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Non-Worship of Candidates Good Healthy Sign in U. S. Politics

By JAMES THRASHER

A number of political reporters, back from the first leg of the Truman and Dewey campaign trips, have commented on the fact that both candidates drew surprisingly small crowds. The reporters have given several speculative explanations.

One is that both men have been around so much that they have lost their curiosity value. Another is that with radio and television, many voters don't bother to take a personal look. A third is that neither man has much political appeal. And still another is that most people have already made up their minds about how they are going to vote.

We don't know which of those reasons are correct. But if the last one is by any chance the determining one, we think it's all to the good. There is no real reason why voters should have to size up a presidential hopeful's physical appearance before making their decision.

Odd Judgments Noted

A great corporation would not be unduly influenced in choosing a president, by the part in a candidate's hair, his choice of neckties, his regional accent or the timbre of his voice. These things should be of equally small account when the stockholders in the world's greatest corporation, the United States Government, choose a president.

The majority of these stockholders never see their president in the flesh. Only a small fraction will ever meet him and speak with him. Yet it has often seemed that a lot of voters make their choice on the basis of which candidate they would prefer to have at dinner, rather than which one

gives promise of doing the better job. In a way, presidents and presidential candidates seem to affect some people as movie and radio stars do. These people develop a very personal feeling toward them without ever hoping to know them. Maybe this is natural. But in radio and movie fans it can be pretty silly. And in a body of citizen voters, it is potentially dangerous.

Records Should Count

Extravagant admiration for the head of one branch of our government implies an unhealthy dependence on one man's leadership. The American government was designed to avoid that. Yet there have been occasions in our history when the government's legislative and judicial branches were subservient to the executive.

The trouble with extravagant admiration and a craving for a "strong man" is the uncertainty. You never can be quite sure whether you are getting a Washington or a Hitler.

So it would seem to us a most encouraging sign if the voters this year have pretty well made their choice of candidates before the campaign, and have chosen less by personalities than by past records which indicate which man is more likely to give the individual voter the kind of administration that he is hoping for.

There's One Part of the Speech We Never Hear



By Viachett S. Martin

Coincidences do happen in real life as other readers of the News-Review could tell.

Six thousand feet up on Mount Wilson we heard news of a son from whom we had had no word in over three months. Just when we least expected it.

Another couple, enjoying the peace and quiet and glorious vistas to be seen there, spoke a friendly word. We liked them. We chatted for a while. Of course the war was foremost in everybody's heart and soon they were telling about an interesting visitor they had not long before, a Captain B—who was on his way to join the X—in New Zealand.

Now the X—was our son's ship. "How did you know he was going to New Zealand?" I asked astonished, remembering the town placard with "A slip of the lip may sink a ship"—and this ship was an important one to the Navy. Its location would be a tip-off because it was a repair ship, New Zealand, so that was where our boy was! The last we knew was Pearl Harbor. "Oh," said the speaker, "Captain B—is a very good friend of ours. He knew," she said complacently, "we wouldn't repeat anything he told us." Yet here she was, telling a total stranger...

Another time I was at the dentist's. A Naval officer home for medical leave to recuperate, was helping out at my dentist's. As he filled the tooth we chatted. "We still have a son out in the Pacific," I said. "I wish I could talk with someone who had seen him, or even been on his ship." "What ship?" I told him. He laughed. "I've been on her many a time and you needn't be alarmed for him. Not the way things are going out there now."

Later on, much later on, three buddies who had played football together in high school met in our living room, all strangely quiet, saying little. "You at Guadal?" asked one. "Uh-huh, one of the first landing parties on the beach." "Me, too," said the second one. "I flew over. You there?" "I was behind a gun on the O'Bannon," said our lad who had been transferred to the new destroyer. "We must have been in sight of each other many a time out there."

Before E—left that time, after no sight of him for nearly three years, he said, "Well, Mom, you won't have to worry now. They've put me on a new baby carrier. We'll never get within shooting distance of any action." Our next news (there was never any news in his letters, of course), was when we read of the Leyte business in the Saturday Evening Post. Dawn came and there were Japanese battleships, incredibly near, dropping sixteen-inch shells all around. A naval version of David and Goliath.

gon for one year prior to enlistment, induction (etc.) AND "5—Was honorably discharged. Because of the ambiguity of the provisions and the question in the minds of attorneys who maintain that the use of "and" instead of "or" ruled out the famed Oregon National Guard unit, Oregon Business & Tax Research maintains the measure invites trouble, and therefore should be voted down and corrected with a measure of clear intent provided. The measure if passed in its present form, the tax study organization says, will cause veterans barred by the technical error, to seek its repeal on the basis of "gross discrimination."

There is no way to correct the measure prior to election November 2, it is asserted, but a legal spokesman for the National Guard veterans should speak up and get the issue straight in the voters' mind. A "For" or "Against" recommendation is difficult if the ambiguity invites trouble and delay in carrying out the provisions of the measure, if passed.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Is There a Defect in World War II Bonus Measure?

Oregon City Enterprise Without intention, the sponsor of the World War II Bonus amendment to the constitution which appears on the ballot November 2, seem to have admitted a technical error, that in the opinion of some, bars bonus benefits to the World War II veterans who had enlisted prior to Pearl Harbor. The measure is 316 Yes and 317 No on the ballot and it would add Article XII-F authorizing a "World War II Veterans' state aid fund by sale of bonds not exceeding 3 per cent of assessable property in the state to pay a cash bonus of \$15 a month; an additional \$10 for each month of service outside the Continental United States and not exceeding \$500 to honorably discharged veterans."

Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., has taken the position that the use of the word "and" instead of the word "or" in the qualifying paragraphs has disqualified those who enlisted before Pearl Harbor, and if that is so, members of the famed Oregon National Guard 41st (Sunset) division inducted into service in 1940 would be barred from benefiting under the amendment. The qualifications listed in the proposed amendment are set forth as follows: "1—Enlistment (etc.) after Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, AND "2—Service in the U. S. or allied armies between December 7, 1941, and September 5, 1945, AND "3—Was a resident of Oregon when he or she enlisted, AND "4—Had been a resident of Ore-

Famous Hen Pheasant Dies at Age of Nine

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 14.—(P)—"Miss Oscar," a nine-year-old hen pheasant which received Christmas cards from all over the world, died today.

Roy B. Fidler found Miss Oscar in his backyard in 1939 and brought her through chickhood on a diet of whisky and hot water. The pheasant's nine years of life was comparable to 125 years for a human, authorities said.

Miss Oscar posed for photographs with soldiers of World War II. The photos were used throughout the world and caused fan mail and Christmas cards to be sent to the pheasant. The pheasant had a nest on the Fidler's living room davenport.

In the Day's News

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sticks its head in the sand. It is not going to make the absurd mistake that Russia is reported to be making in its approach to scientific progress. If seemingly reliable accounts can be believed, Russia refuses to accept any scientific theory or fact that GOES CONTRARY TO THE MARXIST LINE.

In that direction lies stagnation.

WE don't need to be afraid of the FACTS about Communism. The more of the TRUTH about it we get, the better off we shall be. If, in our FEAR of Communism, we refuse to study it objectively, we shall be as silly as if in our fear of cancer we should run from the facts about cancer.

THERE is an interesting and perhaps significant little tale in the news.

General Franco, addressing his officers in the garrison of Seville, pledges that the Spanish will FIGHT ANY ENEMY THAT ATTACKS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, even if the countries attacked differ ideologically with Spain.

That is to say, if Russia attacks France (which is Spain's only direct neighbor—Spain will fight Russia).

A LOT of tommyrot is being talked about Franco these days. Henry Wallace, for example, claims we are honeying up to him, and leaves no doubt that according to his way of thinking accepting any help whatever from

Scene About Town

By "Stoop"

It's a belated subject, but at every ball game there's a certain amount of doubtful love displayed between certain spectators and the officials.

Duffy, he's white-coated anemic old CLUB 99 way—open 7 nites a week, reminds us there's 22 young men on the turf whose only remuneration is a love for the game. They're playin' the best they know how. As are the officials, even tho' they're paid.

MORAL: Don't boo the striped shirts. They're doin' the best they kin. An' we know Dix Moore isn't guilty o' cruelty to animals. He's gotta dog o' his own.

"Fore somebody beats us to it, here's a hand to the some 75 kids who take the spotlight on Finlay Field football nites, but who take a back seat in publicity o' late.

While the deservin' RHHS heroes reap yards o' copy, the kids in "Chas. Ricketts" band and the rally crews come out on the short end. Fancy steppin' to sum outstandin' moosic. Majorettes easy on bi-focals, too.

Hotdogs and coke at ROYAL'S after the game and food, dancin', an' a refreshin' time later at Duffy's CLUB 99. (Paid advertisement)

Franco would be the crime of the ages.

Take a look at Spain on your map. It is the equivalent of an island lying in the very center of that part of the world in which we are trying to prevent the spread of Communism.

This writer (who tries to think realistically) would rather have Spain on our side than on Russia's side.

FRANCO, of course, is supposed to be Russia's pet hate. In the Spanish civil war, which was the curtain-raiser for World War II, Russia was against Franco and Hitler and Mussolini were for him. According to IDEOLOGY, that lines up Spain and Russia as perpetual enemies.

Wait a minute. In the Spanish civil war, Russia was on one side and Nazi Germany was on the other. BUT, WHEN IT SEEMED THE EXPEDIENT THING TO DO, COMMUNIST RUSSIA PROMPTLY MADE A TREATY OF ALLIANCE WITH NAZI GERMANY. If Hitler hadn't proved to be a madman, that alliance would have continued.

LET'S not fool ourselves about these dictators. They'll do, AT ANY TIME, whatever seems at the moment the expedient thing to do.

If Stalin should conclude, at any moment, that it was the expedient thing, he'd throw in with Franco without the slightest hesitation.

There isn't much honor among thieves.

Comics, Movies, Radio Labeled Crime Machines

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—(P)—A U. S. Circuit Judge told the International Association of Chiefs of Police yesterday that comic strips, radio and motion pictures were "insidious propaganda machines for crime."

Judge Alfred P. Murrah of Oklahoma City told the Association's annual conference: "Today, while masquerading under the banner of law and order and the slogan of 'crime doesn't pay,' the comic strip, radio and moving picture have made crime pay stupendous dividends to those who dramatize, exploit and sensationalize crime and criminals."

"We all know that the by-product of the so-called comic strip, the crime radio programs and the gangster movies is murder, rape, suicide and sexual atrocities."

NEGATIVE ACTION HAGERSTOWN, Md., Oct. 14.—(P)—Recently the Potomac Edison Building was equipped with a special camera to photograph thieves breaking into the place. Yesterday thieves broke in, stole the camera.

State Wins Court Fight For Mulkey Building

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 14.—(P)—The State of Oregon has legal title to the Mulkey building in Portland, the State Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The court, in an opinion by Justice J. O. Bailey, also held that the state could sell it or tear it down if it wants to.

The building was left the state by Frank M. Mulkey, Portland,

who died July 24, 1927. It is located at Southwest Morrison St. and 2nd Avenue.

The state board of control, thinking it might want to use the property as a site for a new building, brought suit against Mulkey's heirs to clarify Mulkey's will. The heirs contended they deserved title to the property, claiming the state did not carry out the terms of the will.

The opinion upheld Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooez, Portland.

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DIFFERENTIAL: Full automotive type.

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DRIVE: Fully enclosed hardened and polished worm, gunmetal bronze worm wheel.

AXLES: Oversized alloy.

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Administrators Of Oregon Schools To Confer Next Week

The annual Conference of Oregon School Administrators will be held in Salem Oct. 18, 19 and 20 with a program planned jointly by the officers of the five state organizations of school administrators and the State Department of Education.

Superintendent of Schools Paul Elliott said that because of the bond issue election Monday, probably not any of the local principals will attend the opening day, but that several are planning to attend from Roseburg Tuesday. Mrs. Lula C. Goff, county school superintendent, said she will probably attend Wednesday's special meeting for county superintendents.

The Improvement of the Professional Status of Teachers in Oregon is the theme for the first general session to be held in the Leslie Junior High School Auditorium. Leaders participating in a symposium discussion of the subject are Superintendent Frank Bennett, Salem; State Superintendent of Schools Rex Putnam; Dean Paul Jacobsen, School of Education, University of Oregon; Dr. H. M. Gunn, president, Oregon College of Education; Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president, South-

ern Oregon College of Education; and Dr. Paul A. Rehms, superintendent of schools, Portland.

At the second general session, Tuesday afternoon, Superintendent of Public Instruction Putnam and E. L. Lindman, deputy superintendent of Public Instruction of Olympia, Wash., will introduce the theme "Financing Capital Outlay Needs for Oregon Schools."

The subject will be further discussed by a panel composed of William Tugman, editor, Register-Guard; Eugene Allen, editor, Oregon Labor Press; Stanley Earl, Secretary, Oregon State Industrial Union Council; F. H. Young, manager, Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc.; and Guy N. Hickok, manager, Salem Branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

A dinner meeting for all administrators is scheduled at the Marion Hotel, Monday, Oct. 18. Dr. Edgar Fuller, director of school administration, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker. Doctor Fuller will also address the separate sessions of the city superintendents of schools and of elementary school principals.

Special sessions on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning are planned for the separate organizations of school administrators. October 20 will be devoted exclusively to a conference for county school superintendents.