

Republicans May Need Great New Principle To Score Victory In '52

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

A man named Walter Prescott Webb, professor of history at the University of Texas, has some ideas on politics that are new and different. Whether they are right is another question. But they seem to have enough support in history to merit our attention.

Political experts have been trying for decades to understand the ups and downs of American political parties. Swings in the economy from boom to bust, the cycle of social change, the waxing and waning of particular public personalities, these are among the factors set down to explain the rise and fall of party fortunes.

Webb, writing in the magazine Southwest Review, takes a longer view than any of these notions embrace. He believes that political parties inevitably focus on some great principle.

"The party that originates the principle and establishes it, does so in a national crisis," says Webb. "As long as the principle works, it is almost impossible to dislodge the party that discovered it."

He contends the Republican Party found such a principle after the Civil War. It linked itself with a new and growing force—business—and fostered the idea that what is good for business is good for the country.

According to Webb, that principle worked for a long time and kept the GOP in national power most of the period from the Civil War until the Great Depression.

In that crisis, he adds, the Democrats seized the chance to try out a new principle—wider use of government authority for the relief and welfare of farmers, workingmen, home owners, and many other groups in society.

Webb passes no judgment on this principle, but simply notes that, like the one adopted by the Republicans in the 1860's, it has been politically effective.

He thinks the Democrats' principle will go on working until, in some crisis, it fails. Only then, he says, will the GOP have an opportunity to move in on a long-term basis by grasping another new principle that can gain popular support.

In the meantime, Webb believes the Republicans can only criticize the operation of the Democrats' welfare principle, and bide their time.

We leave it to the experts to

First Methodist Choir To Present "Christmas Oratorio"



The choir of the First Methodist church, pictured above, will present the "Christmas Oratorio" by the French composer, Camille Saint-Saens, this Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5 p. m., the pastor, W. A. MacArthur, announced.

Following the tradition of an early service, the Methodist musicians have chosen the hour of five as being the most convenient. The selection of Saint-Saens' work brings a work of wide variety. It is not a heavy piece of music as many oratorios are, but has much color and interest because of the composer's style. He was somewhat of an eclectic, borrowing from the influence of Bach and Handel, although all of his work has the stamp of his own individuality upon it.

A pleasing number and variety of solos and small group combinations of voices together with full chorus numbers makes the "Christmas Oratorio" a selection of extreme interest. The public is invited to attend.

The vespers service will be under the direction of R. Cloyd Riffe, with Mrs. Paul E. Geddes as organist and the Rev. W. A. MacArthur as narrator. A reception in appreciation of the choir members will be held immediately after the service in the social hall of the church which the public is also welcome to attend. Light refreshments and a time of real fellowship and congeniality will mark this portion of the evening.

A complete program of this worship hour is as follows:

Christmas Vespers Worship 5:00 P. M.

R. Cloyd Riffe, Director
Mrs. Paul E. Geddes, Organist
Reverend W. A. MacArthur, Narrator

Processional Hymn—"Angels from the Realms of Glory"
Congregation and Choir
Christmas Story from Holy Scripture

Reverend W. A. MacArthur
Pastoral prayer.

Christmas Oratorio
(By Camille Saint-Saens)
Organ Prelude

Tenor solo—"There Were Shepherds"—Wendell Johnson
Mezzo soprano solo—"And Lo! An Angel of the Lord Appeared"—Norine Kruysman
Soprano solo—"Fear Not, Oh Ye Shepherds"—Mrs. William Woodward

Baritone solo—"Suddenly There Was With the Angel"—H. D. Scott
Chorus—"Glory Be Unto God in the Highest"—Full choir
Mezzo soprano solo—"And Lo! He Heard My Cry"—Miss Norine Kruysman

Tenor solo—"In My Heart, I Believe, O Lord!"—Wendell Johnson
Ladies quartet—Mrs. W. J. Adair, Miss Norma Cox, Miss Norine Kruysman, Mrs. Leon

Mulkey.
Soprano and tenor duet—"Benedictus"

R. Cloyd Riffe, Mrs. Woodward
Chorus—"Wherefore Do the Heathen Clamor?"—Full choir
Trio—"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"—Mrs. Harrie Booth, H. D. Scott, Wendell Johnson.
Quartet—"Alleluia"—Mrs. Harrie Booth, Mrs. A. J. Ellison, H. D. Scott, Mrs. Leon Mulkey.
Quintet and chorus—"Arise Now Doughter of Zion and Praise God"

"Rejoice, Ye Angels, Rejoice All Ye Nations"—Full choir
Recessional—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"—Congregation and choir
Benediction—Reverend W. A. MacArthur

rostrum of cat-tails, ferns and other out-door flowers.

In the Middle Ages pointed shoes came into fashion and the pointed toes became so long they were fastened at the knee.

U. S. To Renew Relations With Panama Republic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(P)—The United States is renewing diplomatic relations with Panama, withheld since Arnulfo Arias took power in a series of government overthrows last month.

Secretary of State Acheson announced the decision to a news conference. He said assurances have been received from Arias that his government will fulfill Panama's international obligations. That is a particularly important point for the United States since the Panama canal cuts through the heart of the little Latin American country.

Acheson noted in a statement that no foreign intervention was involved in the government changes in Panama.

This reference might have bearing on future American consideration of recognition of the Chinese Communist government. In the case of China, the Communists have had outside support from Russia.

In his statement, Acheson recalled that the United States has "publicly deplored" the means of the political changes in Panama.

This was a reference to reports that threats of force were involved in the series of government changes.

On other matters, Acheson said:

1. Negotiations between the United States and Western European countries for agreement covering American arms will be concluded in a very short time.

2. The status of Formosa, where the Chinese Nationalist government has established itself, is a matter of great importance which is constantly before the top level National Security council. Acheson declined to discuss the question of what actions the United States might take to keep the island from falling into Chinese Communist control.

3. The United States will cooperate constructively as a member of the United Nations trusteeship council in carrying out the United Nations general assembly's order for the council to draw up regulations governing the proposed internationalization of Jerusalem.

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4. The United States deplores the reported appeal of President Trujillo to the Dominican republic congress for power to declare war against any nation he believes to be shielding preparations for an invasion of the Dominican republic.

Acheson said the United States deplores the Trujillo action because it is a failure to rely upon the procedures laid down in inter-American defense agreements to meet such situations.

Elks Date Yule Party For Kiddies

Every child in the Roseburg area will be guest of the Roseburg Elks lodge Saturday morning at the annual Christmas party.

A free moving picture, a personal appearance by a Hollywood comedian and a Santa Claus, and a gift for every child will be provided by the Elks lodge, through the cooperation of Donn Radabaugh, theater owner-manager.

According to Harry Pinniger, manager of the Elks club, all three local theaters will be used in anticipation of the largest crowd of youngsters ever to attend the annual party. A complete show schedule, featuring the film "Tioga Kid," will be shown in relays, starting first at the Indian theater. As each real is concluded, it will be rushed to the Star theater, then to the Rose.

One of the stars in the picture is Roscoe Ates, famous Hollywood suttering comedian. He will appear personally at each of the three theaters. By special arrangement with the North Pole, Santa Claus will also be on hand at each of the three theaters to distribute gifts.

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reconcile Webb's theory with others. Obviously the "great principle" could not be the sole factor at work, for Democrats won the presidency during the long Republican ascendancy and the GOP took Congress in 1946 amid the big Democratic days.

But if there is some single strong thread running through these long periods when one or the other party has tended to dominate the scene, it could very likely be the sort of principle of which Webb speaks.

Should that be so, Webb's panoramic study of party fortunes may help the Republicans clarify their outlook for 1950 and 1952. It may hasten the search for a new principle which the party might offer the nation when the moment comes for another great swing of the pendulum.

Right now there is not the slightest hint that principle might be all that seems clear is that it probably cannot be the same one the GOP embraced in former times, nor can it copy the Democrats' welfare state. Somehow it will have to break entirely new ground.

FORTY-THIRD REBEKAH CONVENTION COMES TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION

The forty-third annual convention of the Rebekah Lodge of District No. 11, was held Thursday, December 8th at the American

Legion Hall in Sutherlin. Mrs. Juanita Holgate was chairman and Mrs. Leona Slack, both of Sutherlin, was secretary. The Sutherlin Rebekah lodge seated the convention officers with a drill and presented each with a carnation corsage of pink and green with small golden links at the top.

Mrs. Lela Ramsey, of Madras, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, was introduced with Mrs. Ethel Bailey, of Roseburg, past-president; Mrs. Marion Wilson, Bandon, past-president; Mrs. Louise Dimmick, Roseburg; Mrs. Doris Fitzpatrick, Canyonville and Mrs. Nellie Peterson, Sutherlin-district deputy presidents.

Mrs. Velma Herman, Roseburg, state trustee of Theta Rho girls, was introduced by Lela Ramsey, president of the Rebekah Assembly.

An address of welcome was given by Mrs. Mabel Ross of Sutherlin. Mrs. Francis Hedden of Elkton gave the response.

The "Lord's Prayer" was sung by Mrs. Joyce Brigram after the Scripture reading, by the chaplain Pora Willis of Riddle.

Roll call of past chairman of district No. 11 found twelve past chairmen present. Mrs. Doris Steinbach gave a reading and presented each a gift from a large cornucopia of pink and green placed among the evergreens, during a drill.

Roll call of lodges showed a gain in membership and many activities. Bright spots on the program were the many poems the chairman gave for the presentations during the day.

Then after noon session convened at 1:30 the memorial by Sutherlin Rebekah Lodge No. 218 was impressive.

Many exemplifications of the order were presented during the session and a program number from each lodge represented: Canyonville, Riddle, Myrtle Creek, Roseburg, Elkton and Sutherlin.

Numerous questions were in the question box and were answered by the Assembly president.

Roseburg No. 41 of Roseburg was selected as hostess lodge for 1950 and Umpqua Rebekah Lodge No. 175 for 1951. New officers elected for 1950 are as follows: Mrs. Lena Poole, Roseburg No. 41, chairman; Mrs. Bessie Lakey No. 175, vice-chairman; Mrs. Lavonne Nickens, Roseburg No. 41 Sutherlin No. 218, treasurer.

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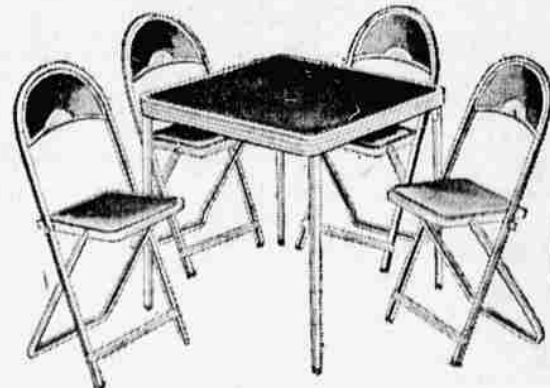
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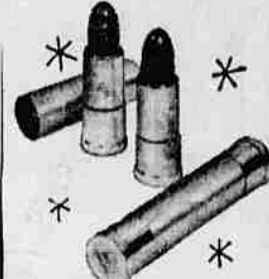
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