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POLITICAL SWAGGERING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Perhaps we misinterpret Senator Wayne Morse's post-election statement. Maybe we're doing him a rank injustice. But when he announced, as it was conceded that he had won the Republican nomination, that he would keep voting "independently upon issues as I see them," it sounded to our ears like smarty-talk.

We couldn't help comparing his attitude to that of the cocky little child who, upon being censured, sticks out his tongue and says "ya-a-a-a."

Who desires the good senator to vote other than independently? The only people we know of who want "regularity" in voting are the Socialist-Democrats, organized labor and various pressure groups, who propose a government of stooges and rubber stamps. Unless a citizen is seeking special privilege, or places party power above national welfare, he does not want a political stooge in public office.

Senator Morse, in emphasizing his position as a political maverick, is, in our opinion, only adding proof to charges of personal aggrandizement and grandstanding.

Senator Draws Rebuke

We believe it obvious that few votes cast for candidates opposing Senator Morse were votes of approval for those candidates. Rather, they were votes criticizing Senator Morse. On this premise, the senator suffered a severe rebuke.

Senator Morse is elected to represent the State of Oregon. As a U. S. senator he represents a geographical area. Our congressional organization provides that representatives, elected for terms of two years only and apportioned according to population, shall be direct political agents of the people. Senators, however, are chosen by geographical area, have longer terms of office, are fewer in number, thus serving to check possible injustice of population influence upon minorities.

Senator Morse's continuous flaunting of his status as an independent and his persistent political grandstanding cause us to fear he is much more interested in the welfare of Morse, the politician, than the area he is sworn to represent.

Opportunity For Distinguished Service

Senator Morse has opportunity to serve with distinction for both the State of Oregon and himself, if he will quit his smarty-pants posturing. He is exceedingly able, industrious and, we believe, sincere.

He has suffered much criticism because of his departure from party lines. This criticism is directed, we believe, not so much at his voting record as at the manner in which he flaunts his departure in the face of the party.

We would hesitate to support a party "regular." We were disgusted by the number of candidates who pledged themselves in the primary election to serve as party stooges if nominated and elected. We believe any public official should be free to vote his mind on any and all issues. We would not want it otherwise. Should we ever have a government by political puppets dancing on strings, we might as well forget our dreams of a representative republic form of government.

Senator Morse is not to be criticized, we believe, because he insists upon his right to vote according to the dictates of his conscience. We do believe, however, he is subject to criticism when he uses this independence for political swaggering, posturing and grandstanding.

As we said before, we may be misinterpreting his attitude. If so, we apologize. But that's the way it looks from here.

Congress Balks On Truman Plan For Civil Rights

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman's civil rights program appeared headed today for the congressional shelf but toward top billing in the November election campaign.

On the basis of a vote taken last week, more than a third of the Senate's 96 members stood committed against bringing up a fair employment practices commission (FEPC) bill.

The administration has backed its drive for anti-riot tax and anti-lynching proposals on this measure, which would ban job discrimination on grounds of race, creed or color.

Senator Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic leader, promised a new "sincere and desperate" attack on the southern Democratic filibuster against the compulsory FEPC bill. He set no time for the second test.

Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the GOP policy committee, told a reporter he doubts any measure will be passed. Taft, who supported Lucas' filibuster-breaking move, backs a voluntary FEPC, not the compulsory bill now being debated.

Lucas' hopes seemed dim on the face of the 52 to 32 vote by which the Senate rejected yesterday's cloture (debate limiting) petition. The petition needed 64 "yes" votes—a constitutional two-thirds of the Senate's membership—for adoption. Six Republicans joined 26 Demo-

crats—five of them from outside the south—to defeat the debate gag and let the filibuster run along. An announcement by Senator Chapman (D-Ky.) that Senator Withers (D-Ky.) also would have voted "no" if he had been present, left Lucas with this tough choice: change at least one opposition vote or give up any chance of mustering the necessary 64 votes in this session—even with all 96 senators present.

1 Slain, 2 Wounded In Ambush Attack

BOSTON, May 22.—(AP)—A man described by police as "a small-time bookie" was killed and two companions were injured, one critically, early yesterday by gunmen who waited in ambush outside a north end restaurant.

George R. Killeen, 31, was killed and Jeremiah Crimmins, 34, and Daniel (Moon) Mellett, 34, were wounded. Police said the three were ambushed by gunmen in a sedan as they neared the all-night restaurant.

Killeen, a coast guard veteran, was shot through the head. Crimmins, an army veteran and former German prisoner of war, was shot in the left chest. He was reported in critical condition at city hospital. Mellett, an ex-Marine, suffered wounds in the thigh and near the right eye.

Police described Killeen as "a small-time bookie" who had a court record for registering bets. They reported some 500 lottery tickets were found in his car. The tickets, police said, sold for 25 cents.

Thirty Pieces Of Silver



In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

It isn't anybody else's business. Nobody else knows.

THERE IS NO FEAR IN MY HEART. Nobody is going to drag me out of my bed tonight and beat the living daylight out of me because I voted WRONG.

THERE were no identifying marks on my ballot. NOT EVEN THE JUDGES OF THE ELECTION CAN TRACK BACK AND FIND OUT HOW I VOTED.

THEN this came: Over the long centuries, millions of men have DIED fighting for what a FREE AND SECRET ballot stands for. Rivers of blood have been shed for it.

The thought sobered me. I still feel a little sober. And a little reverence. And a trifle DISTURBED. Maybe here in America we've done too much of a GAME, of a SHOW, out of this business of elections. Maybe we've paid too much attention to the trappings and too little to the deeper inner meaning of it all.

Maybe we've done too much talking about it and too little THINKING.

ANYWAY, I'm glad I've voted. And I'm glad that on my way back to work there came to me this feeling of awe and reverence for what I've just had a part in.

U. S. Raps Chinese Reds For Holding American Fliers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The State department has rapped the Chinese Communists for "unreasonably" holding two American airmen for 18 months.

Undersecretary James E. Webb detailed U. S. and British efforts to free navy chief electrician's mate William C. Smith and marine Sgt. Elmer C. Bender, in a statement expressing gratification the two were finally freed.

The Communist authorities, Webb said, ignored repeated representations, both oral and written made by U. S. consular officials at Peking, Nanking, Tsingtao, Shanghai and Tientsin.

"None of our communications were answered, although one was returned in a new envelope indicating that its contents had been noted," Webb said.

The British were brought into the effort when the Communists advanced the "apparent pretext" that they lacked diplomatic relations with the U. S. Webb noted.

The British efforts likewise failed as did informal attempts to get action through personal contact with the Chinese leaders.

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Miss Truman, "for personal reasons," plans no concert bookings until October, Davidson said.

One hybrid sugarbeet variety increased sugar per acre by 15 per cent in experiments.

The Poor Man's Philosopher Says Everyone Should Live By A River

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK. — (AP) — It flows forever by my door, and I wash I could share it with everyone in the world.

You can feel that way about a river. It gives you a surge of health that has no selfishness in it.

The river that moves back and forth before my door, a creature of the moon tides, is named for a prosaic point of the compass—it's the East river. But to me, and I don't know how many countless thousands of others, it is a silvery ribbon that ties together the tang of the earth's four corners.

It wraps the world in a salty flavor and brings it home to us who dwell on land but love the wonder of rolling water.

Fire and water are calming things to the human spirit, which by nature is as restless as either. But having known both, I'll swap a fireplace anytime to have a view of a river.

And this East river is a special river, one of the busiest waterways of the world. To study the ships

that ply it is an education in itself. They come from everywhere, and they go everywhere, and they carry everything that anyone could want—fuel oil, freight cars, caviar, buttons, tractors, warm woolen clothing, fair ladies on foreign holiday, and people just sightseeing around Manhattan.

The river, like any other living thing, has its moods—bright, sullen and work-a-day.

For three years I have been watching it from an 8th floor apartment window, and I never know when I love it best—in sunlight or slanting rain, by the gleam of dawn or the magic of midnight, when the lighted ferries shuttle silently across the blackness like caterpillars carrying lanterns.

At any hour this clean swift river shows New York City at its best. It has movement without monotony, purpose without push. There are no traffic jams upon its broad highway, and the vehicles that swim across it follow a rule of the road as old as the law of the sea.

At night it is a guessing game to tell the strange craft that float by, and what their missions are as they plough a moonlit river of mystery. I like to look from a darkened window and wonder who is aboard them, where are they going?

And in the cold clear morning the stubby chug seaward, trailing garbage scows loaded with the debris of civilization, or nosing a battered freighter into a channel that leads like a winding string to a port 5,000 miles away.

That is the river I love . . . the East river . . . the only one I really know, although I was born on the banks of the muddy Missouri. And as long as I live, if I can choose where I live, I'll be in a place that has a window that looks down upon a river.

What makes a river so restful to people is that it doesn't have any doubt—it is sure to get where it is going, and it doesn't want to go anywhere else.

International Congress Planned By P.T.A.

LONG BEACH, Calif., May 22.—(AP)—The national congress of parents and teachers plans an international conference next year.

Invitations will be issued to members of the United Nations, and occupied countries as well, the PTA's national board of managers decided yesterday. The Canadian Federation of Home and School will cooperate in arranging the conference.

Nearly 3,000 have gathered here for the national convention, which opens today.

Indiana Territory at first included what is now Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and eastern Minnesota.

Tobin, Murray Hit Expelled Union

LYNN, Mass., May 22.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin and CIO President Philip J. Murray joined yesterday in denouncing the CIO-expelled United Electrical Workers union as "Communist dominated."

Tobin charged UE leaders with making a "whole series" of "anti-American mistakes," while Murray declared they have "one master—Stalin in Russia." He added: "The United States won't do business with this lousy outfit."

The labor secretary and CIO president spoke at a rally of General Electric workers. A national labor relations board election is set for Thursday to determine whether GE employees wish to be represented in collective bargaining by the old UE or the recently-formed CIO International Electrical Workers union.

Tobin and Murray both told the gathering the Atomic Energy commission had refused since 1948 to permit the UE to represent workers on secret government projects.

Motorized Wheel Chair Preferred To Gold Watch On Retirement At 65

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Big worries rarely make you happy. It's the little day-to-day worries that really make life a pleasure.

And one of the things I fret about most often is just what I'll do if my fellow employees give me a gold watch when I retire from work 26 years from now.

This problem usually comes into my mind every morning when the alarm clock goes off. Here is my daydream:

I have reached the age of 65, and the boys at the office are throwing me a farewell party. Everybody has said a lot of nice things and over in the corner one of the younger fellows is remarking, "Look how gray he is—how long do you think he'll last?" and another is saying, "Well, I never thought they'd be able to pry old Boyle off the payroll."

It is time now for the big speech by "the old man"—the head of the firm. Actually he is a brisk young man of 19, as by then teenagers will be running the world.

Rising and looking at a card in his hand to be sure he has my name right, the "old man" says:

"Boyle, the place won't be the same without you—but we'll do our best to carry on, and I have a feeling we'll be able to. In token of your 41 years of hard work—the sound of hollow laughter echoes around the room—"I want to give you this small remembrance from your fellow workers. Godspeed!"

He then opens a box and hands me—a gold watch.

What To Do Now? Now right here is where my worry comes in. What do I do? Do I accept the watch, tears running down my aged cheeks, and murmur brokenly, "Gee, boys, it's too much. You shouldn't have done it."

Or do I do what I know I'd secretly like to—take the watch, hurl it out the window, give a magnificent Bronx cheer, and stalk out?

I certainly hope I'd have the moral courage to do the latter. Perhaps that would start a trend toward giving men at retirement something more useful.

Presenting them with a gold watch is like retiring a brewery horse to green pastures with a quart of oats and a set of new silver-plated horseshoes. They will have time enough on their hands without being further reminded of their age by a ticking watch. You might as well give them a hand-painted perpetual calendar.

This whole custom of "bon voyage" gifts at 65 needs to be adjusted to the facts of the individual case. If a man doesn't own a watch by then, why give him one at a time when he may not want to fritter away his strength winding it?

Wheel Chair Preferred Perhaps he'd rather have a bus ticket to Florida. Or a lifetime pass to Yankee stadium. Or a new hearing aid so he'll be better able to hear his wife's interesting observations on the mistakes he made during his career.

As for myself, all I want is a Father, Most Of His 290

Descendants Celebrate

WALLINS CREEK, Ky., May 22.—(AP)—Farmer John L. Osborne, who is 95 years old today, is "the living father of the largest number of living descendants in the United States."

He was so described by the national Father's day committee which gave him a \$100 U. S. Savings bond when most of 290 descendants gathered here yesterday to celebrate his birthday.

Osborne won the committee's prize which was offered to "encourage large families, a vanishing phenomena in American life."

He has 12 children, 76 grandchildren, 163 great-grandchildren and 39 great-great-grandchildren. More than 400 guests partook of fried chicken, baked ham and potato salad gathered by his youngest child, Mrs. Ellen Steele, who lives with her father.



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motor-propelled wheel chair and a subscription to the Police Gazette. A friend of mine downtown has an even more interesting wish. "If they'll just give me a race-horse when I retire, I'll be satisfied," he said. "That'll give me a chance to win enough to come back and buy out the firm—and run it the way I'd like to."

But—please omit the gold watch. Or, better still, give it to me now.

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