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Zuland Rotary

8/17/48

130,000 voters  
11,000 votes  
75,000 votes  
600 to 700 votes  
voted.

Dangerous Trends in the U.S.

Voting - Popular disrepute of politicians  
60% of voters registered but do not vote.

1) Increased federal payroll.

500 per day since Jan 1.

May total - 2,066,285 (62,000,000 total emp.)

War Assets Admin. - 25,700 (March)

More than twice 1939 peak.

2) Increased cost of govt.

31% for all government

3) Military strength

70 group vs 55 group air force.

Really a personnel problem.

May 1948 - 85% authorized strength

Army 127,000 short

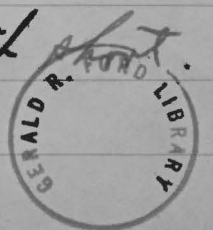
Air Force 37,000 "

Navy 155,000 "

Marines 29,000 "

350,000 "

17,000 enlistments per month



4) Foreign problem

Alberman McKenna - "Leave us free it."

Marshall Plan

Failure of Pre W.W. II isolationism  
Cost in "lives" & "money"

Cesar - 75k

30 yrs - 50

Civil War - 5,000

W.W. I - 25,000

W.W. II - 200,000

W.W. I - 51,000 killed in combat

56,000 dead of flu.  
~~\$24~~ billion cost.

W.W. II - 275,000 lives

Over \$300 billion cost.

5)

