

GAMBLERS ENTER TAX PROBE

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From New York: Good business—with an IF—was forecast for 1952 today by some top business men and industrialists. They envisioned busy factories, fast moving assembly lines, high production.

"But ONLY, they said, IF SOMEONE DOESN'T PULL THE PLUG ON THE DEFENSE PROGRAM OVERNIGHT."

That is to say: Business will stay good in our country only if we go on preparing frantically for WAR!

I reckon that's true enough. I suppose you must have noticed that every time the peace talk gets strong the stock market has a spell of the jitters.

It looks to me like our biggest job is to get our economy into such shape that BUSINESS WILL GET BETTER IF PEACE COMES.

An economy that is built on war is a frail thing.

How can we do that? There is only one way, so far as I know.

GET BETTER LEADERSHIP.

Along that line, Senator Tobey (Rep., New Hampshire) says in Washington this morning:

"I GUARANTEE that General Eisenhower will let his name go before the voters in New Hampshire's presidential primary next March."

He added:

"I am confident that when the Republican nominating convention is held in Chicago next July Eisenhower will be AVAILABLE, will be NOMINATED, and then will be ELECTED in November."

So far as I can read, the prevailing opinion among professional politicians is that if General Eisenhower wants to be President he'd better get back from Europe, throw in his hat and start beating the drum in the usual manner.

Personally, I HOPE his attitude is that if the Republicans want him as their candidate and NOMINATE him at their convention he will accept the responsibility and will give to the job the best that is in him—but that his FIRST duty is to FINISH HIS PRESENT JOB, even if that takes till next fall.

It seems to me that this is one of those times in history when the office should seek the man.

Idealistic?

I suppose so.