

Messages of Ike, Harriman Show Differences In Political Philosophies

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Washington—(U.P.)—You must read the two annual messages with some care to discover the basic differences in the political philosophies of President Eisenhower and New York's Gov. Averell Harriman.



But the differences are both real and important. Mr. Eisenhower is a hard money man. He's for a stable dollar which will buy about as much groceries next summer as it will buy today.

Gov. Harriman, whose personal dollars outnumber Mr. Eisenhower's personal dollars by some millions, thinks more in the pattern of the Roosevelt and Truman tradition. Mr. Truman out-spent and out-taxed Mr. Roosevelt. But it was FDR who made deficit financing popular at the polls.

He once parried a troubled news conference question about

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the swelling national debt, like this: "So what? We owe the money to ourselves."

Harriman is not running any deficit administration in New York where the taxpayers bear a rather severe state income tax burden. He's in a hassle, instead, with the Republicans about the distribution of budget-surplus, tax-cut pie. Here again, Harriman breaks with Mr. Eisenhower.

The President has no surplus to distribute. But, if he did, the President first would use some to make "modest" payments on the \$280,000,000,000 national debt. Then he would propose cuts with some kind of percentage provision whereby the larger taxpayers would get re-

lief in some degree related to their actual tax burden.

Harriman would whack up a \$50,000,000 state budget surplus at so much a head—\$5 off for each taxpayer and \$5 for each dependent. It's a plan with obvious attractions for many voters. The idea seems to have originated when Harry S. Truman was president. Mr. Truman once proposed a \$30-per-head cut right down the line, which would have removed millions of taxpayers—and voters—from the tax rolls altogether. They couldn't fail to like that. Congress balked.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, Texas, and most other Democratic leaders tried to ram a similar reduction through Congress last year. They were stopped by the

opposition of Sens. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) and Walter F. George (D-Ga.).

Farm income and what to do about it probably is the hottest domestic issue in this presidential election year. Harriman and Mr. Eisenhower break cleanly on that one. Harriman's agricultural problems are limited. But, New York is a great dairy state.

To aid the milkmen, the governor wants rigid 90 per cent price supports. He also proposed several methods for getting rid of the surpluses which inevitably accumulate at considerable cost under a high and rigid support system. None of the surplus disposal plans tried so far has functioned satisfactorily.

Aside from these basic differences, the annual messages of

these two men are not in much direct conflict. Parts of Mr. Eisenhower's message could be lifted and fitted nicely into some of FDR's communications to Congress during the early and mid-term New Deal years. Even Mr. Eisenhower's promise of a balanced budget can be matched in the first half dozen or so of Mr. Roosevelt's annual messages. But FDR's budget balancing promises became embarrassing in time. And as the great war crept up on civilization a balanced budget was forgotten in the urgency of rearmament and the ultimate fighting.

The Harriman and Eisenhower messages are parallel, although not identical, in many broad fields such as public welfare, civil rights, education,

roads and the like. That's a sharp reminder of how far the Republican Party has shifted its moorings in the past 20 years seeking to regain majority party position.

Klamath River Groups Postpone Hearings

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Oregon and California Klamath River Basin Commissions have announced postponement of all meetings and hearings previously scheduled for January because many California engineers were preoccupied with flood problems.

The two commissions had planned a joint meeting in Klamath Falls the third week in January.

Meier-Frank Bombing Plea Delay Granted

Portland—(U.P.)—Circuit Judge Paul R. Harris yesterday granted a delay until Jan. 17 for Mrs. Joyce Keller to enter a plea to an indictment charging her with participating in the Meier and Frank bombing of last April.

Mrs. Keller was jointly indicted by a grand jury with her blind brother-in-law, William Clarence Peddicord, in connection with the \$50,000 extortion-bomb plot. The Jan. 17 date was the same granted Peddicord. He has admitted to police that he planted the bomb in the downtown department store. Mrs. Keller has denied that she was involved.

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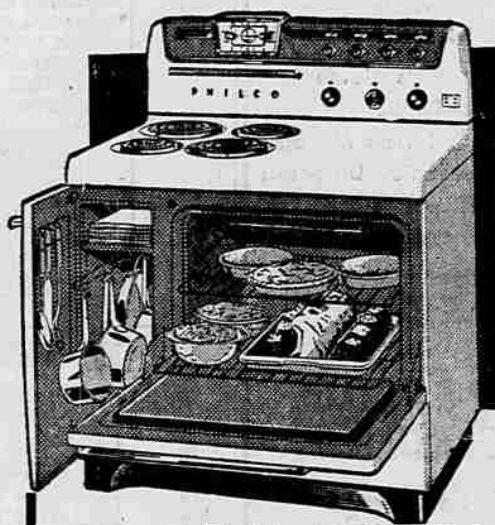
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