

Peace-and-Prosperity Campaign by Kennedy Could Be Shaky Strategy

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 There would be some formidable chance taking if the Kennedy administration conducts the President's re-election campaign on the theme of peace-and-prosperity.

Quality of peace in 1964 will depend very much on the unpredictable Nikita S. Khrushchev. The Soviet Union's formal promises have proved before this to be all too slender reeds for leaning. The peace part of the Democratic campaign theme will be vulnerable on a day-to-day basis.

Some wild words or wild actions by Khrushchev might destroy the idea that peace actually prevails and that President Kennedy should be paid off for it at the polls. Kennedy, of course, is not a helpless captive of the Russians. The President is a pretty smart operator himself.

Discovery of the wrong kind of missiles in Cuba during the 1960 congressional campaign

could have wrecked Democratic chances. But Kennedy's strong action did more than merely to cause the Communists to back down. Kennedy's actions also proved to be effective vote getters for Democratic congressional candidates.

New Opportunity Possible
 Some hard-nosed Communist maneuver next year might offer Kennedy a splendid opportunity to make some more political hay at the expense of the Republicans. The hazard to

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 J. Sterling Morton, U. S. secretary of agriculture under President Grover Cleveland, was the originator of Arbor Day. Morton was a native of Nebraska City, Neb.

Kennedy is that the chips are as likely to fall against as to fall with him in such a situation. If Khrushchev chose the right sabre and rattled it properly at just the right time and the right place, he might prevent Kennedy's re-election. It was a near thing for the Democrats, in fact, last time.

Hearing Scheduled On Interim Zone

The Jackson County Court has scheduled a public hearing regarding the South Talent interim zoning area at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in the courthouse auditorium.

The matter was discussed during the County Court's session Wednesday. Twelve petitions, signed by 164 persons, had been submitted to the court last month by U. South Talent Voters Association, but the lawyer for the group asked that the

court delay action until after Nov. 4.
 In the letter to the court from Russell DeForest, lawyer for the group, he requested that the present interim zoning ordinance be referred to the voters in the area.

Judge Earl Miller explained that under the new law the court is not required to call an election unless they feel it would be in the best interest of the area.

The prosperity plank of Kennedy's re-election campaign platform would be equally a political hazard, if not more so. The President is well aware of that. It would not be fair to him to suggest that Kennedy proposed tax reduction legislation merely to bolster 1964 re-election prospects. But the President and his associates have been plugging the bill as a measure intended to enable the United States to avoid a business slump, further unemployment, industrial stagnation and the like.

Kennedy was telling the tax cut story to Ohio newspaper editors last week when they were White House guests for lunch. He said the country would avoid a recession if the

tax bill were enacted. If the bill is rejected, Kennedy said, there might be a recession. If it came, this recession would hit in the summer of 1964. It

Surface of Moon Hard, Soviet Scientists Say

MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet scientists have reported that the surface of the moon is "hard and extremely porous," according to Tass, the official news agency. It said the report was based on radio soundings conducted by physicists at Gorky.

Other theories have stated that the moon is covered with a thick powdery substance that could hamper spaceship landings.

is not necessary to be a practicing politician to understand what a mid-summer recession would do to a President who was campaigning just then for re-election. It would lick him.

Focus On Tax Bill

So the foundation of Kennedy's prosperity plank must be laid on a tax bill which is stuck in Congress although likely to pass in some form next year. Kennedy's own words reflect the urgency with which he needs to get that tax cut through Congress to protect his re-election interests in such states as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois and Massachusetts. The President thinks those states would be hit hardest.

Tax bill or no tax bill, there

are some cracks in Kennedy's prosperity campaign plank. Unemployment has not responded to what the Democratic President and Democratic Congress have been able to do about it. Some 1960 campaign promises about unemployment remain to be redeemed.

The jobless and their friends are likely to doubt the validity of 1964 prosperity. And the Republicans will ask embarrassing questions.

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Worm Will Turn Or Else Direction Would Be Straight

"The worm will turn," is a truism when applied to the real worm; it would have to, otherwise it would always be going in a straight line, and could never return to its starting place. But, even in turning it must exercise some restraint; too sharp a turn, and continued circling would bring its head up against its own rear end; a disconcerting experience, even for a worm.

It must have been an earthworm that inspired the expression, but it was rather apt, for we can use it now in referring to a very meek person finally rebelling and turning on his tormentor. But applied to a worm, turning is meaningless.

Mr. and Mrs. Earthworm, (and they are one and the same, for every earthworm is both a boy-worm and a girl-worm, and at the same time), often meet an obstruction while burrowing. Pushing along in the gritty darkness, they run into stone, a tree root, or some other obstruction. They must make a decision, to go over the object, under it, or around it. Pushing along, helped by their natural slipperiness, and the bristle-like hairs on their underside, they turn and turn. They eat their way in the turns and the straightaways.

Vertical Mouth
 Mighty funny characters, the earthworms. They have a mouth that is vertical, and the jaws work sideways instead of up and down; a mouth that is vertical is unique among animals, as most are horizontal. The worm's muscles are of two distinct kinds; those that run lengthwise of the body, and the other set that circle the body.

The worms can telescope or they can stretch out until they are only a fraction of their former diameter. This is a great help in getting in between rocks, or pushing through moist earth.

You are sadly uninformed if you believe earthworms are only good for baiting a fishhook. Actually earthworms are mighty important to the business of agriculture; in fact, their value is immeasurable. They make the penetration of water in to the earth possible, and easy; they bring vegetable humus up from the depths to the surface where the plant roots can feed on it; the castings of earthworms, very rich in nitrogen, enrich the soil, feed the plants, and make possible many crops that would fail without the help of these lowly, blind tunnelers in the gritty darkness of the underworld. Without the earthworm, agriculture would be in a pretty bad way.

Baby Like Adult
 In rich, moist soil, made more rich because of their presence, the earthworms lay the eggs that will hatch into baby worms. A baby worm is exactly the same as an adult worm, only smaller. Many worms, grubs, and maggots, are the larva stage of insects; these change their structure and their habits, but not the earthworm; it is always the same; once an earthworm always an earthworm.

The larva form of many other worms turns into a beetle, a butterfly, or a fly, but the baby earthworm will only turn out to be a larger worm; an angle-worm, or more correctly, an earthworm.

Poor things, they have no eyes but do know whether the sun or the moon is shining overhead, for only at night do they venture up into the upper world to feed on organic matter. And at night, as well as day, it proves the truth of the saying — "the worm will turn."

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 Launch of the 300,000-pound-thrust operational missile was effected by the 451st Strategic Missile Wing in a routine training launch, the Air Force announced.
 In keeping with recent policy, the Air Force did not disclose further details for the launch of the 97-foot weapon.
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