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ELECTION POST-MORTEM

By Charles V. Stanton

It is very interesting—and most confusing—to read the post-mortem of the Republican presidential nominating convention as conducted by various newspaper columnists. No two commentators agree. Each appears to have a different interpretation. Opinions are widely divergent.

Eisenhower, according to one commentator, is as near the ideal candidate as it would be possible to obtain. But another holds that he is totally incompetent and the weakest candidate the Republicans could offer.

Convention strategy comes in for much comment. On one fact the commentators seem to be in agreement—the Taft forces made many blunders. Of course, commentators who favored Taft say the Senator's advisors fell into traps laid for them by the Eisenhower crowd. It is generally agreed, however, among the many commentators, that the Taft steamroller was steered wide of the mark; that its misdirection was extremely damaging to Taft's campaign.

This is an odd situation, inasmuch as Taft's advisors and supporters included the veteran Old Guard, supposedly the most highly qualified and experienced leadership in political strategy. Eisenhower's campaign, presumably, was directed by political amateurs. Another oddity is the fact that there apparently was considerable dissension, jealousy and friction within the Eisenhower camp, with each of the principal advisors trying to be the head man. Yet this strife-ridden camp came up with a stunning upset.

Vice-Presidency Questioned

Even more controversial among the issues discussed by the commentators is the nomination for vice-president. Some say the choice of Senator Nixon was most unfortunate and that he will be a millstone around Ike's neck. Others hold that the brilliant young politician from California, with his demonstrated campaigning ability, will be a great help to the general, who is totally inexperienced as a campaigner.

One element we have not seen mentioned by the commentators in connection with this matter is the effect upon the issue of Communism.

Communists are afraid of Ike. The torrent of abusive propaganda poured against him by Communist-front organizations before and during the Republican convention furnished proof that the Reds want anyone but Ike. Nomination of Senator Nixon, who drew nationwide attention by ferreting out Communist infiltration into high government places, is doubly frustrating to the Reds.

Because General Eisenhower has been dealing with the Communist threat in Europe and has built the defensive wall against infiltration in that part of the world, the Reds know that he will be a stern enemy if elected. They will not be able to push him around readily. He plainly is not a believer in appeasement.

Where Eisenhower knows how to deal with Communism on the international level, Nixon has exhibited ability to clean the subversive elements out of the domestic government. The two men form a strong anti-Communist team.

We can be very certain that they will be targets of most vicious Red-sponsored propaganda from now until election time.

Party Status Reviewed

Another subject commentators are battling around with thousands of words is the status of the Republican party. Has the party developed a permanent rift? Will the group winning the nomination be able to retain permanent control? Will the standpat faction sit on its hands during the coming campaign? Will a totally new party develop from existing confusion? Will this new party, if it should materialize, provide a home for many of the nation's millions of independent voters? These are some of the questions commentators are asking and attempting to answer. There are as many answers as there are writers.

One interesting observation, which appears to us to contain much food for thought, is that the faction which won victory in the convention is the lineal descendant of Teddy Roosevelt's Bull Moose party of 1912; that the same progressive element has been steadily growing, despite resistance from the Old Guard. It has won each nomination since 1940 but has failed in each election.

This year it apparently has its best chance for victory. If it achieves that victory with Eisenhower and Nixon, it should be able to take over control of the party's central machinery. On the other hand, another defeat might result in the Old Guard tightening its hold. For that reason, there remains a question as to how much assistance the standpat faction will give the G.O.P. candidates.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
by Vidnett Martin, P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

When you are doing the dishes, the family mending, or driving from here to there, do you like to follow a train of thought suggested by some book that has opened mental doors to you that can never be closed again, and maybe correlate things lying tucked away in one's mental pigeonholes, as the quilt-piece selects and fits together scraps 'til she has a pattern? A pattern satisfactory to her at any rate.

Many a Slip



CHICAGO—1952

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

CHICAGO — President Truman's declaration that the Democratic convention here next week will be "open" is probably the saddest news Senator Estes Kefauver has heard since he started his uphill fight for the nomination.

So-called "open" Democratic conventions have never been open to anything but wide-scale political bargaining between political bosses, with little or no regard for the wishes of party voters.

Kefauver, during his midsummer night's dreaming about a four-year stay in the White House, has constantly deplored the bitter pre-convention wrangling of Republican contenders while trying to stir up a fight of his own with Democratic party bosses. The bosses have largely ignored him, and that is what hurts.

The Tennessee senator can't be a knight in shining armor when there is nobody to just with. He has ridden public revision to organized crime for all it is worth. Now he needs a new political dragon. His hopes were high that the political bosses would provide it.

He expected his candidacy to frighten them into sordid political retaliation. But the bosses have declared it "no contest."

Kefauver has learned exactly what Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had to learn when the General got back from Paris. That is, that it's convention delegates, not the voters, who count in pre-convention battling. The senator was a road show star on television and in his whistle stop campaigns for public attention and delegates. In Chicago he will be lucky to obtain billing alongside the jugglers.

Democratic political bosses pursued the only course open to them insofar as Kefauver is concerned. To have attacked his candidacy publicly would have been political recognition that they feel the senator has not earned. In disrepute themselves, the bosses wisely decided that a blast at Kefauver would also be tantamount to advertising crime since the senator has a reputation of distaste for it. By the same token, an endorsement of Kefauver would scare away a lot of fat political contributions from dubious sources that have, down through the New and Fair Deal years, been placed under the right table at the right time.

There has been some mild sniping at the Tennessee senator, but the heat was never really turned on. In California, a wandering band of bureaucrats, dispatched by President Truman, passed a few unkind remarks about Kefauver, but nobody really got warmed up to his work. Mr. Truman himself has been gun-shy ever since the Tennessee senator shellacked him in the New Hampshire primary. The political bosses informed the President that Kefauver could take him hands down in a popularity contest in all 48 states. In addition, White House

thing she saw in her European trip! Now I'll quote a few words from Rachel Carson's pen in which she speaks of the individual material life "beginning in a miniature ocean," and on page 15 of the "Sea Around Us." (Do read that page, and then—see if you can lay the book down!)

"Man... could not physically re-enter the ocean as the seals and the whales have done. But over the centuries, with all the skill and ingenuity and reasoning power of his mind, he has sought to explore and investigate even its remote parts, so that he might re-enter; it mentally and imaginatively."

and big machine politicians knew too that Kefauver was only popular in places where he isn't well known. His homeland, the South, wouldn't have him on a gold platter?

Democratic bosses, controlling most of the big delegate states, have turned convention switches for the presidential nomination on and off with huge success for the past half dozen democratic conventions. The boys in the sack room applied the same artistry to selecting a vice president. It was Henry Wallace for vice president in 1940 by acclamation on the first ballot; Harry Truman in 1944 by 1031 votes on the second roll call; Alben W. Barkley by acclamation on the first roll call in 1948.

In the Day's News

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SENCE of what wise and tolerant and enlightened people term LIBERALISM—a word that has been badly misused by politicians in recent decades.

I was reading Churchill's statement to the commons on the telephone this morning and one of the boys in our radio room was looking over my shoulder.

"What Churchill means," he remarked, "is that if you let the cranks talk enough they'll defeat themselves."

I thought he put it pretty well.

I'd like to add that in our politics today we have too much of the spirit of YOU'RE A LIAR and too little of the tolerant spirit of Winston Churchill and Voltaire (whose real name, by the way, was Francois Marie Arouet; Voltaire was merely his pen name.)

That brings us back to politics—which, with the two big party conventions held in this month, is, I suppose, inevitable.

We've been hearing and reading a lot in the past few days about the slick "strategy" that won for Ike at Chicago. It leaves me cold.

Here's what won for Ike: Millions of people have FAITH in him as the kind of man they want for their leader. The Republican delegates at Chicago were in the main JUST PEOPLE. A decisive majority of them shared this FAITH in Ike.

So, when the time came, they voted their convictions and their faith and Ike won the nomination. That's the long and the short of it.

The professional politicians like to make us think politics is a complicated, intricate, highly skilled trade that only they understand. If they ever let us get the idea that politics, in its truest sense, is simply the INSTINCT of the people for better leadership and sounder government, they'll be sunk.

They know it, and so they give us all this double talk about the "strategy" they provide for us.

I'd like to make a radical statement here:

In these days of radio, television, ably edited and well-written magazines and increasing numbers of OBJECTIVE, UNPREJUDICED newspapers that are more intent on bringing their readers an accurate picture of what is going on and why than in winning elections, the professional politician who makes a living by "handling" the people is becoming about as out of date as a dinosaur.

I hope Ike doesn't get impressed by all this professional patter about political "strategy." I hope he parries the loaded trick questions that will be addressed to him as skillfully as he parried enemy offensives in the ETO and gives simple, honest answers to all the simple, honest questions put to him by simple, honest people who want to know.

If he'll just BE HIMSELF from here on out, he'll find on the fourth day of next November that he has done pretty well.

If you want an example of how that works, take a look at Winston Churchill. All his life, he has BEEN HIMSELF. Never has he been anything but just Winston Churchill.

As a result, he is probably the most TRUSTED leader on earth today.

NO AGREEMENT YET
PITTSBURGH — New steel strike peace talks ended Tuesday with industry and the CIO United Steelworkers in disagreement but standing by for further word from the White House.

In The Armed SERVICES



ERICK BIRGER OLSON, above, seaman apprentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olof Olson of 814 Thompson St., was recently on leave here. He enlisted in the Navy last March and has just completed recruit training at San Diego. He is attending construction battalion school for utilities men at Port Hueneme, Calif. (Photo by Miller Moderne)

ENLISTS IN MARINES

Charles Willard Walk, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Walk of Azalea, has enlisted in the Marines for a four-year period, according to Marine Recruiter James Larrieu.

Walk is a 1952 graduate of Glendale High School. He is receiving basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

ENLISTS IN NAVY

Steven James Matthews, 17, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Matthews of Riddle, has enlisted in the Navy, Recruiter A. L. DeMott reports.

Matthews attended high school in Roseburg in 1951 and before enlisting was employed by the Round Prairie Lumber Co.

Eugene Couple Buys Winston Model Market

By MRS. GEORGE BACHER
The Model Market in Winston has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sauer.

The new owners, former residents of Eugene, took possession of the business on Monday.

News Briefs
Mrs. Lee Altendorf spent the weekend visiting her sister, Mrs. Alex Lilla of Bend. Mrs. Altendorf is proprietor of Etta's Beauty Salon in Winston.

E. C. Owens of Portland has been spending the last few days with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kearby Masters and his brother, Alton Owens, and family of Dillard.

Enjoying a coastal vacation at Dean's near Yachats are Mr. and Mrs. Dick DeBernardi of Roseburg, Mrs. Ivan Brosi and daughter, Yvonne of Winston, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick DeBernardi of Roseburg.

Civil Defense Funds 'Low' Hit

WASHINGTON — Millard Caldwell said Monday civil defense funds voted "by a shocked and aroused Congress" after bombs fall would be useless and bitterly criticized lawmakers for not providing money now.

The statement by the civil defense administrator was another of a series of his blasts at Congress for voting only 43 million dollars for a civil defense program for fiscal 1953. A total of 600 million had been requested.

"By its action, the Congress has out the civil defense issue squarely up to the states, the cities and the people who must bear almost the entire cost and responsibility for bringing civil defense into being," he said.

He said Congress for the third time has ignored repeated warnings that the civil defense program is inadequate. Congress has slashed requested funds for the past three years in a row.

Highway Board Post Given Defeated D.A.

OREGON CITY — Clackamas County District Attorney Leonard I. Lindas, defeated in May for the Republican nomination for attorney general, has resigned.

He will become trial counsel for the State Highway Commission's legal department.

Winston Bradshaw, chief deputy, has been recommended to Gov. McKay as Lindas' successor.

Sutherlin Grange To Hold Potluck

Sutherlin Grange met last Wednesday evening at the Grange Hall west of town for a regular meeting with Charles Wahl, Master, presiding. Several officers were absent. The next meeting of the Grange will be a potluck dinner at 7 o'clock on July 24, with Mrs. Vivian Nicolson as chairman. Officers of the committee will be announced later.

Mrs. Buck reported on the banquet that was given for the Lions Club and the Lady Lions and stated that everything went off nicely. She also announced that the next Home Economics meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Floyd Bringle.

At the close of the evening the hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Todd and Mrs. Ellen Liesinger, served doughnuts and coffee to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Swift, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wahl, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Orville French, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicolazzi, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. Icel Clark and Mrs. Anette Wilson.

Mt. Shasta Climber Survives Long Plunge

DUNSMUIR, Calif. — An amateur mountain climber lost his footing and plunged down almost a mile of 14,163 foot, snow-blanketed Mt. Shasta Monday.

Dan O'Neill, 34, said he used swimming tactics to save his life.

"I kept my head, used my toes as brakes and steered between rocks with my arms."

His companion and fellow railway postal clerk at Oakland, Calif., Carl Miller, said Dan's foot slipped on a slick rock and: "He was gone. All there was was a cloud of snow. I never thought I'd see him alive again."

O'Neill got off with snow burns and huge bruises.

He will plans to climb Shasta before his vacation ends.

Pageant Committee To Meet Thursday

A near-final meeting of the historical and scenario committee of the Labor Day weekend Centennial Pageant will be held at the Junior High School Thursday evening.

Those serving on the committee include Mrs. Kenneth Ford, Charles Brand, and Henry Barneck of Roseburg, and Mrs. George Bacher of Winston.

Most of the work of the committee, whose task is to compile material and arrange the script for the pageant, has been completed, according to Horace Robinson, director.

Others expected to sit in on Thursday evening's meeting include A. Cloyd Riffe, choral director; Wendell Johnson, instrumental director; Ralph Patterson, ballet director; and Gordon Howard, assistant director of the pageant.

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