

**NO COMMENT**  
By JAMES W. DOUTHAT

Washington—Ever since President Eisenhower's heart attack on September 24 official Washington has spent most of its waking hours trying to determine what the far-flung effects are likely to be.

As of the present . . . and based on a number of imponderables . . . the consensus seems to be about as follows:

1. New uncertainties are created for business . . . but there is no reason why the economy should not continue its upward trend.

2. New problems confront the Republicans, most important of which is this: If Mr. Eisenhower does not run for reelection, the party will have lost its principal asset as head of the ticket.

3. The Republican difficulties present unexpected opportunities to the Democrats, who can be depended upon to utilize them to maximum advantage.

4. If Mr. Eisenhower does not run, the Union Bosses are given an opportunity . . . four years ahead of schedule . . . to wage an all-out campaign to try to take over the White House and the Democratic Party.

5. Added difficulties face the Republicans in trying to get their legislative program through Congress. The Democrats can be expected to be more belligerent in attacking the Administration's program.

In all of the discussion one question is uppermost. It is this: Will Mr. Eisenhower run for reelection?

A definite answer may be delayed for months. But this can be said: It is extremely difficult to find anyone in Washington who really believes that Mr. Eisenhower will be a candidate.

Even before he became ill, he sincerely did not wish to run for another term. Mrs. Eisenhower also was opposed. Therefore, it is assumed that he will change his domicile in January, 1957, from the White House in Washington to his farm in Gettysburg.

In this situation, the Republican politicians naturally are seeking a candidate who can bring victory to the party. Mr. Eisenhower's views as to this candidate will be sought at the proper time.

In this connection, you will re-

**'Oldest Overcoat' Becomes Museum Piece**  
**At Wool Week Ceremonies in Charleston**

**53-Year-Old Coat Still Almost Perfect, Worn Every Winter**

CHARLESTON, S. C.,—The oldest overcoat in service in the United States, worn regularly for over 53 years by a Tennessee businessman, has been placed on display in the nation's oldest museum in historic Charleston.

The all-wool coat, still in near-perfect condition, is the property of R. W. Willis of McMinnville, Tenn., a retired hardware merchant, who traveled from his home to Charleston to turn the coat over to officials during this month's Wool observance, centered in the city.

It is only logical, Mr. Willis said, that the nation's oldest overcoat, tailored from the world's oldest fiber, should take its place in the Charleston Museum—the country's oldest. The garment was accepted for display by E. Milby Burton, director of the museum.

Also on hand for the ceremony was E. O. Breen of the Atlanta office of Ameratron Corporation, whose firm—operating then as American Woolen Company—made the fabric for Mr. Willis' coat in 1902. Mr. Breen presented the Tennesseean with a new all-wool topcoat, styled in one of the firm's newest fabrics and complete with an all-wool, zip-out lining.

During his stay in Charleston, Mr. Willis wore the coat to major Wool Week functions. Especially interested in the coat was Gen. Mark W. Clark, president of the Citadel and honorary chairman of Wool Week, who is already familiar with wool's record of durability and protection in the uniforms of the armed forces.



**PROVEN PERFORMANCE.** Although long familiar with the ruggedness and durability of the Army's all-wool uniform, Gen. Mark W. Clark is obviously impressed with the story behind an all-wool overcoat worn each winter since 1902 by a Tennessee businessman, R. W. Willis of McMinnville. Mr. Willis chats with Mrs. Clark as the general gives the wool garment a thorough study. The Tennesseean brought the coat to Charleston, S. C., to present it to the Charleston Museum as part of recent Wool Week ceremonies. The general, now president of the Citadel, served as Wool Week honorary chairman.

call that he told a small group of Congressmen last summer that he didn't know whether he would run.

"But," he added significantly, "This I do know—I will want to be sure that whoever does run will be a man whose views are consonant with the way I think about things."

Vice President Nixon is in the number one spot in the Republican Presidential Sweepstakes. Ever since he took the oath for the second most important position in the Government he has been given an intensive training course for the top spot. Mr. Eisenhower has kept Mr. Nixon informed of every important development so that if he ever had to assume the presidency the transition would be as smooth as possible.

Mr. Eisenhower is known to think very highly of Mr. Nixon and

has been quoted as saying that the Vice President is the most valuable member of his official family.

There is no denying that Mr. Nixon is an able politician. To become Vice President of the U. S. only six years after his public career began as a member of the House of Representatives ranks high among the political success stories of all time.

As Mr. Nixon has become more prominently mentioned for the presidency, it is not surprising that an already vicious campaign being waged against him has been intensified. At the present time he is the chief target of the Democrats, who are fearful of attacking Mr. Eisenhower personally while the President is ill.

Mr. Nixon's friends explain that the bitterness of the attacks

against him serves only to emphasize his effectiveness. If he were not effective, they point out, his opponents would not waste their time on him.

The Vice President is more than aware of most of the difficulties facing the Republicans. For not long ago, before Mr. Eisenhower's heart attack, Mr. Nixon said publicly that the Republican party "is not strong enough to elect a President" but must have "a presidential candidate strong enough to get the Republican party elected."

The Christian grapes are like perfumes, and the more they are pressed, the sweeter they smell . . . like trees, which the more they are shaken, the deeper root they take, and the more fruit they bear. —Francis Beaumont.

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BY FRED DODGE



TEXT: "Grant that I may accomplish more than I can accomplish." —Michelangelo.

Two businessmen sat together at lunch talking about old times. "Tell me," one of them asked, "were any of your boyish ambitions ever realized?"

"Yes," replied the other, "When my mother used to cut my hair, I often wished that I might be bald-headed."

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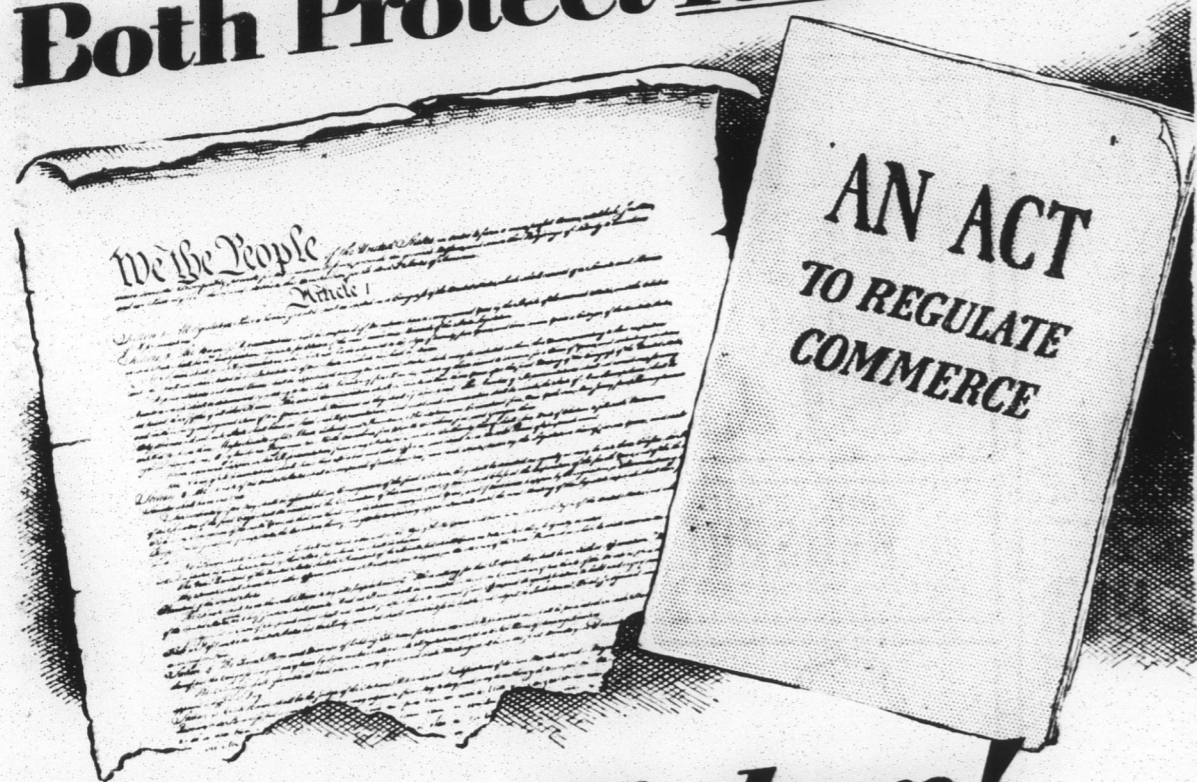
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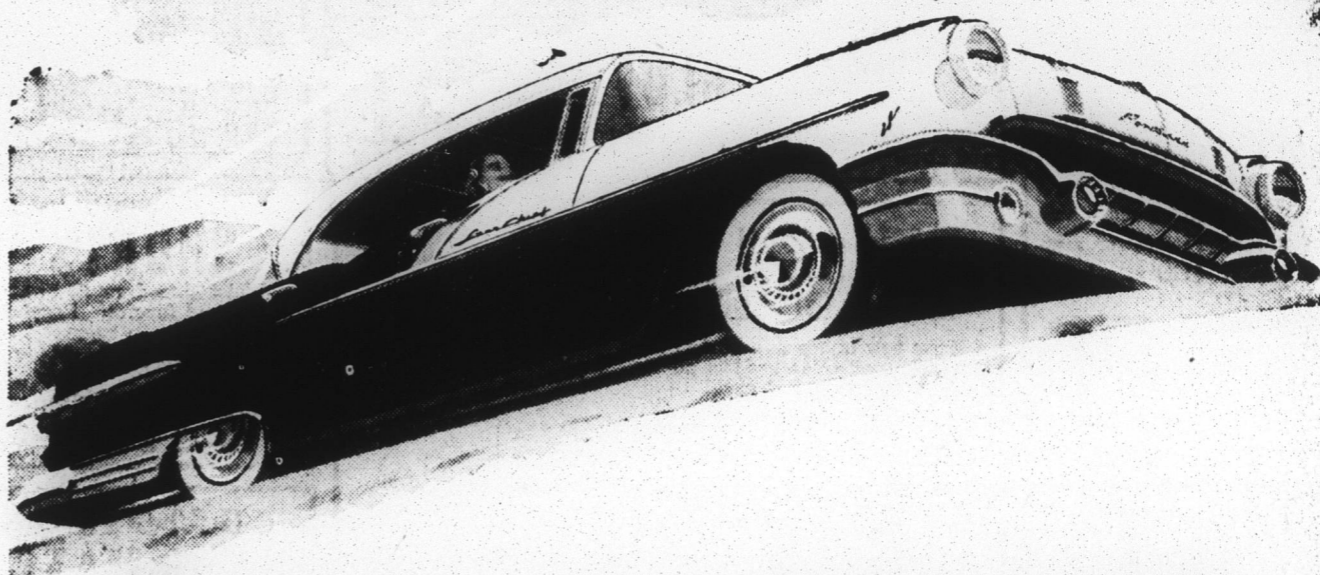
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