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A PEDESTAL FOR MAC

By Charles V. Stanton

Every American who listened to General MacArthur keynoting the Republican convention must have been thrilled, regardless of his political beliefs. The general's command of words, his emphatic delivery, his superb satire made his address a masterpiece of composition. Doubtless many listeners disagreed with his political opinions, his castigation of the administration and his criticism of existing policies at home and abroad. Yet, we imagine, even the most ardent supporter of the administration must have been impressed by the general's sincerity of conviction. Who could fail to be emotionally stirred by his expression of true Americanism?

Far from fading away, MacArthur is becoming more and more influential in our national life. We regret, personally, that he is permitting himself to be tied into the convention in a partisan relationship.

MacArthur has it within his grasp to be the high priest of politics. He could establish himself as the evangelist of Americanism. He could be the spokesman for clean, honest and constitutional government. The people would listen, because of their love, admiration and confidence.

By permitting his name to be used for partisan purposes, he is endangering his opportunity for prime service. He could be a far greater power for political good as the high censor—the Voice of America. Let MacArthur be the disciplinarian of politics. He would thus retain the affection and trust of the American people. But as a partisan, or as a candidate for office, his effectiveness in such a role would be diminished.

O & C PROBLEMS TO BE STUDIED

Eight congressmen are to be in Oregon, starting July 17, to study Bureau of Land Management problems, particularly those relating to the Oregon and California grant lands which the Bureau manages.

Announcement is made that the delegation, together with Department of Interior conservation officials, and others, will inspect management and reforestation areas in Oregon and Idaho.

The program is designed for a study of conservation activities of the BLM. We hope, however, that it will be possible to go more deeply into other problems affecting management of the public domain.

We fear the Department of Interior will surround the delegation with such protection that the visiting congressmen will fail to obtain a true picture of the critical controversial issues with which Western Oregon is confronted.

Senator Guy Cordon and Representative Harris Ellsworth are expected to attend the sessions. Ellsworth has requested time for a meeting with the county judges from the 18 O & C counties for a discussion of legislation. The request has been granted. Possibly a glimpse of the true picture will be obtained at that time. But with the delegation surrounded by BLM and Department of Interior officials, we doubt that the position of the U. S. Forest Service in existing controversies will get full play.

We sincerely hope, however, that the congressional delegation, in addition to its study of conservation, will learn something of the need for access roads and for early settlement of the controverted lands quarrel. We hope, too, that the congressmen will be so influenced by their inspection trips and hearings that they will return to Congress with a demand for legislation placing forest management, both on BLM and Forest Service administered lands on a basis reflecting more business efficiency and less pork barrel politics.

After listening to all the oratory emanating from Chicago's convention hall it is easy to understand where the name "Windy City" originates.



"Big Paul Bunyan ate an onion.
'It's good!' said he. 'Let's grow a billion!'
So he planted a million acres with seed.
Trillion and trillions of onions for stew."

At first glance it may sound like a merry nonsense rhyme. But take another look. It's from the last page of Ellen Wales Walpole's EASY READING, (John Day, N. Y. 1951), a little volume designed by an expert to help children along in reading, and most importantly, to help the parent who feels confused about helping a child learn to read. The modern way is different to the way the adult remembers, but the modern way is here, and it works, so why not become familiar with it BEFORE your child learns to read? This little picture book, "Easy Reading," is just the thing to add to the child's own books.

The board-covered, just-the-right size little book starts off with a gaily arranged alphabet. Then there is a page given to each letter. Then the word sounds are illustrated with pictures, similar words under the pictures, and at the bottom, a single verse fixing them as a group and as a sound in the child's thought—all without his realizing he is learning anything.

When a teacher in whom I have much confidence praised this simple little book I was interested for it tackles a child's problem, and makes a little bridge of understanding between the child and the parent. I am sending it today to our four-year-old grandson for

him to use just as a picture book now, but little by little he will grow into it, especially if his mother shares its pages with him. It's such fun to read aloud to a child! Our boys always chimed in with any words they knew as we went along. (My grandmother taught me to read that way.)

EASY READING combines the "modern sentence method," the more basic phonetic method, and the even older picture-writing and serves them up in alphabets and merry jingles that make it truly fun to learn to read. It develops the child's perception in whichever of the three ways he is naturally best adapted. I do believe the \$1.50 is a good investment for pre-school, and grade children. And will meet a need!

In The Armed SERVICES

ENLISTS IN MARINES

William Daniel Smithers, 17, of Sutherlin has enlisted in the Marines for a four-year period, according to Marine recruiter James A. Larrieu.

Smithers has lived in Sutherlin for the past three months and is the son of William Earl Smithers, of Sutherlin. The new enlistee will receive training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Sounding the Keynote



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO — In strange contrast to 1948 the 70-man GOP National Convention delegation from California, pledged to Governor Earl Warren, is largely being ignored here in Chicago.

Warren is determined to hang onto his delegates, who are pledged to vote for him until he releases them.

He has no intention of so doing. He is convinced he has a chance of getting the presidential nomination by default. His strategy is simple. He thinks Senator Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will be deadlocked, and that the convention will turn to him as the logical compromise.

Warren's top aides say privately that the Governor is signing his own political death warrant. His erroneous estimate of his own political popularity also will damage the prestige of California's two Republican Senators, Richard Nixon and William Knowland. Both are committed to abide by Warren's instructions; but both would like to use the 70 votes for horse trading purposes before the convention roll call has clinched the nomination for one of the outstanding candidates.

Normally, in a tight convention race, a bloc of 70 delegates would be the object of considerable political wooing. There is little romancing going on here however, between the Warren faction and either Taft's or Eisenhower's followers. Both candidates know that Warren still thinks he can be president, so they are spending their time and money elsewhere.

The job of persuading Warren to support Eisenhower was assigned to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who was Warren's running mate in 1948. Dewey persuaded Warren to express his own political fondness for the General, and to promise to use his influence to swing as many as possible of his 70 votes when Warren is convinced his own chances are nil.

Warren's aides say the Governor will never arrive at this conclusion. That would make his pledge to Dewey useless, since Eisenhower has to make a strong showing on the first convention roll call expected Thursday afternoon. The General has to have at least 400 votes on the first ballot or his chances will vanish. He can't get them if Warren and other favorite son candidates hold out until later roll calls.

Taft is expected to turn on the steam right from the start and he has convincing proof that he will tally over 500 delegates on the first ballot. If he does and Eisenhower trails by a wide margin as the victim of favorite son votes, uncommitted delegates are not likely to waste time in climbing aboard the Taft bandwagon.

No Republican candidate for the presidential nomination has ever lost first prize if his delegate strength was 500 or more on the opening roll call.

Warren is the major reason, too, for the snarling and snapping goings on in the Eisenhower headquarters. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and Gov. Dewey have been swapping public and private insults.

Behind it all is Lodge's conviction that Dewey failed to persuade Warren to release his 70 votes to the General on the second roll call. With his usual self-confidence, Dewey had assumed the General that Warren could be handled with ease. He is now trying to figure out a way to keep from eating his words, and many man-

Congress Chat

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

Around the first of this year there came to light some facts regarding queer and doubtful outright fraudulent transactions in the sale of Indian-owned timber lands in Curry County.

As soon as I could get some facts and some affidavits together on this subject, which clearly proved that there had been several "irregularities," I called the matter to the attention of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. At about the same time I introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives to direct the committee to make a full investigation of the matter and report to the House.

Due to some complications developing from the fact that another Member had introduced a resolution calling for the investigation of the Indian Bureau for other reasons, House action was delayed. Last week, however, my resolution was passed. The committee will proceed with the investigation.

In a speech I made on the Floor of the House early in March I told the story, as far as we knew it then, of some of the Indian land deals. There were several "queer" deals. For example, in one case the Indian owners received \$135,000 for some land. The purchaser then sold the land for \$165,000 to a "buyer" who immediately gave an option to third parties for \$300,000. The option holder then sought to sell the land, which is a valuable timber property, for a reported \$800,000. Records I have in my possession from possible purchasers had been made to the Indian Bureau in amounts of two or three times the price paid for the land to the Indians in the sale mentioned above.

It is a pleasure to note that even under the stress and strain of the closing days of a Congressional session, Members do not lose their sense of humor, as may be seen from the following quotes:

Congressman Scrivener of Kansas—"Now and then we see a quotation accredited anonymous. Many of these are excellent. One recent 'anonymous' statement was to the effect that: 'The only concern that makes money without advertising is the United States Mint. The Mint makes the money first, and it's up to each of us to make it last.'"

Congressman Curtis of Nebraska—"Government regulations in some of the Washington bureaus require that employees keep detailed records of

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In the Dr.'s News

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makes its decisions there can be no room for disunity in the Republican party. We must close ranks against the common foe."

Two comments:
1. Those are fair, fine words.
2. Deeds speak louder than words.

I'd like to add here that the "common foe" Gabrielson speaks of isn't just the Democratic party. Broadly speaking, good Democrats are just as good people as good Republicans. The common foe we need to line up against is too much power held in too few hands too long and the historically evil results thereof.

Flashback to Hal Boyle: "To many people here (in Chicago) the convention is a kind of Roman carnival, a partisan rallying to pick their new champion amid a great deal of fun."

I suppose so. And I suppose a lot of it (possibly most of it) is just good clean fun. But I find I'm getting fed up with the convention system of nominating candidates for President. It puts too much power in the hands of professional politicians. I find myself thinking that with all its faults a national Presidential primary, held on the same day in all the states, with all candidates required to enter and take their chances, would probably be better than the convention system of making nominations.

I hasten to make that statement BEFORE the convention makes its nominations (for President and vice-president) instead of waiting until afterward when I might be suspected of piggy because my favorite didn't win.

More than 600 American died violent deaths over the four-day Independence Day weekend. At least it goes to prove that our pleasures are more dangerous than our jobs.

That raises a rather interesting question: Do you want a law PROHIBITING HOLIDAYS because they are too dangerous? I don't. I'd rather take my chances.

One holiday accident: Near Platter, Oklahoma, a large snake crossed the highway in front of an automobile driven by James Goza. Goza tried to crush the reptile with his car. The action threw the vehicle out of control and it plunged into a ditch, breaking Goza's arm. The snake slithered away untouched.

Was it a rattler? Or was it maybe just a big fat bullsnake? Anyway, if Goza had been a little less bloodthirsty then, he would be in considerably less pain now. Tolerance often pays off.

That brings up a personal incident. A happily grinning dog trotted out squarely in front of me the other evening. I stepped on it hard to escape hitting him. Even at legal city speed, the tires squealed till you could hear them a block away. I imagine everyone who heard it said or thought: "That crazy drunk ought to be in the hoosegow."

Anyway, I missed the dog, for which I'm grateful. He looked back at me kind of sheepishly — just as I'd have felt if I had blundered out in front of somebody's car.

how they spend their time. Sometimes these reports take several hours to be filled out by the employee, especially if he or she wants to impress the boss. An elevator operator, however, set a record for brevity. His report read this way: Up—50 Per cent. Down — 50 per cent

This is the last "Letter from Washington" for this session of Congress—and perhaps for this year, unless a Special Session is called. I expect to be more or less regularly in my office in Roseburg (1318 Riverside Drive) after the middle of August. My office here in Washington, D. C., will, however, be kept open all the time. While I am in Oregon I shall be visiting all of the seven counties of our Fourth Congressional District. Such travel will mean that replies to letters addressed to me at Roseburg may be delayed. Many things might be handled more quickly if letters are sent to the office here in Washington, D. C.



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