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J. B. Ivey: Tulips And Testimonials

J. B. IVEY'S 75th anniversary in retailing comes in fair season. The tulips at his East Morehead Street home are blooming and so are testimonials to the value of the man and his contribution to this community. Framing our own expression of appreciation to Mr. Ivey, the merchant, we decided to do without superlatives. In another time, when enconiums were used with more caution and some things were less than "tremendous" or "stupendous," words might have helped us to have it say about J. B. Ivey. But what is it now to say that a man is a great merchant, a great leader, and a great citizen? Not much, we think. The world is full of "great" people and yet it seems they have not changed it appreciably for the better. At best the legacy of the "great" ones is ineffectual. A strong moral force pervades the Ivey story; a force brought with him from the cotton patches and put to work in his business and community life. He has been an active leader in his own Methodist church, but his philanthropy has not been bound by sectarian or geographical limits. We count it a privilege to salute Mr. Ivey on the occasion of his 75th anniversary in retailing. We wish for him a happy 92nd birthday, wishing them carefully in the light of contentment after these middle years are over.

Recreation: Now Is The Time . . .

IN the improvement of recreation facilities in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County there is absolutely no substitute for the drudgery of labor and the dreariness of thought. The spadework has already been done. A vast and comprehensive survey has been made by the Allen Organization and recommendations have been submitted by the new Metropolitan City-County Recreation Study Committee. Perhaps there are flaws in the report. But this much is certain. It presents a panoramic view of the whole range of opportunity. It spotlights some obvious needs. It suggests how the gaps can be filled — how they must be filled if Charlotte is to keep pace with the challenges of sudden growth. It must not be filed in some dusty corner of the county's conscience and in time, forgotten. This has often been

Lobbying Laws Need Tightening Now

WHETHER Congress deserves a "do-nothing" label for this session depends on the final record, but it certainly has not done enough about lax laws on lobbyists and campaign contributions. Two months ago South Dakota's Francis Case prevailed Congress on the opportunity and clear responsibility to make a show of determination to resist improper efforts to influence legislation. The improper Case complained of was a lobbyist's offer of a \$2,500 campaign contribution while the natural gas bill was awaiting a vote. Case's report did throw the Senate into a great temper but it is not yet clear whether it is the lobbyist or Case himself who is the target of that temper. A select investigations committee confirmed Case's suspicion that the offer was made purposefully to influence his vote. After condemning the lobbyist and the oil firm executive who supplied the "contribution," however, the committee complained of "some difficulty" in determining the nature of the (Case's) complaint. This appears to be an effort to belittle Case. To us the "nature of the complaint" — to the effect that "something sneaky is going on around here and we ought to find out about it" — was entirely sufficient. At any rate, Case was right and the committee's recommendation that the lobbying and corrupt practices acts be tightened is the fruit of the Dakotan's statesmanship. If each are to be put in these acts and those covering campaign contributions as well the Senate also will need the results of a much broader investigation scheduled by the McClellan committee. That committee, which also grew out of the Case incident, ought to get down to work as soon as possible so that the laws may be strengthened before the coming presidential campaign. And perhaps the McClellan committee can also find a well-deserved word of praise for the Dakota senator who saw his duty and did it.

From The Rocky Mount Telegram

DO YOU ENJOY SERMONS?

"ENJOY your sermon," the nice woman gushed as she shook hands with the minister at the church door. The people before her had said the same thing, and so had those behind. But for the most of the rest of the day of late we've been thinking about this business of "enjoying" sermons. Is a good sermon something you are supposed to "enjoy"? Is that the word for it? If we were a preacher trying our best to interpret Christianity and raise the standard of human conduct, would we want to be told by everyone that the sermon was "enjoyed"? Is it getting so that the phrase "enjoy your sermon" is a meaningless, commonplace and nonsensical as the greeting "how do you do"? We haven't consulted any of our friends in the ministry, but we suspect that most, while grateful enough for the "enjoyed-your-sermon" committee, would welcome and appreciate something more thoughtful. We'd bet a subscription that some ministers, sick of the "enjoyment" routine, would even welcome a touch of constructive criticism — such as "I've heard you do better" or "I disagree with your sermon" — anything to indicate thoughtful reaction. Of course some ministers don't deserve to be told that their sermons were frankly dull and this imposes an especial strain on the congregation as it confronts the pastor — to lie or not, that is then the question at the church door. But whether the sermon was good, bad or indifferent it deserves more careful thought and comment than most of us have been giving it. Home economics is a field of squeezing a matinee and extra hard out of the month's food budget. — CARLSBAD CURRENT-ARGUS. Motorist: "Some of you pedestrians walk as if you owned the streets." Pedestrian: "Yes, and some of you motorists drive as if you owned your cars." — LAMAR (Mo.) DEMOCRAT. Whenever you hear a man say poverty is a great thing, you are probably listening to a millionaire. — CHAPEL HILL WEEKLY. One-time strike leaders who "brought workers' rights laws into the legislation. The revised watchword is "Shout, pull up a chair!" — RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH.

Sounds Of Knives

McKay And The Dragon

By MARQUIS CHILDS

REPUBLICAN target No. 1 in the congressional campaign this fall is Oregon's Sen. Wayne McKay, and already the sound of knives being sharpened is loud in the state. President Eisenhower himself is said to take a warm personal interest in the defeat of McKay, who has been his most blunt and outspoken critic. The personal intervention of the President put Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay into the race to slay the dragon. The alarm was sounded, according to reports here, by Ralph H. Calkins, former Republican national committeeman, who phoned President Assistant Sherman Adams to say that a private plot showed that only McKay could defeat Morse. This call to action came only a few days before the final date for filing in the primary. McKay, who had had no intention of running for the Senate and, in fact, had begun to congratulate himself that he would not be "drafted" for this onerous undertaking, was summoned to the White House. There he was given a prospectus on the leadership and a firm shove in the direction of Oregon by Adams. McKay, who had had no intention of running for the Senate and, in fact, had begun to congratulate himself that he would not be "drafted" for this onerous undertaking, was summoned to the White House. There he was given a prospectus on the leadership and a firm shove in the direction of Oregon by Adams. McKay, who had had no intention of running for the Senate and, in fact, had begun to congratulate himself that he would not be "drafted" for this onerous undertaking, was summoned to the White House. There he was given a prospectus on the leadership and a firm shove in the direction of Oregon by Adams.



DOUGLAS MCKAY He Talks, Too



WAYNE MORSE He Doesn't Like

While McKay, who was one of the state's most successful Chrysler dealers before he went into politics, did not want to run for the Senate, he wants passionately to defeat Morse. It is only because he switched parties, Morse is regarded by orthodox Republicans as a kind of cross between Jack the Ripper and the Loch Ness Monster. Eisenhower's popularity will be thrown mostly into the balance. Researchers are busy digging up the senator's attack on the President's ammunition which McKay will use when the battle gets hot. They have come up with some strong language proving — if any proof were needed — that Morse is not one to qualify his criticism. One quote the staters have found is "President Eisenhower is the most dangerous man who will ever be elected to the White House." That takes in quite a lot of territory, past and future. WORDS: But McKay also is a talkative man and the Democrats expect to come up with his words out of the past which will be hammered back and forth when the shooting begins. One thing is certain, and that is that Morse's record cannot be rewritten. Both as a Republican and later as a Democrat, he has again and again voted the New Deal line on public power, conservation public lands and labor. That will be the real test for the voters in a state that is today in registration almost evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats.

President's Golfing Holiday Whets Temper In Congress

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower's golfing vacation in Georgia during the present period of international tension is not popular in Washington. More is being written about it in connection with current problems than it is allowed to be critical, even the jokes have a sharper edge and there is widespread uneasiness in the capital. The attempted cover-up for the White House vacation in the form of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' conference with congressional leaders was not a success. The secretary told the leaders nothing substantive that they did not already know from their informed reading of the newspapers. Anyway, they regard Dulles as politician in his motivations and they would not follow him across the street. INS AND OUTS If there has been taken for granted that the President was not concerned with the detail of his domestic program. He has done all his Cabinet and the independent agencies an unheard-of autonomy and has even showed temper at being expected to know the ins and outs of their policies and practices. By what amounts to fact conceptions of the politicians and people generally have all but ceased to hold him domestically accountable in many ways in which Presidents Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman had constantly to answer. Probably the major reason is prosperity except for the farmer and full employment. Since things are going well, complaint seems superfluous. The major indictment just beginning to gather force is that the administration is not making a creative and imaginative effort to meet the change in tactics of the Soviet Union. The Communists consent to the military stalemate with the host — while making a profit battle of it. The Communists by now, a truth is, is by now a truth. DOING BETTER While all information channels are stressed is that the Soviets are doing even better with their new economic offensive. With this they intend to meet the needs when their dollar aid ran out. No new policy or program has been announced by Congress by the White House in the face of these facts. All present Eisenhower proposals are running for government economic aid entwined with military aid to bolster alliances that were conceived in 1939 and later to meet the Soviet military threat.

'You Hear Anything Yet?'



Day Of Doom For The Cargo Cult

By ROBERT C. RJARK

THE JAPS of New Guinea are still another of the natives destroyed every particle of their possessions, they would be replaced with modern white-man's goods. In one instance, 2,000 natives destroyed every one of their own gear and waited hopefully for refrigerators and machine guns from heaven. HEAVENLY GOODIES The outstanding example was the bloke from Wovak, who made a mighty prediction. He said that a hundred of heaven-born goods was over the place, probably hung up somewhere in the Torres Strait. He said that it had to be — miscalculation between heaven and earth, and he personally would go and have a word with his accusers, just to see where the foulup lay. "I will return in just three days with the loot," he said. Whereupon he killed himself, the better to sort out things with his ancestors, and certainly demonstrating the great truth in his own mind. There were several variations of this kind of thinking. One was that the natives would be lowered a great boom-load of goods from the sky. Another was that a boat would come loaded. Likewise, John Kenny, boss of the old Hague machine in Jersey City — a city where the Tel. Tennessee unearthed plenty of crime — will be out to protect his machine. He is dead opposed to pre-convention. Big Crowds Refauffer has had terrific crowds, one of the biggest right in Kenny's own Jersey City ballroom. In Newark, the crowds were so enthusiastic that Mayor Leo Carlin, who had planned to stay neutral, came up to congratulate Refauffer. Whether the enthusiasm of the crowd can be translated into delegate strength will test out whether New Jersey local leaders can be any stronger than the local leaders of Minnesota. Deepening Crisis It is now possible to report more details on the closed-door conference be-



THE PRESIDENT Dulles Didn't Help

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

IN 1953 when Bob Meyer, the young and then relatively unknown New Jerseyite was running for governor in the Garden State, he appealed to another young Democrat, Sen. Keafauer of Tennessee, to come North and make some speeches for him. Keafauer did so. He dug into the files of his crime probe, picked out some interesting facts about New Jersey racketeers, some of them linked with politicians, and delivered some hard-hitting speeches which helped elect a Democrat governor in New Jersey for the first time in 15 years. Last week Keafauer was back in Meyer's state seeking delegates for himself at the Chicago convention. But he is getting no reciprocity from the governor he once did do for me. But I'm not friendly meetings, the first at the Essex House in Newark, where Meyer came to see the senator from Tennessee. "I love you, Estes," was the gist of Meyer's conversation, "and I appreciate what you once did for me. But I'm not going to give you any help in the primary." Big Test Actually the New Jersey primary tomorrow boils down to one of the most important battles of the pre-convention period. On one side, Keafauer will be trying to keep the lead over Stevenson and to transfer into delegate strength will test out whether New Jersey local leaders can be any stronger than the local leaders of Minnesota. Deepening Crisis It is now possible to report more details on the closed-door conference be-

Quote, Unquote

An airline offers a special package deal vacation to Disneyland for a party of four. The price is \$100. But he could be worked in, too. This would cover the nation's three top fantasies. — Asheville Citizen.

Meyner Didn't Return Estes' Favor

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like he said. He's back with the cargo. But look, instead of no ship there are 10 ships, and with big war canoes to protect them from thieves. SHOT A FLOCK They leaped into canoes and paddled out to meet what we know was the Japanese fleet, or forms with anticipation of the biggest free load of all time. The Japs saw the loading of the canoes, and did a very natural thing. They assumed they were being attacked, and went trigger-happy. They shot up a load of the locals. The Japs were really, knew what a mistake they made. "Here Niall said. "If they had any decent clue to vital cargo cult work, they could have had New Guinea. But after the big shoot-out, the locals got the Japs all mixed up with had ancestors and heavenly vengeance and were basically on our side all the way. The change of attitude turned out to be important for all of us. Niall vanished and stretched. "Another cup of tea" he asked. "I said yes, looked at the blooming scarlet trousers and was among the all mistakes people make in wars.