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WHAT COMES NEXT?

Charles V. Stanton

As a military strategist General Eisenhower demonstrated remarkable ability to pick the right time and place to attack the enemy at his most vulnerable spot. He apparently is bringing that same ability into the political battles.

With complete accuracy in his speech at Abilene, he pinpointed the weaknesses of the present administration, launching attacks simultaneously on four fronts—disunity, inflation, excessive taxes and overcentralization of government.

Eisenhower left himself wide open to counterattack. Perhaps it was a cagey piece of strategy. Were we an opposing politician, we would think twice before moving into the openings.

But Ike placed himself in the position of the person who declares himself to be against sin without saying what he would do about it.

He pointed out the administration's long-standing policy of dividing the people into factions, then playing one against the other and profiting politically by favoritism to the group representing the most votes. He attacked inflation which, "unless brought under control, eventually leads to depression." He struck at excessive taxes that "only a little below the confiscatory will destroy free government." Our bureaucracy, he said, is "manned by experts in self-perpetuation and ceaseless expansion."

Policy Declaration Needed

It is one thing to point out the obvious. That the general accomplished in a most forceful manner. It is another thing, however, to prescribe the methods by which evils may be remedied. Ike left the intimation that, recognizing the evils, he would correct them but he failed to tell us how he would accomplish these things.

Doubtless his political opponents will move into the openings in his battle formation. Maybe that is exactly what the general anticipates. He has said he doesn't plan to campaign ahead of the nominating convention. His speech at Abilene, however, sounded to us like a blistering campaign offering. But, if his critics start throwing punches at his open stance, he will be in an excellent position to counterpunch without being charged with violating his no-campaign position.

Having heard his analysis of our national ills, we now want to hear the nature of the remedies he proposes. We want his opponents force him into policy declarations. We rather imagine that is exactly what the general has in mind.

Positive Campaign Indicated

We have been exceedingly interested in the type of material coming from the publicity departments of the rival camps of Taft and Eisenhower.

Taft forces have been slinging mud in all directions. They have attempted to smear Ike, the administration and every policy other than their own. The primary campaigns have been accompanied by scurrilous rumors and stories directed against Ike. There is no evidence, of course, that these attacks emanated from Taft's headquarters, but neither has there been repudiation from that source.

On the other hand, the Eisenhower publicity has attacked no one. It has been directed to telling the story of General Eisenhower and his fitness for the high office to which he aspires. It has been directed at national problems and the general's probable solutions.

In his talk at Abilene, Eisenhower did not once refer to his leading opponent for the Republican nomination. He cannily answered some of the questions directed at him from the Taft camp, particularly in the matter of foreign spending and defense costs, but in no way did he smear or belittle his opposition. His reference to the national administration was indirect.

It would appear from the trend that Eisenhower proposes the type of campaign for which so many Republicans have been praying—a positive campaign based on a positive program, rather than a campaign of negation, mud-slinging and me-too-ism.

Now that Ike's hat is definitely in the ring, and he has placed himself in a position for political battle, it will be interesting to watch developments.

Scrap From the MENDING BASKET

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"The machine is projecting onto the ceiling the page of a novel that the patient is reading from bed, without moving. He comes to the end of a page, trips the switch, and the next page flashes on to the ceiling. He reads on. Now look at his face. For these few moments, at least, he has forgotten the hospital and his injured body, and is living the story of sagebrush and open plains . . .

"The printed word can be invaluable to the patient. With the speed of a magic carpet it can transport him out of the confines of the hospital's four walls into a new world bounded only by the range of his imagination. It can take him away from his ailments for a few hours, and that alone may help him along to the road to recovery."

The above is from an article by Foster Mohrhardt director of Library Service of the V.A. in Washington. The whole article, reprinted in this current issue of the Gold Star Magazine, is most interesting in its explanation of the methods used to secure the most service and the largest number of books to supply the needs of the 225 libraries for patients, as well as the other 225 special collections for medical use and "domestic" of the various 130 V.A. hospitals. For instance, all cataloging is done in Washington because "it was estimated recently that if each librarian were to do her own cataloging she would be spending about half of her time immersed in the PAPER WORK of cataloging and processing. In addition to freeing the librarians for other work, the method also saves 50 per cent of the cost of cataloging, etc. if such were done at each institution. Twenty per cent of the books selected from the flood of 8,000 new titles each year are chosen at the main library service; requisitions from the field guide in the selection of the balance.

How well, I know the therapeutic value of just the right book!

Love Is Hard to Understand Sometimes, Isn't It?



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—The indictment of Mary Jane Keeney for contempt of Congress is the first chance American courts have had to puncture the super-legalistic aloofness of the United Nations.

Mrs. Keeney, when she appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, insisted that as a UN employee she could ignore the questions put to her by what the UN considers a vastly inferior governing body—the U.S. Congress.

grounds of possible self incrimination to confirm or deny her Communist party affiliations is a fact— or in her indictment, but the basis for taking her to court is to determine whether UN personnel rules supersede U.S. laws.

The court test is long overdue. The United Nations has wrapped itself in a cloak of mystical legal rulings that have no precedents in international law. It goes far beyond the legal protections accorded foreign diplomatic representatives of foreign nations in the United States. Its employees are deemed immune from arrest, and UN building and grounds are considered immune to trespass by ordinary Americans, including agents of government security departments. The oath of fealty required of American citizens employed by the UN contains declarations of allegiance to the "United Nations and not to the U.S. Government."

Mrs. Keeney refused to tell the U.S. Senate who in the State Department had aided her in obtaining there, forbid her to discuss her \$17,000-a-year, tax free UN job. She said that UN rules, even though she is no longer employed there, forbid her to discuss the subject with such minor appendages as the U.S. Senate.

By an unanimous vote the U.S. Senate decided otherwise and moved to take the issue to court. In so doing the Senate considered the issue of Mrs. Keeney's Communist party membership, or lack of it, minor. It also declined to make an issue of her previous State Department employment, where she had labored in the pro-Communist vineyards for years.

The United Nations is overreaching in trying to avoid the issue. Mrs. Keeney's lawyer, following her up at the Senate that his client could actually answer the specific question about who got the UN job for her. The Senate declined to gnaw on the bone tossed its way by the UN. Senator McCarran said the offer was "intolerable affront."

Mrs. Keeney told the Senate on February 18 that she had "left" the UN. She did but it was not voluntary, and she put up a fight to stay on the payroll. The UN acted to remove her only after she had balked at Senate questioning. UN officials knew they had a large, legal bear by the tail. They fired her as a sop to Congress. It didn't work.

Top UN officials have never waned to make an issue of its declared extra-legal standing. It has left that to minor officials and various sub-agencies of the UN such as UNESCO. It does have, however, a commission in being that is mulling over a set of world laws which it hopes member UN nations will adopt. Once this is done, U.S. courts can quit. It would establish a world government locally, with UN and State Department officials sanctioning the move instead of the U.S. Congress.

The Senate knows this and has under consideration a bill to bar any such commitment by this gov-

popularity among Democrats is a healthy sign. It would be discouraging indeed if after all the corruption that has been revealed in Washington the Truman administration remained overwhelmingly popular among Democratic voters. That would be final proof of moral decay among our people.

One can't get away from the conclusion that Kefauver's popularity among Democrats grows out of the belief that he is the young knight in shining armor who can slay the dragon of cynical political corruption.

It is good to know that our people still cherish ideals. I think Republicans, especially the 1206 Republicans who will go to their party's national convention to choose a candidate for President, will do well to keep an eye on this young fellow from Tennessee.

It will take a mighty good man to beat him come the first Tuesday after the first Monday of next November. Not only that, it will take UNTY among Republicans. If the GOP convention winds up in a bitter feud that sends one faction home to sulk in its tents, it is reasonably certain that the next President of the United States will be a Democrat.

That is about as much of a foregone conclusion as anything can be.

55 Examined At Clinic For Crippled Children

Fifty-five youngsters were examined Tuesday and Wednesday in the semi-annual crippled children's clinic, the County Health Department Reports.

Examinations were made by Dr. John Marner, Portland orthopedic specialist, and staff of three. The clinics are held twice yearly and youths range up to 21 years of age are examined.

The word "head" stems from a root which means to pray and it was only gradually that it came to apply to ornaments which were not prayer beads.

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Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C., 4th Oregon District

Not many months ago the revelations of graft and corruption of several varieties, together with a shockingly long list of income tax collection "irregularities," caused the President and his entire Executive department to shudder. The people of the country seemed to be aroused too. Mr. Truman announced in December that he was going to clean house quick and sure and let the chips fall where they would. He was going to appoint a special "cleaner-upper."

One man was selected. He even came down to Washington to talk it over. It was prematurely announced in the press that he had been named. But it turned out that when he found he was not to be given ample power and a free hand, this first selection went back home.

The came the "great" Newbold Morris, a knight in badly tarnished armor, to do the job. After getting off to a very bad start due partly to the fact that his name was linked with some sort of queer tanker sale transaction, Morris started in to do a little digging. I gathered the impression that, smarting under the whipping he had taken by the Senators who were investigating the ship deal, Morris determined to attempt to really do a job. However, that was not the idea of those higher up. Morris was summarily fired by Attorney General McGrath. McGrath was then as quickly fired by Truman. That is the sum and substance and the end of the much publicized clean-up.

Perhaps you had forgotten all about it. Apparently most people have. I think that indifference is perhaps as shocking as the corruption. Where is the burning indignation that once would have swept people out of office in disgrace under such circumstances? Apparently it no longer exists. It has cooled so completely in a few short weeks that a man who appears to be little more than a machine politician is named attorney general, and the President tells a press conference that he has no clean-up plans.

The House passed the Federal-aid highway bill which authorizes the funds for highway construction during the next two years. In the bill was a minor increase (10 per cent) for forest roads and trails. This is the item from which money for timber access roads comes. Also to help to access road construction was Section three of the bill which authorizes twelve millions for defense access roads, a classification set up in the Defense Highway Act of 1941. Of this amount, two-thirds goes to timber access and one-third to mineral area roads. In some portions of Oregon, access roads can be used for both timber and mineral production.

If the money figures named in this highway bill actually represented cash for access road construction there would be enough for a fairly reasonable timber access program. Unfortunately, these sections of the bill merely serve to indicate the maximum amount which may be appropriated. The appropriations bills do not carry anywhere near these authorized amounts so our government timber harvesting program is handicapped.

Construction of "trail head" facilities for Camp White at Medford will begin soon. Some \$3,700,000, out of a total appropriation of more than eleven millions, has been released for expenditure there.

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