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DON'T DELAY REGISTRATION

By Charles V. Stanton

DOUGLAS COUNTY, for many years a republican stronghold, may find its position decidedly altered following the close of registration April 18. Newcomers being registered by the county clerk are preponderantly members of the democratic party. Our gain in population is largely connected with industry, although some are farmers, principally from the state of California.

Industrial workers have been for the most part supporters of the party in power, and were largely responsible for the third term victory. California's farm population is strongly democratic in political affiliation. Douglas county's new residents, being principally from these two groups, it is understandable that the democratic registration may be expected to increase.

The 1942 registration in Douglas county listed 7,450 republicans and 5,145 democrats. A better comparison, however, is afforded by the 1940 list, which was a registration for a presidential election, showing 8,878 republicans and 6,550 democrats.

The republican majority in each registration was approximately the same—2,305 and 2,328—but current indications are that this margin of republicans over democrats will be materially reduced by current enrollment of voters.

There is, however, one factor which may permit the republicans to retain at least a numerical advantage, although it may not be a factual margin. A good many democrats are changing their registration to republican in order to participate in the primary election battle between Rufus Holman and Wayne Morse for the office of United States senator.

Organized labor in Oregon is making no secret of its intention to "get Holman." Consequently a considerable number of union workers, normally registered as democrats, may be expected to switch registration in order to carry out labor's program for defeating the incumbent senator.

Thus the republicans may retain their paper majority and Douglas county may remain republican in the statistical column, but the situation contains only minor comfort.

The registration books close April 18. There is every indication that there will be a great last-minute rush on the part of prospective voters, who evidently are delaying registration, a necessary qualification for the May 19 primaries.

Hundreds of new residents are known to have moved into the county since the 1940 election, yet comparatively few have registered to vote. Other hundreds have changed residence, moving from one voting precinct to another, but have failed to correct their registration. The number of new voters—young people who have become of legal age since the last election—will necessarily be smaller than normal because of the many men in military service who will not bother to file their registration by mail.

It is the duty of every citizen to vote. The responsibility is greater now than ever before, as vital issues are to be before the American people during the remaining months of war and the period of peace negotiations and domestic readjustments, almost certain to occur during the four years of the next administration.

Every citizen should vote. Registration is a necessary preliminary qualification to casting a ballot. Therefore, no one should neglect his registration.

Our advice is to REGISTER NOW! Don't delay until the last minute!

scale than the always reassuring dispatches disclose. It appeared last week that the little yellow men were striking at two points—to the south and to the east of Imphal. We learn now that they are attacking to the NORTH, as well as attacking, that is, in three separate columns.

It is hopefully asserted that the attack to the north is "being contained." But at the same time we learn that the Japs are using tanks in considerable numbers to the south.

We can't help remembering that when Rangoon, Mandalay and Singapore were falling the

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Washington News From an Inside View

Argument, Sentiment, Comment

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Congressman, Fourth Oregon District

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 25
 The visit of a group of republican congressmen with Secretary of State Hull has caused quite a stir here. Actually, and I know, because I was a member of the group, there was nothing startling in the fact that some members of the house wanted to discuss foreign policy with the secretary of state, or in what took place in the meeting. However, the current vagueness of our foreign policy as publicly stated, and the fact that some recent developments have been shrouded in mystery and secrecy, makes any happening at the state department pretty hot news. The reporters (and the people) are hungry for news of what's going on in our foreign relations.

We did not go to the secretary with a spirit of antagonism or even of criticism. It was believed that the silence of the State department on several important developments was actually harming our war effort. In our letter to the secretary was this paragraph: "The people are entitled to some explanation of your silence. If the main American objectives in this war have not been determined, we respectfully inquire why? If they have been determined, why are we not fully informed about them?"

Specifically we asked when the policy affirmed in the Moscow declaration would be put into effect: what was considered "the earliest practicable date"? We wanted to know the meaning of reports that international meetings were to be held soon to discuss postwar aviation, oil, monetary arrangements, etc. Did the planning of those meetings indicate a change in policy? We asked if the Moscow declaration which specifically envisioned an agreed-upon structure for the maintenance of peace, had been abandoned in favor of piecemeal arrangements on various topics. We wanted to know if the idea of the United Nations council planned at Moscow had been abandoned, and if so why.

It was generally understood when the Moscow conference was called that the future proposed for conquered Germany would be decided upon and announced just as the future of Japan was determined in the Cairo conference. But that was not done, nor has anything further been said about it. We asked about that.

At the conference, which began at 10:30 in the morning and ended at 1 p. m., Mr. Hull talked almost steadily the entire time. His discussion was both interesting and candid. He is an able and an entertaining speaker. But nothing of a clarifying nature was revealed. As one of the members said afterward, the entire session could have been broadcast or printed verbatim in the press without doing a bit of harm. It was an elaboration of the 17-point foreign policy just announced and widely printed, plus an explanation of the difficulties and complications of international negotiations.

Mr. Hull acquainted us with details of the difficulties involved in getting what he called "small matters" ironed out. The big and basic questions are generally fairly easy to get together on, he said, but detail problems are constantly presenting themselves. Some of them require long and patient negotiation. By way of illustrating, he pointed out that

a simple sounding problem that was easily solved by a columnist in one paragraph or by a radio commentator in three or four sentences often required a year or more of patient negotiating.

Dealing with our present powerful ally, Russia, is apparently complicated by the decided psychological difference in background between that country and the democracies. For the past twenty years the soviet government has been frowned upon and has even at times been roundly berated by its present allies. Now that the situation is quite different, the Russians are most sensitive to criticism—or anything that sounds to them like criticism. This psychology is further enhanced by the fact that Russia has suffered severe losses in this war and has acquired something of an abused feeling based upon their contention that we (the allies against Germany) have been lying back waiting for Russia to bring Germany to her knees. In other words getting on a picknicking and bridge-playing basis with a neighbor family after your children have thrown rocks through their windows and set your dog to chasing their family kitty takes a lot of mighty friendly talking over the back fence—especially so if those same neighbors have been going about saying bad things about

the way your family conducts itself and attempting to get some of your relatives to take steps to alter your way of living.

As stated in the first paragraph of this letter, nothing of importance came from the meeting with Secretary Hull. I did, however, gain an impression or two. The State department seems to be woefully in need of a better public relations staff. It should take the people of the country into its confidence, so far as can be done, and should not place itself in a position of springing something new and startling on us that the people are in no way prepared, by previous information, to understand or approve.

I gained the impression, whether it is right or wrong I do not know, that the attitude of the State department (and the administration) in present handling of foreign relations and negotiations is not in keeping with our actual power in the world of today. We do not seem to be forceful, to take a part of leadership. This, if true, may be a bit hard for the practical leaders of other powers to understand—and hence be a source of confusion. From their point of view they would naturally expect this government to take a position of firmness and leadership which it apparently is not doing. Or is it? We sought to find out—but did not.

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY

WEDNESDAY
 6:30—First Nighter.
 7:00—Royal Arch Gunnison.
 8:00—Recital Hall of the Air.
 8:30—Bulldog Drummond.
THURSDAY
 10:30—Let's Be Charming.
 1:30—Full Speed Ahead.
 2:30—Dream House of Melody
 6:15—Believe It or Not.
 6:30—Music You Remember.
 7:30—Cisco Kid.
 8:00—Pick and Pat Time.
 9:00—Newspaper of the Air.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
 4:15—Music Off the Record.
 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm.
 4:45—Women for Victory, Air WAC.
 5:00—Moods in Music.
 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep.
 5:30—Musical Cocktail.
 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studebaker.
 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kreml.
 6:15—Believe It or Not, Pall Mall Cigarettes.
 6:30—Fight Nighter, Campana Sales Corporation.
 7:00—Royal Arch Gunnison.
 7:15—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
 7:20—Demi-tasse Ditties.
 7:30—Lone Ranger.
 8:00—Recital Hall of the Air.
 8:15—Stardust Parade.
 8:30—Bulldog Drummond.
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 9:15—Service Salute, E. G. High.
 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 9:45—Music for the Night.
 10:00—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

6:45—Rise and Shine.
 7:00—News, J. A. Folger Co.
 7:15—4-H Club Program.
 7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
 7:35—The Beehive.
 7:40—Rhapsody in Wax.
 8:00—Haven of Rest.
 8:30—Happy Joe and Ralph.
 8:45—Wax Shop.
 8:55—Strictly Personal, Gotham Hosiery Co.
 9:00—Boake Carter.
 9:15—Man About Town.
 9:30—Service Salute, E. G. High.
 9:45—Melodic Varieties.

9:55—Aunt Jemima, Quaker Oats.
 10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 10:15—Shoppers Guide.
 10:30—Let's Be Charming, Louis Howe Laboratories.
 11:00—Cedric Foster.
 11:15—Radio Bible Class with Dr. Roach, Presbyterian Church.
 11:30—String Ensemble.
 11:45—Around the Town, Kellogg's Cornflakes.
 12:00—Music Interlude.
 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.
 12:15—Rhythm at Random.
 12:40—State News, Hansen Motors.
 12:45—News-Review of the Air.
 12:55—Terminal Market Reports Sig Felt.
 1:00—Walter Compton.
 1:15—Moments in Music.
 1:30—Full Speed Ahead.
 2:00—Ray Daily.
 2:15—Welcome Inn.
 2:30—The Dream House of Melody.
 3:00—Women for Victory, Air WAC.
 3:15—Dusty Records, Henningers Marts.
 3:45—Johnson Family.
 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
 4:15—Music Off the Record.
 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm.
 4:45—Songs of Good Cheer.
 5:00—Junior Jamboree.
 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep.
 5:30—Musical Cocktail.
 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studebaker.
 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Toothpaste.
 6:15—Believe It or Not, Pall Mall Cigarettes.
 6:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co.
 6:45—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son.
 7:00—Henry Gladstone.
 7:15—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
 7:20—Demi-tasse Ditties.
 7:30—Cisco Kid.
 8:00—Pick and Pat Time.
 8:30—Voice of the Army.
 8:45—Arthur Schutt at the Piano.
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
 9:15—Rex Miller, Wildroot.
 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Hunt Bros. Packing Company.
 9:45—Music for the Night.
 10:00—Sign Off.

Noah Webster, who assembled the first American dictionary, was the master of 20 languages.

Three American presidents died on July 4—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.

The Weather
 U. S. Weather Bureau Office,
 Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight.

Highest temp. for any March 85
 Highest temp. yesterday 72
 Lowest temp. for any March 18
 Lowest temp. last night 37
 Precipitation yesterday 0
 Precip. from March 1 1.98
 Deficit from March 1 1.04
 Deficit from Sept. 1, 1943 9.04

Editorials on News

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the immediate future in this general area.

From where the Russians now are, the Rumanian oil fields are less than 200 miles distant, but to reach them the Russians will have to force their way through a narrow gap (not much more than 50 miles wide) between the Carpathians and the marshy country of the delta of the Danube, where the great river flows out through a number of mouths into the Black sea.

The Germans have been reported for nearly two weeks to be rushing troops and equipment through Hungary into Rumania, and it is a logical guess that in this narrow gap, with their left flank protected by the high Carpathians and their right flank by the wide Danube, they will make a last-stand fight for the Ploesti oil fields, which they can't afford to lose.

WHAT will happen in the Balkans from here on can only be guessed at. Many things COULD happen.

The Russians might storm the positions the Germans are undoubtedly building frantically in the valley of the lower Danube. The Turks MIGHT consider this the psychological moment for them to enter the war and make themselves solid with the victors by coming in on the German flank through Bulgaria. We and the British MIGHT invade the Balkans through the Yugoslav back door, joining up with Tito and his Partisans on the way and taking the Germans in Rumania in the rear.

Or the Russians, as they have so often done before, might let up at the southern end of their front and strike with tremendous force at the far north, where they have been quiet for some time.

Any, or even ALL, of these things could happen. What actually will happen is largely up to Stalin.

THE fighting in Italy is still disappointing from the standpoint of our side. The Germans are GAINING at Cassino, and are applying pressure to us at Anzio.

In all this fighting in southern Italy, they hold the advantage of position and it is probable that their losses are considerably smaller than ours. From Salerno on, our battle in Italy has seemed to us uninformative outsiders to be costly out of all proportion to the results obtained.

But it will stand repeating that the opinion of uninformative outsiders isn't worth much, because we don't know ALL the factors that are involved. Maybe it is worth anything it may cost just to hold southern Italy as a springboard for an invasion of the Balkan back door if the time for it should suddenly become right.

There are so many things that MIGHT be important that WE DON'T KNOW.

ONE suspects that the Jap attack at Imphal is on a bigger

SCREEN STAR

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1,7 Pictured screen star
 - 13 Small pit (abbr.)
 - 14 Whereness
 - 15 Indian home
 - 16 Behold!
 - 18 Poker stakes
 - 19 Upon camel's hair
 - 20 Challenge
 - 21 Right (abbr.)
 - 22 Symbol for nickel
 - 23 Universal language
 - 24 Compass point
 - 25 Thrill cry
 - 26 Plator part
 - 28 Plator (abbr.)
 - 31 Hawaiian bird
 - 32 Ratum
 - 36 Stain
 - 39 Half-em
 - 40 Proceed
 - 41 Exist
 - 42 Paid (abbr.)
 - 44 Story
 - 48 Symbol for tellurium
 - 49 Pertaining to the ear
 - 53 Palm lily
 - 53 Sleeping vision
 - 55 Prased
 - 57 Darling
 - 58 Keep
 - 69 Cause to remember
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Wands
 - 2 Peaceful

Answer to Previous Puzzle

EDDIE STINSON

Have a Coca-Cola = Kia Ora
 (GOOD LUCK)

...or sealing friendships in New Zealand

Kia ora, says the New Zealander when he wants to give you his best wishes. The American soldier says it another way. Have a "Coke", says he, and in three words he has made a friend. It's a phrase that says Welcome, neighbor from Auckland to Albuquerque, from New Zealand to New Mexico. Round the globe, Coca-Cola stands for the pause that refreshes,—has become the high-sign between friendly-minded people. So, of course, Coca-Cola belongs in your icebox at home.

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