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TRICKY STRATEGY

Charles V. Stanton

Eisenhower supporters in Oregon are busily engaged in exposing a political trick attributed to the Taft forces.

Senator Taft's name does not appear on the Oregon Republican ballot. But his forces have engaged in strategy to divide the vote and, perhaps, gain delegates from a state believed to have a strong popular majority for Eisenhower.

The names of Warren and Stassen were placed on the Oregon ballot. Both candidates, according to all expectations, will throw their support to Eisenhower in the convention, but in the Oregon primary will split the vote. It is believed that the majority of voters who would support Warren or Stassen would prefer Eisenhower to Taft. Thus the vote for these two candidates will cut down Eisenhower's popular showing in Oregon, a fact that will have a bearing in the Republican convention.

But to further divide the vote, Taft forces manipulated to put the names of Senator Wayne Morse and General Douglas MacArthur on the presidential ballot. Both have repeatedly announced they are not candidates. But they are on the ballot and will serve to draw still further from Ike's popularity poll.

Delegate Trickery Proclaimed

The most subtle maneuver, however, is found in use by a group of candidates for delegate to the Republican convention of an obsolete Oregon law permitting them to escape a pledge to respect the choice expressed by the state's voters.

In 1915 Oregon passed a law specifically requiring that all candidates for delegate sign an affidavit that they will, in the convention, work for the candidate for president who receives the largest number of votes in the primary election. Through an oversight, however, the legislature failed to repeal a section of a 1905 law permitting candidates to file by the petition of 500 qualified electors. The candidate who files by petition can, in the convention, vote for his personal choice instead of the choice approved by the voters.

No candidate has filed by petition since the 1915 law was passed until someone discovered this year the avenue to subterfuge still existing in Oregon law. Eight candidates for delegate to the Republican convention have filed by petition, thereby putting themselves in position to escape responsibility to Oregon voters.

The eight candidates are listed as Lowell Paget, Taft's Oregon manager and a candidate for Republican national committeeman; Mrs. Irene H. Gerlinger, John R. Latourette Jr., Irving Rand, Robert A. Bennett, Phil Metschan, (nephew of the late Phil Metschan, deceased Oregon hotelman, upon whose good name the group apparently is attempting to capitalize), and Ernest G. Swigert, all of Portland, and U.S. Balentine, Klamath Falls. Balentine and Swigert are district candidates. Their names do not appear on the Douglas County ballot.

Honesty in Government Needed

Senator Taft perhaps had no hand in the "strategy" plans for Oregon's primary. Actually there is nothing illegal in the method used by candidates, although it violates the intent of existing law. Furthermore, we seem to recognize the principle that everything is fair in love, war and politics. But it seems to us that we already have too much subterfuge, dishonesty and manipulation in government and politics. We need an open, fair and honest approach to our problems. If we fail to demand those policies at the grass roots, how can we expect them in Washington?

Oregon voters, we believe, would turn thumbs down on candidates who seek avenues by which to escape responsibility. Even though a voter may prefer Taft, he should be willing to abide by a majority vote rather than be a part of tricky strategy. Delegates filed by declaration are pledged to support the people's choice. If Oregon voters, as a whole, show approval of Taft's candidacy, the senator will get the votes of those delegates, even though they might have other personal preference.

Willingness to resort to subterfuge and trickery at this stage of the game does not speak well for the Taft forces should they gain the power and authority they seek.



With each issue of Historical Wyoming (NY) I think how nice it would be if the State of Oregon would do the same thing. It has a county historian, as does the State of New York. Penalty, too, is provided, if the local board of supervisors fails to appoint such a one. In turn the county historian solicits the cooperation of a historian for each community. The State is also photographing systematically old landmarks, home interiors, etc. Not long ago I came across some old faded photographs — some of the people in them I couldn't name — and sent back to Wyoming county. They immediately had the pictures copied and were most appreciative. Of course my interest is in Wyoming county because my father's people for generations lived there.

Now here in Oregon we have a State Archivist, Mrs. David Dunaway, who is delighted to hear about old documents and so on. And we have the Oregon Historical Society doing a wonderful and to offer suggestions in any job, but finding considerable difficulty in some counties when it comes to establishing a local branch of their organization. We have the State Library glad to help in any way possible. And now this year we have in Douglas County

When ice melts the resulting water occupied less space than the ice.

The normal human spine has 33 or 34 vertebrae of which 9 or 10 are fused into two bones, the sacrum and coccyx.

We Hope the Poor Guy Can Swim!



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Since the Communist Party, U.S.A., has just finished celebrating another year of Communist progress, whatever that is, it is now proper to do a little reviewing of our own.

We are still asking, as we shall still be asking at the end of another year, what makes a man a Communist. However, the answer is somewhat nearer, owing to the simple eliminative process of determining what doesn't make a man a Communist.

J. B. Matthews, a scholar, student and investigator of Communism for 20 years, recently spoke to students at Brown University on the subject and his remarks are worthy of wider distribution.

Matthews was the first director of research for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and therefore has been the target of the usual Red abuse. Speaking at Brown, he recalled that one of his first acts was to send to the Department of Justice a list of 1,124 names of government employees alleged to be Communists. Almost immediately a manifesto was presented to the President, signed by 1,000 citizens, including 16 college presidents, which asserted that not one member of any branch of government was a Communist. We all know how now how idiotic that statement was.

Matthews had to take that one in silence, but it is only fair to note now that on the list were the names of Alger Hiss, Harry Dexter White, and George Shaw Wheeler, who recently fled behind the Iron Curtain from a cushy government job in Germany. There were others who either are in jail or will be shortly for living about their Communist affiliations.

Matthews picks apart the phony theory that men and women become Communists because they are hungry; or because the nation fails to provide economic security and civil liberties for all. This is a peculiar refrain you hear from educators who seek to explain the impact of Communism.

Some Communists are on relief rolls, others ride around in Cadillacs; some are aliens, others are old-stock "Mayflower" Americans. And few if any of the \$2,500-a-week Hollywood writers can claim curtailed civil liberties. Not only are they able to work their political and economic ideas into motion pictures, but some even serve as ghost writers for State Department and other government officials.

Matthews does not attempt to say what a Communist is. What he said was that Communists can be almost anybody—rich or poor, bright or dumb. And what he wants our universities to do is to apply scientific research methods to answer the \$64 question about why is a Communist—the same scientific research, for example, that is applied in fighting disease or studying the strange behavior of mice and hens.

The universities at the same time might do a little special research on college and university professors. They have been the largest single professional unit supporting Communists and Communist fronts, Matthews said. In fact, approximately 28 percent of all top collaborators with Red fronts in recent years have been professors. And as a result of his own research, Matthews discovered that some 3,000 professors, from 600 institutions of higher learning, have been affiliated more than 36,000 times with Communist party fronts.

As recently as 1949, long after

the real meaning of Communism had become clear to the man on the street, the Reds held a bill of rights conference in New York City. They imported Communists from abroad, and as a result the conference was publicly labeled a Moscow-directed phony. The principal target of abuse when the conference got underway was the FBI. Yet, 112 professors signed up as sponsors, representing 61 schools in 27 states.

When and if the universities begin the research into what makes a man a Communist, experts will not have to stray far from individual campuses. The man who runs around with Reds, attends meetings with Communists and supports Communist causes, should be a valuable informant on what induces anyone to become a Communist.

Pressure Influence Seen In Fast Time Decision

WILBUR — As I am a subscriber to your paper and a citizen of the immediate territory, I feel that I have a right to express an opinion in regard to daylight saving time which the Roseburg City Council passed on and which is being put into force. This procedure will not only affect Roseburg, but also the surrounding communities through indirect pressure.

It is hard to realize that in the United States of America we as citizens must live constantly under the supervision of pressure groups that manage, through indirect and underhand methods, to pass and enforce standards of living which are not only distasteful to a great majority of the people, but also disrupt home life and business enterprises throughout the entire country and nation.

I have a son over in Korea. He was forced to go. What for? Properly to fight for our freedom and independence from dictators. Yet, while my son must leave his home, his wife and little child and his parents, everything he holds dear, to go thousands of miles and fight for our freedom, the pressure groups here at home are getting the schedules ready so that, if our boys return home, the dictators can place them in bondage. They can tell them, and force them, to get up when they want them to. Also, if they happen to get into business, that, too, can be taken over by government agencies or pressure groups.

Why not live like Americans again and be Americans? We and our forefathers lived through centuries by standard time. We lived our lives in peace and contentment. We did not try to force our neighbors to turn their clocks ahead because we got up early. In other words, we tended

In the Day's News

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ler, whose funeral I attended a few days ago. It was attended by people of ALL kinds. Upon the face of every mourner was the unmistakable mark of deep PERSONAL loss. Each face said plainly: "I will MISS this man. My life won't be quite the same without him."

In all the years I knew them, I never heard either of these men say an unkind word about anyone. Yet they were firm, competent, able leaders and left an indelible mark on their community.

I'd like to add that in their transactions with others these men followed, instinctively and quite unconsciously, the principle of the Golden Rule. They dealt with others as they would have wanted others to deal with them. The respect and confidence and deep affection in which they were held followed naturally.

It's too bad that more of us don't follow this precious rule of human conduct. This would be a better world if we did.

Oregon fast time note: Eugene, Bend and Redmond will join the growing list of cities on daylight saving time Sunday. They voted the action Friday, following the lead taken by Portland earlier in the week.

Several others, including Prineville and Salem, indicated they might switch to daylight time soon.

I still think daylight time, if we're going to have it, is one thing that should be handled by the federal government along with foreign relations and national defense.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, getting ready for a news conference on the steel situation (including television reporters with their complicated set-up of flood lights and fancy cameras) orders a corned beef sandwich and a piece of custard pie to stay his appetite and fortify his system. Then he settles down to figure out what he's going to tell the newshounds.

His phone rings. It is his secretary. She tells him: "Mr. Sawyer, Mrs. Moses, the manager of the cafeteria, says you ought to have hot mince pie instead of the custard pie you have ordered."

"OK," Sawyer answered resignedly. "I'll have hot mince pie."

That's another trouble with our federal government. Too many people are telling too many other people what they ought to have and what they ought not to have.

Thrift note in the news: Two dozen years ago King George VI of England was visiting a big London life insurance company. As a joke, he took out an insurance policy costing him the sum of ONE PENNY per week.

He kept up his premiums, and his heirs have just collected the sum of \$25.87 on the policy. During the 24 years, the king had paid in a total of \$14.

Not Bad. Saving a little money regularly is NEVER bad.

to our own business and let other people feel they, too, had the right to live as they chose.

I would like to know if the Roseburg City Council, Mayor Flegel, and the Retail Merchants Association feel they have infringed on the rights of others.

Our governor has declared that the State of Oregon shall go on standard time. And it was so declared because of the fact that our farmers and country people brought it to his attention that daylight time was not acceptable to the majority. Why not submit to the law and the will of the majority?

It seems we have just one councilman who appreciates the true principles of good old American freedom and the rights of others.

LEONARD L. DAVIS
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Church Career Drawing More Young People

By GEORGE CORNELL

NEW YORK (AP) — When it comes to deciding on a career, record numbers of American young people are making this choice: "Religion."

Most church authorities aren't sure just why.

"It's highly curious," said Dr. Hermann N. Morse, general secretary of the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) National Missions Board.

"We call this a secular age, and yet there's an interest in spiritual work among young people never apparent before."

Approximately 62,000 pre-ministerial students now are enrolled in seminaries and theological schools—nearly double the number in years during or before World War II.

Statistics indicate the number on the average is 18 per cent higher than it was two years ago.

The situation was said to prevail not only among men going into the ministry, but among young women training as missionaries, church secretaries, teachers and social workers in church centers.

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of the nation's largest interdenominational seminary, Union Theological, said there hasn't been such a "great influx" of youth into ministerial training since the 1880's.

Most church leaders, in trying to assess reasons for the present development, speak of three things:

1. The gravity of the world situation.

2. Revitalized church recruitment programs and evangelism.

3. The keen demand for ministers to fill empty pulpits.

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