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POLITICALLY STIMULATING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The 1952 presidential campaign, beside other points of interest, affords a situation missing from national politics for a number of years, in that each of the major parties is able to offer several good candidates. For too long we have had a strictly one-man show on the part of the Socialist-Democrat party. The Republican party has lacked strength in its leadership, showing timidity by me-too-ism and failure to battle the socialistic tide aggressively.

Things are different this year. Both parties have strong men available as candidates. Policies to be advocated by the respective parties and their candidates are still to be established. But at least we have rivalry in personalities and policies, which is a condition much to be desired.

It has been a long time since this situation has existed. The late President Roosevelt would permit no one in his political family to grow into presidential stature. Whenever a potential rival began to develop, he immediately was shunted into some position or activity where he attracted less public attention. President Truman followed much the same tactics until recently. During the past few months, however, several Democratic stalwarts have emerged and are definitely to be considered as presidential possibilities. This change might be an indication that Truman does not plan to seek another term.

Strong Republican Field

The Republican party also offers an altered appearance. A strictly defensive position has been maintained in the years since the Republicans lost power. Campaigns have been more or less negative in presentation rather than positive. Few party members were potential threats. The Republicans might have won the last election, observers believe, had they not relaxed in a spirit of self-confidence at the last moment. But, even so, the campaign which preceded the election lacked much in vigor, meriting at least some of the "me too" criticism it received.

This year, however, the party has a strong list of potential candidates, each possessing ample and desirable qualifications. The G.O.P. candidates also indicate by their records variations in policy, political thought and theory, which, we believe, is a good thing, despite opposition propaganda charging indecision and absence of party solidarity.

The Old Guard in the past has kept a tight rein on Republican candidates and policies. The fact that each of the potential candidates at this year's nominating election represents a somewhat different school of political thought indicates a heated battle when the party platform is debated. It is possible that the tight fist of the Old Guard may be loosened and that new hands will share in controls. A little shaking up will do the party good.

Trend Away From Dictatorship

We can see in this year's presidential campaign also a trend away from dictatorship. Too long we have been looking at the candidate rather than the party. We have tended toward one-man rule. There still is altogether too much public thinking in that direction. Because of our political experiences of the past few years, we tend to think of our government in terms of an outstanding leader rather than in equal functioning between the three constitutional departments directed by policies of the party in power rather than by the chief executive.

This year's campaign contains the ingredients of a swing back toward the form of government envisioned in the Constitution. The fact that we have stalwart men in each party seeking nomination means that party platforms will be hotly debated and contested. Party platforms in late years have savored of propaganda rather than doctrine. Of course, it may be said that it was ever thus, but we believe a low point has been reached. This year's platforms, we anticipate, will be more aggressive and more indicative of truthful, rather than tongue-in-cheek promise. Perhaps we're overly optimistic.

But the fact remains that both parties have able men in the field, a political battle is shaping up, policies will be vigorous and the whole political structure will be stimulated.

MENDING BASKET

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We would not seem neglectful of the world of fashion, so here goes for a few notes from the man who, by his calm dispassionate pronouncements on style won friends and influenced people in our grandmother's day: Editor Godfrey.

"Skirts are definitely longer. The front may still escape the instep while the back touches the floor or drags an inch or more, and in some cases it is seen lying on the sidewalk more than a finger length, a fashion perhaps better suited to the carriage than to the promenade. However the skirt that just clears the ground will still continue in favor. An upper skirt, or an overgarment that has the effect of such a skirt, is imperative."

"Two pairs of sleeve are the mode, the coat sleeve for comfort, and over this the ornamental flowing sleeve, the long open page sleeve, or the neat and stylish sabot sleeve."

"No lady considering her wardrobe complete will be without at least one black silk walking suit. Several different costumes can be made by combining different colored underskirts or overskirts with the black."

"Girls of 12 take heed: Skirts are short enough to show 2 or 3 inches of white stocking above the Polish boot, but drawers, no matter how handsomely trimmed, must NOT show below the dress."

"As a neat and beautiful finish

to milady's toilette nothing could be prettier than a very small muslin apron daintily made and trimmed with Valenciennes lace."

"It was thought at the beginning of the season that ribbon strings would be worn on bonnets, but they were found so unbecoming that the lace ones have been substituted, gathered in soft folds, and fastened with a half blown rose and a few violets under the chin."

"For visiting and ceremonious occasions the train, a yard and three-quarters long, falls its full length, but for walking it may, by a simple process, be looped into graceful and voluminous drapery shorter than the skirt beneath."

New, 2nd Enlistments Cut Down Draft Call

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department's 19,000-man draft call for April is the lowest total since 16,900 were called last September. Announcing Monday that the Army needs 15,000 men and the Marine Corps 4,000 in April, the department said fewer draftees were being called because more men are re-enlisting.

The new call raises the total number of draftees since Selective Service resumed in September, 1950, to 817,000 for the Army and 77,430 for the Marine Corps.



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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ing if anybody had missed the stuff on the days when it didn't appear. If nobody missed it, you see, I wouldn't need to explain why it hadn't been appearing. And if it didn't need to do any explaining, I wouldn't need to use this typewriter — which would be something.

But I reckon I'd better be getting on with this explanation. Did you ever hear of one of these FLU bugs?

I hope not.

They're disreputable characters.

I think I caught a glimpse of one the other night in something about halfway between a nightmare and whatever state it was that de Quincy must have reached when he was hitting the opium pipe really good. That is one of the drawbacks of this flu business. It brings you hallucinations like that when all you want is good, quiet, peaceful slumber that will restore your faculties and let you get back to your job.

Anyway, this thing I glimpsed was a horrible looking monster. It had a head shaped about like a sandbar if sandbars grew to be about the size of Hubbard squashes. It had a squat, muscular body, and the feet at the end of its misshapen legs were also like sandbars in appearance. And it carried in its hands a knotted whip and the knots at the ends of the whip lashed were more sandbars, made, I would say, of sharp and shiny and heavy steel.

With this wicked-looking instrument this horrible-looking creature was laying it onto some unfortunate human shape, dancing gleefully all the while on its sandbar-shaped feet and butting in every direction with its sandbar-shaped head. And when I awoke the next morning I felt exactly as I would have felt if I had gone through an experience like that the night before.

A word of advice:

If you see a flu-bug coming, run like Billy-be-damm. If you don't, you'll wish you had.

East Germany's Wave Of Suicide Under Russian Tyranny Banned From Publicity By Rigid Red Regulations

By TOM REEDY

BERLIN (AP) — Suicide has become "top secret" in the Russian zone of Germany.

The Communist government has impounded all records of suicides, has forbidden all newspapers to list suicide ever as the cause of death, and in many cases has compelled physicians to falsify their reports.

An East one doctor ventured an opinion that the suicide rate is "very high" but only the tight-lipped People's Police have any idea what it is.

The "outlawing" of suicide is in keeping with the Red philosophy that such things just don't happen in a Communist "paradise."

The orders to keep up such a facade apply to Gerhart Eisler's propaganda ministry which controls the press; to the interior ministry which governs the police and to the central administration which handles statistics.

The Ministry of Health gets into the act by frequently certifying a suicide as a death from heart attack or merely from old age. Known tuberculosis cases are never listed as such.

Tyranny Unbearable

East Germans, still not accustomed to such tinkering with ob-

vious truths, say that almost three-fourths of the suicides in the Russian zone are traceable to "the hopelessness" of life under tyranny.

A clergyman commented:

"It is the hopelessness of the psychic, the spiritual and the economic situation which makes men and women throw their lives away so easily."

With a population of 2,200,000 the American, British and French sectors listed 63 suicides in October, 74 in November and 67 in December. An equal number of unsuccessful attempts was recorded.

The leading motives in West Berlin were incurable diseases and oddity enough, ranks fairly well down the list. Fear of punishment, a strong factor in the East is almost non-existent in the West.

Tokyo Dispatch Relates Incident Americans Should Read With Shame

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

A dispatch from Tokyo by Edward Kennedy, Scripps-Howard correspondent, sets down a story that ought to be read with shame throughout this country.

It tells how a private, wounded on patrol, was brought to a forward hospital in Korea with one leg nearly shot off, his other foot shattered and an arm broken. He needed blood badly. But there wasn't any, because the civilian blood line from the home front had failed.

So four fighting soldiers from the front lines, who might themselves be struck down at any time by enemy fire, had to be pulled back to the hospital tent to give their blood in hope of saving their comrade.

Thirteen others from the wounded man's front-line regiment also gave their blood.

When the soldiers had each given a pint, they returned to their foxholes and bunkers. As Kennedy put it:

"In the States you get coffee and cookies after you give a pint of blood. These men got a Chinese Communist attack for breakfast, and they got shot at for lunch."

The wounded man's life was saved, though he lost a leg. And he's

Oregon Prison To Get Deputy Warden, Briefly

SALEM — The State Board of Control approved Thursday hiring of a temporary deputy warden at the State Penitentiary next summer to speed up the prison's classification and training program.

The new deputy, who would work for seven weeks, probably would be either a faculty member or graduate student in the University of Oregon's Sociology Department.

The request for the temporary deputy came from Warden Virgil O'Malley and Prison Superintendent George Alexander.

Heart Fund Plea Draws Generous Public Response

PORTLAND — First compilation of contributions to the Oregon Heart Association 1952 Heart Fund appeal show widespread and generous public interest in the campaign, according to H. G. (Bud) Horn, state campaign chairman.

Horn said the heartening response in Portland is reflected in reports from county chairmen throughout the state.

The activity will continue through the month of February, according to Heart Association plans, to raise Oregon's \$60,000 quota of the American Heart Association national goal of 8 million.

Each state heart organization affiliated with the national association retains 75 per cent of that state's total contribution to the Heart Fund.

The money is used for purchase of heart study equipment, to support continued research into the unknown causes of the major forms of heart disease; to make readily available new technical and lay information for physicians and the general public, and to increase the scope of community services in the heart disease field.

In making an initial contribution to the Heart Fund in Portland, Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee said:

"Heart diseases constitute our most serious national and local health problem, disabling millions and causing 745,000 deaths in a single year. This is particularly serious during the national emergency when the nation needs the utmost capacity of every citizen. We all have a responsibility in giving to fight this menace to our national health and security."

Contributions may be made through local community Heart Fund workers, or may be addressed simply to HEART in care of the postmaster.

The Portland Life Insurance Underwriters Association, and the Life Insurance Underwriters Association of Oregon, are sponsoring the campaign. Members of the organization are participating actively in solicitation of contributions.

Sen. Morse Raps Attacks On Joint Chiefs Of Staff

WASHINGTON — In a Senate speech, Sen. Morse, R-Ore., Thursday denounced attacks on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He also hit at what he termed "the growing war clique in the United States" which, he said, wants to risk "a war with Russia."

"It is a great public disservice," he said, "in the midst of a partisan campaign to make statements which shake confidence in the leadership of our military men."

Morse did not single out any particular person, nor mention specifically the remark of Sen. Taft of Ohio, a Republican Presidential candidate, that "I have no confidence in the judgment of the present chiefs of staff."

Taft had said at a Seattle news conference that he "certainly would" remove present military leadership if he becomes president, and that he also "certainly would make use" of the abilities of Gen. MacArthur, deposed Far East commander.

Flu Still Troublesome In Oregon Sections

PORTLAND — The influenza outbreak still is causing trouble in some sections of Oregon, health officers reported Thursday.

They noted the outbreak had slackened from the level of late January, but said school absences ran 25 to 33 per cent in Clackamas County last week. Earlier absences as high as Harney County's 20 to 50 per cent were recorded.

Portland school officials said absences were about normal for this time of year, although in some schools they were up to 12 per cent.

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WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Brig. Gen. Conrad E. Snow is not the man to be head of the State Department's Loyalty Board.

Snow, apparently at the suggestion of Secretary of State Dean Acheson, recently undertook a mud-slinging speech against Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. It was filled with invective, but by the time Snow finished reading, it sounded more like a plaintive appeal to the senator to go easy. McCarthy says State Department propagandists wrote the speech for Snow, but I wouldn't know about that, except to remark that if Snow did need help, there are dozens of propagandists on the payroll.

Snow has been head of the State Department's Loyalty Board since 1947. He said that his board had turned up "numerous" loyalty and security cases since that date. Maybe so, but the Loyalty Review board, under Hiram Bingham, which reviews most of the State Department Board's actions, says that Snow's group hasn't fired a single employee for either loyalty or security.

In fact, Bingham says that this is one of the most astounding records in government, especially since other agencies have found an average of from 6 to 10 per cent of their employees ineligible for government work under the loyalty-security program.

McCarthy continues to charge the State Department and other agencies with harboring Reds. Snow says this is a "smear" and that there are no known Communists working in Acheson's department. Snow should be called before the McCarran Internal Security sub-committee and told to put up or shut up.

Here is what Bingham has to say about Snow's board:

"I think it is fair to say that the State Department has the worst record of any department in the action of its Loyalty Board. The Loyalty Board in all the cases that it has considered in the state department has not found a single case of disloyalty."

Where does that leave snow with his "numerous" cases of loyalty and security risks? Here is an opinion from another member of the Loyalty Review Board in respect to Snow and his State Department Loyalty Board that may help answer the question:

"As far as the State Department is concerned I don't understand their position at all, because although their Board has not held their people ineligible under the loyalty test, who should have been held ineligible under that test, they have plenty of power to remove them as security risks. Why haven't they exercised it?"

That's a good question. Snow ought to be made to answer before the McCarran sub-committee. And while in the witness chair, Snow ought to be asked how many, if any, State Department employees ousted from the payroll are now working for other government agencies. The Loyalty Review Board suspects there are many. At a recent session one Review

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