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LET'S GO SLOW

The crazy-quilt pattern of presidential primary elections in the various states is resulting in widespread discussion of the need for new election procedure.

While we may need a more modern system, it is our opinion we should go slow in our changes.

Unquestionably our existing primary election system is outmoded. It came into being at a time when communication was slow, when a large number of people were unable either to read or write, when population was sparse and widely scattered.

It took weeks to get news from one side of the country to the other. Newspapers were made up principally of local news. International and domestic news was weeks, or even months, behind.

Political parties had their caucuses and conventions. Delegates often went to conventions with virtually no knowledge of the political situation generally. They exchanged news, information, views and opinions. Candidates, or their representatives, did a "selling job" on the delegates. Political bosses carried great influence. Huge political machines were built up.

Much of the old system remains in our present political procedure.

Rapid Changes Seen

Changes have come rapidly, resulting principally from improved communications. Invention of the telegraph made possible press services to collect and distribute news to member newspapers. It took a good many years to build these organizations. At first, only the large metropolitan papers could afford telegraph service, even after the telegraph lines had been built. But small papers could clip items from the larger publications and thus keep their readers informed. More and more people became literate and could read for themselves.

Within the past 50 years, we have seen the growth of newspapers, magazines and other publications, designed to spread information to the great mass of people, and within a little over a quarter of a century, have witnessed the development of radio, television and other advances in communication, making it possible to both hear and see the candidates as well as reading their words, all within the space of minutes instead of months.

Consequently, instead of being forced to wait for conventions to learn of political happenings and getting the "low-down" on candidates, we are kept constantly informed today by various forms of communication.

With the facilities now at our command we are in a position to act in an informed and intelligent manner, although it might be observed, as an opinion, that perhaps we do little better, if as well, than did our forefathers.

Minority Protection Required

We undoubtedly can improve our presidential primary system, bringing it into better conformity with the communication facilities which serve us today. On the other hand, it would be very easy to oversimplify the system to a point where minority groups would have little or no protection.

Our whole governmental system is designed today to protect minorities, even though we live under a majority rule system. We elect representatives, for instance, on a basis of population, but name our senators to represent geographical area. Thus one house of our Congress serves as a check on the other, with the president, representing all the people, holding the right of veto over both.

Because each state has its own presidential nominating system, it becomes possible for minority groups to wield much influence. The "Solid South" is a good example of minority potency.

We hear each presidential year a clamor for election of a president by popular vote. Minorities would be helpless under such procedure. It also is possible that primary elections could be rigged to damage minorities maliciously.

Another thing we have to fear is the "stampeding" of the public, a condition more apt to occur today than in former years. A "spellbinder," able to sway a people into mass action, is more dangerous today, through press, radio and television, than under the old convention system. The golden-voiced Franklin D. Roosevelt probably would not have gained a third term had he been a candidate at the turn of the century. The mass hysteria which greeted General MacArthur's return, still is having its political repercussions and even yet could complicate the situation, if it were not that the General himself is pulling back on the reins.

It may be true that we need more modern election machinery, but let's not go too fast.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
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"We were doing about thirteen KNOTS," SAID Don Buckley, tell about an almost solid mass of fish in the North Pacific, "and it took us six hours to get through that school of fish, so that gives you an idea of what it was like. They were so thick they seemed almost touching and phosphorescent, too. Talk about a sight — that was one! Everybody who could be topside was up there watching." Don was in the Merchant Marine for two years; on so many ships he couldn't always think which ship was which. He had no idea what species of fish it was. He held out his hands about a yard apart, to show the probable length of them. "Silver!" He told of the ship just missing a mine — "not more than eight or ten feet. Fog horn blow-

ing every three minutes. I think fog. Oh sure, our gun crew destroyed the mine." This, too, was on a Seattle-to-Yokohama run. "You sure see fish off Central America," said Don, his eyes shining with the thought of how much fun it would be fishing there. I had mentioned "The Sea Around Us," hence the sea reminiscences. L. A. Palmer, the tax assessor came in, said no, he hadn't read the book but intended to do so. He liked anything connected with the water and boats. He had a piece of frontage on the Umpqua down at Scottsburg, and a 25-foot boat nearly finished, with plans for a still bigger one in mind. He and his wife, Hope, and their three children, Lee, Lionel and Dondra, shared the hobby — "all mad

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Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — White House Administrative Assistant Donald Dawson is the boss of President Truman's expanding political patronage empire which is being created in preparation for the 1952 presidential race.

Dawson, who serves the President as personnel advisor is now infiltrating the Department of Commerce with White House-approved politicians. Once on the job, their function will be to channel contracts and influence into the proper areas where they might produce the most Democratic votes.

Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer is so seldom in his office in Washington it is doubtful that he knows what Dawson is doing. There is every likelihood that he will object, when he catches on, because it appears that the White House is after his scalp.

Dawson has prepared a master list of bright young Fair Dealers who can be depended upon to understand the need for coordinating huge federal expenditures with potential votes during a presidential election year. Several hundred names are on the list.

In the Department of Commerce, in recent weeks, Dawson has established Clarence Osthagen as assistant secretary for administration; J. Thomas Schneider as assistant secretary for Foreign aid; John F. Lukens, deputy director of personnel, and Nils A. Lenartson as personal public relations aid to Sawyer.

Sawyer is busy bird-dogging the hitherlands on behalf of Mr. Truman's political ambitions and his need for a personal publicity expert can only be reconciled by the supposition that he has presidential or vice presidential aspirations himself. This may account for White House coolness towards him.

The Department of Commerce contains many ripe political patronage plums. And it has many functions that could be used to silence political foes or encourage contributions from fair weather political friends who may be growing doubtful about Mr. Truman's re-election chances.

For instance, the Department of Commerce controls the \$200,000,000 maritime subsidy program; it handles public roads, the National Production Administration, the Office of International Trade, where another administration was recently accused of bribery; and the Civil Aeronautics Authority, which has life or death control over the nation's airways.

With key men in control of the Department, Dawson can rest assured that Commerce funds will be used to the best advantage for

about boats!" and they spent every minute they could working on the boat, or at their place on the river. Some day they would have a house there. Right now they had a house in process in Sutherland. The boat was nearly finished. "Any day now..."

Unusual names always interest me. I asked about the little girl's name. Well, they had dreamed of the voyages they would take some day, and of course had read, and read, Dondra Head, the headland that meant so much to a sailor who had been long at sea, came to have a special meaning for the Palmers. So they named the baby Dondra!

Isn't it nice to hear of a family sharing a hobby as the five Palmers do? This world needs more hobby-minded families held together by a common interest, shared happiness — don't you think so?

legal department concerning his right to serve as acting secretary of Commerce when Sawyer is out of town. He wanted to attend cabinet sessions. He was turned down on the grounds that his appointment is not confirmed by the Senate. But Dawson and Osthagen haven't quit trying. This may tend to keep Sawyer closer to home base, which will be a saving of travel expense at least for us taxpayers.

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Oil Interests Fight Candidacy, Warren Charges

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Warren charged Tuesday that the "independent oil crowd" is pouring money into a California campaign to oppose his candidacy for the Republican presidential bid.

At a news conference, he accused sponsors of the Wendell state of GOP convention delegates of a "campaign of vilification" and "outbursts of venom."

He named some of the independent oil operators, with whom he clashed bitterly over gas taxes in the legislature's 1947 highway fight, as backers of the June 3 primary state nominally pledged to Rep. Wendell of Bakersfield.

It was the first time that Warren has spoken out against the rival GOP faction which advocates a "free" delegation in opposition to one instructed to the governor.

Warren promises to release his delegates to vote for whatever candidate they prefer at the Republican National Convention.

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France Must Pay Own Defense Bill, Connally Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Connally (D-Tex.), said Monday that "if France does not do her utmost to defend herself, she cannot justify" large military and economic aid from the United States.

Connally made the statement to newsmen after Secretary of State Acheson had conferred for nearly two hours at a closed meeting with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Connally is chairman of the group.

In reply to a question, Connally said his remarks were directly related to the current French government crisis.

Premier Faure's government fell last week when he asked a 15 per cent tax increase to help finance the French share of the defense plans made by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Connally refused to discuss what Acheson told the committee, but Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.) said the Cabinet officer is "certain—he has no misgivings at all—that France will find a way to finance the program."

Must Do Her Share
Connally dictated this statement to reporters:

"France must be told she cannot rely on the United States to defend her and hand out large sums to aid her from an economic standpoint.

"France must do her duty." Asked whether his statement was being made with the French government crisis in mind, Connally replied:

"Yes, sir, it is."
France's share of U.S. aid for the year ending June 30 was set at 600 million dollars.

Flood Victim Selected To Vie In Farm Drawing

YAKIMA (AP) — A Yakima man who lost most of his possessions in the Kansas floods last July will compete with 50 other candidates for the Columbia Basin's farm-in-a-day.

He is Donald D. Dunn, who was chosen to represent this state in Washington, D. C., in the final national competition. The other candidates are being selected from the other states and the territories. Dunn's selection was announced by H. L. Rosencranz, chairman of the state and national Veterans of Foreign Wars agriculture committees.

Dunn, who virtually was wiped out in the Kansas floods, now is a farm machinery salesman in Yakima. He has a wife and two children. He was a tank driver in the European theater during World War II.

Dunn won the local competition, then was selected from approximately 1,000 entries from posts throughout the state.

The \$50,000 farm for which he is competing is to be built three miles from Moses Lake, Washington. It will be constructed and awarded May 29 to the man chosen as the nation's most worthy veteran.

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