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TOMORROW WE VOTE

Charles V. Stanton

Tomorrow we vote.
Does that statement thrill you? Do those words kindle a sense of expectation? They should.
Tomorrow, as a voter, you become the most important person in the world. The fate of the world rests on your shoulders. The tiny cross you mark with a common lead pencil in the privacy of the voting booth—a booth occupied only by you and your conscience—will influence the history of the world. For the few minutes you occupy that booth you are a king. You are helping to set the policies by which this government shall operate—the government to which the whole world looks today, either as friend or enemy.
How will you cast your vote? Will you be thinking of the future of America and the future of the world? Will you see in your mind's eye the weary heroes of Korea slugging it out with a Communist foe? Will you have your mind set upon future peace? Will your vote be influenced by fear? Will you vote your pocketbook rather than your convictions? Will you as a voter—a king for the day—act with the same measure of responsibility, patriotism and integrity you expect from your elected leaders?
The American voter today is a modern Atlas. He carries the world upon his shoulders—its hopes and its fears. The pencil in your hands is a mightier weapon than the atomic bomb. The decisions you make are as vital to the world as that fateful decision which unleashed the terrible power of the exploding atom upon mankind.

Time For A Change

This newspaper believes it is time for a change. We believe the Democratic candidate cannot give us that needed change, even if he might so desire. We believe he has, by his statements and pledges, tied himself to the New Deal and Fair Deal administrations. We believe that the New Deal and Fair Deal administrations were controlled by a sinister organization known as Americans for Democratic Action—an organization that has brought into association corrupt political machines, gangsters, power-hungry labor leaders, unscrupulous politicians, and communistic fellow travelers as an unholy alliance to control votes.
To achieve perpetuation in power, the ADA has erected a tremendous bureaucracy of federal employees, making use of padded payrolls to pad the ballot box. It has permitted corruption and graft. It has smiled on five percenters and patronage dispensers.

In the matter of policy, the ADA has been bungling and inept. It entered into secret treaties which placed this country behind the 8-ball. It permitted the Kremlin to outsmart us at every turn. It lost us a powerful ally, Nationalist China. It created a vacuum in South Korea, then embroiled us in an unauthorized and undeclared war when Communists poured into the vacuum created either by our dumbness or traitorous intent. It today has no plan for ending the war, has no hope for victory, has accepted continued "police action" as inevitable.
It has wasted our substance in riotous spending. It has created illusion of prosperity by maintaining inflation while piling up a debt that mortgages many generations to come. It stimulates fear among the voters. It has kept us scared for 20 years.

Vote As You Please But Please Vote

Many voters will not agree with our indictment of the Socialist-Democratic administration, or the Americans for Democratic Action controlling that administration.
We thank Almighty God that we still have the right to disagree; that American voters still are free to cast their vote according to their own opinions.
So long as American voters will vote, we have little fear for the future. Our concern is that so few Americans DO vote. We are filled with fear when only a fraction of the nation's qualified voters exercise their right of franchise.

We are in the closing hours of one of the most vicious and most violent presidential campaigns in all our history. Issues have been forgotten in a rampage of name-calling, smearing, slander, mud-slinging, demagoguery, and character assassination.

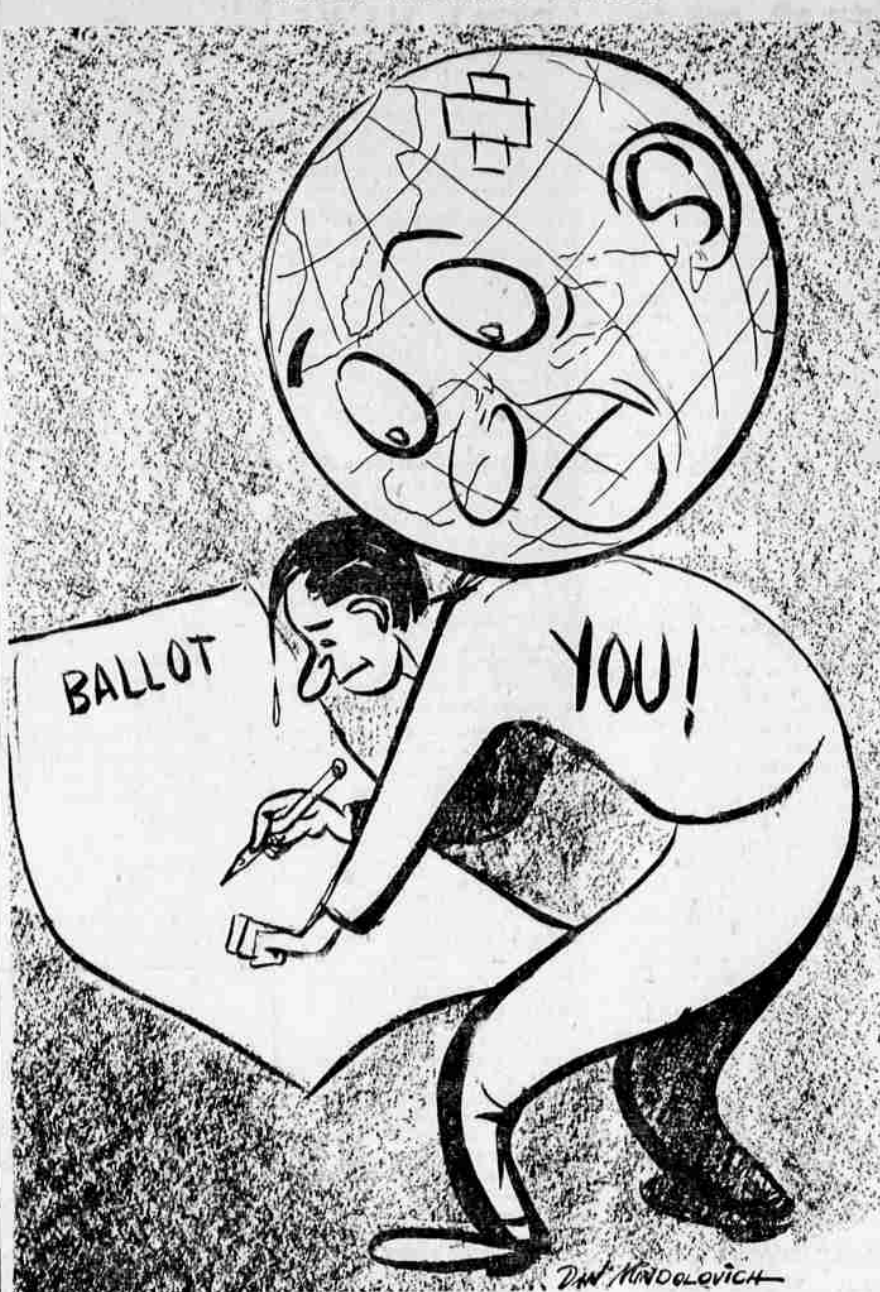
It is our duty as loyal Americans to disregard the propaganda, the demagoguery and the big-lie technique and to cast our ballots on the basis of patriotism and the future welfare of our country and the world.

We have heard voters say they were so disgusted with the political mess that they would stay home and sit on their hands.

What would we think of a soldier who would refuse to fight because he didn't like the conditions under which he was fighting? What would happen to our defense if our soldiers sat on their hands?

Tomorrow we vote. Let's all vote. Vote as you please but please vote.

Atlas--Modern Version



Fulton Lewis Jr.
WASHINGTON REPORT
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CHICAGO—Throughout the campaign Gov. Adlai Stevenson has maintained his headquarters in Springfield, Illinois, in an effort to disguise the fact that he is under the

thumb of President Truman.
Nobody was fooled very much by the governor's maneuver, nor has he been particularly successful in concealing the fact that a major segment of his political brain trust resides in New York City and Westport, Connecticut.

Westport is the home of James and Nancy Wechsler. He is the former member of the Young Communist League, who now edits the New York Post newspaper. This is a beefed up version of the left-wing tabloid, "The Compass." His wife, Nancy, also puts around in left-wing vineyards and says she, too, once marched side by side with her husband down the byways of the Communist conspiracy in America.

One telephone line out of Springfield has been kept busy throughout the campaign. It routes calls from the desk of Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., to the desk of Editor Wechsler or to his wife, Nancy, in Connecticut. Schlesinger is one of Stevenson's ghost writers, noted chiefly for his undying devotion to the left-wing Americans for Democratic Action, ADA, under Schlesinger's guidance, proclaims its anti-Communism while endorsing Communist government everywhere, including the Chinese Reds, who are now shooting at our troops in Korea.

During the month of August, Schlesinger and Wechsler were busy lining up the character assassination of Senator Richard Nixon for accepting contributions from California Republicans. The New York Post, with the aid of Schlesinger, timed the revelations so they would do the most harm politically.

Later on, in September, Schlesinger and the Wechslers were busy again on the telephone, this time lining up Gov. Stevenson's visit to New York State. The gov-

ernor, pleased over Wechsler's handiwork in the Nixon case, rewarded the former member of the Young Communist League.

Stevenson allowed Wechsler to ghost one of his New York speeches. And to show you how serious Wechsler and Stevenson are about Communists, it was in this speech that the presidential nominee of the Democratic party accused Republicans of pursuing Reds in the Bureau of Wild Life and Fisheries.

If Stevenson is elected there undoubtedly will be further rewards for the ex-member of the Young Communist League, who likes to make jokes about Communists in the American government.

I've been keeping an eye on the New York Post ever since Wechsler decided to gag up the battle underway with our domestic cousins of the Kremlin. So far I have been unable to detect any editorial mirth over the strange behavior of a Department of Labor economist who was hauled before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. This is a government department somewhat larger than the Bureau of Wild Life and Fisheries, but it seems to me that what happened was worthy of comment by the New York Post.

On October 23, Harry Ober, a Labor Department economist, was asked if he had ever been in a Communist cell that operated in Washington the same time Alger Hiss was poaching secrets out of the State Department. Ober declined to answer on the grounds of self incrimination, and offered in the way of an alibi that just four hours before taking the witness chair he had resigned his job. When asked why, he again declined to reveal his reasons.

Now Ober is no phantom, and even Gov. Stevenson will have to admit that there must be something wrong with a government employee who quits his job just because he got a subpoena from a Senate committee. And even stranger was his refusal to answer questions about his possible connections with a Red espionage net. After all, a man can always say no if he is clean.

I can't even assume that Stevenson, Wechsler and Schlesinger are sufficiently concerned about the Red issue to admit that maybe there is something to the Communists-in-government charges. They are still telephoning back and forth, but there hasn't been a single statement or published word from any of the trio about the latest expose. Maybe it didn't surprise them, after all.

I wonder—do we not turn more earnestly, more devoutly, more unitedly to the Father of us all in times like the present? In the early days of our country did not our leaders turn with humility in prayer to the true leader? God helps those who help themselves. First we must help ourselves from the fount of faith, thus finding spiritual strength as a nation, and then, as did the children of Israel at the Red Sea: "Go forward!"

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

Reader Opinions

County Library Would Make Books Available

ROSEBURG—A letter from Mrs. C. V. Weaver of Myrtle Creek Thursday night asks some good questions and deserves a straight answer. Having lived from 1930 to 1949 in areas where I was never out of reach of a county library, and having worked in four such libraries myself, perhaps I should try to reply.

How is the county library hoping to improve on present situation where one may borrow from the State Library, asks Mrs. Weaver. It is true that in Oregon the State Library gives excellent service to all who apply to it. But for years the State Librarian has been trying to tell the people of Douglas County—privately and publicly, in small groups and larger ones—the purpose of the State Library is NOT to furnish recreational reading to individuals, particularly in areas financially capable of maintaining their own libraries. The State Library is set up to supplement local library service, not to replace it. It is not right that we should expect the State Library book funds to be used for recreational fiction or popular non-fiction, normally supplied on the local level. State Libraries should supply the more expensive technical books, rare and choice materials in art, music, and advanced studies in general, which smaller libraries would have limited use for, so do not afford. Expecting the state to furnish everything is like demanding of our university that they educate by mail all our pupils from childhood on. We realize that elementary education is a local responsibility; so is popular library service, and the county unit is best equipped to give this service.

And do you know how few comparatively take the trouble to write to the State Library, and ask for a book, and then to mail it back, remembering to put the postage in the little pocket? I believe it safe to say that more books are borrowed from the convenient, well-known desk of our local library in one month (the monthly average so far this year has been over 8,300) than are requested from the State Library by Douglas County residents in two years. So, a county library makes available to all books and service near at hand; books in quantity, which all may see, handle, and choose from. We find that grown-ups as well as children enjoy this manner of selecting books more than they like to write for books, even from the most delightful list. The proof is in the use under the two systems.

So far as costs are concerned: the proposed county library that is "not to exceed three-fourths mills annually." That would be seventy-five cents on an assessed valuation of one thousand dollars. One who uses the State Library consistently would perhaps pay out for postage in a year as much as his county library tax. We find that postage both ways amounts to about five cents per book; for smaller shipments to individuals it would be more. HMM-mm-mm, let's see; seventy-five cents, that's postage on fifteen books.

But the best part of a county library is that we should be buying something permanent for our own area, our friends and neighbors, whether they be in Myrtle Creek, Reedsport, Drain, Yoncalla, Roseburg, or places in between. The bookmobile gets around!

It is those places in between that will feel the greatest benefit at first though all libraries are strengthened by the pooling of resources. Did you know that sixty-five percent of our county population lives in areas which have no local library service at all? That is just not democratic; it is not the way Americans like to think of their civilization. My three years in Douglas County have convinced me that people here love and appreciate good books fully as much as people anywhere else. Since our library has expanded its hours of service and increased its book collection, the number of books borrowed has more than tripled. Believe me, Mrs. Weaver, there are thousands who would benefit from more books easily available; maybe you too!

MURIEL MITCHELL
Roseburg, Ore.

Advice Of Will Rogers Fits Present Election

DILLARD — In a book I am reading, "One Man's America," by Alistair Cooke, there is a short biographical sketch of Will Rogers. Following is an excerpt from the book: "Three days before the election of 1932, he, Will Rogers, was disgusted with the long summer of election speeches. He told off the two presidential candidates in these words: 'The high office of the President of the United States has degenerated into two ordinary fine men being goaded on by their political leeches into saying things that if they were in their right minds they wouldn't think of saying. Imagine one of them saying "change in policies will bring disaster to every fireside in America!" Of all the conceit. This country is a thousand times bigger than any two men in it. So you two boys just get the weight of the world off your shoulders and go fishing. Then come back Wednesday and we'll let you know which one is the lesser of the two evils of you.'"

If Will Rogers were here today I can imagine that he would say,

in his inimitable drawl, almost exactly the same words that he said twenty years ago.

MRS. MARGARET MCCORD Dillard, Ore.

Advise Given To Those Confused Over Issues

ROSEBURG — Tuesday is Election Day. Tonight there are some who, doubtful and confused, are not sure how they will vote. There are others who, bitter, and justifiably so over the campaign of both candidates, say they will not vote.

To all these I would like to call attention to a column written Oct. 23 by Dorothy Thompson.

Miss Thompson expressed disappointment with both sides for avoiding the issue of American commitment under the United Nations charter which, she said, is "a formula for permanent war, in the places, and on the terms, chosen by our enemies."

She prefers not to have a military man in the White House, all other things being equal, but feels that "a very real change is necessary in Washington. She asks whether Stevenson and Truman in general terms are equal to each other politically and whether the personal differences between them are sufficient to insure a change, or whether, "we are likely, in the event of a Democratic victory, to get merely more of the same thing."

She cites failures of Democratic administrations, particularly mistakes at Yalta, Tehran and Potsdam; the secrecy of the Truman administration in keeping information from the American people and Congress; the Korean War which, she says, neither Truman nor his advisers had the foggiest notion of how to win."

She says she wants to vote against Trumanism; that a vote for Stevenson is a vote for the "same organized groups, forces, pressures, influences, and personalities who have directed American policy, domestic and foreign to its present condition."

She concludes with the statement that "thus with all the mental reservations that afflict a mind like mine, I am voting to give other forces and the other party—the Republican—their chance."

Miss Thompson is a highly intelligent, well-informed, experienced person, and she is an independent voter, which renders her decision therefore doubly valuable.

MRS. CHARLES (MARTHA S.) CRING.
Roseburg, Ore.

Threat Of Communists Is Held Significant

ROSEBURG — Answering the letter in Thursday's News-Review, referring to communism as no threat to the United States, I suggest the authors read "Witness" by Whittaker Chambers. Mr. Chambers, as the man who testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee, brought forcefully to the eyes of the nation the terrible crime done to our country by Alger Hiss and many other Reds in high government offices. Whittaker Chambers, with many years of service in the Communist Party, is far more aware of the dangers of communism to America than most of us. And, in denouncing communism and testifying against the former associates and friends, Chambers felt he was joining the losing side and forsaking the winner.

Communism... no threat to the USA?

Also consider Matt Cvetic, who for nine years was a Communist, as a spy for the FBI. Mr. Cvetic, speaking before us at the Roseburg Junior High School, pleaded with the people to fear and fight communism.

Yet many still believe there is no real threat.

As for the election, can we afford to retain the same party whose leader called the Hiss case a "Red Herring?" Or respect a Secretary of State, who said, after Hiss was convicted of perjury, that he would never turn his back on Alger Hiss?

As a housewife, I don't try to clean house with an old, worn-out broom... even if offered a polished, new handle.

I want a brand new broom, with like swinging it wherever there's a sign of Communist influence in government.

MRS. ROBERT WEBER
Roseburg, Ore.

Some Folks Never Get Enough, Writer Claims

WILBUR — It seems as though some people never get enough of some things in life. Like a child eating candy, they eat until it is gone and never think of the consequences. Then they get a bellyache and cry and moan, but do not know what caused so much discomfort.

In reading the News-Review I noticed an article criticizing McCarthy's speech and his exposure of Mr. Stevenson and his henchmen.

It is evident from what these people have expressed in said article that they did not listen carefully to all the facts as Mr. McCarthy stated them, or else they have taken the same evasive trend that some of highest officials have in trying to draw peoples' minds

Women Plan To Make Toys

Douglas County home extension unit project leaders will learn how to make Christmas toys from household odds and ends in two meetings this week. Betty Jane Metzler, County home extension agent, announced today.

Project leaders from the north district will meet at the Scottsburg Grange Hall at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, while those from the rest of the County will gather at the Riverside Grange Hall at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Tom Toffenberger, family life specialist at Oregon State College, will come down to teach the women how to make simple educational-type toys. He'll use ordinary household scraps—wood, tin cans, old pans, spools and string—for instance—in his demonstrations.

Toys will be keyed to the preschool age child, Mrs. Metzler said.

Ladies will take their toy-making knowledge back to their own extension units. During December home extension women throughout the County will be making Christmas toys.

CARRIER GETS BIRD

SCOTT, N. Y. — Halloween pranksters gave rural mail carriers here the real bird-in every mail box.

When George Merrill and Frank Fellows opened the 20 boxes in this central New York community, a pigeon flew out of each.

from the true facts in regard to corruption, immoral conduct, vice and Communist infiltration which is prominent in our government agencies today.

It seems as though there are lots of people today that want to vote for these men who associate their names with those who believe in questionable organizations such as the ADA and numerous others.

It seems as though they feel that if we would elect too many honest men in our governmental agencies they might have to go back to 1929. They do not realize that the terms are expiring and the very foundation of our existence through their beloved wages and the vicious spending spree which this nation as a whole has assumed and which Mr. Truman and his followers, including Adlai Stevenson, try to tell us is the only way.

It is a pity that the top secrets of our Army and Navy, and other branches of our military, have to be taken from the files and given to those that oppose our standards of government and our way of life. Why should any one criticize a man, and I mean Senator McCarthy, for exposing the facts as he finds them? From what I heard on my radio, he had the proof of his statements.

I do not know whether the writers of that article have a son in Korea or not. I take it by their comment that they are free from that worry. Therefore they are perfectly willing to sing the Democratic theme song, "Don't Let Them Take It Away." The cries of the wounded are far away. The sound of battle is so far away that it is just a newspaper report to them.

I have a son over in Korea. The majority vote over there does not interest me in the least. I do not feel that any true, loyal American should set their standards on a poll that possibly was taken far from the front line trenches and which more than likely was polled by men who would lose nice fat salaries for sitting around far from the danger zone, while directing the boys to the eternal path from which no one returns.

My son has a home in Portland, Oregon, a wife and a little child. So let's vote for a man that at least will try to bring him home, and at the same time pray for more Joe McCarthys.

L. L. DAVIS
Wilbur, Ore.

MY PAPER HASN'T ARRIVED YET

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When we look at a beautiful sunrise or glorious sunset, do we think about the clouds? Or do we delight in the effect of the light on those clouds? Indeed, it seems that the clouds are necessary if we are to enjoy the result of the light of the sun resting upon them!

So during this political campaign. It seems to me that the clouds of political intrigue, attempted hypnosis by implication, vilification, and lowering of standards, have only served to increase the concentration of our national thought upon a great desire to know and be guided by whatever is the truth, to find the light!

In a number of advertisements this light has been suggested in

text and illustrations of beauty and spiritual significance, and in a subordination of the advertisers' name almost to the point of insignificance. So many of the advertisements are worth framing—and are offered for framing—and so designed that no commercial signature will show within the frame. Can we ask more than that of an advertiser?

I paused for several minutes just now over the Texas & Pacific Railway's page (Dallas, Texas) in the current U. S. News—to mention just one—I have seen their layouts of pictures and inspiring text in other publications previous to this one, which is a picture of three members of a congregation, standing in the light streaming