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POLITICAL TREND

Charles V. Stanton

A recent opinion poll conducted by Congressman Harris Ellsworth in the Fourth Congressional District is most revealing. Results show a decidedly conservative trend. It also indicates disagreement with some of the issues for which Oregon's two senators are pressing most vigorously.

One of the surprising features of the poll is the large response.

Ellsworth mailed his questionnaire to 12,000 residents of the district "without regard to politics or occupation." He received more than 1,200 replies, or approximately 10 per cent. An opinion poll of this type gaining as much as 5 per cent is considered exceptional. The response received by Ellsworth can be interpreted as showing an unusual interest in governmental activities.

In response to a question of whether postal rates should be increased to meet deficits, 73 per cent of the replies were in the affirmative, 23 per cent were negatvie. The issue of more federally subsidized housing brought answers of 19 per cent yes, 72 per cent no.

Replies favored Eisenhower's highway construction program 81 per cent to 11 per cent. Less government competition with private business drew a vote of 77 per cent yes, 18 per cent no, while 82 per cent favored balancing the budget before making tax reductions as opposed to 14 per cent wanting tax reductions without balancing the budget.

Farm Subsidies Opposed

Farmers preferred permitting agricultural commodities to find their own market level, 47 per cent marking their questionnaire against subsidies. Thirty-nine per cent preferred flexible price supports. Only six per cent wanted high price supports and production controls.

Non-farmers, showed 54 per cent preference for flexible price supports.

Partnership construction of multiple-purpose dams was favored by 59.8 per cent of voters replying to the questionnaire. Public construction, by federal, state and publicly owned power bodies, was favored by 22.5 per cent. Only 17.7 per cent favored construction entirely by the federal government.

Other replies to the question "Do you favor" were: federal aid to build schools (in percentages) 53 yes, 40 no; increased social security payments supported by larger payroll deductions, 48 yes, 44 no; federal health reinsurance program, whereby the federal government would assume exceptional risks to encourage expansion of private health insurance, 33 yes, 54 no; exchange of atomic secrets between the United States and its allies, 37 yes, 45 no.

In all the above listings of results, the "Do not know" percentage has been excluded.

Question Of Representation

The replies to Ellsworth's questionnaire raise the question of representation in Congress. I do not believe that a member of Congress need always follow majority opinion of his constituents. He usually has more information on any issue and a broader outlook than the average citizen, as the latter is more apt to be influenced by the localized or provincial situation. But when an opinion poll shows such a pronounced conservative trend, it is questionable how well the people of Oregon are represented by members of Congress who lean toward the opposite extreme.

There already has been screams from the left-wing side that Ellsworth's questionnaire was "loaded;" that it isn't a true reflection of opinion. But it is hard to escape the unusual percentage of replies and the exceptionally large number of additional comments accompanying many of the returns.

Political observers have been very interested in what appears to be a very definite trend away from Socialism in elections all over the world. The replies to Ellsworth's questionnaire can be interpreted as indicating the same swing is evident in the Fourth Congressional District of Oregon.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — The hand that rocks the cradle is now reaching out to rule the automobile.

The motor car in the past has been pretty much a masculine creation, built to appeal to the eye and mind of that manly fellow, the American husband.

But the great sales market today is little Mrs. Moneybags herself—the American wife, who hoards or dispenses the family bundle of scratch. To please her the motor car of the future will be more feminine—and don't be surprised if it ends up with venetian blinds and lace curtains.

A sign of the times is the fact a major car manufacturer has retained Melanie Kahane, the well known interior designer, to outfit a car experimentally "from the woman's point of view."

Mrs. Kahane, who previously had designed everything from men's cufflinks to kitchen cabinets, from sofas to gas stations, pounced gleefully on the opportunity to feminize the motor car.

She feels deeply that male designing genius has exhausted itself on such items as chrome lights and horns that bay coyly, "ho-beep-o-beeeeeeeeeeep!"

"What happens to the home must happen to the motor car," she said firmly. "The public is satiated with external gadgets. There has been too much frosting on the cake.

"The interior of the car must be made more comfortable. A car must become more than merely a vehicle for transportation. It must be made more comfortable—and become a kind of home on wheels."

As she envisions it this traveling home will have many of the comforts of the kitchen, boudoir, and living room, and even some of the conveniences of the bathroom.

"Take the glove compartment of the average automobile," she said. "It is just so much wasted space. It is just a cluttered catch-all, like the attic in an old house.

"This space can be redesigned to hold a woman's makeup kit, a man's electric razor, shaving lotion and disposable towels.

"I also see no reason why we can't have the equivalent of a small pullman sink off the dashboard to freshen up while traveling. It could also provide cold drinking water."

Some other suggested improvements by Mrs. Kahane:

"A slot under the front seat to hold an umbrella."

"A pillow with a zippered space holding a plastic raincoat—you never have a raincoat handy in a car when you really need it."

"A space under the right front arm rest to hold a lady's handbag or a man's portfolio." (A traveling bachelor might even find this a handy place to carry his etchings, if he's really going to make his car a home!)

"A footwarmer, hair dryer, electric heating unit for warming up a cup of coffee en route, and a massage machine to eliminate fatigue while on the road."

"A folding stand-up canvas bathhouse in the storage compartment that will enable a woman to change her clothing in privacy."

Specially designed luggage that will fit the space in the rear trunk compartment exactly, thus simplifying packing."

Do these ideas seem revolutionary to you? They don't to Mrs. Kahane, who has applied for patents on some of them.

"I'm not riding on cloud No. 7," she said firmly. "If they are going to sell cars to women, they have to be made more comfortable."

WHICH WAY ?

Daily Bible Reading

Message By Roseburg Ministerial Association

TODAY'S TEXT:

ISAIAH 9:2-7

Every parent can readily understand the thrill that comes with the announcement of the birth of a child—the arrival of a son. Such an event kindles within the heart of every mother the fondest of hopes and noblest of ambitions for her boy. Perhaps he will become a successful businessman, a brilliant scientist, a distinguished statesman, or even president!

In today's scripture reading, the prophet Isaiah, with glowing words, pictures the coming of the greatest of all statesmen—the government shall be upon His shoulder. He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. He shall reign with justice and with righteousness.

It is this wonderful one whose coming as the babe of Bethlehem we celebrate this happy season. May He come in reality bringing peace and joy to every heart.

REV. KENNETH D. DOOLEY
North Roseburg Church
Evangelical United Brethren

Board Of Control Refuses To Sell Hospital Land

SALEM (AP) — The State Board of Control refused Tuesday to accept a proposal by the Pendleton school district that the state sell eight acres of Eastern Oregon State Hospital land for $2,500.

The district wants the land for a new high school.

The board said two appraisers had appraised the land at $11,700. The school district says the property is wasteland, and worth only $2,500.

"It would be dangerous," Gov. Paul Patterson said, "for this board to sell land at less than 25 per cent of the appraised value. We have no desire to hold up the school district."

The board said it will try to make a trade with the school board, which now owns some land on which the board might wish to build houses for staff members of the hospital.

Board members said that Dr. Donald Wait, superintendent of the hospital, wants to sell the land to the school district in order to prevent commercial development on the property.

The school district has bought a golf course adjacent to the eight acres for the high school site.

Chiloquin Man Found Beaten, Badly Slashed

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — Roland Lalo, 39, Chiloquin, was found unconscious Monday night, bleeding from numerous cuts that required 58 stitches.

Alive Youngblood, sheriff's deputy, said he found Lalo in the Pat Jackson ranchhouse at Chiloquin Junction. On that ranch two persons have been slain in the past two years.

Sheriff Murray Britton said Lalo apparently had been gashed by broken bottles.

The sheriff said two young women are sought for questioning.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON—(NEA) — Signs are multiplying that President Eisenhower will be persuaded to run for a second term.

This is forcing millions of American voters to make one of those "agonizing reappraisals."

Fact Number One they have to face is the record of what happened in 1944.

The Democrats had built up the indispensability of President Roosevelt. He was elected for a fourth term even though he was obviously a sick man all through his last year in office. He died five months later.

Knowing that President Eisenhower has had a heart attack, there will be a calculated risk that he might suffer a relapse. He might be unable to carry on his job.

Are the voters willing to assume responsibility for that?

Or put the question another way: Knowing the President's age and physical condition, would the American people be willing to condemn him to an unnaturally early breakdown by asking him to assume the heavy White House responsibilities for another four years?

FACT NUMBER TWO is that President Eisenhower is not likely to cast aside his vice president, Richard M. Nixon.

What this means is that if the President is not able to run for a second term—or if he is not able to complete a second term—Nixon is his logical successor.

A runaway Republican National Convention might upset this choice. But an open Eisenhower endorsement of Nixon would make his rejection unlikely.

As vice president, Nixon has so far given complete support to the Eisenhower policies. But there is some doubt that if Nixon should succeed to the presidency, the Eisenhower program of moderate progressivism would be continued.

As one California GOP leader puts it, tongue in cheek: "The people who support Nixon believe in repealing the income tax and withdrawing from the United Nations."

The question for the voters, therefore, is whether they want a retreat from the Eisenhower program.

FACT NUMBER THREE is that there is still a sizable element in the Republican party which does not approve of Eisenhower's internationalism and limited progressivism.

This GOP Old Guard would prefer to see Eisenhower succeeded by a more conservative president. Much of the support for an Eisenhower-Nixon—or preferably Eisenhower - Knowland ticket — comes from this group.

The question for the voters is whether they want to see a further swing to the right.

FACT NUMBER FOUR is that there is a concerted effort being made to lighten the President's work load.

Such a reform has, of course, been long overdue.

Some of the people who think Eisenhower goes too far towards liberalism would probably like to see this happen.

They'd be perfectly willing to have an inactive President in the White House as an idealistic symbol, with a more conservative Cabinet actually running the government.

The question for the voters is whether they want a part-time President continued in office.

These are four stark and perhaps inconsiderate questions to raise. But they are being freely discussed in Washington and probably every other crossroad in the country. And there is no reason why they shouldn't be brought out in the open and freely debated now.

In The Day's News

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ped the project. Hereafter the overtime parker will be socked with the usual 50-cent fine.

Ah, me!

Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn.

Still—

The Prineville city council's experiment points a moral that is of considerable importance in the business world — and it is a BUSINESS world that we live in. The moral is this:

YOU CAN'T SELL IT IF YOU'RE WILLING TO GIVE IT AWAY.

Parking space is a part of the modern city's stock in trade. By selling it at so much per minute and COLLECTING THE PURCHASE PRICE the city gains revenue with which to pay its operating expenses, such as police and fire protection, street repair, etc.

Looked at in that light, the collection of parking fees is strictly business transaction. But when business principles are not followed — that is to say, when it is left up to the customer to pay or not to pay — it assumes the shape of a Lady Bountiful gift.

I expect that if a general merchandise store left it up to its customers to pay or not to pay it would find that a considerable number of them walked off without paying. Human nature, you know, is human nature.

That suggests another thought: If a business house should inaugurate the policy of leaving it up to its customers to pay or not to pay as they chose, it would probably come in time to be looked upon as an EASY MARK, and too many of its customers would fall into the habit of walking off with the merchandise and not paying for it.

I doubt if these customers who walked off without paying would properly appreciate what was being done for them. I'm afraid that a majority of them would come to look upon the establishment with a certain amount of contempt.

Let's close with this thought:

For nearly a decade, the United States of America has been shelling out money in large sums for what it calls foreign aid. It has demanded little, if anything, in the way of payment, merely hoping that the good will it would gain throughout the world would repay it for the money it has given away.

Is that hope being realized?

I wonder.

There are times when I doubt it

Forestry Dept. Receives Requests For Seedlings

SALEM (AP) — The State Forestry Department has received more requests for forest tree seedlings in the past four weeks than during the entire 1954-55 planting season, the department said Tuesday.

It has received requests for 1,500,000 trees in four weeks. Most of these requests come from farmers.

The strongest demand has been for noble and grand firs, indicating that farmers are planting them for the Christmas tree trade.

The department's supply of those firs is exhausted, but there still are some Douglas firs left.

Extortion Attempt Made On Safeway Manager

EUGENE (AP) — A weekend extortion attempt upon the manager of a Safeway store was disclosed Tuesday by Police Chief Vern Hill.

He said the extortionists wrote a note Saturday to Howard Barnhart, claiming that his wife had been kidnapped and demanding that he put the store's receipts in a box at the store parking lot for her safe release.

Barnhart telephoned home and learned his wife was not kidnapped, then called police. Mrs. Barnhart was placed under police protection and a watch was made on the parking lot.

Hill described the extortion attempt as "amateurish." He said the police department had delayed reporting the case until detectives checked out several suspects.

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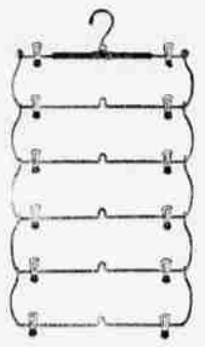

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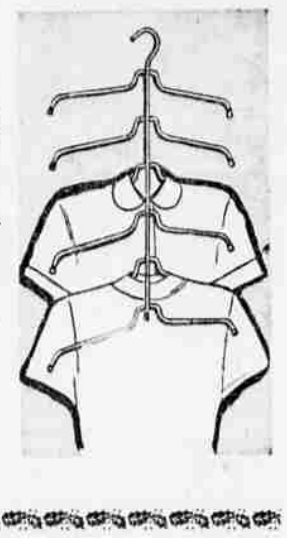

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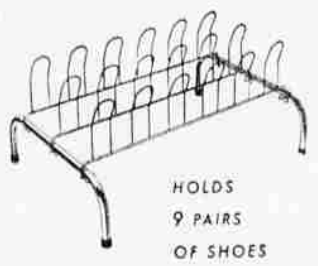

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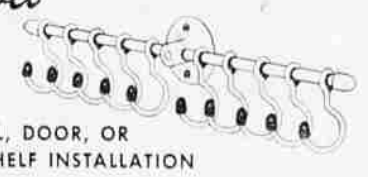

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