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The South's One Neglected Resource

IN THEIR zeal and impotence, militant crusaders for racial rights often overlook one important fact about the advancement of colored people in America. It is that the chief force behind gains made by U. S. Negroes during the past 15 years has not been racial prejudice, political action or Supreme Court decisions but the national economy itself.

practices, the Negro is even making gains in this important field. A census study in 1952 revealed a surprising fact: While 33.3 per cent of the Negroes above the age of 65 were unable to read or write, among Negro youth (ages 14 to 24) the illiteracy rate had fallen to 3.9 per cent. In addition, there are more than half again as many Negroes in U. S. colleges and universities as there are subjects of Great Britain attending British universities—out of a U. K. population three times the number of U. S. Negroes.

Political Name Games Are Childish

IF THERE is anything sillier than the GOP's little drive to shorten its rival's name to "Democrat" Parv, it is the retaliatory suggestion that Republicans be referred to sardoniously as "Publicans."

should be shortened to "Publican" has thoughtfully attracted little serious attention in Democratic circles. The idea here, too, was that the GOP did not deserve identification with the republican form of government, a government which is administered under forms of law by responsible officers chosen by a numerous electorate.

Eggheads Of The World, Arise!

WE ARE indebted to the New York Times for the news that "the White House is working quietly in the intellectual community this election year to break the Democratic Party's long monopoly of 'eggheads'."

Maybe so. But wasn't Dwight D. Eisenhower who in September 1954 described an intellectual as a "man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows?"

'AND THIS IS THE DINING ROOM . . .

WHAT is it about dining rooms that makes us so curiously indifferent to them? "And this," says our hostess, showing off the house, "is the dining room." She says it in a rather perfunctory tone, and we give the room only a perfunctory scrutiny. Bang in the middle of it there is a large, polished table, round it are symmetrically mustered the chairs: there is a sideboard. We knew these things would be there; the element of surprise is lacking. We murmur some politeness but our interest is not aroused. There is something rather dead about dining rooms.

the suite a dancer. We remember it from our earliest days, as a sort of cockpit, the scene of ordeals and defeats. We were sent out of it with customary, to wash our hands, and detained in it till we had finished up our spinach; it was a parade ground on which we were always being chidden for not sitting up straight, not holding our knife properly, taking too much cream, eating too fast, talking with our mouth full, and upsetting the sugar. As we grew up the emotional stresses to which we had been subjected in the dining room receded into our subconscious mind; but later, as we find ourselves inflicting the same stresses on our own children at meal-times, we come gradually to apprehend one possible explanation of the general indifference to dining rooms.

'You Never Had It So Good Since You've Had It Bad'



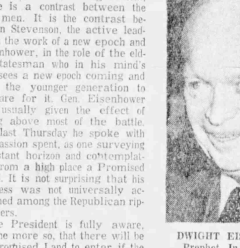
Candidates Agree America Enters 'New Epoch'

NEW YORK (AP)—The President had finished delivering his address of acceptance in San Francisco last week, it was evident that he and Gov. Stevenson had come to much the same conclusion about the times we live in. It is that the epoch which began with the great depression of 1929, which included the New Deal, the Second World War, the Fair Deal and the Korean War, now belongs to the past; that its issues are antiquated; that its worries and slogans are worn out, and that the two parties have now to prove which is the more fit for the age that is opening up.

peace is not preserved. But though the chances are good that in the calculable future there will not be a Cold War, I am very much afraid that the President is giving the country an exaggerated and prefabricated view of the international situation. In saying this, I am assuming that the platform and the keynote address reflect his views.



ADLAI STEVENSON, Man in Mission



DWIGHT EISENHOWER, Prophet In Residence

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go Round How Kefauver Nosed Out Kennedy

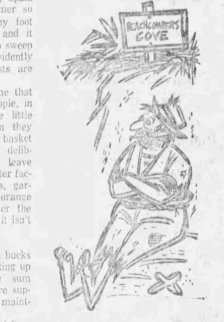
WASHINGTON (AP)—MANY inquiries have been received about the last hectic day of the Chicago Convention — was it really an open race? Did the Democrats plan it that way? What really happened behind the scenes when Estes Kefauver finally nosed out Sen. Jack Kennedy for vice president?

Gore of Tennessee, encouraged by Rayburn and Johnson, asked Gov. Clement of Tennessee whether he would step aside as a candidate for the Tennessee votes to Gore. Clement hedged. Later he stepped aside.

Vacationists Are No Better Than A Plague Of Locusts

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain (AP)—It's BEEN a good summer so far. I've only cut my foot twice on broken bottles, and I only take an hour a day to sweep the clutter off the beach. Evidently the manners of vacationists are improving.



It has always amazed me that the most pernicious of people, in their own homes, become little better than vermin when they rally forth with the picnic basket and sunburn lotion. They deliberately break bottles and leave them on beaches. They scatter facial tissue, jagged tin cans, garbage, beer cans, ancient orange boxes and sardines all over the landscape, merely because it isn't their landscape.

They Made Themselves Comfy when my family or friends were already occupying it, blocked the driveway with their cars, attempted to set up trailer camps on my land, and considered the lawn as a public restroom.

POPULAR HIT One fellow ordered me out of my little hut because he said that he was there first. Another fellow said that this was the property and house of his friend, Herr Hausenbauer, or some such, slammed two of the kids about and walked brazenly into the sitting room, where he tendered my wife the same information.

I am by nature a sweet, simple, friendly fellow. Full of love for dogs and mankind, and it went against the grain of my soft nature to arm myself daily with a shotgun. I had a few dogs, a few cats, a few birds, and I invited people to depart before I handed their bloody brains out or riddled them with buckshot.

People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the editors. The right to condense.

phone calls to one minister who was, shall we say, conveniently out of the city. The pledge is kept! Full speed ahead!

City Council Is Guilty Of 'Breach Of Faith'

EDITOR, THE NEWS: I CANNOT rest until I have given my public expression to the feelings I now have in my heart. The thing that has moved me so strongly is not the act of the City Council in repealing the Sunday laws this week. As much as I abhor the change of law, the thing that has really distressed me was the manner in which the deed was done.

A newspaper announcement of the hearing had been so very simple, yet it was not. Why? Because there was no real intent that the public should know what was going on. It was and is a reprehensible breach of faith, a less than honorable way to go about it. My brother's pet, 16-year-old legislation.

Quote, Unquote

Did you hear about the congressman who wanted to investigate the man who sold a copy of the safe to a phisician and a musician? — Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

It is a good idea to put girldes on runners to keep them from spreading. — Elberton (Ga.) Star.

Delegations Caucus

TV men arrived at Kennedy's room, but in vain. "No pictures," said the man in the room. "I think Es is going to win anyway."

New Jersey, Texas, Tennessee, other states streamed off the convention floor to caucus.

No Concession

Bob Short, Kefauver leader inside the Minnesota delegation, flatly opposed any concession to Humphrey. But Kefauver argued it was too risky, that Humphrey might roll up too many votes on the first ballot, so many he could defeat Kefauver later. Humphrey was then considered Kefauver's No. 1 rival.

Kennedy Busy, Too

Sen. Kennedy was also busy through the night. He had three separate headquarters in Chicago, spent considerable time the next morning. Sen. Albert