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NOW FOR THE BIG GUNS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Political propaganda guns now will start their thunder. The New Hampshire primary election, offering the first test of strength among major presidential candidates, supplies ammunition for the big gun barrage. All political camps will take the offensive in the noise campaign, which will grow progressively louder until the nominating conventions.

We find the New Hampshire results interesting, but we refuse to get excited. Many things can happen before convention time.

We have, it is true, tested the direction of the wind in one part of the country. But the wind may be blowing in other directions elsewhere.

It is entirely possible that Oregon could again be a decisive battleground as in the Dewey-Stassen contest of four years ago. The next big test is in New Jersey in April. Should Taft win New Jersey, we could expect fireworks in Oregon in May. Though Taft's name is not entered in the Oregon primary, his supporters seek delegate jobs.

Does Eisenhower's sweep in New Hampshire indicate a landslide popularity vote, or is it localized sentiment? How will the Kefauver victory react on the decision of President Truman, who went into the "eyewash" primary reluctantly and only at the insistence of the party machine?

We find areas for guesswork, speculation and argument, but the answers are still to be proven.

May Force Ike's Return

Eisenhower's strength in New Hampshire exceeded expectations of even his most ardent supporters. A closer race had been indicated by straw votes. Perhaps even more unexpected was the Kefauver victory, which, however, might have been influenced by the President's "eyewash" statement, offending provincial pride.

Similar victories for Kefauver elsewhere might result in a Truman announcement that he never planned to run again; that he is opposed to Third Terms. He has an easy out. Certainly he won't choose to be a candidate if he is sure of a licking. On the other hand, if future tests indicate he has a chance, his pride might force him into the race.

But, returning to the Republican contest, another victory like that in New Hampshire, in our opinion, should be enough to bring General Ike home. We can't believe he would ignore such a call.

We would like to support the general. But before we go out on a limb, we want from his own lips his declaration of policy. We know that much is being said by his supporters. Many articles are being published concerning his political opinions, but he has not endorsed these statements. Despite his declaration that he does not intend to campaign, we believe he will come forth with some definite stand prior to the convention. The faith shown in him by New Hampshire voters, if supplemented by similar votes elsewhere, would call for a response on his part.

ABLE EDITOR RETIRES

Walter W. R. May, one of Oregon's stalwart editors, has retired from his position as editor and co-publisher of the *Enterprise-Courier* at Oregon City.

He formerly published the *Oregon City Enterprise* which was consolidated in 1950 with the *Banner-Courier*. Mr. May is reported to have sold his interests to E. P. Kaen, with whom he has been associated, and plans to enter the field of book publication.

Associated for many years with *The Oregonian* prior to moving to Oregon City, he has long been known for his vigorous and sound editorial policies. He has been a strong leader in community and state affairs. His departure from the newspaper editorial field will be a distinct loss.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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he would be doing wonderfully well.

He got ALL the Republican delegates.

He won a decisive victory in the popularity poll.

On the Democratic side, the dispatches tell us, the POLITICAL ALLY EXPERIENCED ONES conceded that Kefauver had "made some friends" in his leisurely, hand-shaking campaign in New Hampshire, but they added with a smug sniff that THE DEMOCRATIC MACHINE IN THE STATE WOULD BE TURNED OUT TO SMOTHER HIM IN THE POPULAR VOTE.

Emmett J. Kelly, Democratic national committeeman for the state, said Kefauver WOULD'NT EVEN MAKE A DENT in New Hampshire.

But Kefauver took ALL the Democratic delegates and he led Truman DECISIVELY in the popularity contest.

So much for the political professionals.

I'd say that the less heed you pay them the more independent your thinking will be and the more accurate it is likely to be.

If you have a FEELING IN YOUR BONES, trust it in preference to the pontifications of the political pundits. What we need in this country is more independent political thinking, with less attention paid to the pontification of the political professionals.

Whatever your impulse in this campaign year is, FOLLOW IT! That's what the people of New Hampshire, both Republicans and Democrats, did, and it seems to me they did a pretty good job.

What's the lesson of New Hampshire?

This I'd say, is it:

The people of the United States of America are sick, tired, disillusioned and disgusted with the kind of political leadership we've had.

They want somebody NEW. Somebody SINCERE. If that is true, it is the healthiest sign we've seen in the political skies for a long, long time.

Press Service For Horse Race Betting Folds Up

CLEVELAND (AP) — Continental Press, harassed by federal crime hunters as a multi-million dollar horse race result service for the nation's bookies, says Wednesday is its final day.

The reason, it said, poor business.

But at least two public officials appeared dubious Tuesday that the syndication of horse bet payoffs is dead.

"Granting that bookie is a 'scratch sheet' business is 'way down' because of the 10 per cent federal gambling tax, Police Lt. Martin P. Cooney of the Cleveland Racket Squad said Continental subscribers have millions invested in race news equipment.

"It may not pay them (Continental's operators) to keep on paying that Western Union bill," said Cooney. "But there's millions tied up in that wire and it would be too costly to tear it all out."

Continental subscribers, the Kefauver Senate Crime Committee said, fan out horse race results to bookies all over the nation. Continental insisted that all its subscribers had legal operations.

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT



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WASHINGTON — Representative Clarence Cannon, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, contends that I treated him illogically by labeling him a proponent of unbridled government spending.

The Missouri congressman piqueed my interest recently with a speech in New York City in which he praised his prowess in trimming the fat from President Truman's lavish budgets. In doing so he called upon us folks back home to cry aloud for less government spending. That's fine, except long ago most of us realized the uselessness of shouting ourselves hoarse on this point.

Cannon complained because I said he was a spender, on the basis of 13 house votes of his against trimming the budget, out of 14 measures wherein the House could have saved us taxpayers some money. He was not present when the 14th vote was taken.

In rebuttal on the House floor, the congressman once again described himself as having made the "heaviest percentage reduction in (budget) estimates within the memory of any man now in the House."

He's welcome to that record. My point was exactly what he expressed. He acted like a scrooge when discussing spending in committee, but voted against the cuts when the various measures got onto the House floor for action.

In addition, Cannon defends his record and that of his fellow Democrats with a statement that requires a second reading. He told House members that "I am happy to report that we now have it (the budget) once more in the black—the surplus for the fiscal year 1951 was \$3,500,000,000; totals for the current year will be available June 30 — and were it not for the necessities of national defense we could promise the country a balanced budget from now on."

I can say what he is saying in far fewer words. Cannon is stating that the present administration wouldn't be spending so much of our money except for what it is costing to get us out of the mess it got us into.

But let's take the congressman's figures at face value. The fact is, as of the latest daily Treasury statement as this is written, we are \$7,000,000,000 in the hole for fiscal 1952, which ends next June 30, and it isn't getting any better.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 9:15 P. M.

MANPOWER VIEWED

Investigators Eye People In Military Waste Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators planned Saturday to turn from goods to people in a search for waste in the military services.

Chairman Hebert (D-La.) said his House armed services subcommittee will investigate the employees of Washington's defense headquarters to see if there is "waste in manpower."

But first the group will probe the activities of an estimated 500 Pentagon public relations officials — Hebert calls them "sales artists" — to determine if they are more interested in "spreading propaganda than in giving information." All this will begin in perhaps two weeks.

Will Draft Bill

Before then, the subcommittee will complete consideration of a bill which would require the military to streamline their supply bookkeeping.

Hearings continue Saturday on a bill to effect consolidation of 15 service catalogs into a single federal listing of items which are on hand or might be purchased.

Scheduled witnesses were Col. William M. Miles of Wright Field Dayton, Ohio, and Col. Hugh H. Master of Air Force headquarters, Washington.

Hebert said his subcommittee is "concerned with waste in any form. Waste of manpower means waste of tax dollars."

Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C., 4th Oregon District

Perhaps the real reason why so many votes were cast in favor of sending the Universal Military Training bill back to committee was the parliamentary situation which developed on the floor. A substitute proposal, having to do with military training for high school boys, was adopted in the Committee of the Whole and the bill came to final passage in that form. When this amendment in the nature of a substitute was rejected by a House roll call that left final action on the original UMT bill, reported by the committee, without any amendment whatever. Had several amendments, which were to be offered, been in the bill on final passage it would have been generally more acceptable since those amendments would have made the plan more in line with what most supporters of UMT wanted.

The rules of the House are a bit inflexible regarding an amendment in the nature of a substitute which is approved in what is called the Committee of the Whole. This subject is a bit technical for full discussion here except to say that when a substitute is passed all action on the original bill ends. That is what happened to the UMT bill in the Committee of the Whole.

I made a flying trip out to Oregon to speak at a banquet in Portland Saturday night (March 1). Since I wanted to talk with the Army Engineers there regarding several projects including maintenance work on the harbor at Bandon, completion of the Amazon Creek drainage in Eugene, possibilities of opening the mouth of the Chetco, and to get a progress report on the Willamette Basin flood control work, I stayed over Monday in Portland and took the plane out that night. Then my troubles began. The second leg

of the trip to Washington, D. C. which would have landed me here at 10:30 Tuesday morning in ample time to be on the floor when the House convened, was canceled in Denver. Then I boarded a plane scheduled to arrive here at 12:30 still in time. This flight also was canceled, this time in Chicago where we landed in a blizzard. There was nothing to do then but take the night train, which I did and arrived here Wednesday morning, only to find that the final action on the UMT bill had been taken — and this was not expected until Thursday! The only bright spot in this whole sad story is that a "live" pair was arranged with Congressman Herlong of Florida for me. He would have voted against sending the bill back to committee. I would have voted for returning it to committee — so our two votes canceled out.

When I was in the District last December, I received information concerning what appeared to be improper handling of the sale of Indian lands, by Indian Bureau officials. Since that time I have been gathering information concerning this matter and now have facts on a number of cases. Recent stories in the Oregon press developed rather fully the details on one case. It seems to me that not only have officials responsible for handling such sales been negligent, but it may be necessary to amend existing law to assure the performance of the public trust by the Indian Bureau.

Indian lands involved were held by the government in trust for the Indian owners who are wards of the government. The obligation of guardianship on the government requires that the Indians get the fair market value of their lands. Obviously this has not been done. It may be necessary to have the House Interior Sub-committee on Indian Affairs investigate this matter and make recommendations to the Congress for changes in the law.

The snake-killing secretary bird often will soar high into the air, carrying its prey with it, then drop it on the hard ground, ending the battle.

Ex-Douglas County Teacher Takes New Job

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MONMOUTH. — Ivan Parker, assistant professor of English at OCE has accepted the principalship of the Wy-East high school in Hood River County and has resigned from his college position effective at the end of the 1952 summer session.

Prior to joining the OCE faculty Parker taught in the high school at Imbler, and served as high school principal of Heppner and superintendent of schools at Sutherlin and Myrtle Creek, from which position he came to OCE in 1949.

Walter R. May Quits As Editor At Oregon City

OREGON CITY (AP) — Walter R. May, for the past nine years editor of an Oregon City newspaper, has retired as editor of the *Enterprise-Courier*.

For more than two years May has been co-publisher—along with Edward P. Kaen—of the *Enterprise-Courier*. The paper was established Feb. 28, 1950, when May's *Enterprise* and Kaen's *Banner-Courier* were merged.

Kaen has purchased May's equity and May has retired as editor. He will become editor in chief of a new organization which will publish biographical, historical and industrial books.

Ed Goetzl, for the past year assistant to the publishers, has replaced May. Goetzl is former editor and manager of the Bulletin Publishing Company of Grants Pass and still is part owner of that paper.

Pete Laurs will continue as managing editor.

May said he will devote some of his time to raising funds for the Oregon Historical Society. He was elected president of that organization recently.

He acquired the *Enterprise* in 1943 after being associated with the Oregonian Publishing Company in Portland from 1912 to 1918 and 1925 to 1933. He was executive news editor from 1925 to 1927 and associate editor from 1931 to 1933.

House Built Too Tight, Family Of 6 Suffocates

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Death, apparently by suffocation, has wiped out a family of six in the Lucerne Valley, a ranching community 18 miles east of here.

Deputy Coroner E. P. Doyle speculated that they were victims of a house so constructed as to be virtually air tight.

Norman J. Komer, 38; his wife, Bertha, 35, and their four children recently moved into two rooms of a partially completed home on their 40-acre ranch. Komer himself had built the house of concrete blocks on a cement floor—neglecting to provide air vents.

The six bodies were found Tuesday by a visiting neighbor. They hadn't been seen since Friday.

Doyle said sheriff's deputies were nauseated when they entered the place. The windows were closed tight and a gas heater was burning full blast.

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Morris Linked To Tax Refunds In Oil Traffic

By G. MILTON KELLY
WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators digging into oil trade with Red China developed Monday that the company engaging in it was fined \$847,000 for using foreign radio operators but that an \$8,000 settlement has been worked out by the law firm of Newbold Morris, government corruption sleuth.

Francis D. Flanagan, counsel for the Senate Investigations subcommittee, brought this out with records.

Flanagan said he understood the fines were cut down sharply because masters of the vessels had asked American consuls at various ports if they could take on foreign radio operators and were told they could do so.

The Federal Communications Commission had levied the fines. It has a regulation requiring American flag ships to have an American licensed radio operator on them.

Other High Testimony
In other high spots of the committee's hearing:
1. Col. Arthur G. Syran, transportation chief of the Mutual Security Agency, testified that he advised superiors in 1950 there was "good reason" to believe United Tanker Corp.—the firm engaging in the Red oil trade—was controlled by a Chinese group sympathetic with Soviet motives.

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2. Joseph S. Oppe, who in 1947-48 was employed by shipping agents who handled business for United Tanker, testified he regarded United Tanker as a "dummy organization" and a front for Chinese.

3. Oppe's testimony was disputed by Harold C. Lenfest of New York, president of United Tanker.

Lenfest said he and his two American associates in United Tanker always were in control of the company.

The subcommittee has insisted this was seriously in question because the three each paid only \$2 for their stock while Chinese interests put up \$2,000 for stock and eventually supplied 20 per cent of the entire capital.

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