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HE'S ON RECORD
 In the past few days petitions to place the name of Dwight D. Eisenhower on the Republican primary ballot for the presidential nomination have been circulated here. The response, as we think most would have predicted, has been favorable, but reports by those interviewing prospective signers indicate both a lack of knowledge and a desire for information as to the candidate's social and political beliefs and his attitude on domestic issues.

It is natural, perhaps, that there should be this lack in the voter's mental picture of the man who has stated his availability for an even greater service than that which he has already given his country. Action rather than words has characterized his life as a military leader. Education, which has been his interim career, does not lend itself readily to headlines nor to day by day coverage of the individual's statements. His public utterances have not been emphasized nor have they been persistently repeated. It follows that they have been too readily forgotten. Repetition, as every successful advertiser knows, is a necessary adjunct to a retentive memory.

Nevertheless Dwight D. Eisenhower is on record and the record is peculiarly significant in the fact that it was made months before any civil political responsibility had been accepted. Some samples from the record are in order.

Regarding the socialistic trend so apparent under the present administration, he warned three years ago at a Columbia college forum:

If we allow this constant drift toward centralized bureaucratic government to continue, finally the governmental function will be expressed in terms far exceeding the necessary one of laying down the rules and laws for governing each of us in his daily actions to insure that we do not take unfair advantage of our comrades and other citizens. Government will be the actual field of operation. There will be a swarming of bureaucrats over the land. Ownership of property will gradually drift into that central government and finally you would have to have dictatorship as the only means of operating such a huge and great organization.

Pretty definite, that. Even more pointed was this statement, made also in 1949 in an address to the Saint Andrews society:

Jefferson, a man we recognize as the great liberal of his time, said, "The best government is the least government." Now we recognize the degree to which we have changed when we come to see that the definition of a liberal is a man who, in Washington, wants to play the Almighty with our money.

In 1948, on the occasion of his installation as president of Columbia, Eisenhower enriched the record with his opinion of communism and fascism in the following sound pronouncement:

The truth about communism is, today, an indispensable requirement if the values of our democratic system are to be properly assessed. Ignorance of communism, fascism, or any other police-state philosophy is far more dangerous than ignorance of the most virulent disease.

As a military expert, General Eisenhower has been and is closely identified with the effort to coordinate the defense of western Europe under the North Atlantic Treaty organization and, in Washington in February, 1951, he told the United States congress:

Western Europe is so important to our future, our future is so definitely tied up with them that we cannot afford to do less than our best in making sure that it does not go down the drain.

But while thus endorsing military aid he repudiated the idea that the United States "can pick up the world on its economic, financial and military shoulders and carry it."

As to Korea, he stated in 1950 that the American decision to resist the invasion of South Korea was "inescapable."

On corruption in government, this, in 1950:

It would do no good to defend our liberties against communist aggression and lose them to our own greed, blindness or shiftless reliance on bureaucracy and the federal treasury.

On taxation, later in the same year:

How far can a government go in taxing away property rights and still not leave the government the master of the people instead of their servant?

And on inflation, in a 1950 address at Columbia:

Inflation, born of the unbalanced budget * * * nullifies every income gain of worker and farmer.

Yes, Dwight D. Eisenhower is on record, definitely so, even if his utterances in the post-war years have been somewhat overlooked. The samples in the foregoing paragraphs are offered in evidence and the evidence, as it seems to us, is well worth considering.

We're Asleep at the Switch

By Oswald West
 (Ex-Governor of Oregon)
 Fortunately, we adopted a Fifth Amendment to our Federal Constitution which provides that:

No person shall . . . be deprived of his . . . property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

And to further our good fortune in the West, Congress approved:

The Desert Land Act of 1877
 The purpose of this measure was to modify the old Common Law rule in riparian rights and, as to public lands patented after the above date, to free appurtenant waters, in order that they might become subject to appropriation and use, elsewhere, for mining, irrigation and hydro power development. Thus the way opened for the adoption of state water codes, adjudication, at one time, of the rights of all claimants on a stream, and the recording of water titles.

So, before accepting C. Girard (Jebby) Davidson's recommendation that Oregon waters be diverted south for uses in California, let us take a look at what other bright young political pet lawyers are undertaking to do to state's rights in California—and indirectly to those in Oregon.

1942
 Shortly after Pearl Harbor, or on January 21, 1942, the Navy Department, through the Department of Justice, moved, in Southern California, to acquire around 9150 acres of the old Santa Margarita Rancho, for a naval ammunition depot. The procedure then, how-

ever, was strictly in accordance with the "Law of the Land." The U. S. Attorney General, while advising that it had become necessary to acquire the property through the exercise of the government's power of eminent domain, gave assurances that all property owners concerned would be justly compensated.

1952
 Some time later, for the purpose of establishing Camp Pendleton, a Marine camp near Oceanside and Fallbrook, Calif., the government grabbed 123,600 more Rancho Santa Margarita acres—displacing 14,000 owners of land and long established water rights. Acting, however, upon the advice of a group of legal "shave tails", Attorney General McGrath refuses to recognize any claimed water rights; and has instituted a gigantic suit to nullify all such claims and without compensating the owners.

8 days the Attorney General's leading legal "shave tail": "We are going to litigate the question of whether California state laws, for the administration of water rights, supercede the constitutional law of the government, in regard to exclusive jurisdiction." So, they propose to seize these Santa Margarita water rights (and without compensating the owners) under a doctrine of "paramount" and "sovereign" federal powers. The Department of Justice has declared its intention to overthrow and invalidate state water laws and substitute federal determination of all such rights—all to the tune of the Missouri Waltz.

Although a congressional mea-



WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson
 (NEA Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Brief cable mention that an American ex-Air Force technical sergeant had been seriously wounded in Hukbalahap fighting in the Philippines has unearthed a strange story.

It is the tale of a GI with a brilliant war record who may have turned Communist and taken to the hills with the bandits. The man is William Joseph Pomeroy, 35-year-old veteran from Waterloo, N. Y. What made him apparently desert his country, and join the Filipino Communist guerrillas is something of a mystery.

He went back to the Philippines in 1947, a year after he had been given an honorable discharge at Camp Dix, N. J. He enrolled in the University of the Philippines for a four-year course in journalism.

sure to halt the Attorney General, and thus preserve the rights of the Santa Margarita water claimants, has passed the House, and is now being considered by the Senate, that distinguished public official is all set for another legal round on February 18, in the U. S. District Court at San Diego.

But they never put a price on the Pomeroy's.

They are believed to be active principally as educational leaders. They reportedly taught in Stalin university, the Huk training school.

Most recent reports have had

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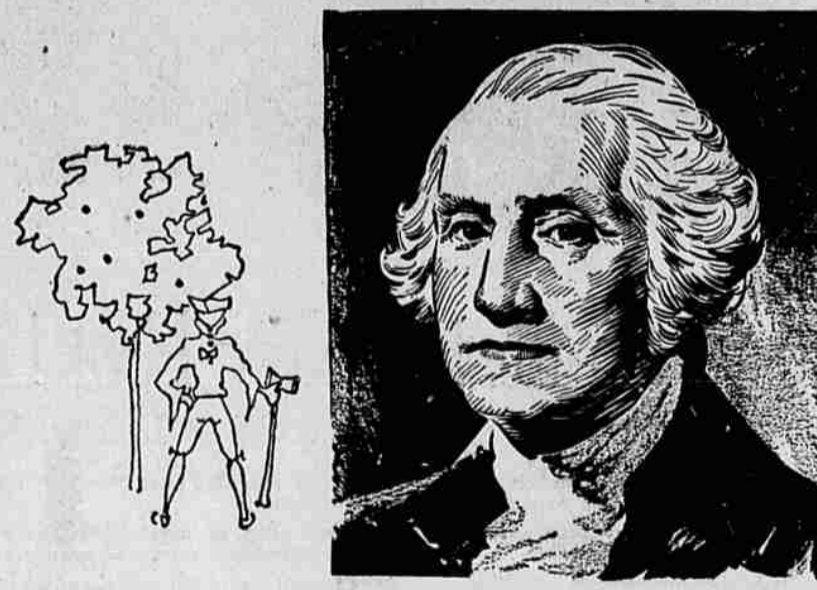
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