

Up to You—Tomorrow!

(An Editorial)

Tomorrow we elect the next President of the United States.

Every registered voter may—and should—go to a polling booth and indicate his or her choice for the greatest office in the land.

Fortunately we have two outstanding candidates in this election.

One is an intellectual who voices phrases reminiscent of the greatest orators in history.

The other is a determined soldier who led millions into battle, and won; but whose choppy phrases never will inspire lovers of great prose to ecstasy.

The golden voice is that of Adlai Stevenson, the Democrat candidate.

The rugged prose is that of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, the Republican candidate.

Both are honorable men.

Stevenson believes we can reach Utopia on the pattern of the past 20 years, namely: to tax, to spend and to control.

Eisenhower considers individual incentive, personal liberty, and the value of the U.S. dollar in buying power of paramount importance in our national economy.

Stevenson, who first admitted there was a "mess" in Washington which needed attention, now follows the line of his mentor, Harry S. Truman, and pooh-poohs the issue of corruption in government. He also minimizes the number and influence of subversives in government.

Eisenhower insists both the chiselers and subversives must go.

Stevenson believes in continuance of our present foreign policy and retention of a foreign aid program seemingly without regard to the men and women who are footing the bills—the American taxpayers.

Eisenhower believes our foreign policy is weak, vacillating and in need of overhaul. He also believes in continuance of foreign aid, but with an accounting by the recipients thereof and consideration for the taxpayer whence comes the beneficence.

There are other points of difference, too.

The Democrat candidate represents a dynasty which has been in power for 20 years and now is running low on the idealism which it claims as its parent.

The Republican candidate represents a party revitalized and ready for the tasks ahead.

A statesman once said:

"For one reason or another, even a wisely led political party, given long tenure of office, finally fails to express any longer the will of the people, and ceases to be an effective instrument of government. It is far better for such a political party, certainly better for the state, that it should be relegated to the role of critic and the opposing political party should assume the reins of government."

The name of the statesman was Franklin D. Roosevelt, and he made the above statement in the campaign of 1932. (Mr. Roosevelt was not voicing an original opinion. The words were first voiced by Calvin Coolidge as a Vice-Presidential candidate in 1920, and repeated and approved by F. D. R. in 1932.)

So tomorrow it's up to you to decide which road you desire your country to follow for the next four years.

On the one hand there's the easy but eventually fatal way: keeping the same old gang in power and coasting to national bankruptcy via the tax-spend-and-control pattern.

On the other hand there's the rugged and perhaps momentarily unpleasant way: honestly attempting to get the nation back to solvency and prosperity based on fewer controls, lower taxes, and on production of goods other than guns, tanks and warplanes.

And finally if, during the next four years, the crisis with the Red hordes should come, it's up to you to decide whether you would rather be led by an intellectual phrasemaker in the White House or by a soldier who planned, directed and won the greatest campaign in history, that our way of life might be preserved.

The decision is in your hands—tomorrow!