

Lucky for Javits He Wasn't "Tried" By Eisenhower-Brownell Security Standards

Can the GOP Campaign As A Peace Party—on The Brink at Suez?

If ever there was a silly offspring, it was the Suez plan aborted at press time by Sir Anthony Eden and reluctantly acknowledged here by its putative parent, Mr. Dulles. Through the bitter eyes of the poor, who live in Africa and Asia, it will seem that the rich whites of America and Europe would rather ruin the Canal than let the Egyptians use its revenues for the improvement of their country. Through the eyes of statesmen like Nehru, it will seem that England and France in their decline have indeed lost their heads. This "users association", acting without consultation except among the three capitals, and after sending off a formal fraudulent little note to make it appear that they had consulted the United Nations, must now add war with Egypt—and perhaps all the Arab countries—to the war they are already waging in Cyprus and Algeria. Public opinion at home will not support them; they can boycott the Canal or make it unusable; they may end by wrecking Nasser, but Eden and Mollet will lose office in the process. The "plan" is attributed by London to Dulles himself and has that shyster quality which marks his handiwork. How will the Republicans campaign as a peace party if Dulles lets London and Paris slide over the brink before November?

Like The Old Gray Mare

The victory of Javits over the snares laid for him by the Eastland-Jenner committee and its counsel, Robert Morris, is a victory for all who have been striving for the restoration of a sane politics in this country. The old Red scare, like the old gray mare, ain't what it used to be. We hope Javits will remember when he reaches the Senate—as we feel sure he will—that had he been an obscure government employe, facing similar allegations under the Eisenhower-Brownell security rules, he would have lost his job, his reputation and his honor. Bella Dodd would have figured in the allegations as an informer whose identity could not be disclosed for security reasons, and he would have been dismissed on the principle that since there was some ground for suspicion, his retention was not "clearly consistent" with the national interest. The G.O.P. system resolves all doubts against the accused.

Why Not Hastie for the Supreme Court?

We pass on to our readers, for whatever pressure they may exert, the news that William H. Denman, the respected chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, has asked the President to appoint a Negro judge, William H. Hastie, to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Justice Minton's retirement. Judge Hastie is qualified by learning, public service and judicial experience. He was dean of Howard University Law School, governor of the Virgin Islands and civilian aide to Henry L. Stimson when the latter was Secretary of War. Judge Hastie was the first Negro ever appointed to the Federal bench, serving first on the District Court and now on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, a post to which he was named by President Truman and in which he has served with distinction. We believe it would derogate from true equality to suggest a candidate because he was a Negro. But Judge Hastie, in attainment and promise, seems to us the worthiest of the candidates so far mentioned. On such a basis, his appointment would mark an historic step forward for his race, and set a moral example of integration at the highest level.

The Shape of Things to Come in the Far East

Those who know how closely geared Brookings Institution has been to the right-of-center in American life will take very seriously the changing attitude toward Communist China in the survey Brookings published last week: *U.S. Foreign Policy 1945-55*. The survey sees the need for an "agonizing reappraisal" of U.S. policy in the Far East based on the recognition that Communist China has "consolidated and stabilized" its power, and that the U.S. "cannot challenge this power in the Far East without allocating more of its resources than it is prepared to do and . . . on a scale that would limit its capacity to act elsewhere." The survey even dares to ask: "Are the U.S. security pacts with the National Government of China, the Republic of Korea and Japan impediments or aids to reaching an equilibrium?" This is handwriting on the wall for Chiang and Syngman Rhee, and foreshadows serious policy overhauls after election.

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