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ORATORICAL MASTERPIECE

By Charles V. Stanton

One of the most stirring and impressive political talks ever recorded, in our opinion, was the impassioned speech by Vice-President Alben Barkley to the national convention of the Democratic party.

While Republican listeners might disagree with many of his statements, opinions and theories, the impressive address must have produced emotional thrills in the hearts and minds of all who heard.

If any man had reason to talk in bitter and critical tones it was our beloved "Veep."

An announced candidate for the presidency, a tireless worker on behalf of the party for many years, one of the most able office holders and a bulwark of party principles, Barkley had every reason to believe that his record entitled his candidacy to a fair and honest presentation to the convention. Despite his long, honorable and patriotic service, he was spurned by the strategists. He was rudely told he was too old for the job. The friends, from whom he should have received at least the courtesy of having his name go before the delegates, turned their backs upon him. He was pushed to the sidelines by the selfish, brutal arm of political expediency.

It is doubtful if Barkley could have won the nomination. But he certainly was entitled to crown his long years of service by being permitted the status of active candidacy. Instead, he was discourteously discarded.

Party Loyalty Retained

Barkley's heart must be full of sorrow. As Moses labored to bring the Children of Israel to the Promised Land, only to be halted at its border, so Barkley has labored politically, with fanatical devotion, only to be denied the earned reward of having his candidacy submitted to the convention.

He had cause to be vindictive. Instead, while giving his words purposeful misdirection, his meaning was evident as he spoke the phrase from Lincoln's immortal address, "with malice toward none."

The lifelong Democratic stalwart, to whom the very name Republican is anathema, proceeded to unlimber the heavy artillery and blast the opposition from all angles. It was a blistering political address, heavily loaded with party propaganda, but the conditions under which it was delivered, the obvious sincerity of the speaker, and the vigor of presentation, made it a masterpiece of political oratory.

Speaking without notes or manuscript, and with an apology to the press for failure to supply an advance copy, because he was "speaking from the heart," Barkley rose to new heights. While some of us may not agree with what he said, we loved the way he said it.

The ovation he received at the hands of the delegates was merited. Perhaps the force of his message may still put Barkley very much back in the running and deliver a deserved rebuke to those who so rudely pushed him aside.

Platform Promises Everything

We aren't much interested in party platforms. In recent years platform declarations have had propaganda value only. It is quite evident that the Democratic platform, railroaded through the convention, is designed for that purpose again—and for that purpose only.

Promising all things to all people, proposing not only continuation of the Socialistic line, but pledging extension of the role of "Uncle Santa Claus," the platform is a maze of contradiction. How the pledge to maintain a balanced economy can be squared with proposals to support every boondoggling project imaginable, coupled with socialized medicine, socialized education, socialized housing, socialized welfare, and cradle-to-the-grave security for every individual is something that must involve concepts of economy that haven't been yet invented.

We rather imagine that the country's voters as a whole stifled their yawns during the long reading of the platform, recalling the many previous promises made to draw their ballots, but forgotten as soon as the election was in the bag.



If you have lived alongside one of the Great Lakes then you will be interested in the current issue of the Statepost, which has a vivid account of the "Great Lakes on a Rampage." It may well be that to my thought, homesick for the smell of salt air, the Detroit River was unfairly considered a muddy ditch, and a poor substitute for the ocean I have ever craved if away from a coast. But mercy! "All around Detroit's 1000-acre Belle Isle Park runs a new dike which, it is hoped, will keep the Detroit River out." Imagine that! And in the city of Detroit, says the city engineer, George Thompson, "It's now case of mud dikes, sandbags and prayers—with the emphasis on prayers."

Recently the National Geographic Society describes the rising water condition: "Born of the melting ice age, the Great Lakes contain half the fresh water on earth. Behind the hard-rock sills of Niagara Falls and the 'Soo' (Sault Ste. Marie), lying in huge stair-stepped basins, is enough water to cover the continental United States 10 to 18 feet deep. . . . In the last year the lakes have risen to more than four feet above normal."

"Wind and storm slobber the waters back and forth in their beds. Rain and drought are constantly changing the levels of the lakes. Around the deep-cradled water the earth's surface is gradually tilting . . . north and east of the lakes the land is lifting, recover-

PRECIOUS DECLARATION

OMAHA, Neb., (AP)—Omaha World-Herald Reporter Tom Allen took the second paragraph ("We hold these truths to be self-evident," etc.) from the Declaration of Independence, fixed it up in petition form and asked persons encountered at random to sign it.

Of 25 persons approached, only four signed. Sample comments: "Sounds sorta Communist. Some of these Communist writers have a way of writing things, you know." "What are you trying to do, overthrow the government?"



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO — So-called liberal congressional Democrats, led by Sen. Blair Moody and Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. extracted loyalty pledges from convention delegates. Can it be presumed that they will return to Washington with loud demands for loyalty pledges from government employees?

In the past, both have been active in opposing legislation requiring federal workers to swear allegiance to the USA in preference to Soviet Russia. So it would seem the answer to the above question is, illogically, no.

Moody and Roosevelt, of course, were merely mouthpieces for the CIO and Americans for Democratic Action in showing the political loyalty pledge down the throats of delegates here. So it is even more to the point when the staffs of those two organizations on government loyalty pledges is examined.

The ADA has consistently attacked demands by the Congress, state governments and universities for loyalty pledges from employees. The idea of asking anyone to publicly state a preference for America over Russia has consistently brought howls of anguish from this silly collection of New Deal refugees.

The ADA, however, usually tries to duck the Red issue by shouting that it is an insult to question any man about his beliefs on any issue. In fact, some ADA officials insist that anyone has a right to work for the government, and that the government has no more right to inquire into a man's allegiance to his country than it has to inquire into his religious affiliations.

The CIO has been just as giddy on the loyalty issue. It naturally opposed the anti-Communist oath in the Taft-Hartley labor law until public exposure that its unions were riddled with Reds forced labor leaders to alter their views slightly. They did it begrudgingly. They still stick their noses into college campuses where university boards are trying to clean out the Communists by demanding loyalty pledges.

What is the difference between a pledge requiring a man to swear allegiance to a political nominee and one requiring him to swear allegiance to his country? What is more important? Moody and Roosevelt probably will have an opportunity to answer publicly in the near future. Congress is considering legislation requiring an oath of loyalty from its own members and all employees in the various offices and committee staffs. It will be interesting to see how they reconcile opposition to that one, assuming they oppose it, with their steam-rolling of the political pledge here.

It will be equally interesting to hear from the CIO and the ADA when Congress takes this step to call public attention to its loyalty to the nation.

The Democratic administration as a matter of policy has consistently resisted the idea of loyalty oaths. President Truman led the opposition, and his followers in Congress, including Moody and Roosevelt, were caustic and arrogant in their attitude toward congressional investigations of Reds on the government payroll and elsewhere.

What the radical Democrats here demanded from the delegates was an oath that in effect required them to swear that, officially at least, they would support the convention nominees whether they like them or not. It is the first time in the political history

of any party that such an oath had been deemed necessary.

When the Republican party split over the selection of a presidential nominee, no one from the so-called reactionary party suggested that Senator Robert A. Taft and his followers sign a loyalty pledge to Dwight D. Eisenhower. It was presumed that as free men they would make up their own minds whether or not to support Eisenhower in the fall campaign.

The radicals in the Democratic party trust no one but themselves. The nominee must now go before the country knowing that his candidacy was forced down the throats of voters in many states. Hitler never did it better.

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Coast Fishing, Clamming Good, Say Wilburites

By ELSIE BROZIO

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hill of Garden Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Henry of Umpqua and Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Broszio and daughters, Maria and Connie, of Wilbur spent the weekend at Siltcoos Lake enjoying lake fishing and clamming at Florence. They report the weather as very warm. They got good catches of fish and clams.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanstrom of Bremerton, Wash., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baird this week. They brought Mr. and Mrs. Baird's grandson, Ronny Everett, of Bremerton down for a visit with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sands entertained Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee at a trout dinner at their home Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have just returned from Japan where Donald was stationed with the U. S. Army.

Mr. and Mrs. George Short and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jenkins motored to go sea fishing Thursday to go sea fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown spent the past week in Grants Pass visiting at the home of their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Menzie Lee and son, Marvin, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee are spending the week end at coastal points enjoying deep sea fishing and a short vacation.

Alice Lerwill of Tillamook spent a few days visiting her mother, Carrie Blakely, in Wilbur. Florence Snyder and son and granddaughter of Eugene were Sunday visitors of Carrie Blakely. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Merrill and daughters of Tacoma, Wash., were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Woodward. Mrs. Merrill is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Johnson, son, Jerry, and daughter, Jane, of Kent, Wash., are spending a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Christie.

Mr. Patrick Christie had as Wednesday guests at her home in Wilbur Mrs. Bill Correll and sons of Umpqua and Mrs. Eldon Morin of Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baird entertained with a dessert luncheon Sunday at their home in Wilbur. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells of Portland, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Sherman and family of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wells of Roseburg, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walker of Roseburg and Ronny Everetts of Bremerton, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nichols are the parents of a son, Rick Layne, weight five pounds 15 ounces born July 18 at Community Hospital in Roseburg.

Can Lack Poses Threat To Fruit, Vegetable Packs

PORTLAND — A tin can shortage will cause the loss of a large part of the Pacific Northwest fruit and vegetable pack this year unless the steel strike is settled immediately, a canners association official said Thursday.

C. R. Tully, executive vice president of the Northwest Canners Association, said unless cans are available between Aug. 13 and Sept. 1 one third of the snap bean crop, half of the peach crop and three-fourths of the big pear crop would be left to rot in the fields and orchards.

He added that most of the prune crop and possibly all the beet and carrot crops also would be lost. Tully said immediate production of steel is necessary because two to three weeks are required to get tinplate made into cans and in the hands of West Coast processors.

Tinplate in warehouses. Losses would be enormous in Oregon, Washington and Idaho if the strike continues into August he said. He listed them as 15,000 tons of beans, 7,000 tons of peaches, 75,000 tons of pears, 20,000 tons of prunes, 16,000 tons of beets and 6,000 tons of carrots.

Tully said a week's supply of tinplate is stacked in warehouses of struck steel plants and another 2½ weeks' supply is in various states of processing mills. Canners have representatives in Washington, D. C., now, he said.

The present supply of cans will be exhausted by Sept. 1, Tully said. "We are not taking sides in the steel strike, but we believe the time has come for immediate action toward a settlement," he said.

Consumers would feel the loss in a food shortage in the winter and spring, he added.

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In the Day's News

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faith in the basic rightness of our country.

Then came the most stunning thought of all: It is THIS CONVENTION (which has just finished cheering itself hoarse over Sam Rayburn's touching picture of the purity and sweetness of the Democratic party) that has been SMACKING KEFAUVER DOWN and getting ready to draft a substitute to beat him at any cost.

Why? Did the big bosses in the big boss-ridden cities that are the CORE of the Democratic party's voting strength TURN THUMBS DOWN on Kefauver because they FEAR him? Did they say to themselves: "We can't have this upstart bossing our show. He'd SPOIL OUR RACKET!"

Bald, kindly old Sam's voice shook with emotion when he spoke of the PEOPLE and the Democratic party's devotion to them. But it was the PEOPLE who backed Kefauver. They did it in every primary where they were given half a chance.

He has been given the bum's rush in this CONVENTION.

How about Barkley, the kindly, good-story-telling old Veep?

It has been said repeatedly in print (which, of course, doesn't insure its accuracy) that President Truman himself was preparing to back him for the nomination.

But a couple of BIG labor leaders said flatly: "He's out! We won't stand for him." That cooked Barkley's goose.

They softened it a little by saying he's too old. Maybe he IS old. But I'd say it is the business of the CONVENTION AS A WHOLE to say whether or not a candidate is too old.

Poor old Alben. He was a tragic figure as he stood there on the rostrum that night with the ashes of his dream lying about him.

But he was a good soldier. A couple of big labor leaders had said he couldn't be President. He knew the jig was up. He recognized the master's voice, and didn't fight back.

He took his medicine.

Don't get me wrong. Labor has as much right as anybody else to have its say and speak its piece. That's America. But when TWO big labor leaders in a convention of 1230-odd delegates can VETO the right of the vice-president of the United States to run for President of the United States it's too much power in too few hands. Too much power in too few hands too long is ALWAYS dangerous.

After all, Wednesday night was a wonderful night. The air waves twanged and vibrated with red white and blue oratory. It was TOP FLIGHT oratory. You can't ever hope to hear better — anywhere in the world. As orators, Democrats are ne plus ultra, par excellence, sans peur et sans reproche. In the field of campaign oratory, whose horizons are the wide blue yonder, they have it over us Republicans like a tent. But, even after Wednesday night, when I thrilled and chilled and shivered along with everybody else to the sonorous cadences that shook the rafters of the auditorium there in Chicago, I kept going back to the state of mind of the man who coined the phrase that named Missouri the "show me" state.

He was Willard Duncan Vandiver, an ex-naval officer who became a congressman, and at a speech-laden banquet in Philadelphia he got up and made this crack:

"I come from a state that raises corn and cotton and cockleburs and Democrats, and frothy eloquence NEITHER CONVINCES NOR SATISFIES ME."

"I come from Missouri, and you've got to SHOW ME."

All the star-spangled oratory of last night in Chicago failed to show me that the Democratic party, as now ruled and run, should be returned to power this November. I STILL think it has held too much power in too few hands too long.

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Places Set For Statues Of Pioneer Church Heads

SALEM, (AP) — Location of statues of Jason Lee and Dr. John McLoughlin on the grounds east of the state capitol was approved Wednesday by the Capitol Planning Commission.

The statues will be placed near the statue of the circuit rider. They are duplicates of the two statues to be placed in Statuary Hall in the national capitol. The commission also discussed proposed construction of a new Supreme Court Building on the mall north of the capitol.

GETS AWARD IN BED

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E. — Miss Marjorie MacDougall, confined to hospital for three months by rheumatic fever, topped her class of nurses at the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

She received her award in bed.

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