last week. This is less than 35 per cent of the authorized total of this number only about 68,000 had actually been admitted by Feb. 7.

It is clear that considerably less than the total number of visas authorized will be issued by Dec. 31.

Certainly the term "refugee" needs redefinition. Some unnecessarily strict requirements should be loosened. Provisions should be made for the transfer of an unused quota in any refugee category (such as orphans, escapees and relatives of U. S. citizens as well as "refugees") to another category.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Demo Leadership Is Failing To Provide Election Issues

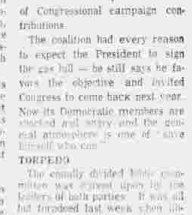
By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON
PRESIDENT Eisenhower's veto of the gas bill and the steady course of the Senate lobbying inquiry is set in motion have called attention to a fact long recognized by the DEMOCRATIC COALITION.

The coalition has ever since then, even if publicans have not pushed the civil rights legislation for which they could always have had job, Democratic support. The Democratic coalitionists have cooperated on the pocketbook issues to which Republicans attach great importance.

Heavy Strain

WHAT the gas bill has done, however, is to place a heavy strain on the President's relations with the coalition. He put it on the defensive with respect to the gas bill when it proved to pass over the protests of liberals in both parties. Then he compounded the injury by falling shocked attention to the matter.



EZRA BENSON
The Winner

Some Lessons

I have tried to indicate some lessons from history that could guide our actions and thinking about the problems we now face. If you believe my report, I urge you to think on these things, and I urge that in your dealing with all men each day, and every day, you acquire yourselves like civilized and socially mature human beings.

Democratic national headquarters would welcome a break with the President by the Bayhurs. It is a leadership from his point of view, the break is welcome.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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