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Let's Leave Tom Jefferson Out Of This

FRESH from a speaking tour of the South, GOP Sen. Karl Mundt stride up to the crumbling facade of Thomas Jefferson's birthplace and in a few weeks of his own.

His "Jeffersonian Democrats," he said, are sick of northern Democrats pandering to minority groups. They are tired of "riding in a political automobile which can never steer." They are going to revolt, Jeffersonian Democrats all.

Now that that's settled, perhaps the senator will tell us what Jeffersonian Republicans are going to do. If memory serves, they've been stuck in a rudderless rumble boat since Willie, the internationalist hero, left from Wall Street, carried off convention honors in 1949.

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He is as an egotist: "The mobs of great cities add just so much to the support of pure government, as sores do to the strength of the human body."

He was a rationalist: "When I contemplate the immense advances in science and discoveries in the arts which have been made within the period of my life, I look forward with confidence to equal advances by the present generation, and have no doubt that they will have been as we than our fathers were, and they than the burners of witches."

He was a civil libertarian: "If we are made in some degree for others, yet, in a greater one we are made for ourselves. It were contrary to feeling, and indeed ridiculous to suppose that a man had less rights in himself than one of his neighbors, or indeed all of them put together. This would be slavery, and not that liberty which the bill of rights has made inviolable, and for the preservation of which our government has been chartered."

Our point is that there was only one Jeffersonian Democrat and his name was Thomas Jefferson. If adherence to his states rights views creates "Jeffersonian Democrats," a penchant for his isolationist ideas rears up "Jeffersonian Republicans." And neither of these primarily regional groups is at the political helm today. States rights are isolated in the South, and isolationism in Mr. Mundt's own Midwest.

Mr. Jefferson, one assumes, would not be isolated, but rather steering if he lived today. This would be so because he was not the single-minded man contemporary political orators suggest, making his name upon their particular causes.

There is as much comfort for the NAM as for the "Patriots" for Republicans as for Democrats, for the NAM as the ADA, in Thomas Jefferson's catholic views.

What nobody knows is what Jefferson would say if confronted by the issues of today. Would his hatred of station, as practiced in Russia turn him toward alliances with free Europeans? Would his passion for civil liberties temper his love of states rights?

If it's all the same with Sen. Mundt, it's all the same with Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson and Theodore Roosevelt.

Certainly he was a states righter: "I see... with the deepest affliction, the rapid strides with which the federal branch of our government is advancing towards the usurpation of all the rights reserved to the States."

He also was an isolationist: "I have deemed it fundamental for the United States never to take active part in the quarrels of Europe."

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Charlotte's Growth: Straight & Strong

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Opportunities for higher attainments still exist.

We must, like Elihu Root, recognize that cities are man-made. Results are measured by the participation of many people, whatever the direction of their collective action—toward chaotic growth, toward mediocrity or toward high achievement.

Charlotte's newly emerging urban problems call for new types of metropolitan planning and orderly regulation. It is the responsibility of the City-County Planning Commission, under the leadership of W. E. McIntyre, to provide the plans. An excellent start has already been made. But there is much to be done yet. Fortunately for us all, there is both a will and a way.

Not All Knots And Kerchiefs Anymore

FOR ENERGETIC youngsters of a certain age and persuasion, membership in the Boy Scouts has always been fun. But if our memory is not failing, it always involved tramping off into some damp forest in search of nature's wilder, camp sites and poison oak. The really important rituals were always performed in distant glades where your lonely triumph with the fire sticks could not be appreciated by parents, favorite uncles or the doubting damsel down the block.

All that has changed.

Scouting grew up as the community grew up. Its program is now big and elaborately varied. Its activities are no longer restricted to distant woodlands, either. The great outdoors still serves as scouting's principal arena—but when it sets out to show its wares scouting can

stage a marvelous public display in the midst of a city. It is not only for Mom and Pop, Uncle Ned and little Eva. It is for everybody.

Such a display is the Boy Scout Circus "Adventure in Scouting" to be held Friday and Saturday at the Charlotte Coliseum, beginning at 7:30 o'clock nightly. Sponsored by the Charlotte, Dilworth and North Charlotte Rotary Clubs, it will roll into one colorful display the most of modern scouting. Every Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop and Explorer Unit in the Mecklenburg County Council will participate.

Despite the vanishing wilderness, scouting's role in modern society is bigger and more vital than ever. Its participants have much to be proud of and much to show the community. The circus should be fun.

Sing Hinky Dinky, Parley Voo

WE NOMINATE as Spoilsport, with their Roman silhouette of moderate breadth shoulders and slight waist suppression.

Then he pulls on one of those four-button jackets with patch pockets and concealed button closures that are so popular in the south of France.

His trousers are charcoal gray and the cut is refreshingly British.

His hat? One of those jaunty little Tyrolean jobs with a self-contrast color band and feather trim.

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A SMALL PRIVILEGE

WE NOTICED that the girls cutting the pies in a Sanford cafe use the eye method of measuring the size of the slices. What is so unusual about that? Well, if you have been forced to eat in restaurants very much, you probably have noticed that pies are often cut with the aid of a frame with slots in it to guide a knife blade. This frame is placed over the top of the piepan and guarantees equal size to all customers.

Sometimes, we read of that some places are able to withstand the onslaught of mechanization in this particular. There is always a special thrill in

the hope that you might get a bigger piece of pie than anyone else. That is a very small privilege which should not be denied a person just because he must take his meals in a restaurant.

A joint checking account is never overdrawn by the wife. It's just under-estimated by her husband.—WALL STREET JOURNAL.

A minister has a solution for back-seat drivers. Turn the seat around and let 'em ride backwards.—UNADILLA (GA.) OBSERVER.



"Everybody else is puss-footing around the segregation issue, but in this speech you make a definite statement... You tell 'em you're a fence sitter, with no bones a-bout it...!"

A Political Pay-Off? The Oil Tycoons Are Patient

WASHINGTON

TOP executives of leading oil and natural gas companies are quietly spreading the word that they have received assurance that, at the earliest opportunity next year, the administration will sponsor legislation taking natural gas out from under federal regulation.

The President in mid-February vetoed a measure which would have freed producers of natural gas from regulation by the Federal Power Commission. He said he was doing this because of the lobbying activities of "a very small segment" of the oil industry.

There is no indication that big contributors have been frightened away by the outcry over Sen. Case's revelation and the subsequent investigation. Big contributors are the benefit of expert legal advice, so they ordinarily can feel quite safe when they distribute their largesse.

Republicans on the new Senate lobby investigating committee have demanded an investigation of such comparatively small liberal organizations as the National Committee for an Effect-

ive Congress which gets its funds, for the most part, in contributions of a few dollars each.

One reason the 27 per cent write-off in the tax law is so carefully guarded is because it is far and away the largest source of big political money.

Sen. John J. Williams, Republican of Delaware, a zealot in seeking honest and fair enforcement of the tax laws, has introduced a bill reducing the depletion allowance for oil and gas from 27 to 15 per cent. Three other Republican senators—Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, William A. Purtell of Connecticut and George Nixon of Vermont—have joined Williams in sponsoring the change.

GRAVEYARD

But their bill has little or no chance to get out of the Senate Finance Committee to which it was referred. That committee, citadel of resistance to any change in the existing order, is a convenient graveyard where such measures as this can rest in peace.

If the President has in fact given his assurance that he will send an oil bill to Congress, it is quite apparent to a strategist, in fact, everything about your city is fine, with one exception—the traffic situation.

First, from a pedestrian's standpoint it has always been my impression that once a pedestrian is in the cross walk he had the right of way. Evidently, that's not the case in Charlotte. The light is green, the sign says "Walk," you step off the curb and zoom, here comes a car making a right turn. You jump back on the curb. Finally, after many hours which would do a ballet dancer credit, you make it across the street. Of course, when you're crossing at a corner and there is no stop light, you don't have a chance. Here the motorist

has a four-way chance of eyeing you. Now the pedestrian is a just as bad as the motorist. Either a great percentage of the citizens are so stupid as they don't believe in signs, he is as just as many walk the street on the "Don't Walk" sign as the "Walk" sign. The irony of it all is that half the time a policeman is standing nonchalantly by the curb, waiting for a signpost to be done of course.

Through job you would have to have a policeman stationed in the middle of the block, for half the people cross here, instead of the corner.

Obviously must be cognizant of the traffic accidents for you get a box score of the accidents by the day and year to date. It would seem the first thing to do to cut down on the accidents would be to enforce the law, both from the standpoint of the motorist and the pedestrian.

—DON RUSH

Truman Laughs Off Reports That He Will Be Nominated

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON

FORMER President Harry S. Truman favors a wide open Democratic convention and thinks things can be settled to his satisfaction in it.

He is philosophical about the party's troubles with candidates and policy. It doesn't matter very much, he says, just let things go into a convention and let the nominee and platform be what they will.

His close associates, he laughs off speculation that he might himself be drafted in a convention deadlock. "Knock all that out of the head," he orders them.

WIFE AND DAUGHTER

"They are the people who know him best and they point out that in most cases, the source of speculation about a Truman draft was never either for Truman nor for the Democrats. They cite several other good reasons for attacking such speculation.

One is Miss Truman, another, Margaret Truman, a wife and daughter approved Truman's decision to step down four years ago and have not changed their minds.

The activities of Frank McKinney, the last Truman national chairman, are solid evidence. McKinney admits that he is rounding up support for Gov. Averell Harriman of New York and he called the recent meeting in Denver of Midwest leaders for that purpose.

Participants in the Denver meeting describe McKinney as hearing down heavily on Truman's record and affection for Harriman. McKinney's own relations with Truman are close. He was the last Truman national chairman and he has been with Truman since he was a child. He has helped Harriman as a friend, but it is improbable that his friendship would include supporting the New Yorker on a reluctant convention.

JUST AS GLAD

Although they feel sure their old boss cannot be tempted to run again, many Democratic politicians are just as glad he has a long trip abroad scheduled to

start early in May. It will keep him away from temptation until the end of July.

Mrs. Truman is accompanying the former president on his vacation. She will be Mr. and Mrs. Truman. Woodward During the Truman administration, Woodward was chief of protocol in the State Department and later ambassador to Canada.

The losing party is taking great pains to avoid political engagements or activities. Yet it is certain that the sponsor of Greek-Turkish aid, the Marshall Plan, NATO and the Communist containment policy will have a tremendous reception in Europe.

TIMELY

The Democratic national convention will begin Aug. 13. If the proposed Truman travel schedule remains intact, it will give him only two weeks to catch up to developments and step into an operating role with the party managers.

Democrats also note that Margaret Truman selected as her vacation day the date of the annual fundraising dinner here, which this year is dedicated to Woodrow Wilson. The wedding will serve to keep Father Truman out of the smoke-filled rooms in Washington hotels that weekend.

People's Platform Charlotte Traffic

Charlotte

ARRIVED in Charlotte two months ago from San Francisco, I have taken Charlotte to my heart; the friendliness of your people is quite apparent to a stranger.

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A Question Of 'Face' Diplomacy And Duplicity

By LESTER B. PEARSON

In "Democracy In World Politics"

The day secretary is abolished, diplomatic negotiation of any kind will become impossible.

This assertion is perhaps too sweeping, but as one who has had something to do with public diplomacy I certainly recognize its force. What of the West are inclined to flatter themselves that they are not so much as they are, excessive preoccupation with what is called "face" is an Oriental characteristic. But to democratic governments, and to individual politicians who have from time to time to win elections, the importance of prestige—which is our word for "face"—is also significant.

Perhaps some day everyone in democracies may be so mature, so wise as to care for that truth alone, but that day is not yet. Meanwhile, if diplomatic representatives are to have the respect of their constituents, they are required to bring about agreement, and if "face" is to be kept in

Quote, Unquote

Somewhat is a man who avoids the grand errors as he swears on to the grand fallacy.—Benjamin Stollberg.

Nothing Doing

Another two months passed and still there was no word from Benson on the outcome of his appeal to Brownell. In a fifth letter to Brownell directly, demanded to know the reason for the delay. He got an answer Feb. 15, in which Brownell admitted for the first time that the Justice Department had made its ruling and was waiting to talk the matter over with Benson. Benson and Brownell did get together, but decided to do nothing.

Then, under cover of a memorandum a \$200,000 fine on 281 farmers who raised wheat outside their quotas. Meanwhile the cheese companies keep \$2,500,000 of illegal by the comptroller general.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

IT wasn't announced, but Secretary of Agriculture Benson and Attorney General Brownell held a private meeting the other day on the great cheese scandal.

Fast Paper Work

They discussed what to do about the \$2,500,000 that the Agriculture Department paid to the big cheese companies merely for some fast paper work. Theoretically, the government gets the cheese from the companies, then sold the same cheese back a month later at a lower price. Actually, the cheese never left the companies' warehouses.

The whole shocking transaction was reported in this column June 24, 1955.

The Cheese Deal's Ungentle Fragrance

Afterward, Comptroller General Joseph Campbell ruled that the payments to the cheese companies were "unauthorized and improper." But Benson did little about it. He did not even answer queries from Congressman L. H. Fountain (D-N.C.), who wanted the money paid back to the taxpayers.

Appeal To Brownell

Last July, Benson was "out of town" when Chairman Fountain asked him to testify before his subcommittee on the cheese and butter transactions. Later, when the comptroller general issued his ruling, the Agriculture Department went over Campbell's head and appealed to Attorney Gen-



"A little less ballast and we'd have cleared it."