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The Republican Mirror

V/HAT happens now? W .The American people having made their revolutionary decision, that becomes the gilt-edged 64dollar question that can be heard around the world, and probably no one would like the answer more than President-elect Eisenhower himself.

As the smoke clears it looks as though the new chief executive will be confronted with a Congress evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats almost to the last man. Were Eisenhower a fullblown Republican, the prospect no doubt would be a discouraging one. While the President has a certain executive independence of Congress, the time comes sooner or later when party support is needed to put major decisions into effect. Truman encountered this painful fact during his first term in office when the GOP had Congressional control.

In Eisenhower's own political creed, however, there is a division through the middle which is almost as distinct as that in the new Congress.

To agree with the more orthodox Republican policies of Taft was obviously painful to him, and he made gestures in that direction only for the apparent purpose of keeping the party intact through the election. It is now evident, however, that whatever continuing influence Taft may have will be greatly moderated by the presence of all those Democrats in the House and Senate.

To Eisenhower such a state of affairs can mean nothing but happiness. His only concern now is likely to be that some of the key positions will fall to a few isolationists who can put a crimp in his foreign policy, which has no more resemblance to anything Republican than a donkey has to an elephant.

In Canada, as well as in other countries, the shuffle for power will be watched almost as closely as in the U.S. itself. There is, in fact, a substantial chance that the results may cancel in Ottawa any notions of calling an election this spring.

It will be many months yet before the picture is sufficiently clear in the States to allow the Dominion government to settle on any fixed course of international policy. The Smoot-Hawley tariff of the last Republican administration still arouses uneasy memories at Ottawa, and it remains to be seen whether or not its ghost will rise again to become an issue in the next election.

Another possible cause for hesitation is that change is often infectious. Conceivably the upset in the States could create a restless frame of mind this side of the border. From the Liberal point of view, therefore, it would seem that now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party by holding their horses.

Punishment Doesn't Reform

ORISON riots in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, and the jail-break of the Boyd gang, have caused Ontario to take a step in the handling of convicts which is in complete contradiction to the modern trend in penal reform.

The plan of that province is to build what is described as a "maximum security" penal institution. According to Reform Institution Minister J. W. Foote, this present-day Bastille will offer no recreation, no training program and no "pampering and frills."

Although the rash of prison outbreaks in this country and the States has assumed serious proportions, it is by no means clear that correction lies in a backward direction. On the contrary, it would appear that those prisons where trouble has occurred are institutions which have failed to keep pace with the times.

"It has been amply demonstrated that punishment and repression do not lead to reform," says the Canadian Welfare Council at Ottawa. 'Reform flourishes where restraint is at a minimum. The value of open institutions has been shown in Great Britain's borstals, in British Columbia's forestry camps, and in the American federal prison system whose director asserts that fewer than one-third of

the inmates are in maximum security institutions." If, by "pampering," Mr. Foote means the behavior of corrupt guards, he is certainly right in trying to eliminate it. But care should be taken not to confuse this with an enlightened attitude which may turn a prisoner into a decent citizen.

Business Spotlight

Wheat Crisis Seen in Huge Surplus Stock

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer

The world is slowly but surely heading for a crisis in wheat The problem: too much wheat chasing too few dollars.

It threatens to become one of the biggest fights involving wheat prices. In the midst of it will be Canada with huge supplies of wheat stored in her ele-

Washington will be the scene of a possible critical turning point. Next Jan. 12 Canada and 43 other member countries of the International Wheat Afreement will meet in a final attempt to reach agreement on a nev pact when the current one end next July 31.

Canadian experts are not too hopeful. The big conflict is in price. And as a result, the whole world wheat stabilization program, which Canada helped to construct, may crumble.

The four-year international wheat pact, under which Cana da exports most of her wheat at relatively stable prices, has been both praised and criticized. But most Canadian farmers want it continued-if they can get high-

Importing countries have refused to give in. Some of them may feel they can do better in open competition than through a fixed contract. Both Canada and the United States have huge

FARMERS WANT BOOST

I.W.A. is \$1.80 (U.S.) a bushel, the Conservatives without basis No. I northern. Some Can- whiskers who call themselves adian farmers want it raised to Social Crediters-should repeat \$2.35. The U.S. figures it should in next year's federal election be boosted to \$2.50.

the outlook for a new pact dis- June. couraging. Canadian cabinet They plan to stage a B.C. ministers have begun to drop election in which they might warnings of the future.

without such an agreement and them a clear field to sweep in its renewal can by no means be on a completely phony issuetaken for granted," Trade Min- Social Credit versus Socialism. ister Howe recently told a Tor- They hope to use the momemonto audience.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner said last Tuesday:

keted our people will be wishing we had another four-year con tract with Britain to take 400. 000,000 bushels of our wheat."

Mr. Howe pointed out that grain production is still the bedrock of the Canadian economy. Anything that affects grain sales could have a wide impact on other segments of the economy.

However, there is one thing in Canada's favor. Argentina and Australia, normally large world exporters of wheat, have poor crops. Canada will be abl to dispose of a large portion her record crop this year with out trouble. But still she have large carryovers next Aug.

Argentine enter the export pic- already in the field. ture in a big way in the next crop year, Canada may face a tough job in wheat sales without long-term firm buying commitnents by the large importing

ray ... Reflects and Reminisces

Great disturbances of nature last Tuesday—earthquakes along the Alaska coast, gigantic tidal waves away out over the Pacific Ocean, and land slides of national scope in the United States

MUCH HARDIER HHERE Russian janitors are reported to be winning decorations for saving fuel. But it's not at all necessary to go to Russia to find a cold apartment or icy room as well as paying for each.

Yet, this is nothing that could be called new. Some bankers have had them for years.

There is strong likelihood of abolition of the \$2.50 radio licence fee in Canada becoming a fact. It is known the advisory council of the National Liberal Federation feels disposed toward such action for there does exist a belief that the use of radio is rapidly becoming uni-

HANDSHAKES FIRST

Feeling he had earned it, Eisenhower lost no time in flying to Georgia to take a rest of at least two weeks' duration. But he had barely stepped from the plane before he was met by a reception party of about six thousand. There might have been a few



THE FINANCIAL POST recently quizzed a cross section of Canadians on this question:

"Do recent provincial and by-election results portend new coalitions, stalemates, or what in the next federal election?"

answered:

The prospect is that confusion will be worse con- district of British Columbia was Canada. founded before politics clarify founded by Simon Fraser in in Canada. My guess is a com- 1805 plete stalemate is a strong possibility in the next federal election. Political parties won't admit the facts as yet which are that Social Crediters are disguised Tories, with whiskers shaved off, and Saskatchewan CCF is the best liberal provincial government we have ever had in Canada It is social welfare, not social-

Democracy is a two-party road and more than two national parties make good government unlikely. But both parties must be based on social realities at any given time. The reality in Canada today is that the CCF is the left wing of liberalism and Social Credit is the extreme right wing of B.C. conservatiism. Unfortunately, Canadians unlike the British are not politically mature enough to face these political facts and re-organize accordingly.

THE GREATEST danger that I see in Canadian politics is Currently, the ceiling under that the disguised Tory partythe strategem which succeeded With importers balking and so well in the B.C. confusion last

induce the old parties openly "We can, of course, get along or secretly to abdicate and leave tum thus gained in B.C. as a At North Battleford, Sask., springboard to make great gains all across western Canada. In the mix-up, they hope to emerge "Long before the crop is mar- with the whip hand in the federal field exactly as they emerged with the whip hand in B.C. though in fact they polled only 26 percent of the votes.

> THE KEY to this whole Social Credit scheme is the willingness of the tired or timid Liberals to abdicate, to quit, to curl up in a corner and dieor at least go into a state of suspended animation.

Hence the way to defeat the scheme is for the Liberals NOT to abdicate. They should fight in BOTH by-elections - but above all they should make sure of giving a stinging defeat to Social Credit in Columbia, For there in a traditional Liberal riding they have an excellent And should Australia and the candidate, George Keenleyside

> SOCIALISM is not now practical politics in Canada, as the excellent CCF government in Saskatchewan has clearly shown. Neither for that matter is 80ial Credit-which has become

a Tory false-face. But Social Welfare IS practical politics and the Liberals and CCF have more in common in this field—as well as in the field of international cooperation—than they have with any other parties.

In its few months in office in B.C. Social Credit has worked havoc with hospital insurance,

and the labor relations set-up. Common sense voters have a chance to show all Canada that they know the true score. Any true Liberal or intelligent CCFer who gives his first or second choice votes to Social Credit should have his head read for that reactionary, extreme right wing party is rurthest removed from everything he really wants.

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CLAREMONT, Calif. (AP) Donald MacDonald II, 72, known as the "Father of the Alcan Highway," died at his home on

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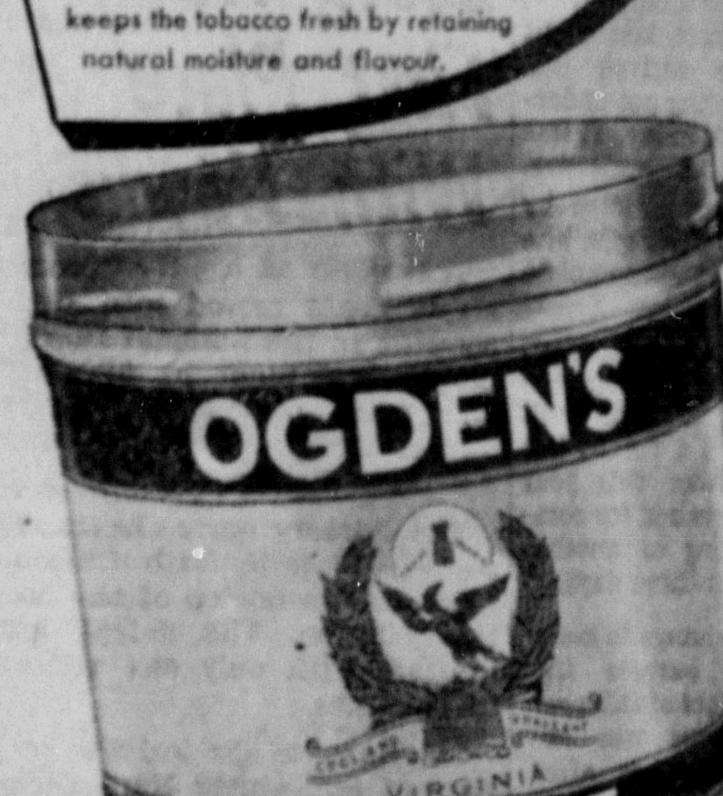
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