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GREAT TO BE AMERICAN

Charles V. Stanton

Well, maybe we can now settle back to normal living. The election is over. We have settled big issues. We will again be able to listen to our favorite radio programs without interruption from political blah—blah—blah.

Can we be surprised that people of other nations can't understand our elections?

We get ourselves all worked up over candidates and issues. Candidates and their henchmen fill the airwaves with oratory. They distort, misinterpret, vilify, smear, make lavish and impossible promises and otherwise put on a show like nothing else on earth. People choose up sides, wear buttons, conduct campaigns, carry banners, argue, occasionally fight, and frequently wager.

Then comes the election. The next day we forget our differences. We accept the majority decision. We pay off our election bets, including those of a ridiculous nature, laugh about our quarrels, and settle down to our normal pursuits as if nothing had happened.

Ain't it grand?

Government Is Reviewed

Our curious elections have one fine feature. Every four years we obtain a thorough review of government activities and policies. Certainly no critical argument is neglected by either side in its appeal to voters. The American voter hears all the "dirt" concerning the respective candidates. He must, however, be mentally agile to weed out truth from fact. Both sides "point with pride" and "view with alarm." We hear dire predictions of future disaster if the opposing party comes into power. Then, the day after election, we feel no qualms. Life simply settles back into the old familiar pattern. Our emotional spree leaves us with no serious hangover.

No one except an American can understand this peculiarity of our people. In other countries the statements of candidates and party spokesmen are taken seriously. We take every declaration with a grain of salt. But across the seas, where elections lack the circus trappings so familiar to us, people naturally are confused by our antics. We can imagine their trepidation, after hearing from each party how the United States will collapse if the opposition wins, when their hopes for the future are so definitely tied to our continued economic and military strength. It will take time to calm their fears; let them discover that politicians don't mean half what they say.

But an American understands. As the smoke of battle clears away he is to be found back at his normal task, arguments of the previous day forgotten, and personal prejudices surrendered to majority opinion.

Prepare For Next Election

The average American, however, regardless of his political affiliations, will continue to grouse and gripe. He will find fault with government regardless of which party may be in power. From the campaign he will have received fresh ammunition. Personally, we feel that any person who voted has a perfect right to exercise his good American privilege of griping about government, but the guy who sat on his hands has no right to grumble.

Another activity that starts today is preparation for the next election. With one campaign out of the way we immediately move into another. Both parties will start building fences, repairing breaks, healing ruptures and building up power for the election four years hence.

We may be peculiar, but it's great to be an American!

Scraps From the



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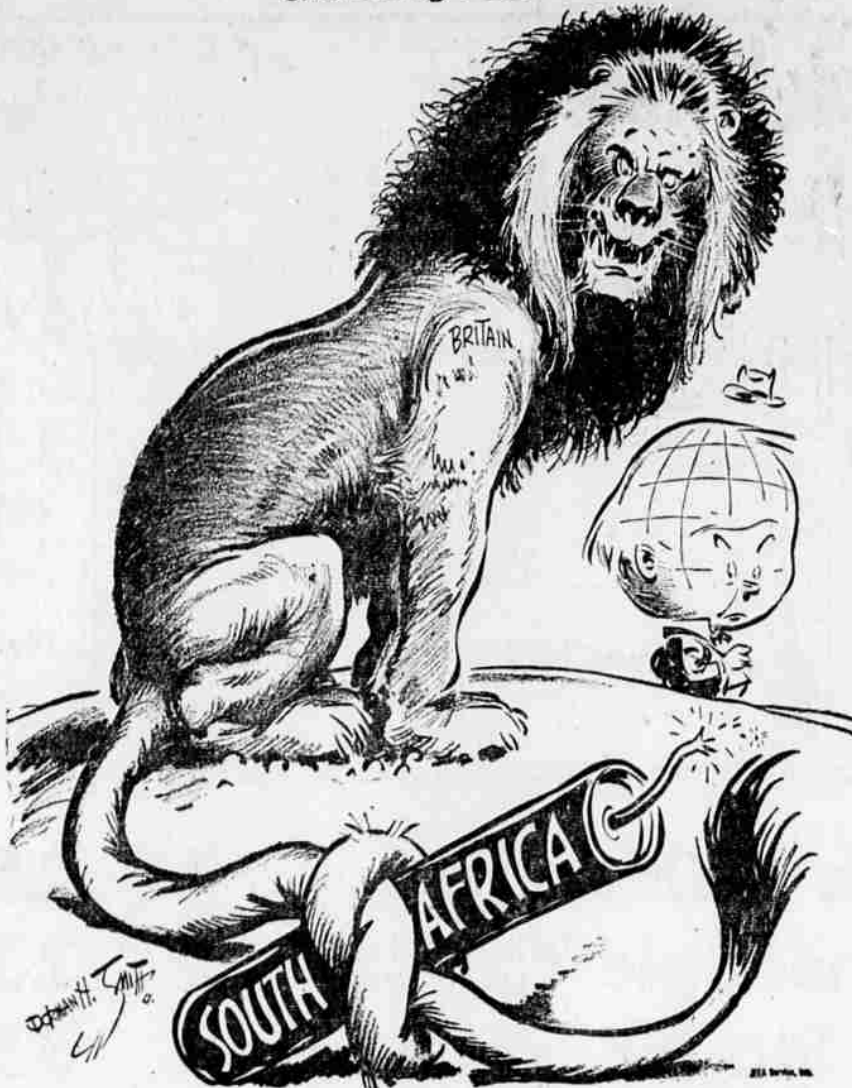
Election Eve thoughts: Aren't we funny the way we first pray so earnestly, "Thy will and not mine be done," and then in the next breath we begin telling the Almighty how we think the issue should be decided? Or are your thoughts so well disciplined that you don't do that? I wish mine were. However, it's some comfort that we can detect our inconsistency; that's one step better than not recognizing it for what it is, isn't it?

"Having done all, to stand": after we have done whatever we can see to do, should we not then relax and await the outcome with confidence and faith? For instance, if the nominee we think is the right one should happen not to be the majority's choice, what then? Shall we go into a mental tangle of despair and be sure the country's going to the dogs? (Who dogs? It's never cats or cows or sheep or pigs, only dogs!) Or shall we try to settle the ship because we've lost out? I don't think the losers will do that, do you? After all, however loudly the fans shout "kill the umpire," they rarely do. And don't we sound rather like an excited crowd of ball fans sometimes during pre-election going's on?

Well, if we were any different, we just wouldn't be Americans. Life has, it takes a lot of different ingredients to make a tasty dish, and so each one's part in the campaign adds to the general effect. (And what an effect in the eyes of outsiders viewing us with amazed incredulity!)

One thing I gave thanks for every day—it comforted me when I heard the opposition say things I thought just weren't so!—was that we live in a country so democratic, so free, that anybody can stand up and shout the kind of things some did shout—even our

Shortening Fuse



Gov. Langlie 3rd Term Winner; Vic Meyers Out

SEATTLE (AP)—Arthur B. Langlie won an unprecedented third term as governor of Washington Tuesday and led his Republican party in a revival of power that cracked the Democrats' 20-year hold on state offices below governor.

Langlie was returned to office for the third time in a vote that was near if not above record breaking proportions.

Toppled from the lieutenant governor's post which he has held since the Democratic landslide of 1932 was Victor A. Meyers, the former band leader who has been in office longer than any other lieutenant governor in any of the 48 states.

Emmett T. Anderson, a political newcomer, gave the veteran Meyers the worst defeat of any of the state candidates.

As election officials still struggled to dig through the near avalanche of ballots, the state political picture stood this way:

Earl Coo, Democratic secretary of state, survived the Republican swing and defeated B. J. Dahl.

Don Eastwood, youthful Republican, had a 25,000 vote margin over his veteran opponent, Smith Troy, for attorney general.

Otto Case, the 81-year-old Republican campaigner, defeated Jack Taylor for land commissioner.

Pearl A. Wanamaker, with a 26,000 vote lead over Henry W. Turner, appeared to have won reelection for the non-partisan job of state superintendent of public instruction.

Cliff Yelle, Democrat incumbent had a comfortable although not safe margin of 6,600 votes over Floyd Oles, Republican.

Closest of the races was that of Phil H. Gallagher, seeking state treasurer's office. Gallagher had only a 977-vote lead over Charles R. Mayberry, Republican.

Another Democrat who appeared to have survived the Republican revival was Insurance Commissioner William A. Sullivan. He held a 25,000 vote lead over Republican Fred C. Becker.

Unopposed Californians Elected To Congress

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The following candidates have been elected to Congress from California without opposition:

SENATE

Knowland (R).

HOUSE

1st, Scudder (R).

2nd, Engle (D).

5th, Shelley (D).

7th, Allen (R).

8th, Miller (D).

11th, Johnson (R).

12th, Hunter (R).

15th, McDonough (R).

19th, Hinchshaw (R).

23rd, Doyle (D).

24th, Poulson (R).

26th, Yorty (D).

29th, Phillips (R).

ADDRESSES PTA

Kenneth F. Barneburg, Douglas County School Superintendent, was speaker at the Rose Parent-Teachers Association meeting Monday evening at the school. He talked on the School Reorganization bill. Members of the PTA are working toward a solution to the school crossing patrol problem on Stephens Street.

SERVES IN GERMANY

Cpl. Edgar W. Stovall, son of Mrs. Ethel Stovall of Sutherlin, is in Germany serving as a radio mechanic. He is stationed at Darmstadt. Cpl. Stovall entered the service February, 1931 and has been in Germany 15 months.

BUSINESS NAME FILED

Certificate of assumed business name was filed in the county clerk's office for C. and C. Loggia Co. by Richard Lee Comer and Jephtha Culbertson, both of Rt. 4, Roseburg.

Ike Will Appoint Representative To Budget Meet

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower began a 10-day vacation today with a date for golf—a very late date.

Two communications from President Truman were addressed to him and he replied immediately to one of them. Aides said he is drafting an answer to the second. Truman proposed an early discussion at the White House on the problem of world peace. In the earlier message he reminded Eisenhower that the next national budget is being prepared and suggested that Eisenhower have a representative confer with the director of the budget.

The general replied before leaving New York: "I shall try to arrange within the next two or three days to have a personal representative meet with the director."

He gave no indication of the man he may choose for that assignment.

There has been some speculation Eisenhower began a 10-day vacation today with a date for golf—a very late date.

Eisenhower's aides were silent on the President's second proposal for a discussion of peace problems. There was no indication in Truman's statements about specific aspects of the question that might be examined.

Eisenhower's personal idea for a beginning is to go to Korea, himself to study the situation there and search for a solution.

F. C. C. Refuses To Plunge Into Giveaway Mess

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Communications Commission ruled in effect today that it will not take sides with a disappointed winner on a giveaway broadcast.

The commission dismissed, in a brief memorandum, a protest filed by Betty Lou Summers of Washington against the recent renewal of license for WNBW, National Broadcasting Company television outlet here.

Miss Summers said she won a contest on the TV program known as "Ing's Angle" early this year, and had been promised prizes worth \$4,000 to \$5,000, including a mink stole. Instead she said she received a fur piece made of Oriental weasel, and other alleged substitutes.

The station, now defending a \$5,000 damage action brought by Miss Summers in Federal Court, has denied any misrepresentation.

The FCC, which has long frowned on giveaway programs, simply refused to get involved. It said Miss Summers did not qualify as "a party in interest" entitled to challenge station licenses under the communications act.

All that is in the best American tradition.

There is only one sour note. It comes from Oregon's Senator Morse, who says:

"Eisenhower and Nixon FOOLED the people and won the election. The people ALLOWED themselves to be fooled and LOST the election."

Everybody, you see, is out of step but our Wayne.

I think this is a good time to repeat the immortal words of Abraham Lincoln in his second inaugural address on March 4, 1865:

"With malice toward none; with charity to all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

That should be the spirit in which the Republican party and its great new leader enter upon the discharge of the responsibilities that have been placed upon their shoulders by the people in the greatest landslide vote in our history.

Responsibility. That is the keynote of Ike's character.

It isn't just what happened Tuesday—pleasing as that was to the millions of Americans who worked to bring it about. The BIG thing is the way it has been accepted.

Governor Stevenson sends a generous and statesmanlike message.

New York Democratic Chairman Resigning

NEW YORK (AP)—Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democratic state chairman in New York, which gave Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower an 82,056 plurality, announced Thursday he is resigning.

He gave ill health as the reason. He underwent an operation in the midst of the campaign. Fitzpatrick said he also hoped to devote more time to his real estate and manufacturing affairs in Buffalo. He has been chairman since 1944.

F. D. Roosevelt Jr. Re-elected To Congress

NEW YORK (AP)—Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., son of the late president, won reelection to Congress Tuesday as the nominee of the Democratic and Liberal parties.

Roosevelt defeated Clarence C. Vam Bell, Republican, 81,288 to 49,856, in Manhattan's 20th Congressional district.



REV. PAUL SWEENEY of the Lake City Church, Tacoma, Wash., will lead a week of special meetings sponsored by the young people of the First Conservative Baptist Church, W. 2nd Street. Meetings start at 7:30 p. m. Monday and close Sunday evenings, Nov. 16.

feet on the desk. If more did so, the association says, both they and their business would be in better shape.

One of the most common symptoms of business worries is muscular tension, according to medical authorities. Raising feet to desk level breaks up muscular habit patterns and releases tension on the large muscles at the back of the thigh.

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Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses

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HOLLER-STRAIN — John W. Holler and Winifred Grace Strain, both of Reedsport.

CHASTEEN-MOFFITT — Donald A. Chasteen and Annette Marie Moffitt, both of Roseburg.

FOX-BURNS — Floyd Fox and Ruth Marian Burns, both of Springfield.

Divorce Suits Filed

CHRISCO — Eleanor vs. Harry Oscar Chrisko. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks custody of one minor child and \$50 monthly support.

PETERS — Beverly J. vs. Norman Peters. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks custody of one minor child and \$50 monthly support.

Divorce Suit Dismissed

REEDER — Rosemary vs. Aulrey E. Reeder.

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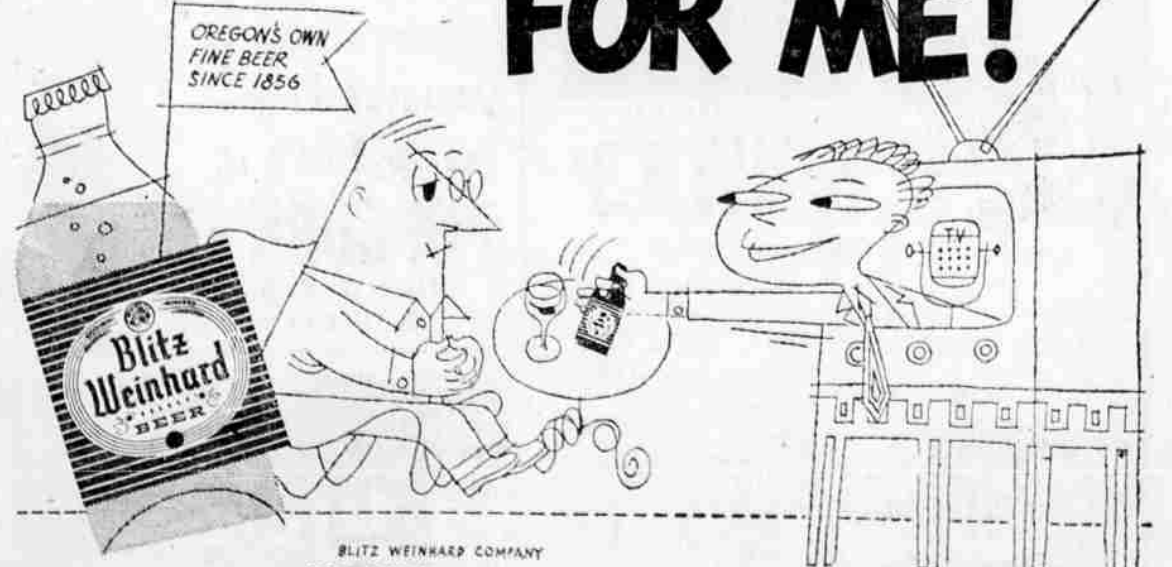
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