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WHY WE LIKE IKE

Charles V. Stanton

This newspaper believes General Eisenhower should be elected the next president of the United States.

We have not been disappointed in Ike. His campaign has strengthened our faith in him. He has followed much the pattern we had expected.

He has been a disappointing candidate to many of the mavericks and liberals on the fringe of the Republican party. But those characters were due for a disappointment from the first, had they stopped to use their heads.

Had Ike been of the Socialist stripe, he would have accepted the Democratic nomination. The chance to run on the Democratic ticket was offered him on a silver platter. He could have been swept into the presidency, perhaps with the greatest majority ever achieved by a candidate. His critics should remember that fact when they chant about "compromise." Had Ike been willing to compromise his principles, he would have needed no campaign for the office. Instead, he elected to make a fight of it. Square that, if you can, with the Democratic charge of "compromise."

People who know Ike intimately say that one of his outstanding talents is that of surrounding himself with capable and efficient men, getting them to work together as a team, even though they may not be in total agreement.

Country Sorely Needs Unity

When Ike and Taft composed their differences and went into action as battery mates on the same team, the opposition set up a hue and cry about "surrender." Republican liberals, who had expected to be the fair-haired boys in the new regime, found themselves out in the cold. With their ego sadly deflated, they sought the warmth of the publicity spotlight by recanting their bold and unequalled declarations of only a few months earlier.

Senator Taft represents a large segment of Republican voters. He gave Eisenhower a tough struggle for the nomination. There was much jeering from the opposition that the Republicans had been torn into two alien forces. But Ike's talent for fostering harmony was demonstrated as he, the victor, offered the hand of friendship to the vanquished. And Taft, instead of sulking over his defeat, demonstrated that America means more to him than personal glory. He accepted the proffered hand and is playing ball on the team.

Now, let's suppose that Ike had taken the Democratic nomination. His first act would have been to seek harmony between the northern faction and the Dixiecrats, something Stevenson hasn't been able to do. Had he succeeded would the Democrats be hollering "surrender?" If there is any one thing this country needs today it is unity.

Ike has furnished ample proof that he leans toward the conservative side of his party, thus disappointing his "liberal" friends. But they should have known. He is a Mid-Westerner. His political views are those of the Mid-West, where constitutional government finds its greatest strength. After all, he and Taft were not too far apart in their philosophies. The general, however, is much more of an internationalist than the senator.

Military Knowledge Valuable

A military man in the White House was a wonderful idea so long as there was a chance that Ike might be the Democratic candidate. But the Democrats have since been wallowing long and loud that we don't want a military man at the head of our government.

Don't we?

We are engaged in a war in Korea—a war in which the pessimistic Democrats can see no opportunity for victory. We are being pushed around in disgraceful and humiliating manner by the Reds. We've been outsmarted at every turn by the Russians. We live under the threat of a third World War.

Who knows more of the world situation than Eisenhower? Who better knows intimately the political heads of the governments we must have as our friends. Who is more thoroughly qualified to determine how best we can help our European Allies than the man who has been working with them for several years and who is thoroughly acquainted with their problems? Who knows more how the Korean fracas should be handled than the man who brought the Allies to victory in the last war? Who is better qualified to meet Russian tactics than the man who built up defenses against the Reds in Europe? In whom can American citizens have the most confidence in dealing with the Reds—the men who have harbored and shielded Communists in the official family, who have pussyfooted and appeased abroad, or the man who has stood firm and defiant?

We will be living in the shadow of war for at least several years. The threat of war cannot be dispelled easily nor quickly. For that reason we can make use of a man with military knowledge and experience—a man who has not only proven himself a military genius but who has shown outstanding talent as a diplomat. Our problems, at least for the next few years, will concern international affairs even more vitally than domestic affairs. Eisenhower's firsthand and intimate knowledge of affairs abroad qualify him in a special way, in our opinion, for the trials of the days ahead.

And that's why we like Ike.

Scraps From the

by

Vahnett Martin

MENDING BASKET

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Bonnie met me as I returned from Mrs. Steinnmueller's with a pan of apples for a pie. "This book," said Bonnie, thus turning the tables on one who is always recommending books to others, "is a very good one. This is eleven times I've borrowed it from the school library."

I lost no time in having a look at "Susannah the Pioneer Cow," by Miriam Mason (Macmillan). "It must be a good book," I agreed and began to read aloud. Bonnie settled down close by I turned page after page. . . the telephone rang but Bonnie did not linger as usual. "No, Mr. Martin, she doesn't need a thing!" and clipped off the "thank you" in her haste.

Dear me, Susannah had me hooked by now. She was a most reluctant pioneer, departing for the west behind a covered wagon. Only the oxen's hauling, and the rope's holding persuaded her to leave her first calf, Rosie. Can't you just hear that cow bawling



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—President Truman consistently uses Republicans as "tools of Wall Street," but he is strangely silent about his own and the riches of his hand-picked candidate for the presidency, Gov. Adlai Stevenson.

Wall Street, of course, has been the life-long target of our domestic Communists and Mr. Truman's allusions to the GOP in this respect have not been displeasing to the Democrats. Neither have most of the President's appointments.

The President is always yelping about how nice it would be if all public officials bared their entire financial holdings, but so far his own income tax returns remain tucked away safely in a White House vault. Why doesn't he come clean? He is obviously a wealthy man and the beneficiary of a political slush fund that dwarfs the \$18,000 used by friends of Senator Richard Nixon to help pay his office expenses.

Mr. Truman fleeced a few hundred investors in his home state of Missouri, back in 1919, on a phony oil stock deal. I've chided him now and again to come clean on this dry gulching of gullible home town investors, but he refused to talk about this, too.

When I investigated the oil stock shelling he gave his friends, many of them wanted to know why the President didn't make good now that he is rich. I've heard all of the tear-jerkers about how Mr. Truman worked and slaved as a senator to pay off all of his debts; he had to do without a maid in Washington so that he could clean up his obligations. Sliced up in any direction, the stories are pure baloney. By any standards, Mr. Truman has never been poor. He has always lived above the average and always had the cash necessary for all-night poker sessions in Missouri and Washington, D. C.

Out in Missouri right now there are a number of aged and indigent investors in the Truman oil stock fleecing who could use the cash they invested at one her protest? After a while the road became a track and then no road at all, but the rope held Susannah until one night, awakened by an owl, she discovered she was "free at last." Dragging the frayed rope, she headed back to Rosie, confident that the family would turn around and follow her back where they should have stayed, Susannah felt, in the first place, Virginia!

Just as we reached the point where Susannah, weary and lonely and sad — there's a picture of her resting "neath a tree, her head dripping from each brown eye — didn't that telephone ring again! This time Bonnie couldn't dispose of the interruption. "I have to go home," she said, "but I'll be back tomorrow." Off she went, Susannah under her arm, leaving me in suspense as to what happened next.

Remember when YOU used to read a favorite book over and over? (Isn't that one good argument for a child's having a few books of her very own? Or his very own? And Book Week is just ahead, too!) Maybe now you are reading to your children, or maybe — fortunate you! — your grandchildren are close enough.

Isn't it fun to share books with children! Our own or borrowed books! Not grudgingly with an eye on the clock, oh no! One must resolutely put aside grownup things that would rob one of the privilege of seeing through the eyes of a child, be it following Alice down the rabbit hole, or following "Susannah the Pioneer Cow," behind a covered wagon.

Didn't the greatest Teacher of all say something about "Except ye become as a little child —"

time in his operation. Some of them even bought it on the installment plan at \$5 a month. It seems to me, now that the President is wealthy, he could easily repay those who bit on the sucker bait. After all, he only nicked his friends and relatives for a total of \$60,000 in the phony oil stock deal. He gets almost that much in a tax-free expense account annually, forked over by us taxpayers.

Gov. Stevenson has revealed his holdings and the extent of his political payoff fund, including donations from two witnesses who were reluctant orators when they appeared before the Kefauver crime investigating committee. One of the Stevenson fund donors was a playmate of Bugsy Siegel until the latter was punctured with slugs from a gangland gun; another couldn't explain to the senators how he managed to accumulate \$100,000 in cash out of which he made a \$2,500 personal donation to the Democratic Party's presidential nominee.

Stevenson has confessed that he is a Wall Street plunger who takes his money in and out of the market as though it were a yo-yo. Mr. Truman hasn't criticized him for messing around with the Republicans, who he claims do the same things to the detriment of the country.

Stevenson's net worth is estimated at \$750,000 in stock and bond holdings. There is nothing of the barefoot boy of Wall Street about the governor. In 1951 he owned 23 different common stocks. He has speculated in oil and gas wells, South American gold and platinum, and publishing company stock. It is not known if he ever invested in Mr. Truman's mythical oil holdings.

So far as can be determined the governor never lost money on an investment. He has holdings in Admiral Corporation, Aluminum Company of America, Grumman Aircraft, Hilton Hotels, Industrial Rayon, Standard Oil of New Jersey and, in 1950, picked up some quick change in Columbia Broadcasting System stock. He also dabbles in retail clothing store stock and government securities.

But the President reserves his insults for Republicans. It seems a little one-sided. Come to think of it, so do the Communists. They haven't once jumped Mr. Truman's candidate for the presidency, whose stock market manipulations make pikers out of most Republicans I know. I can't understand why the Communist Daily Worker is so silent on the subject. After all, Truman and Stevenson are rich men, and as such are prime targets of the Reds. Gen Eisenhower is wealthy, too, and he has been sand-bagged repeatedly by the Daily Worker as a Wall Street tool.

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In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

handle these communists with afternoon tea and polite persiflage.

From the WAR front: Intense communist artillery fire (they pin-pointed as many as 17,000 mortar and big gun shells on one of our positions) has driven U.S. Marines from the crest of "The Hook," a mile-long ridge on the western Korean front. Our Marines had taken this ridge a few hours earlier in hand-to-hand fighting with rifle butts, grenades, bayonets and even their bare fists.

I'm sorry for those Marines. I don't mean just "sorry." I mean the kind of bitter, choking sorrow that burns your eyes with tears that won't be shed in the normal manner that brings emotional relief, sorrow that leaves you shaken and spent but still gritting your teeth and clenching your fists and raging at the injustice of war that sends some men to their death and leaves others never having had it so good.

The fear of death isn't a pleasant thing. You need a lot to sustain you when you face it. Knowing what you are fighting for and hoping you can win and GET IT OVER WITH are great sustainers in grim crises like our Marine sons went through in the bloody darkness up there on Fish Hook Ridge last night.

I'm sorry (with that terrible, raging sorrow that comes with frustration) not merely for the dead and the gravely wounded but for the men who came out of it alive and whole. Nothing can wring and wrench men's souls like withdrawing from a fight like that and LEAVING BEHIND your dead who have died in vain and your helpless wounded to fall into the hands of the communist savages.

I doubt, of course, if many were left behind. These fighting men of ours don't do that knowingly. They SAVE THEIR DEAD AND THEIR WOUNDED, even at the cost of their own lives. But in the confused darkness of a battle like that there HAVE to be SOME who will be unfound and unsaved.

There ought to be some way to stop a war like that — a war you can't win and aren't expected to win. I'd rather trust Ike to find a way to stop it than the crowd that is fighting to keep him from becoming President and commander-in-chief.

MY PAPER HASN'T ARRIVED YET

IF NOT..

Phone 2-2631

BETWEEN 6:15-7PM

Pravda Offers Crooked Slant On Ike, Adlai

MOSCOW (AP)—Pravda gave Russian readers a half-page summary today of the U.S. presidential campaign, calling both Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Gov. Adlai Stevenson "true servants of American monopolies."

The Communist party organ said both the Republican and Democratic candidates are: "Leaders in the aggressive policy of the imperialist warmongers." "Inspirers of Anti-Communist hysteria." "Preachers of reaction and aggression."

Pravda's article—the most extensive commentary to date on the American election—condemned both candidates with what appeared to be complete impartiality.

It said the two have restricted the campaign to second-class, unimportant issues and both are afraid to propose any real solution for the Korean War. Each, said Pravda, fears to propose an expansion or intensification of the war since it is so unpopular. On the other hand, said the paper, each fears to propose a peaceful solution in Korea since this would arouse dissatisfaction among "industrial and financial magnates."

Pravda said the presidential campaign has not succeeded in arousing the interest of the American electorate, which it added is showing great indifference and apathy.

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REV. PETER VARONOF

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