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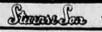
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Conscience Unreliable

science, which if it is truly his guide is then remarkably unstable and

Moral Arrogance

Another effect of this moral arro-gance is that it has led Morse into intemperate utterance. He is extreme in denunciation. In 1946 he branded President Truman as "ham actor." Yet in 1952 he praised Harry Truman in a personal telegram: "Your record is an indelible one in the history of our country, while that of your detractors will soon fade away." In February, 1952, when he said he was "strong for Eisenhower," he wrote: "I know him to be a very intelligent man with complete intellectual honesty and a marked im-partiality." The Congressional Rec-ord for March 20, 1952 quotes Morse referring to President Eisenhower as "a man who in my judgment is completely lacking in political morality."

We must allow a man the privilege of revising his appraisal of men and of issues; but when he indulges in such radical utterances and extreme reversals of opinion and does it so often we are justified in challenging either his motive or the soundness of his judgment.

Burned Out Usefulness In attempting to analyze Morse's

claim to reelection and entering my claim to reelection and entering my opposition I am not doing so out of personal antagonism. I have no personal quarrel with him. I recognize he is a man of superior intellectual endowments, but regret that he has, in the opinion of many who were his friends, pretty well burned out his usefulness and effectiveness save as a persistent harranguer to a nearly empty Senate cham-ber. With many of the positions he has taken in his near 12 years of service. I have been in agreement; with others strongly opposed. Morse deserted the Republican Party under whose banner he had won his office in 1944 and 1950 to become first an dependent and next a Democrat. He did not merely move across the political aisle, he wound up on the extreme left wing of the Democrats, not very welcome to those of the older Democratic tradition. That of course was his priv-

to the Democrats of Lane county and principle, or was he moved by expediency—campaign fund expediency?

Come to 1952 when Morse's conscience really underwent great strain. He came to Oregon early that year and introduced his colleague Senator Duff of Pennsylvania at a dinner of the Multnoman County Republican Club in Portland. Both were boosting Eisenhower for the Republican nominee for President, Morse continued a strong Eisenhower booster and denounced Republicans who chose to file as candidate for delegate by petition so they would not be legally bound by the party preference.

Political Ethics Changed

After the convention, Morse became soured on Republicans, on Eisenhower and Nixon. At first he sulked in his tent, later he came out lock, stock and larnyx, for Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic candidate. This decision was announced as based on "principle" and presumably on conscience. Previously he had declared that for one holding office to bolt his party violated his conception of political ethics. Some-where along the line that concept of political ethics underwent a change.

Why the Desertion?

After bolting the Republicans Morse became an Independent. Almost weekly during the sitting of the 83rd Congress he arose to make his weekly "report" of the Independent Party. As late as July, 1954 he denounced as a "lie being apread by my enemies" that he would enroll as a Democrat. But after being warned by Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national commitland, Democratic national commit-teeman, that he would get no support from Democrats if he remained an Independent Morse, well in ad-vance of filing time for the senatorial race in 1956 flew out to Oregon, drove to Eugene and registered as a Democrat.

The question I want to raise is this: Why did he desert the Independent party? What had

he is elected! However, it is only fair to quote from another columnist, Joe Alsop who observed Morse at the Clackamas County Democratic picnic and reported: When the chairman pre-scrited Morse with a check for his campaign fund Morse returned it, telling Chairman Groener to "spend it as he thinks best, for the benefit of the entire—and mind you, I say entire-Democratic ticket in Clack amas county." That was when he was wearing the party coat.

Morse bases his stand on public issues on principle and he seems to have so many principles that he can call up one to support each stand he takes. Thus in 1946 when he was new in the Senate he voted to confirm the nomination by Roosevelt of Henry Wallace for secretary of commerce, basing his stand on the principle that a President is entitled to name the members of his cabinet. However, when President Eisenhower nominated Charles E. Wilson for secretary of defense Morse pulled out another "principle"—I don't know just what—and in obedience to that principle he voted against confirmation.

on should be a slave to consistency. Different times, different relationships call for different judgments. But I do object to this parade of virtue and exploitation of "conscience" as a cover for all the gyrations of the Morse career. I credit Morse with acting many times out of genuine concern for the public interest. But I think also that he indules in rationalise. illusion that he is always right and drapes himself with the cloak of "principle" and "con-science" as a protective colora-

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