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EISENHOWER T-H PROPOSALS

President Eisenhower's proposals for changes in the Taft-Hartley act strike a slightly right of center middle ground as his policies usually do. They represent a dis-tinct toning down of the somewhat sensational revisions White House authors proposed to submit to congress sev-eral months ago. These brought violent outcries from employing interests. It developed that Eisenhower had not seen them so it was never known whether they represented

Since then the president has no doubt heard extensively from both sides and given the matter considerable personal study. The proposals are based on a conviction that T-H is essentially a good law, but needs revisions. Taft himself believed this and was ready to make revisions as far back as 1949 only to be thwarted by President Truman's threat to veto any changes short of outright repeal.

We think the most important recommendation of the president is for a secret ballot of union members before calling a strike, this to be supervised by the government like a vote to designate a bargaining agent. At the present time union officials can call a strike, though in practice the larger unions usually vote authorization in advance.

The president believes the members have a right to decide without coercion from any source whether to go on strike. There may be fewer strikes if this provision becomes law, but there will be as many strikes as the union

Several proposals favor the unions. Eisenhower wants to restrict the ban on secondary boycotts to eliminate re-fusal to handle "struck work" and "farmed out work." He reiterates his objections to the true secondary boycott and his determination to see it forbidden.

Eisenhower would protect the rights of workers while

they are on strike by permitting them to vote in union representation elections while they are on strike. This would prevent employers from securing decertifications of unions while their members are on strike.

The recommendations also call for imposing of the union shop requirement that an employe join the union within seven days in construction, amusement and maritime in dustries where employment is often brief.

The president also wishes to remove the present discrimination implied in requiring labor officers to take the non-communist affidavit while no such requirement is made on employer representatives. Almost everyone who analyzes the law agrees that this should be done, but it hasn't been

One of the most important recommendations is for a overnment fact finding board to make recommendations for settlements in national emergency disputes, such as coal, trasportation, steel and the like. This would involve

coal, trasportation, steel and the like. This would involve the government more in the disputes than it is now, and is at variance with Eisenhower's previous pronouncements.

The president wishes the rights of the states to deal with labor problems when not in conflict with federal legislation to be protected. This is in line with his general attitude to have as much governing as possible done at the state and local levels.

The recommendations appear to be well thought out. They are fair and temperate. They will not satisfy extremists on either side. Nor do they cover all the revisions needed in this complicated piece of legislation. No presidential message could. This is a job for congressional committees composed of men skilled in labor legislation, aided by all the facts six years of operation of the act have developed.

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The president has provided a good sound basis for congressional study, and enactment of needed changes. It is to be hoped that congress will get on with this task and bring T-H amendments up for a vote at the coming session. It should not shun the job because the subject is controversial. This has been done for too long already.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

An unusual feature of Governor Dewey's 12th annual message to the New York legislature was the request to write into law a code of ethics, a series of measures to revise the moral and ethical standards of government office declared. "Don't think for a moment that Rhee doesn't have moment that Rhee doesn't have

Dewey declared such action necessary to assure the public that its political leaders are not only honest but above suspicion. Both houses promptly adopted a resolution putting the governor's plan into effect.

Dewey's program for raising moral and ethical stan-dards called for creation of a special committee that would: Define business and professional activities improper for government

Regulate private practice by public officers before state agencies. Promulgate a code of ethics to govern public and party officers when offlicts arose between their business and professional interests and professional interests and

Dewey declared that the people are entitled to know that no genuine conflict of interest exists among their pub-lic servants. They are also entitled to know that no selfish

motive is permissible which interferes with the high-minded and honorable conduct of pubic affairs."

Dewey asserted that the problem of ethical standards is

not the simple issue of bribery and corruption, on which all are agreed but involved "a whole range of borderline behavior, questions of propriety and the question of con-flict of interest." Also involved are "changing standards, in relation to man's ideals and thinking."

The governor referred to the fact that conduct in pub-

lic office once condoned would now be universally condemned. He recollected that 200 years ago in Britain public offices were auctioned off publicly to the highest bidder who made up the price and profit from the public. He cited the fact that 100 years ago it was taken for granted louisaina. in the United States that legislators represented special interests and used their information "to feather their own were not condemned but envied. And Dewey added, "simple rules suffice in a simple society but our society is no longer simple, but complex."

Dewey's proposal of a code was inspired by the disclos-

ures of racketeering at a harness race track for which he forced the removal of the acting lieutenant governor, the

only scandal of his long administration.

Whether a code of ethics will remove corruption and racketeering by public officials remains to be seen. will however, be a restraining influence, just as the 10 commandments are with the masses. It will make exposure, conviction and punishment for violations easier.-G.P.

S.F. CABLE CARS TO GO?

San Francisco's world famous cable cars have endured into the second half of the twentieth century largely on sentiment, one suspects. People down there didn't think the old town would be the same without them, and they

were right.

Finally it seems that the cable cars must go, a victim

Finally it seems ironically call progress. The city's of what we sometimes ironically call progress. public utilities commission has voted their end, overriding the angry protests of spectators at the meeting.

It will be interesting to see if the cars really pass out.

Their demise has been frequently threatened.



ELECTION (Y)EARS

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ike Finds Mamie Gets His Speech Before He Gave It

WASHINGTON — Right after President Eisenhower finished his state-of-the-union speech to the joint session of congress he was greeted by Mamie, who had watched him from the house gallery.

"What have you got there?" queied Ike, pointing to some papers in Mamie's hand.
"Oh, it's just a copy of your speech. Everyone in the gallery was given a copy." she replied.
"Golly," said the president, "if I'd known that they already had my speech up here on the hill, I wouldn't have bothered to come up here to read it."

Nixon replied that the other countries "don't have the recountries and exhowledged that they are a long way from measuring up to Turkey, which ones of all those countries are potential turkeys? I wouldn't have bothered to come up here to read it."

democratic senators in an off-the-record meeting the other evening that South Korean President Syng-man Rhee will not start war again in Korea.

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The vice-president was the only republican at a private democratic gathering held at the home of his neighbor. Senator Estes Kefauver. The get-together was arranged, explained the Tennessee crimebuster, at the outgrowth of a neighborly eithat about a Christmas motor bike and the results and fix a fair policy, so plained the Tennessee crimebuster, at the outgrowth of a neighborly profit and benefit from its rubber chat about a Christmas motor bike that the outgrowth of a heighton chat about a Christmas motor bike that the Kefauver kids had let the Nixon youngsters ride.

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a detailed, country-by-country re-port. He warned in advance, how-ever, that he would present no

"If I express any conclusions," he explained, "it is always attrib-uted to the president."

Strong for Chiang
At one point, when he was giving a flattering report on another Asiatic strong man, Chiang Kai-Shek, the vice-president was challenged by Senator Russ Long of

"A miracle has been performed

Salem 42 Years Ago By BEN MAXWELL January 12, 1912

A news story of this date had urged that something must be done to give relief to unemployed men in Salem and enable hundreds willing to work the opportunity to earn the price of a meal and a bed. The situation had arisen, the Capital Journal said, as a result of bringing contract labor into the locality to work on railroad con-struction and on public buildings.

Phil O. Parmalee and J. Clifford Turpin, first aerial deputy sheriffs in history, had soared aloft from Dominques field to seek two bandits in the San Fernando hills of

Oregon's state tax levy for 1912 had been reported by the tax com-mission as being \$3,063,815,75 (something less than the cost of new, South Salem high school). gested, was the lack of native leaders. For example, he praised Prime Minister Sastroamidjojo of Prime Minister Sastroamidjojo of Indonesia as a "great leader," but complained that he stood alone. Postal savings bank had started

operations here during September and now boasted deposits totalling "After my conference with him," reported Nixon, "I asked, 'who else should I talk to?' He said, 'just

Capital National bank, J. H. Al-bert, president, had advertised that idle money placed in their savings Nixon blamed the Dutch and French for not training native leaders in their former colonies department would draw four percent interest. "The British trained natives for civil leadership, but unfortunately, the Dutch and the French did not," he said.

Of all the Far Eastern countries,

Sam Morgan, owner of Liberty theater, had lately also acquired the vice president laid most stress on Indo-China and indicated that the Eisenhower administration con-

Ground breaking ceremonies for new Reed college in Portland had been held with Dr. Thomas Lamb Eliot presiding and Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbet breaking ground.

OPEN FORUM

siders Indo-China the key to our

Why Not Fix the Old so Barn in Bush Park? To The Editor:

When you ask somebody with good ideas why they don't put their ideas before the public they chat about a Caristmas motor bike that the Kefauver kids had let the Nixon youngsters ride.

"Kefauver is the most popular papa in the neighborhood," acknowledged Nixon. "because he knowledged Nixon. "because he came away favorably impressed."

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On the whole, the democrats attention to what I think, Any good, constructive that the suggestion. say: "Oh, nobody would pay any

Any good, constructive idea makes its impression no matter hought his kids a bike with a motor on it."

Standing in front of the Kefauver "mental blotter" who sopped up fireplace. Nixon pointed out his fireplace hi Washington Pipeline
The most powerful U.S. senator, democrat Dick Russell of Georgia, told friends last week. "I didit? You have the satisfaction of

shoes of a democrat." ... Idaho's republican Senator Herman Welker has never spoken to Montana's democratic Senator Mike Mansfield since he came to Washington, From Mansfield's viewpoint the feeling is mutual. Democrat Sam Rachura.

Louisiana.

"A miracle has been performed in Formosa," Nixon claimed "Chiang Kai-Shek has 600.000 well-equipped, ready-to-go troops."

"Are you sure of that 600.000 figure" interrupted Long. "I am a member of the armed services committee. At the last briefing I attended, the figure was given as less than 300,000 troops, and some of them didn't even have shoes."

"That's the figure that is batted around. I didn't count them."

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POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Family Corporation Solves Many Problems Peacefully

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (A) you do for kids takes lots of

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discovered the truth of it by living. Frank, who was a transport pilot in the last war, has seven children and makes more money than a successful counterfeiter—except Frank makes his honestly. He is newscaster of the NECTV. NBC-TV network show d "Today."

But having and loving seven children—and carning them a good living—Frank found wasn't quite enough. Too much of the burden fell on his pretty wife,

"With my odd working hours," he said, "I couldn't spend the time with my kids that I felt a dad should." But Frank, who at 38 looks like a handsome older brother of his children, found the answer— in a family corporation in which each member has a voice in the

"Anything | family decisions. Here's how

you do for kids takes lots of time. And while we are willing to give them everything else, that is the one thing we are reluctant to give them—time.

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"And that is probably why we they didn't mind being punished if they had a voice in deciding whether the punishment fitted the crime. the crime.

I think that remark pretty well sums up the problem of dealing with children. I wish it were my observation, but it isn't.

It belongs to Frank Blair, who discovered the truth of it by living. Frank, who was a transport pilot in the last war, has seven children and makes more money than a successful coun.

Then Frank decided to create a family corporation to rule on all family questions with each member being allowed one vote for each year of his age.

The current voting status is as follows: Frank, 39; Lil, 37; young Frank, 17; John, 15; Tom, 13; Mary, 7; Theresa, 4; Paul, 2; Bill,

Currently, the senior partners are able to outvote the junior partners of the Blair corporation 75 to 59 In a showdown, but Frank says it doesn't often come to that.

"The kids don't vote as a block

won't take adantage of a situa-tion if you give them z rense of participation. That is the win-derful thing about children— their real sense of honesty and fair-mindedness."

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The family corporation meets every Sunday, and no outsiders are allowed. The members vote fines and penalties and punishments, decide questions like what type of new car to buy and where to spend vacations.

The kids have routine chores they are expected to perform, but are paid for extra duties such as baby sitting Each member of the family pays a penny a week for each year of his age, and the pot is divided among the kids just before Christmas each year, including as a bonus the money chipped in by dad and mom. Lil acts as treasurer by popular demand. popular demand.

"I don't know whether it would work with every family," said Frank, "but this corporation game has helped bring us closer together, and we all have learned

together, and we all have learned a great deal from it.
"It has given up a real insight into our children's minds, really opened a new world to us. You can't push kids out the front door, tell them to come back in three hours, and then forget them. That is how they get into trouble. You have to find a way to give them something to do—and a feeling or responsibility."
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When I asked Frank whether the Blair corporation had closed its membership 10lls, he laughed and said:

"Well, you never can tell. I against us," he said. "The first fast. I don't know what's out thing we found out is that they there now." haven't been home since,

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