Washington, March 11 this correspondent has frequently pointed out, everything that happens or is going to happen in Washington between now and midsummer either has a motive behind it bearing on Presidential politics, or is subject to the suspicion of being in some way a manoeuver for partisan or personal political advantage.

Some of the tactics are pretty crude and obvious, and many of the suspicions are pretty far-fetched. But no man holding public office these days can say or do anything without being suspected or openly accused of either seeking the Presidency for him-self or of trying to discredit other possible candidates, either of his own or the other party.

It is no secret to anyone in Washington that there is a strong political clique of Republican politicians who are determined that the party's nominee shall not be Thomas E. Dewey. These are not necessarily the same men who are backing either Senator Taft or Senator Vandenberg.

There are some masters of political intrigue among the minority members of both Houses of Congress, and certain of them have given the impression that they are working under cover with state leaders of the party to bring about a situation which would result in all three of the leading Republican candidates killing each other off, thus forcing the

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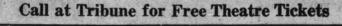
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convention to nominate a man seeking the limelight for the purwho would be more to the liking pose of grabbing off a political TWINS TO BE MARK of the Republican Old Guard prize for himself. than any of those three.

Speculation on Hoover ident's recent appearance in derstand that he people of Finland and Poland, most party leaders. started the gossips to speculating as to whether he was not laying his own plans for the Republican nomination.

political-minded Washington to nent Republicans in his long exconceive of any man who has perience, deep understanding and once held high office not desiring current knowledge of European to get back into the seat of pow- affairs. If international relations er; and when such a man gets should develop to the stage where into the headlines by performing an alarmed public opinion would

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Those who know Mr. Hoover best are confident that he has no That does not refer to Herbert personal ambition to hold office Hoover, though the former Pres- again. His friends, however, unwould like to Washington at a hearing of the have a hand in shaping the ty, are to be marked by the state. House Committee on Foreign Af- party's policy, and there seems to fairs, to tell members of Con- be little doubt that his counsel gress his views about the impor-tance of giving prompt aid to the

More to Contribute
One of the points upon which Mr. Hoover has more to contri-It is practically impossible for bute than any of the other emia great humanitarian service, demand that the next President the more sordid-minded political must have a broad background of World politics, a genuinely pacifist philosophy, combined with wide experience in the conduct of domestic affairs, it is not entirely impossible, under such circumstances, that Mr. Hoover might be the convention's choice.

But those closest to him hold that he would have to be literally drafted, and that his recent visit to Washington had no political purpose behind it.

Those who consider Mr. Hoover as an appropriate nominee of the Republican Party point first to the recent indications of a strong Republican trend among the voters of Ohio, which is considered almost the index state by which to measure political tendencies. Both of the two Congressional vacancies caused by the deaths of Ohio members have lately been filled by the election of Republi-One of these was a foregone conclusion, but the other was a complete reversal on the part of the voters, who had elected a Democrat from that district in the last five biennial elections.

If that is an omen, as some political soothsayers claim, of a Republican victory next fall, then there is possible grounds for their belief that the personality of the Republican candidate will be of less importance than the policies he stands for and his qualifications as a statesman. Republicans Face Difficulties
If the election is to hinge upon

the international situation, and either Mr. Roosevelt or someone whom he selects is to head the Democratic ticket, the general belief among Washington observers is that the Republicans will be put to it to name a candidate who would be regarded by the voting public as sufficiently versed in foreign affairs to stand against Secretary Hull or Mr. Roosevelt himself. All the recent polls of public opinion indicate that the President is still the most popular political figure with the mass of the voters, and that he has definitely strengthened his

hold upon the popular imagina-tion by his conduct of the nation's international relations. Whether the European mission of the Under Secretary of State Mr. Welles, is to develop a plan for American intervention for a peace settlement, or merely to bring back the personal views of the heads of the warring nations, it has caught the popular fancy as an American gesture aimed at bringing the war to an end, greatly to the personal and political aggrandizement of Mr. Roosevelt in the public eye.

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by her father. "Oh, mummy," she sobbed, was daddy the only man you Phone 250

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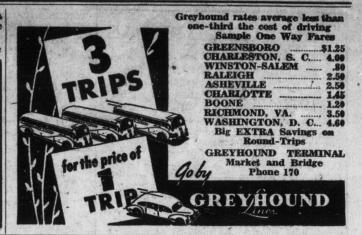
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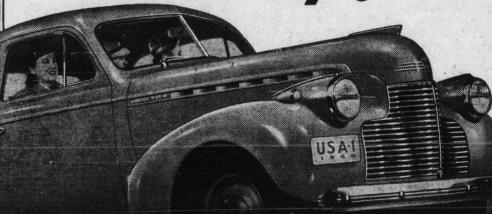
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