

Party Politics And Inflation

THERE seems to be a feeling in some quarters that President Truman took an unfair political advantage of the Republicans when he surprised them with his OPA-like program for control of American inflation during the period when we are extending long-range assistance to Europe...

for general control which has been offered. It is clear that the Republicans would have skipped lightly over the inflation issue if it had not been forced upon them with this dramatic fashion.

We can see that Mr. Truman may have "put the other party in the hole," and may have obtained a large political advantage for himself by offering a program which forced the Republicans to take responsibility for continuing without controls.

Mr. Truman has performed no disservice to the country with the two controversial points of his ten-point program. Rather, he has provoked a salutary democratic debate, forced the Republicans to face some hard facts and compelled them to offer alternatives that otherwise might not have been considered.

Freedom Train Is Whistling

FREEDOM TRAIN is coming to Charlotte December 4 and this community is going to have a week's celebration in connection with the Freedom Train, White and Blue streamliner of democracy. The liberty party begins Friday, November 28, opening Rededication Week, and ends December 4, when the Freedom Train exhibits in the city.

The greatness of this country began in its separate communities. It still resides there. Through the years they may have become some of their first importance, but our cities are still never lost the consciousness of their entity.

The American town has always been a community of free men. Many of our great cities have grown from a fort or stockade where free men came to protect themselves from the perils about them.

Freedom Train is whistling for all good citizens.

Where Our Money Goes In China

GOV. THOMAS E. DREW now is lending a hand in the Republican rush to get more American money and goods for Chiang Kai-Shek's reactionary Government in China. Speaking in Manchester, N. H. Thursday of this week, the New York Times declared that the aid situation is as urgent as it is an even more urgent situation in China.

ident in their frantic calls to squander more millions on the venture with Chiang Kai-Shek, the most despotic of despots. Their attitude is, of course, influenced by the fact that Chiang is engaged in open warfare with the Communists, whereas the National governments still are trying to win over the Republic's political and economic leaders. The Republicans' great concern over the China situation naturally suggests that they are more interested in military aid than in peaceful reconstruction measures.

Chiang and his followers have kept themselves in power for twenty years by warring on the Communists, using this crusade to win political, economic and military support from foreign interests and powers. Chiang would lose his main stock in trade if he ever defeated the Communists. However, the prospect now is that he will lose Manchuria and North China to the Reds.

From The New York Herald Tribune

Codified Boredom

THE new code of the National Association of Broadcasters, as Mr. John Crosby has summarized it for this paper in his "Radio In Review," reflects principally the attitude of the radio industry to offend nobody during the course of its programs. From dawn to midnight, the code provides, words and music shall pour out the loudspeakers, and not the slightest syllable nor the most attenuated note shall possibly disturb the tranquility of any individual, from tot to patriarch, who may be within reach of the sound or who could, under any possible circumstances, be brought within reach of the sound.

will give strike, the end product will inevitably strike the dead level of the meaningless. The magnificent tool for education and consideration that radio might become will be blighted, in the interests of a barren conformity. Mr. Crosby suggests, as an amelioration of the code, that the propriety of a program or a subject of discussion be left to the audience, station or network, rather than be subjected to the inflexibility of a standardized code. Such a solution, it seems to us, postpones the decision without altering the considerations upon which it will be made.



People's Platform Farmers Aren't Price Gougers

PINEHURST

The Washington news dispatch dated Nov. 8 regarding the recent Kentucky election; President Truman was reported "grinning very widely, saying that he was very happy over the democratic victory in Kentucky."

Of course we are getting very close to 1948 and Truman has the farm vote well in mind, but isn't it possible that he somewhat over estimates the righteousness of the average farmer? Isn't it quite likely that his dependence on an association of farmers with the Pendergast gang has blinded his judgment as to the length that the average farmer would go to make money?

I suppose that in the past 60 years or so, I have known well enough to talk to at some length at least as many as 60 farmers. The farms they operated were as far apart from each other as Nova Scotia, to Moore County, North Carolina; most of them farming where success is hard to attain as in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts.

As I look back over the years I cannot think of one who would hold out for an extortionate price when the lives of millions were at stake. The farmer's life doesn't lead him into that line of thought; he lives too close to nature and is not obsessed with a desire for easy money that he has to become a man in the modern world.

Some years ago I remember it, one of our largest wheat growers went into the office of a government official to ask how to handle the higher standard of living that he was getting. He said that he was a farmer and that he was a farmer.

Back To Isolation BOCA RATON, FLA.

My ancestors came here from Europe when this country was a wilderness. They wanted to get away from the turmoil and strife of Europe. In that day most all settlers came for the same reason, and when our Government was established one of the main reasons delivered to the people was that we had not been long from the old country, and it worked for some 150 years, and this country finally enjoyed a higher standard of living than any other.

Some 30 years ago we seemed to have abandoned the policy of keeping out of Europe. We fought the World War, the Second World War, and now we seem to have taken over Europe to support and manage. We analyze what is meant by "Europe," however, we find our officials rarely mean only our former enemies—except France, who was to say the least a doubtful ally. We are not, apparently, too

much concerned about nations overrun by German and Italian aggressors who co-operated with us during the war.

The people in this country have always been generous in helping in cases of disaster, but it has been done in a very unorganized and uncharitable organizations. This idea of the Government collecting from the people in taxes and giving it to other countries seems to me to be something new.

Now it is proposed the American people obligate themselves to spend some \$18 billion in certain countries, most of them former enemies, and probably still are. This vast sum can only come, in the final analysis, from production and amounts to approximately \$300 each for the 60 million workers of this country.

Under our free enterprise system a great country was built here, but now we are to be asked to abandon our system and submit to controls in order to help a people who have been "controlled" until they are in need. It doesn't make sense.

People seem to get on a train of thought (usually advanced by some leader who can appeal to their emotions and follow it beyond all reason. The German people followed the National Socialism. Other countries are following a similar thought in Communism. England takes up National Socialism or managed economy where Hitler dropped it. The help, however, must come from us, who built our country on the free enterprise system. Yet, we follow the same train of thought. How can we have managed economy, to a more or less extent, in this country to provide for these countries. Does it make sense?

Now why don't we go back to the American policy—not to meddle in the affairs of Europe or any other country, but to stand by and let them do as they please. Get our armies out of foreign affairs, say we hope to be friends with all countries, but will not meddle in the internal affairs of any country. Our people have always been generous in case of disaster anywhere and no doubt will continue to be so as individuals, but believe this would make friends among other nations, and might avert war, as we would get credit among other nations for the generosity of the American people. It is now the charity is handled through certain political factions in these countries, who may or may not be permanent, and who may or may not be heart friendly to us.

The Mooresville Spirit MOORESVILLE

The "Festival" with thank you fine paper for the weather. The weather was against us, but even with that we are not discouraged and are already making plans for next year. It is time we have your representative can again be with us.

Speaking for the entire citizenry of this community we again say thank you. SENECA, MOORESVILLE STEERING COMMITTEE

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round : Truman Urged To Soften Inflation Speech

INSIDE fact is that before the President delivered his militant message to the nation prior to the opening of his Cabinet reconstituted with him against it. They were: Secretary of National Defense Forrestal, Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, and Secretary of Commerce, Harlan.

Truman Sticks To Guns THAT is my idea," replied the President, in substance. "I hope I never have to use these powers and I still believe it won't be necessary if we have this authority, even though prices don't drop through voluntary methods."

Don't Wait For Congress INSIDE strategy, however, is to get voluntary price controls in place immediately without waiting for Congress. As an initial step, Hartman will call in the nation's top industrial leaders for a "showdown" conference on prices.

NOTE—Another likely step will be the discontinuation of meat rationing, and the ending of food conservation until after the European emergency.