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CALIFORNIA FREEWAYS

Charles V. Stanton

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Now I know what all this shouting for more federal highway money is about! I shout too! There just ain't enough space on our present highways, particularly down here, for me and all the other automatons.

Most of you know what I'm talking about. You've been here too!

I mentioned previously that driving has advantages over flying. But flying has a lot of advantages over ground travel, particularly on Los Angeles freeways just before dusk, when everyone is trying to get home in a hurry — and everyone lives on the outskirts of town, it seems.

And it isn't only the freeways! Coming over the Grapevine today, it appeared that some driver, judging from the activities going on, had dropped off into one of the deep canyons. We didn't stop to join the crowd of curious. I'm nervous, and it might have put ideas into my head. What an easy way to get out of a traffic jam!

Not long ago, Bill Jenkins, who writes a column in our sister paper, the *Klamath Falls Herald and News*, was complaining about the power they're building into modern automobiles. And we even have a congressman from Oregon who wants to limit speed and horsepower on motor vehicles.

How in tarnation could California keep its population within bounds if we cut down the accident toll? And, if more people live, more people will live in California, and more people will drive California freeways, and how more people can drive California freeways, the way people drive, is beyond me.

Incarnation Theory

No, sir! When I come this way again — on the ground that is — I want the most powerful motor I can get, and bumpers made of railroad steel, so I can act like a Californian. Then, I too, can push my way in and out of lanes, crawl into a space half the length of my car, while traveling 80 miles an hour, and keep my car from getting squeezed front and back until it looks like an accordion.

However, I have a theory about myself. If there's any truth to this Bridey Murphy stuff, I think I must be the reincarnation of Ben Hur.

It seems every time I get into one of these freeway hassles, I instinctively and subconsciously act like I was on the Indianapolis speedway. Of course, this isn't much different, except there are more engines.

California reportedly has a speed limit of 55 miles an hour. You see it placarded everywhere. However, it must be a minimum speed. I've seen cops several times along the highway handing out tickets to luckless motorists. I'm sure, however, it must have been for blocking the highway by going less than 55 mph. Certainly it couldn't have been for doing too fast, because everybody seems to be going as fast as possible.

But getting back to this race stuff, it seems like I can't overcome the good old competitive spirit. I'm not conscious of it, of course — only unconscious. But I find myself trying to pass every car on the freeway. Now, any fool, even I, knows you can't pass every car on a freeway. But this is one place they can kill you for trying.

I can't stand to see anyone ahead of me. And when they're stretched out as far as the eye can see, I keep pushing down harder and harder on the gas feed, weaving in and around cars and trucks, taking advantage of every opening, and, as I've learned from like drivers down this way, keep the big boys pinned to the post so they can't get out and beat us to the next hole.

New Highways In Making

I haven't won a freeway race yet, but I still have hopes. At least I've been making progress.

Had a bad let down today, though. I had just lapped a big Chrysler, and was opening up for a slant through traffic, when one of these little Volkswagens sailed by me as if I was standing still, did the sweetest job of broken field running I've ever seen, and was out of sight before I could pull my sagging jaw back in position.

I'd sure like to know what kind of souped-up motor he has in that thing.

Of course, I'm only kidding. Things aren't like that at all. They're worse!

But California has some wonderful roads. They will have even better roads soon. Everywhere down this way, new roads are under construction. Some work has been stopped temporarily, because crews, as I told you before, were called in to help repair flood damage in the northern part of the state.

But it won't be long until California's highway system will be greatly improved.

Then, if they can keep some of us reincarnated speed apes off their good roads, maybe the people who work in downtown L.A. won't have so much trouble getting home at night.

Hal Boyle

By RELMAN MORIN
For HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — President Eisenhower's illness has had some interesting and far-reaching effects on the whole story of heart trouble in the United States.

It is as though a curtain had been pulled, letting in a lot of light.

This thought struck me forcibly during some recent political pulse-taking along the Atlantic Seaboard. I talked with politicians and corporation heads, but most with plain John Smith, the voter, and his wife. The question of the President's physical condition naturally figured in most of these conversations.

Several things emerged. People now have a very good idea of exactly what happens in a "heart attack."

Newspapers published an immense amount of basic information and explanation, along with charts and diagrams, after the President was stricken. In short, the ABC's of this disability are pretty well known now whereas, before, it was a mysterious and terrifying subject to most of us.

Also, business executives discovered that they have more cardiac cases in their organization than they realized. "I was surprised about some in this office," said a New York business leader. "I never would have suspected them."

Still another result seems to have been that people who had heart attacks have lost some shyness about discussing the problem.

I met several who, in discussing the coming election, quietly volunteered the information that they had been through the same experience as Eisenhower, (and ex-



IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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down. He is leading in three of the remaining six delegate contests.

He has at present 56 per cent of the total vote and Stevenson has 44 per cent. The popular vote so far is Kefauver 205,965 and Stevenson 139,578.

Add what happened in Minnesota to what happened in New Hampshire the other day and you have the makings of a drive for the Democratic nomination for President that can't be laughed off.

Kefauver's Minnesota victory is all the more striking because Stevenson ran with the endorsement and the positive and vigorous assistance of the state Democratic organization. He was actively supported by the state's Democratic Governor Orville Freeman and by Democratic Senator Hubert Humphrey.

Humphrey is not only a big duck in the Minnesota pond. He is one of the prominent leaders in the dominant wing of the Democratic Party in the nation.

That might be a straw in the political winds that will be worth watching.

President Eisenhower is conceding stronger than the professional leadership of the Republican party. After Minnesota and New Hampshire, it must be generally admitted that Kefauver is stronger among the people than the Democratic Party's professional leadership.

Maybe the people are REBEL- LING against professional party leadership.

Stevenson supporters are contending that the upset victory for Kefauver came because Republicans crossed into the Democratic column TO VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE WHO WOULD BE THE EASIEST TO BEAT. Cross-over voting is possible in Minnesota because there is no party registration.

I can't help doubting that. If you get the opportunity for a cross-over, which Kefauver in action in a crowd, get into the line and shake hands with him. After the handshake, analyze your own reactions.

I think you'll come out of the experience liking the man and

mention the fact that I have, too.

Incidentally, three out of four said they would vote for him, although one man said he thought the President was "foolish" to undertake a second term.

Another story seems funny now to the man who lived through it. He said that for years, he has pains in his chest and an occasional flutter, and was convinced he had heart trouble. He told nobody, and said he couldn't bring himself to see his doctor and get the verdict. Instead, he lived in a constant state of dread. Then the President's case steered him to have an examination. It showed a spinal dislocation.

All he needed, he said, was a built-up shoe.

Unquestionably, some of the panic and terror about heart disease has been dispelled simply by the publicity the President's attack brought to it.

People know that thousands of others have had attacks, survived them, and gone on to live happy and useful lives. They know the "cardiac" is not an invalid.

Statistics in the United States are sometimes called "alarming." But the odds are still heavily in your favor that you won't have an attack. One corporation, which had had a number of cases in a given year, discovered they amounted to exactly 1 out of every 100 employees.

It seems certain, too, that more money now will go to research into the causes of heart disease. Heart-fund organizations say they have not fared well, comparatively, although the need is great.

Finally, there is a school of thought which believes that public discussion of this problem is harmful, that it may induce anxiety and apprehension, and perhaps actually bring on heart attacks.

But there is also a saying, "The truth shall set you free."

thinking he has a real interest in YOU. He has the quality of personal charm that in these days goes very far indeed in politics. Stevenson, on the other hand, appeals more to the intellect than to the heart. You admire and respect him, but you don't go out and throw your hat and yell yourself hoarse for him. Personally, I think Kefauver would be a harder man for the Republicans to beat than Stevenson.

I can't take much stock in the theory that his victory in Minnesota was engineered by Republicans who came over on the Democratic side to vote for him as the weakest candidate.

Douglas Welfare Workers Attend Salem Sessions

The Oregon State Conference of Social Work got under way Thursday in Salem.

Attending the two-day event are several members of the Douglas County Welfare Dept. staff. They are slated to hear keynote lecturer Arthur Dunning, University of California School of Social Welfare, discuss "It Takes a Team to Rehabilitate" in the first morning session.

Other major speakers will include Dr. Homer G. Barnett, University of Oregon Anthropology Dept. and Administrator Los Howard, Mason, State Public Welfare Commission.

Topics for discussion include rehabilitation, federal public welfare legislation, teamwork with the family and community responsibility.

Attending the conference are Miss Mabel Runyan, Miss Lucile Lewis, Miss Helen Falbe, Miss Lee Yeager, Miss Barbara Barrett and Mrs. Mildred Hayes. Administrator Los Howard and Mrs. Martha Gates tentatively hope to make the Friday sessions.

Rep. Ellsworth To Spend Easter Recess In Oregon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Ellsworth R-Ore. said Wednesday he plans to spend at least a week of the congressional Easter recess in his home district.

He will leave here March 29, arriving in Roseburg the next day to attend the dedication of a new wing on the courthouse.

He said he also will visit Eugene and make a swing through each of the various counties in connection with legislative and other matters.

Bruce Biossat

The year 1956 might see the strongest third party movement in this country in three decades. The key to this prospect is the kind of civil rights plank the Democrats put in their party platform at the national convention opening in Chicago next August.

Eight years ago northern Democrats, led by Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota (then mayor of Minneapolis), succeeded in getting the convention to adopt a stiff civil rights plank. Many southern delegates walked out in a sizable revolt.

Later the so-called States Rights party was formed, with the then Gov. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina as presidential nominee.

THIS TICKET won the electoral votes of four states—South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. The defection contributed importantly to the closeness of the Truman-Dewey outcome.

It should be recalled that the platform plank which precipitated the 1948 rebellion was simply a pledge to press civil rights matters. No major national legislation and no major Supreme Court decision were on the books at that time.

In 1956 the situation is much

Reader Opinions

Timid Woman Can Find Outlet On Committee

MILWAUKIE — How does a timid woman get active politically in a question on many women's minds today. As vice-chairman of my county Democratic committee, I'm probably asked that question more often than the average citizen. I think an answer at this time is particularly timely.

I feel that becoming a precinct committee woman in your own neighborhood, be you Democrat or Republican, is the quickest, easiest way to "get into politics."

Most precincts are composed of approximately 300 voters. As precinct committee woman, you perform the service of calling personally on your neighbors, telling them where and how to register, furnish them with candidates literature and sample ballots. In general, you become the hub around which your voters can revolve.

Timid souls will find the work stimulating, informative and one for which she'll receive "many thanks" from her neighbors as well as candidates running for office.

Filing for precinct work closed March 9, but you can become a precinct worker by writing in your own name on the ballot at the May primary under PRECINCT COMMITTEE WOMAN. If you want to make sure that you are elected, ask your neighbors to write your name there, too.

Take the first step, ladies: You'll get lots of help. You soon will be living! Hasn't everyone said that more women should take an active interest in politics?

BEULAH J. HAND
Milwaukee, Oregon

65 Rebels Killed During Clashes With French

ALGIER, Algeria (AP) — Sixty-five rebels have been killed in scattered clashes with French forces in the last 24 hours, French authorities also reported the discovery of 20 political assassinations.

The bodies of 15 Moslems were found near Seddouh after what appeared to be a fight between two rebel factions—the National Algerian Movement and the National Liberation Front.

The French continued to strengthen their forces in Algeria, with reinforcements expected soon to swell into a large stream.

more acute. The Supreme Court is on record as demanding the abolition of racial segregation in public schools. The South is in wide and vigorous revolt against this decision. Nearly 100 southern senators and congressmen have condemned the decision.

AT CHICAGO the test will come. Responsible northern Democrats indicate plainly their intention to seek once more a tough civil rights plank in support of the high court. Responsible southerners say just as clearly that if such a plank is put over they will walk out again.

Should that happen, a third party is freshly predicted by key southern lawmakers. There is a strong possibility, indeed, that such a party would draw much heavier support this time than did the States Rights ticket in 1948.

For one thing, feeling runs much higher in the South generally. For another, this has related itself in creation of many organizations which conceivably could be adapted to political purposes.

In 1952 the Taft-Eisenhower battle gave the Republicans their sharpest internal divisions in 40 years. The Democrats may well match them in 1956.

LENTEN GUIDEPOSTS

WORDS I LIVE BY
By William Nichols
Editor of This Week Magazine

As a layman, I am not sure I know just what is meant by the term "religious experience" nor do I think I have the right to use it in this case.

And yet I do know that the words I am going to give you "came" to me, like a miracle, at a time when I was in very great trouble. I know, too, that they lifted me out of trouble. And, ever since, they have been with me, guiding and helping.

To tell the whole story would be too long and too personal. It is enough to say that it happened a long time ago.

It was during one of those "down" periods which, I suppose, come to everybody at some point in a period when everything goes black, and one feels paralyzed by doubt, self-pity and fear.

A Sleepless Night
It was at such a time that my

words came — early one morning after a night of anguish, tossing semi-sleep, when it had seemed impossible to find enough courage to meet another day and face up to some heavy responsibilities which lay just ahead.

Whether I heard the words, or saw them, I cannot say. All I know is that there was a moment when I suddenly became aware of them, and felt them inside me with an almost luminous intensity — and that moment was a turning point in my life.

Since then these words have been always with me — a steady, unfailing source of courage and inspiration. I treasure them partly for what they say; partly because I think of them, truly, as a gift from God.

The words? Here they are: "Try to get through to help the other people."

Simple But Powerful
These are such simple plain-Jane words. So homespun and ordinary.

Yet in my case, at least, that is what gives them power. Somehow they seem to fit me and my everyday life and problems. In them there is nothing learned or "literary" or far away. But there is a sort of four-fold lift in them.

1. First, the word — "Try." To me it seems to say: "Look, you aren't supposed to be perfect; you're supposed just to do your best, to make an effort — in short, to try — and if sometimes you fail, as all men do, then you can still try, and try again."

2. Next, — "to get through." That has a double meaning. First, it means "get through" in the sense of "getting up" of finishing, or having done with, all those childish doubts, fears and self-doubts which hamper an immature personality. Second, "get through" means also to break through in the sense of overcoming, or bursting out from that tight confining wall of selfishness and egotism which cuts so many of us off from the world and from each other.

3. The next words — "to help" — speak for themselves. They sum up the whole idea of losing yourself, of forgetting yourself, for someone or something else.

4. And whom shall we help? Why of course — "The other people." These closing words mean very much, for they wipe away the idea that anybody is higher or better or holier than anybody else. And the challenge, the opportunity which God gives us, over and over, day after day, is the chance to help one another. It is the greatest grace there is.

These then are my Words to Live By: "Try to get through to help the other people." Since I first heard them, I know with an absolute conviction that my only true moments of happiness, fulfillment or success have come on those occasions when I have been able to feel their message: to forget myself (that is, "get through") — and then to "help the other people."

TOMORROW — Wayne A. Johnson, president of the Illinois Central railroad, tells how the inspiration and faith of his mother played a big part in his success.

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One American Puts Out Work Of 2½ Russians

MOSCOW (AP) — Pravda said Wednesday it takes 2½ Soviet workers to match the output of one American.

The paper said this lag is very serious but that nevertheless present Soviet labor productivity represents an increase of eight times since the revolution of 1917.

This is the first time the Soviet press has revealed a comparison output per worker.

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