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KEEP 'EM GUESSING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Political writers are in a dither trying to outguess one another as to whether General Eisenhower is to be a candidate for the presidency. Politicians are cashing in on the opportunity to make headlines by venturing their opinions. It seems that almost anyone with an opinion on the subject can get into public print.

Many are urging Eisenhower to declare himself. Some contend it is his duty to do so. Taft supporters are trying to smoke out his intentions by claiming strength to gain the nomination. The great debate goes on and on.

We recall the words of a seasoned old political campaigner now passed to his reward.

"If you ever want to run for public office, kid," he told us many years ago, "don't ever let anyone know you're a candidate until the last possible minute. If you come out too early, you'll have all the snipers taking pot shots at you."

While we have never been interested in seeking public office, we have remembered that piece of advice and have observed many times the truth of his philosophy. The longer an avowed candidate is before the public, the better the opposition's chances of piling obstacles before him.

Waiting Is Good Strategy

We believe that waiting is Eisenhower's best strategy. Many writers disagree with this opinion. They think Eisenhower should declare himself and his policies.

We feel, however, that his position with the public will be improved if he waits to be "drafted."

He must, of course, make some move to show himself in readiness for the nomination, if he actually is receptive. The very fact that he hasn't rejected the possibility of becoming a candidate and remains noncommittal may well be assumed to be evidence that he is willing to accept the nomination. If he is seeking the job, he can let it be known in several different ways. One would be to take a leave of absence from his present duties, claiming he needs a rest. Or he could resign and go back to his job as president of Columbia university. Or, he could make a public announcement of the appointment of a second in command to take his place in directing the rearming of western Europe should he be the victim of some occurrence resulting in his absence. Dozens of other ways are open to him to signify his availability for the nomination.

But while he remains a possible, but not certain, candidate the opposition is kept off balance. No active campaigning can be done against a candidate who isn't even in the field and who may not enter the battle.

President Truman is using the waiting strategy. Republicans can't deploy their snipers until they know whether the President will try for another term or surrender the nomination to some other party member. We expect the President will keep the opposition guessing until the last possible moment. If such policies are good on one side, they are equally good on the other.

Eisenhower Policies Questioned

Some writers want Eisenhower to declare his policies. They feel he should be speaking out, letting the people know what he would do if elected to the presidency.

Actually, if we are to observe fundamental two-party politics, his silence is in keeping with tradition.

Under our system of government, the party, rather than the man, is supposed to speak. The respective parties adopt platforms. Announced policies are the planks, upon which party candidates stand.

We can't say that the parties, in late years at least, have given more than lip service to campaign promises after election, but tradition still calls for platforms and candidate adherence to party pledges and policies.

There will be ample time after the Republican convention for Eisenhower to conduct his campaign, should he be "drafted" as the party standard bearer. He will then make known his policies and purposes. It is a far less difficult job today, with radio, television, motion pictures and the press as available media, for a candidate to make himself known to the public than it was a few years ago when widespread travel, handshaking and baby kissing were essential. If Eisenhower should be the Republican nominee, we imagine he will have plenty of time to state his case after party conventions are held.

As a wise and experienced military campaigner, he doubtless is fully aware of the advantages of keeping the enemy guessing. He may be expected to use the same strategy if he enters the political wars.

Scraps From the **MENDING BASKET**
by **Vahnett Martin** P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Well, here we go again — I don't hope! — this rainy, blousy morning. Barometer dropped like you hit it with a hammer, the oil heater moans and roars with each gust of wind, the rain sheets across our hill and the smoke from the mill bonfire across the Elk is dissipated before it can rise even to the tops of the oaks. Oh yes, the power's off. It went off just as I was finishing yesterday's Mending Basket so Ed could mail it in town. Seems like I just can't get used to this new routine: the mail carrier on this route? Mr. Wright, comes by sometimes before Ed even leaves. He and Rufus Pfister's school bus could serve as clocks. For several years I'd wait till Ed had driven off, then I'd do this column, knowing the Whales would pick it up on the Loraine route about thirty. Now, like as not, Ed is standing at my elbow before I finish — and does that help me? Ha, power's on again! Off about two hours. The mystery to me is that the power comes on so soon after these breaks. How do they do it? In a little after-church visit last Sunday, a Smith river resident told me she counted 150 trees down in sight of her door: "When I counted to 150 I quit. . ."

And John Rantz, who was here last Sunday afternoon, said the power was off at his house, our former home on Seeley creek, for three days! Mercy, that must be a record. I think 24 hours or so was the most we ever experienced. John is logging off a place on the Smith river road, so he could give a vivid picture of what that area looked like after the big blow a week ago. It must have been something!

We enjoy John for several reasons: we like to hear the latest news from Seeley creek — of all the places ever lived I think I loved best that house tucked in the woods. Then the new highway is causing no end of excitement and its location is really crucial to a lot of people in the Curtin and Anlauf area. We hear the latest on that. And John was overseas, talks interestingly, when he gets started, of Italy and North Africa and other places and things. He is a member of the Drain high school board, too. And for us he serves as a substitute for a son. . . as do several others who come to see us now and then. He's a bachelor, but I suspect that house on Seeley creek will be welcoming a bride one of these days. John, however, is noncommittally. It's entirely my guess, based on the way John grins when Ed teases him.

"What a Time to Have Termites!"



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The Communists never seem to miss an administration grav train. The newest one is in a provision of the mutual security act of 1951, which authorized a \$10,000,000 appropriation to encourage emigration from countries having surplus manpower to underdeveloped and dependent areas with manpower shortages.

Congress, at the urging of Senator Pat McCarran, of Nevada, and Representative Francis Walter, of Pennsylvania, provided that none of the money was to be made available to any international organization which has in its membership any Communist - dominated or Communist-controlled country, or to any subsidiary or agency created by or stemming from any such Communist-including organization.

This restriction was aimed specifically at the international labor organization, which consists in part of Communist country representatives. U. S. delegates to the conference in Brussels, Belgium, which was to set up the organization to spend the \$10,000,000, also were instructed that the International refugee organization could have no part in the set-up, either.

The IRO made a batch of the displaced persons program to such an extent that most congressmen break out in a rash when it's mentioned.

The Brussels conference took place in late November and guess who was there trying to take over the gravy train? Both the ILO and the IRO. Their agents were crawling all over the place, and their big pitch was that unless one J. Donald Kingsley handled the job, it wouldn't be worth doing.

Kingsley is presently UN commissioner for refugees in Korea and he can have most of the credit that goes with the lousing up of the displaced persons program. Some other angles to Kingsley's life might interest you, also. Senate internal security subcommittee records show that in defending the civil liberties of the Communist party. He was extremely put out over the activities of the house committee on un-American activities. In 1941 he was editor of the Antioch Review, which then was practically a Fellow-Travelers' journal. One of his associates was Carey McWilliams, and there is no question of how McWilliams stands in affection for Soviet Russia.

In 1942 Kingsley was a member of the research council that published a letter for the union for Democratic action. The house committee on un-American activities described this as "composed

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Violation Of Wage Law By Five NW Concerns Charged

SEATTLE — The government has accused five Pacific Northwest firms for violating the wage law by unauthorized increases, bonuses, incentive payments or overtime.

The enforcement commission of the regional wage stabilization board announced hearings have been conducted in two cases and are scheduled later in the other three.

Cases against Chris Berg, Inc., of Seattle and the Roy M. Janin Lumber Co., of Portland have been heard and verdicts are under consideration. The Berg firm, a construction company, is accused of raising laborers' wages illegally. The Janin company is accused of converting an annual discretionary bonus into wage increases without approval.

Other companies and charges: Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., accused of starting an incentive pay plan for carloaders at its Longview plant without WSB approval.

Haskell plumbing and heating Co., of Bellingham, accused of paying Alaska construction workers double time for overtime when its contract called for time and a half.

Goodyear - Nelson Hardwood Lumber Co., of Sedro-wooley, charged with illegal wage raises.

Penalties could include loss of federal material priorities and loss of illegal wage payments as tax deductions.

insurance man. During the senate inquiry, it was disclosed that his wife, Lauretta, a White House stenographer, had got a \$9,450 mink coat through help from a Washington lawyer interested in RFC lending.

Indicted with Young on charges of perjury were:

Herschel Young, his brother.

Joseph H. Rosenbaum, the lawyer who paid for Mrs. Young's coat — a transaction both he and Young said was a loan.

Robert W. Dudley, Washington lawyer and a brother-in-law of former Rep. Joseph Casey (D-Mass.).

All were prominent figures in hearings by a senate banking subcommittee last spring on charges that directors of the Reconstruction Finance corporation had to influence in making loans.

Merl Young was accused of lying under oath on two occasions to the senate investigators, and once to a federal grand jury.

The indictments were returned under the District of Columbia code which provides a maximum penalty of two to 10 years for perjury.

The penalty makes each alleged lie under oath a separate crime. The law carries no fine.

aged to get the conference to postpone naming a director for 60 days. This was on December 10th. What McCarran and Walter want to do is block Kingsley long enough to get back to Congress and if necessary put through more legislation on the subject, specifically denying Kingsley the job if necessary.

The \$10,000,000 available now is just a starter. Millions more will be needed, and that has the Communists drooling. They aren't taking the McCarran-Walter interference lying down. But our own American interest demands that the legislators succeed in their efforts.

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Perjury At RFC Inquiry Charged To Four Persons

WASHINGTON — Merl Young and three others were indicted today on charges of lying under oath to a senate committee during an investigation of alleged "influence" on government lending.

Young is a former Washington

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