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STUDENT VOTERS

Charles V. Stanton

Sentiment favoring dropping the age limit of voters to include 18-year-olds has gained ground steadily throughout the United States in late years.

It has always seemed to me that the age limit should be raised, rather than lowered. I believe we need tighter qualifications for voters. It also has been my opinion that 18-year-olds are not sufficiently interested in affairs of government and thus not prepared to accept the responsibility of franchise.

But a man has a right to change his mind. It has been my rare privilege to witness a convincing demonstration that a good many 18-year-olds are far more qualified to vote than some of their elders.

I had the most interesting experience last week of sitting in with a combined class at Roseburg High School for a discussion of American Problems.

This group, made up of students from civil government classes, is autonomous. Each week a student chairman is named to arrange a program for the following week. Teachers serve only as advisers. Subjects of current interest are brought up for discussion. Usually a speaker is invited to lead the discussion.

Public Opinion Studied

The topic at the meeting I attended was that of the influence of the press — newspapers, magazine, radio and television — on public opinion. I found a large group of students thoroughly interested in the subject, well informed, and analytic. I am not yet ready to agree fully that the voting age limit should be lowered, for the study group represented only a small percentage of the school student body. But if all students were as interested and informed as the group I had the privilege of meeting with, there would be no question of qualification.

No one, I believe, can deny the fact that students today have far more information and knowledge at their command than did students of similar age a few years ago. Our educational system, coupled with the rapid pace of modern living, makes for earlier maturity. Furthermore, the present day speed of communication and dissemination of news and information result in a better informed public at all age levels. At the same time, however, this very factor of improved dissemination of news encourages conflict and confusion through propaganda.

Today's voter, to be thoroughly qualified, needs a good education. He must be an analyst — a skeptical analyst — refusing to accept any theory, idea, or statement until it has been thoroughly explored.

Emotion Versus Reason

Only a few years ago people were highly party-bound in their political actions. A Democrat subscribed to a Democratic newspaper and read only the news furnished him by that newspaper. Each community of any size had two or more newspapers and each newspaper, in turn, took a positive party stand in politics. Very few people read a newspaper representing the opposition to their own political party. Many people voted a straight ticket.

Today, on the other hand, even though a newspaper may lean toward one political party, news columns, with but few exceptions, are kept as objective as possible, reporting both sides of any controversial matter.

At the same time, the voter is influenced by radio and television, both having strong emotional appeal.

Many people have failed to recognize the change in influence, but election results show clearly that today's voter is dominated far more by his emotions than by his reason. The many victories by demagogic, golden - voiced candidates in elections all over the country furnish ample proof of political appeal to emotions.

The trend away from provincial party politics also is evident in the breakdown of party lines, putting the power in the hands of voters who act independent of party registrations.

If our high school students, as a whole, are viewing the American scene with the same enthusiasm and understanding shown by the American Problems class of our Roseburg High School, it is my opinion we could well afford to give the vote to the 18-year-olds and take it away from some of their less responsible elders.

Hal Boyle

By EDDIE GILMORE
For Hal Boyle

LONDON (AP) — The Duke of Edinburgh has ordered a long range telephone for his speedy sports cars. When he gets it installed, he can ring up Buckingham Palace from any part of Britain and even from some not too distant spots on the continent.

It's the Duke's latest move in attuning the royal family, and some of the palaces it occupies, to modern life.

At his insistence, Buckingham and Windsor Palaces have electric dishwashing machines, in his and Queen Elizabeth's private suites, electric grills and a telephone cord device. Helicopter take-offs and landings from the royal lawns have become commonplace events.

He has wanted a long-range radio telephone for his sports car for a long time and now an electric engineering firm is seeing that he gets it.

His car already has a telephone, but its range is only 25 miles from Buckingham Palace. For the Duke, who travels all over the country, this isn't good enough. He likes to call his wife when he's out on official duties, and also Prince Charles and Princess Anne. He talks to the children in a disguised voice, and then to their delight, reveals it's really papa.

A pilot, the Duke also likes the most modern airplanes possible. The De Havilland Aircraft Co. says a new Heron plane, sprouting with safety devices, gadgets and radio aids, is to be ready for the royal

family within the next six weeks. "The Duke has seen the plane," said a spokesman of the manufacturer, "but he hasn't actually flown it yet." It took more than a year to build. That's longer than usual, but there were so many gadgets.

Japan Formally Proposes Peace Talks In London

TOKYO (AP) — A government spokesman said that Japan has formally proposed opening World War II peace talks with the Soviet Union in London early in June.

The source reported the proposal was dispatched to Japan's permanent observer at the United Nations, Rensuke Kawada, for transmission to the Soviet representative there.

Japan and Russia, never officially having ended their World War II hostilities, still are technically at war.

Issues to be decided include: Disposition of the former Japanese territories now occupied by the Soviet Union—South Sakhalin, the Kuriles, Shikotan and Habomai Islands.

Sens. Morse, Neuberger's Split Over Echo Park Dam Sparks Press Conversation

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The split between Sen. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger on Neuberger's fight against Echo Park dam in the Senate was the conversation piece of the press gallery this past week.

It was not the first time Oregon's Democratic senators had been found on opposite sides of an issue in this congressional session, but it was considered the most dramatic issue, made so by Neuberger himself. And Morse let him down, easily but flatly.

The climax came in the Senate as voting began on the upper Colorado River reclamation — power project—a \$14 billion authorization for the federal construction of dams and irrigation units in four Rocky Mountain states. As a member of the Senate Interior Committee that heard testimony on the bill, Neuberger voted in favor of sending it to the floor, with one reservation against the single Echo Park dam that would partially flood Dinosaur National Monument on the Utah-Colorado border.

Going beyond the usual dissent often registered by senators, Neuberger wrote a lengthy dissenting report in which he warned that approval of Echo Park dam would breach the historic inviolability of the national park system; and he suggested this would lead to invasions of Crater Lake and Olympic parks by timber, grazing, or other interests.

During his recent trip to Oregon, Neuberger announced formation of a committee of conservationists to fight the Echo Park project. He returned to Washington with both barrels loaded.

As debate on the big bill opened, Neuberger jumped in with his amendment to knock out Echo Park dam but leave the remainder of the bill intact. Next day he followed up with a long verbal blast at the project and was challenged

by mountain state senators. After three days of debate, the Senate voted down his amendment 52-30 and galloped on to pass the bill, 58-23.

Through it all Wayne Morse sat silently, chatting amiably with colleagues, sometimes with Sen. Arthur Watkins (R-Utah), who projected as hard as anyone for the project. Not until after Neuberger had taken his licking did Morse arise "to commend" his colleague's efforts but state that Neuberger just didn't have the law on his side this time. Morse said if Neuberger's argument had had any merit, he would have supported it.

Reportedly, there was more to it than that, for there was heavy pressure from pro-Hells Canyon backers to head off the Neuberger move in order to win some mountain state votes for the Hells Canyon bill when it comes up. That is, the argument was being pressed that it was more important to court good will among Republicans such as Watkins of Utah who are reclamation enthusiasts by backing Echo Park dam than to satisfy conservation groups by fighting what was regarded in advance as a losing cause.

This caught the Oregon senators in a heavy cross-wind, since both are backers of Hells Canyon and both regard themselves as champions of conservation. The directions in which they separately chose to travel suggest their deepest inclinations.

With virtually every conservation group in America opposed to Echo Park dam, Neuberger ran true to the form of his journalistic efforts of past years to take the lead against that project.

With public power and Hells Canyon dam at the top of his list for presentation to the voters when he comes up for re-election next fall, Morse went along with the comprehensive plan for development of the upper Colorado without dropping the controversial Echo Park site.

Friend Of Byrd Raps Metzger, Ashley Votes

ROSEBURG—The very amazing action taken by the Douglas County Court in appointing my very good friend Ira Byrd to the office of sheriff cannot be condoned by any good Republican (or Democrat for that matter). To clarify this, let me say that I openly supported the candidacy of Ira Byrd and had resigned to being a good loser when the Republican Central Committee selected Joe Haystead.

This public display of egotism and defiance by commissioners Elmer Metzger and Frank Ashley has gone much too far. To review, both the central committees of the Democratic and Republican parties voted by majority rule for Joe Haystead, yet both above mentioned commissioners, one a Republican and one a Democrat, saw fit to publicly insult the very party workers that were very instrumental in their election to public office. Let us hope that these two public officials will not in the future be deceitful enough to display their respective party labels.

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Conservative Platform Candidate Said Needed

GLENDALE — At the time of Mr. Eisenhower's election some people thought that if elected he would set up a conservative government. By "conservative" I mean the same as it was prior to 1932, when the law of "supply and demand" governed our whole economic system. Now don't get me wrong. It is not supposed that such a thing could be done overnight. It took more than twenty years to get this country as it is, and will take twice that long to get it back—even if everybody helps. To some a spendthrift government is a spendthrift government regardless of who is running it.

Now here is what I'm getting at. I wonder if it would be possible to split the parties the other way? Make one New Deal-spendthrift and the other anti-New Deal, anti-spendthrift? Does anybody suppose that this country can exist indefinitely on a red budget?

I wonder if there are men who would step out as candidates for all the key offices in federal as well as state offices on a conservative platform? And if elected would balance the budget, start reducing our indebtedness, do something about our inflation, give us a protective tariff etc?

I'm crazy, then I'm just crazy that all this there is to it.

C. E. YOUNG
Glendale, Ore.

Appreciation Expressed For Barbershop Backing

ROSEBURG — I would like to impose further upon your good nature and take this means of expressing our appreciation for your fine cooperation and help in publicizing our recent Barbershop Parade. That the Parade was well received by the people of this community was evidenced by the fact that we had a record attendance of nearly 2,500.

As you probably know, we are a non-profit organization and, outside of actual operating expenses, any surplus monies are channeled into other worthy organizations, usually those who take an active part in the sale of tickets.

We feel that you, in helping publicize our Parade, not only help to make the Parade itself a success, but also aid materially other deserving organizations of our community, such as the Knights of Pythias Drum and Bugle Corps.

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — German-born composer Paul Hindemith Monday was awarded one of the music world's biggest prizes, the \$34,000 Jean Sibelius prize.

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia says she will release 613 Austrians now in Soviet prisons and later will turn over to Austrian authorities 113 others serving time as war criminals or spies.

LONDON (AP) — The Communist Daily Worker reported Monday it's in new financial difficulties. The Red organ said it had been forced to discontinue its final printing edition and to adopt an earlier printing deadline "to conserve financial resources."

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — The U. S. Army and Air Force in Europe Monday announced cuts in cigarette and coffee ration effective May 1. The forces are waging a campaign against black marketing.

Community News Items

Ill Several Days — Mrs. W. C. Callison, the city has been ill at her home the last several days.

Return From Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Berg returned to their home in Roseburg Monday from a business trip to Portland.

Attend Wedding — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Findley of Roseburg attended the wedding of Charlene Dee Croucher and Douglas Kinners in Medford recently.

Go To Medford — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brittle and five children and Mrs. Florence Powell and three children of Roseburg spent Sunday in Medford.

Home Over Weekend — R. Cloyd Riffe, who is studying for his master's degree at University of Oregon, spent the weekend at his home in Laurelwood.

Convalescing — Nancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton F. Hall, who was a patient at Douglas Community Hospital last week, is now convalescing satisfactorily at her home.

Visit At Perkins Home — Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright and daughter, Donna, of Medford, spent the weekend in Roseburg as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Perkins, and family.

Convalescing — According to word received here, Richard Levy is convalescing satisfactorily at his home in Portland, following a recent serious major operation. Levy was formerly manager of the advertising department of the News-Review. His wife is the former Lois Byrd of this city. She is a teacher in Catlin School in Portland.

Spend Weekend In Medford — Mr. and Mrs. Don Hagedorn of Roseburg spent the weekend in Medford as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bowen, Sunday. Mr. Hagedorn, who is state vice president of the Jaycees, presided over the District No. 3 board meeting of that organization. Joining Hagedorn from Roseburg Sunday for the board meeting were Dr. Verne Anderson, Charlie Blanks, Bob Raffensperger, Jean Petrequin and Dick Nichols.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Much to their surprise, two high-powered national survey outfits have discovered that the American people aren't very worried about the threat of communism on the one hand, or the loss of their civil liberties to reactionary forces fighting communism, on the other hand.

Less than 1 per cent of the people interviewed in these twin public opinion polls said they were worried about communism.

Only 8 per cent of people interviewed said they were concerned about the international situation or war.

WHEN THE INTERVIEWERS followed this up with a leading question like: "What do you think about world affairs — are you concerned about them?" — 20 per cent said they guessed they were but that's all.

These somewhat astonishing results were based on 6500 interviews made by 500 Gallup and University of Chicago investigators all over the country last May, June and July.

The Army-McCarthy hearings were going on in Washington at this time. Most Americans said:

In The Day's News

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early days of the war, when he needed our help badly to stop Hitler, he knew we were suspicious of communists (with good reason it has turned out.) So, about every so often, he would call in some high-ranking American correspondent and let fly with an interview telling how he loved his American allies and how he was going to huddle communism so it couldn't ever, EVER bother us any more with spies and saboteurs and such cattle.

Then he would go right on plotting to cut our throats just as soon as we had helped communism out of its hole.

Do you remember, Virgil and his Aeneid that you struggled with back in your high school or early college years?

He gave us some good advice. Telling of the wooden horse that Ulysses left as a gift before the walls of Troy when he and his Greeks pretended to give up the siege of the city, Virgil observed sagely:

"I fear the Greeks, even when they come bearing gifts."

(The Trojans, you know, jumped to the conclusion that the Greeks had changed their minds about capturing Troy and putting its defenders to the sword, and as evidence of their change had left the horse as an offering of peace and good will. So they dragged the animal inside their walls. It was filled with Greeks who, as soon as night fell, came out of the horse and opened the city's gates to Ulysses' men, who had come back under the cover of darkness. They poured through the opened gates and took the town.)

These communist Joe's—both old Joe Stalin and old Joe Un Lie—seem to be determinedly following Ulysses' tactics before the walls of Troy.

If we let ourselves fall for it, we'll suffer the fate that we suffered by the too credulous Trojans.

Enjoy Weekend — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grant and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bowker and son, David, of Roseburg, spent the weekend at Pantley's, near Depoe Bay.

Here On Business — H. J. Chandler Jr., radio director for the Southern Oregon Publishing Company, Klamath Falls, is in Roseburg attending to business.

Returns Here — Jim Marr, of the Dillard Motor Company, has returned here, following several days in Tigard attending a brake school.

Returns From Portland — The Rev. Harry Hampton, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, has returned here from a business trip to Portland.

Called To Nebraska — R. R. Parsons of Roseburg has left for Lincoln, Neb., where he was called by the death of his brother-in-law, Ross Perschal.

Move To Roseburg — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harborow have moved from Green into an apartment at 726 Mill Street to make their home.

Mrs. Taylor Better — Mrs. H. A. Taylor, who was taken to Douglas Community Hospital last Thursday for medical treatment, is reported improving.

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Reported Better — Robert LeRoy Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jensen of Roseburg, is reported improved in health at Madigan Hospital. He is stationed at Fort Lewis.

Leaves For East — Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wharton, Mrs. Edith Gilmore, of Roseburg, and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Bruce Burns, Jamestown, N.Y., took the latter's husband to Eugene over the weekend, where Mr. Burns took the plane for his home in New York. Mrs. Burns plans to make a longer visit here with her mother, Mrs. Gilmore; her sister, Mrs. Charles Collins, and family, and with her uncle, H. O. Pargeter.

This survey was made for the Fund for the Republic, a Ford Foundation-endowed research group. Its head was originally Clifford P. Case, now Republican senator from New Jersey. Present head is Robert M. Hutchins, former president of Chicago University and Ford Foundation.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY will be published in book form this month under the title of "Communism, Conformity and Civil Liberties." The text was written by Dr. Samuel A. Stouffer, professor of sociology at Harvard.

The purpose of this survey was simply to learn the truth about American attitudes on these controversial subjects. The fund's directors feared that American freedoms were being endangered by a wave of reaction that was near to fascism. But it wanted to get the facts. What it will do about the facts now that it has them is the next question.

One point of view is that since less than 1 per cent of some American people are concerned about communism and civil liberties, there's nothing to bother about. The other point of view is that since the American people are so little worried about these things, there is need of a great educational campaign to awaken them to the dangers of the international situation and loss of freedom.

BUT WHAT IS PERHAPS even more interesting than this is the discovery by the opinion surveyers of what the American people really are worried about. There is one chapter in "Communism, Conformity and Civil Liberties" which reports on the subjects which the American people were most worried about last summer. Forty-three per cent of all the people interviewed volunteered the information that they were most worried about personal business or family economic problems. Twenty-four per cent were worried about health. Here, in condensed form, are typical answers: "How to make a living for my family. . . The weather and my crops. . . Security. . . The mortgage. . . The baby. . . Paying bills. . . My job. . . My health. . . I worry about my pension. . . I've been laid off three months. . . My marriage. . . My children's future."

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Spend Day In Eugene — Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Stanton of Roseburg spent Sunday in Eugene visiting relatives and friends.

Return Here — Attorney and Mrs. George Luoma, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Woodworth and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cummins have returned to their homes in Roseburg, following a trip to Salem to be guests of Senator and Mrs. Paul Geddes. After the Legislature closed Saturday, the group and Senator and Mrs. Geddes spent the weekend at the coast.

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