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Why Nixon Is Safe

Tom Dewey's Squeeze Play

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THOMAS E. DEWEY OF NEW YORK
Oward And Upward

THIS Republican Convention has been planned to resemble a bland, smooth-running commercial television show selling those wide...

By produced the sort of unholy row with the whole Taffite wing of the Republican Party...

These personal feelings might have not weighed so heavily, however, if they had not been reinforced by practical considerations...

Kilroy And The GOP At San Francisco

THERE is no earthly reason why the Republican Party should be holding a convention in San Francisco this week.

All conceivable duties of the delegates already have been discharged, either by circumstance or by Chairman Leonard Hall.

Confidence is abundant, and there is no need for speeches or rallies to raise it. When the convention is over...

There are, after all, only two ideas which could seriously involve the delegates' thoughts. Those are the health of the President and the fitness of the vice president.

Nothing implications of the President's illness, or of Mr. Dulles' three trips to the brink of war.

It is politic for the Republicans at San Francisco to make certain that nothing does disturb the nation, sick or well.

And so there will be no discussion of candidates. There will be acclamation and strong of roses, and a nice turn of business for the tourist mecca...

TAFFITE SENTIMENTS
There is something decidedly unusual in the important role that Dewey is now playing.

MUCH IN COMMON
When instead of raising an anti-Nixon standard, Dewey astutely chose the exact opposite, Nixon's close friend and adviser...

When the President suffered his heart attack, Dewey was the one man outside the White House entourage who was capable of raising a standard for other Republicans to rally to.

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It is a reasonable guess that the tough-minded Dewey also had not gone to far enough, begun to emanate from the White House.

Public Sentiment Is EVERYTHING

LOWDEST eels and ahs being sounded through the Republican National Convention come from the traditionalist, or timorous, school of American politicians.

A good speech oration—coupled with some judicious vote buying here and there—used to be quite enough.

It is impossible to tell at this late date exactly what Abraham Lincoln meant when he said "public sentiment is everything."

are not just ordinary campaign buttons. They are buttons that say "I Like Ike" in Chinese. They are blinker bow ties, too, that light up and say "Ike."

Almost overnight, campaigning has become superonic. It has also become more than a little tawdry and Pavlovian.

It should be thought of tomorrow's ward heeler turning up, not with a cigar in his kisser, but dressed up in Gina Lollobrigida's circus tights, riding a mechanical elephant and carrying a little dog named Cheekers.

People's 'Charlotte Plan' Can Awaken Snoozing Voters

Charlotte, The News:
CHARLOTTE and some of her dedicated people were responsible for the conception of the basic "plan" now being applied nationally for the a w e k i n g o f America from what has been called the "deepest apathy" in its history.

Details of it are now in the mails commended to editors, broadcasters and executives in all media by the American Heritage Foundation, sponsor and coordinating agency for the 1956 Non Partisan Register and Vote Campaign; and by the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters.

Material is placed in the possession of these organization leaders, and information is given them verbally as well, by which every organization representative may educate all members of his organization as to his responsibilities.

The 'Chaos' Had A Healthy Note

IT WAS ONE of those outrageously "normal" Saturdays at a local precinct when our photographer hustled in to take a picture of the registration rush.

The photograph below illustrates the sad state of affairs more vividly than any words we might put down here.

The 1956 political season was opening with many a noisy fanfare at Chicago and San Francisco yet many a Charlottean who had not qualified as a voter was acting as if he couldn't care less about the upcoming elections.

The office was jammed. The clamor to get names on the books was tremendous. The error was regrettable. The result was strangely satisfying.

It indicated that there were many, many citizens of this community who did care about their right to participate in government. They cared to the point of being honestly "handy" for registration.

But procrastination is a wretched vice—particularly when it involves the use of democratic processes. It should be avoided by conscientious citizens.

'Come On, Speak Up—Stop Mumbling, Man'

Editors, The News:
Charlotte, readers of your paper, and especially those who shared this writer on to convincing the "plan," should know about it.

Every member of every organization is expected to work among the neighbors on his block only, helping where necessary, but making sure every eligible is registered to vote, and making sure on election day that every eligible voter is just that simple.

Let me emphasize this fact: Though it was my happiness to originate the "plan," it was impossible to get any suggestions or approval by the cabinet of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society for building an academy here.



Quite unintentionally it alarmed thousands of citizens who had not done their duty. In the words of a Newsman who

covers the Elections Office the result was "Confusion, chaos, disorder and overwork."

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go Round

HERE is the inside story of how Vice President Nixon accomplished the political miracle getting his longtime rival Sen. William Knowland to side with him in the Stassen-Nixon feud.

Natural Antipathy

There are few men in Republican politics who have more natural antipathy for each other than Nixon and Knowland.

Near-Break

The two young senators reached the near-breaking point when Knowland, in 1952, refused the offer of the vice presidency from the late Senator Taft in favor of awarding the post California delegation to him.

Dick Nixon Works A Political Miracle

Ed. Ed. Tom Dewey, who handled Eisenhower's strategy, went through with his pledge to Nixon anyway.

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