

Sen. Robert Taft Said To Hold An Inside Position

General Eisenhower Believed To Be Losing Ground By Waiting

Washington, D. C.—The longer General Dwight D. Eisenhower waits before getting into politics if he is to get in, the tougher will be his fight in party convention, or conventions. As time passes, more and more of the General's friends are urging him to make known his availability to a real draft. But the General is cautious to move.

Of all his visitors, only one or two have advised him not to run, according to sources who should know. Ninety-nine out of a hundred want the General on the ticket of one of the major parties and many people would vote for him regardless of the ticket. But it is becoming clear that the Administration hopes to sidetrack the General by denying him the Democratic nomination while warning him against the G. O. P. nomination. It must be remembered that Ike owes a lot to the Administrations of Roosevelt and Truman.

And he owes a lot to General George Marshall, who plucked him out from under and put him in charge of operations at the critical moment prior to the last war. General Marshall, who is under heavy fire from the Republicans, might well be influential with Ike, should the latter decide he wanted to walk down the aisle with the Republicans. And it might prove personally embarrassing for Ike to suddenly part company with all the old friends of the Administration, and former administrations which put him where he is today.

Yet one can't expect Ike to be bound by recognition of his talents, and the Republicans, who have good reason to believe Ike belongs to them domestically, keep

hope the General will not be tricked, as they see it, into remaining in his present job in Europe. But time is passing. Time, the trickiest of all the elements, if it is indeed that may prevent General Eisenhower's nomination in 1952 just as Ike himself prevented it in 1948. For political fences are being built right now, primaries are just around the corner, and organization is everything. Ike isn't lending himself to any organization, indeed to any party, right now, and the longer he waits, the faster other political organizations will be rolling at the time.

Senator Robert Taft is said to have over 400 delegate votes, and a situation may be developing—surprising as it sounds—whereby Taft will be a walk-away candidate. Should General Eisenhower refuse to run or be drafted by The G. O. P., it may well clear the way for Taft. At such a late hour no one else would have a chance. But at the moment all eyes seem to be on Ike. The voter would like to get an idea as to Ike's plans too—just like prospective candidates. And if Ike doesn't run, but makes no announcement Taft's chances are certainly increased, and the chances of Mr. Truman will again increase accordingly with those of Taft. A Truman-Taft race might not be far-fetched as some people once believed.

And on the Eisenhower subject, Mr. Truman finally soured. Whereas for weeks he answered questions cheerfully about the General's political prospects, at a recent conference he told newsmen plainly that he thought the subject was worn thin. He suggested they ask him about other subjects, more important ones, he said.

If a truce is secured in Korea, U. S. Defense spending may not be immune from economy cuts next year. Already members of the Appropriations committees are looking around to see where and if the armed services are wasting money. One member said he thought it would be a mistake to keep on arming at the present

pace, after the Korean fighting stopped, since much of the equipment built would be obsolete in a year or two. But the majority still believes a lull in the Korean war won't affect the international situation, nor the international danger.

The majority can probably succeed in preventing damaging military cuts, but the history of this country shows that in peace the Congress is reluctant to spend great sums on rearmament. If there is no war next summer, the pressure of the election and the traditional anti-armament sentiment may mean actual cuts in some places. The Air Force seems to be in the best spot, since more and more Congressmen are saying the defense of this country should center around a strong air arm.

The Administration Palace Guard never seems to miss a chance to slam Senator Paul Douglas, of Illinois, Senator Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, or any other enterprising, active Senator who seems to be on the road to national recognition. The cue comes from President Truman himself, who resents any Democrat on Capitol Hill who gets big enough to become a presidential threat.

When reporters asked President Truman to comment on the fact that Capitol Hill correspondents had selected Senator Douglas the best Senator on Capitol Hill and Senator Joe McCarthy the worst—about two weeks ago—Truman didn't comment on McCarthy, and didn't say anything derogatory about Douglas, which was a news story in itself. His reply regarding Douglas was that when he was in the Senate a similar poll had been taken and he had led the ticket, of the reporters. He congratulated Douglas on his selection, the President said.

But, on other subjects, Mr. Truman hacks away at Douglas, Kefauver, Fullbright, and others regularly. Nor does he get along very well with Senator Burnet Maybank of South Carolina, on the issues of the day. And as a result, perhaps, and also because of sen-

Garden Time In East Carolina

By Robert Schmidt

Many vegetables are still growing in the gardens of the State and for that reason we don't begin to think of cover crops until too late for some of the better ones. There is no good reason at all why cover crops should not be planted among garden crops at the last cultivation which is right at hand in some parts of the State.

Three of the more commonly used cover crops are rye, Italian rye grass, and crimson clover. My personal objections to rye and rye grass are that in small gardens they are very difficult to turn under so that they will not come up again and require killing with a hoe. However, they do have the advantage of making good early growth in the spring.

My choice is crimson clover because of its ease of handling and because it is a legume. One objection in the Southern state, Maybank recently became the first Southern Senator to openly announce he would not support President Truman in the 1952 convention at Chicago.

Maybank was the lead-off man, probably, for a number of others. Their states are expected to send delegates to Chicago instructed to vote for favorite-son candidates. South Carolina's favorite son would be James F. Byrnes, Virginia's Harry Byrd, etc. This would leave these Southern states' electoral votes free to be cast for the Democrat or the Republican in the electoral college.

Maybank's announcement caught the Executive branch in Washington by surprise, and even surprised some of his friends. The fact that he is ready to say openly at this stage that he will not support Mr. Truman is an indication of the resentment against him in the South. But Mr. Truman won in just such a situation in 1948 and, apparently, the party chiefs think Southern support is as much of a liability as an asset.

tion to it is that it doesn't make heavy growth in spring as early as rye. However, the part of the garden to be used for early crops could be plowed after the clover is large. Crimson clover should be planted in early September and will require about 20 pounds of seed per acre. If you have not grown clover before you may have to inoculate at planting time. The large seed stores sell clover inoculants. If your soil is very acid an application of lime would help too.

As I have intimated earlier in this column, I grow dahlias as a hobby. Even with such a large growing crop I make a practice of sowing crimson clover among the dahlia plants about the first or second week in September each year.

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