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CAMPS FOR DELINQUENTS

By Charles V. Stanton

Establishment of work camps for juvenile delinquents, similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps of the depression era, was discussed recently by *The Myrtle Creek Mail*.

Editor Hal Schiltz, reporting conversations with Circuit Judge Charles Woodrich, quoted the judge as looking with favor on such camps. Schiltz proposes a joint venture between Lane and Douglas Counties, inasmuch as Lane County has set up a juvenile detention home. It would be feasible, says the Myrtle Creek editor, for Douglas County to use the Lane County detention facilities, while Douglas County set up work camps in which Lane County could share, with each paying the other set fees for the use of their facilities on a per member basis.

The Myrtle Creek Mail explains:

Judge Woodrich points out that at present the judge has only three options when a juvenile has been apprehended and convicted of a charge against the community in which he lives. These are: 1. Sentence to the MacLaren School for Boys at Woodburn; 2. Placement in a foster home for a certain period; 3. Parole to parents or some understanding person in his community to whom the juvenile will report during his parole period.

The judge points out rightly that a juvenile, who may be guilty of a moderate offense for which he needs to be punished should not be sent to MacLaren School, where, of necessity, other boys who have committed the worse type of offenses must be sent. He believes that there is as much chance or more for loss of the boy to deeper criminal association than there is for reformation and restoration.

Options Not Effective

Concerning the other two options, they are not always very effective. In the case of the foster home plan, who, indeed, wants the care of a juvenile, particularly a teen-ager, who already gives indications of criminal character, even though they be but moderately offensive ones? As for parole, it is too easy for the boys to escape the close scrutiny that is really required during the period to do him real good.

Use of the work camp idea has been urged on several occasions in this column as a means of dealing with juvenile offenders.

As Editor Schiltz points out "the salvage rate has not been very high" under our current methods of dealing with the juvenile problem. Failure to reform a larger percentage of offenders is proof that our methods are inadequate.

It is possible that the work camp might also be a failure. The idea is not fully comparable with the CCC camps, because the boys who joined the CCC's during depression days were not delinquents. There were, however, some cases in which a large number of boys from a slum district of a large city were formed into a camp, and a great many of these boys had records of delinquency. I well recall one such camp in Douglas County. Some of the reformations were miraculous.

Plenty Of Work Projects

Douglas and Lane Counties would have plenty of projects to keep a large number of youngsters busy. Our county parks program, for example, could use a lot of that kind of labor. We also have hundreds of miles of county roads where brush clearance would expose the beautiful scenery now hidden from the traveler.

There is something therapeutic in outdoor work.

Let's take the imaginary case of young Joe Doakes, arrested and convicted of vandalism, who, assigned to a work camp, helped create a county park. Can you imagine the feelings of young Doakes, if someone came along and defaced the work he had done with his own hands? Wouldn't that cure him of his social ailment? I believe it would.

Establishment and operation of work camps probably would be expensive. But would they, in the long run, be more expensive than handling the repeaters who go through the juvenile court, many of whom will end up as lifetime public charges in our penitentiaries?

I believe that the camp idea deserves a trial, and that the joint venture suggested by Editor Schiltz should be thoroughly explored. The courts at least would have an opportunity to try an experiment, with the possibility of developing something other than the three very questionable options now available.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Most of the 165-to-170 million Americans do not quite realize that one man among them can by one word plunge them all into war.

The word is "attack!" The one man who can lawfully say the word is the President of the United States.

The power of the President as commander in chief of the nation's armed forces is sometimes forgotten or overlooked by the voters who elect a president.

The U.S. Senate may have to approve a foreign treaty to make it legal, and only Congress can declare war. But it is the President who can order at any time when the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force should go into action—naturally on an emergency basis. This means you can have a war before it's voted.

All big wars usually start from military motives. There is a border. Each side complains the other violates the border. There is a period of mutual blame and mutual hollers of innocence. It's the other fellow who is wrong.

Finally one of the fellows crosses the border in real power—and doesn't stop. The reaction has to come, at once, or later, when he is stretched out and more vulnerable. But he has hit a small match and set a big world on fire, and in time the flames at great cost will consume him, his empire and his dreams. Sometimes even his relatives.

This is the history of war. No man in history could be more aware of the effect of a military decision than a former artillery captain called Harry Truman who made the greatest single military decision in the long story of the human race.

In the year 1945 by his orders an atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6 and—by a quirk of fate and weather—an-

other was exploded over Nagasaki on Aug. 9.

The immortal statistics remain. Without the shedding of one more drop of American blood a stunned Japan, then an enemy, ceased fighting.

No other man since the morning of time had shouldered the responsibility of creating so many deaths in two crisp days.

As architect of the first entrance of American arms into Korea, Truman first won U. S. and then half the world's applause. But, though Congress quickly backed him up, it was he alone who said when the first planes should fly.

The other night, in addressing the Overseas Press Club here, Truman made an interesting off-the-cuff addition to his prepared text.

"Only the President of the United States," he said, "can give us the facts about foreign policy because the President of the United States makes the foreign policy and no one else does."

While such a remark has current political overtones, of course, and reflects perhaps what his critics often say is a tendency by Truman toward overstatement, the stern truth is that the authority of an American president in

"He's Raving Mad—That's How I Got in Here"



Peter Edson

In The Day's News

(Continued From Page One)

WASHINGTON (NEA)—The big drive to lighten President Eisenhower's burdens is not going to make him a hermit.

This was proved the other day when he received a delegation of six 4-H Club national award winners. They were three farm boys and three girls—scrubbed, corn-fed and good looking.

Angela Heine of Ellendale, N.D., and Franklin McKay of Clayton, N.M., achievement winners. Ann Guindon of Plankinton, S.D., and Eldon Rehborn of Dayview, Ill., leadership winners. Nellie McClure of Cleveland, Tenn., and William C. Thiesenhusen of Muskego, Wis., citizenship winners.

They presented the President with a picture book of the accomplishments of 2,100,000 4-H (Head, Heart, Hand & Health) teen-age members.

The President shook hands with all six and asked what studies they were majoring in.

They were photographed with the President, the boys well in the background, the girls front and center. All over in 10 minutes.

NOW THIS is significant news. Originally, when Department of Agriculture was arranging this year's 4-H convention program in Washington, this event was booked for Gov. Sherman Adams, the Assistant to the President.

When this got out, a number of people said, "Oh, oh! There are going to be some mighty disappointed 4-H clubbers."

In the past, presidents have always received them.

Though Agriculture Department people shook their heads sadly over this come-down, they didn't try to do anything about it. But when President Eisenhower went over the list of White House visitors for the week, he spotted the 4-H delegation and said simply, "I want to see them."

THERE ARE A FEW pet projects which the President has a personal interest in. He's crazy about farm kids, in particular.

The University is keen on seeing, in spite of doctors orders that he cut down on unnecessary chores.

So if you want to know who's important around here, in the future, all you have to do is watch the list of people the President gets photographed with.

If you don't rate, you'll get fanned out on one of the White House assistants. Which one will depend on who's free at the time.

If you're a national champion—

Salem Chamber Wants New Highway Number

SALEM (AP)—The Salem Chamber of Commerce wants the designation of U.S. Highway 20 switched from the South Santiam to the North Santiam Highway.

The chamber will ask the Highway Commission to recommend the change. The final decision must be made by the U.S. Bureau of public roads.

The South Santiam Highway runs from the summit of the Cascades through Albany and Corvallis to Newport.

The chamber's plan calls for changing route 20 to the North Santiam Highway, which goes from the summit through Salem, Dallas, Grand Ronde to Ocean Lake.

The chamber's highway committee said that changing the route would influence more tourists to go through Salem.

A real emergency cannot easily be checked.

While we have the Congress and the courts, too, it is the President who is the chief delegated leader of the United States. It is he who, in a hurry, can order the Navy to sail, the Marines to land, the Army to march, the Air Force to fly and bomb.

Many Americans are unaware of the full national power and world prestige of the presidency, the tremendous dignity of the office, the critical role a White House decision can at any moment play in their own lives.

But it is important that they should know.

Railroad Man of the Year, Truck Driver of the Year—you'll probably get your picture taken with Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

If you're just a shade under, you'll get Gov. Adams, who's taking on more and more of these ceremonial jobs.

IT'S ADAMS, the dry New Englander, who's going to spin a wheel of fortune to pick this year's Washington Cherry Blossom Festival Queen.

President Eisenhower has never picked or received a beauty queen, by the way, unless the task was forced on him at some out-of-town ceremony, where he didn't control the program.

When Gov. Adams is all tied up and doesn't have time to be photographed receiving a grand champion turkey or a first prize cherry pie sent to the White House, this honor is passed on to one of the assistants to the Assistant.

That would be Deputy Assistant Wilton B. Persons, or Assistant to the Deputy Assistant, Homer H. Gruenther. Or somebody else.

It's all done in the interests of relieving the President of unnecessary burdens. It's all right, as long as nobody goes away mad, and it doesn't lose any votes.

Demos Of Illinois Counting On Farm, Coal Area Unrest

By JACK BELL

CHICAGO (AP)—Democrats are playing a political parlay, based on a refurbished Chicago organization, area unemployment and farm unrest, in their efforts to carry Illinois in the November election.

In this midland center of industry and corn-bog farming, Democrats contend the magic of President Eisenhower's name has worn thin since 1952. Republicans say it hasn't and back their belief by grabbing for the President's coat-tails.

At stake in Illinois are 27 electoral votes, a senatorial post, a governorship and 25 House seats now occupied by 13 Republicans and 12 Democrats.

Illinois has a presidential nomination candidate in Adlai E. Stevenson who faces reduction to a "favorite son" role—with most of the state's 64 convention nominating votes, to trade for the kind of candidate he wants—unless he wins the forthcoming Florida and California primaries.

Minnesota Vote Heartens Stevenson's loss to Sen. Estes Kefauver in Tennessee in the Minnesota primary was a stunning blow to the Illinois Democratic organization now headed, for all practical purposes by Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago.

Daley, who is Cook County Democratic chairman, professes to read in the Minnesota Democratic primary vote total—which far outstripped that in the no-contest GOP affair—an indication that the people of the Midwest are inclined to vote the Democratic ticket.

Daley dismisses Stevenson's defeat as one of the lumps likely to be accumulated by any active candidate. Stevenson speaks of the "enormous cross-over" of Republicans and says he was "out-maneuvered" by Kefauver, particularly in the farm price support field.

Four years ago, Stevenson lost Illinois by 443,000 votes.

To build Stevenson up again, the party organization already has begun pouring on the coal for a complimentary vote for him in the April 10 primary.

Farm Issue Stressed The Democrats all agree farm dissatisfaction is going to make votes for them in the general election.

Richard Stengel, state legislator who seems assured of the Democratic nomination to oppose Republican Sen. Everett Dirksen,

refused to comment on the Wisconsin voting. Senator Kefauver says the Wisconsin primary appeared to show great unrest among the farmers and thus indicates that if nominated he can carry Wisconsin against Eisenhower in the fall.

He adds: "Since the present administration offers no SUITABLE relief for the farmer's distress, I believe I can carry the farm belt. I think the results also show the farmers are voting for my program and me."

What is his farm program? As nearly as can be judged from his utterances, it is a program of high subsidies for as nearly ALL farm products as possible. Personally, I believe that over the long pull the farmers of America—I mean the REAL farmers—will be intelligent enough to recognize that the subsidy system, which promotes and encourages surpluses, will wreck American agriculture.

If you have followed the political news—and the political pontificating carefully, you must have noticed that former President Truman has figured rather largely in it.

He made a speech in New York last night, and in it he charged that the Eisenhower administration is giving the people a false, optimistic picture of foreign expedience.

He "disclosed" that his next speaking engagement will be in Iowa, to a farm group, and when asked what he would tell the farmers there he replied that he'll tell 'em that if they vote Republican they should have their heads examined.

He "disclosed" that if he goes to Europe this summer, as he hopes to, his main purpose will be to receive an honorary degree at Oxford University. He added that "for three years Oxford has been trying to give me a degree."

And so on, including comment on the forthcoming marriage of Prince Rainier to Movie Queen Grace Kelly. He got into the news in a rather big way.

Truman is regarded by the inside political professionals as a distinct possibility for the Democratic nomination in case of a deadlock between the Kefauver and the Stevenson followers.

has been hitting the farm issue hard. He declares the Eisenhower administration has "failed the farmer."

Herbert C. Paschen, Cook County treasurer and the party organization candidate for the governor nomination, says people still want "assurance that Eisenhower will be a full-time president if elected."

Democratic Rep. Kenneth J. Gray said the Democrats are going to get some votes the ordinarily wouldn't expect to receive because of a depression in the coal-mining areas of southern Illinois, where he said 20 per cent of employable persons are without jobs.

Reader Opinions

Candidate Wants Revived Old-Fashioned Rallies

ROSEBURG — Mr. Lawrence Michaels of Canyonville and the Farm Bureau deserve great praise for the fine idea of giving interested voters a chance to meet the candidates for public office. This is an old-fashioned idea, as your news story pointed out, and it is a good one for old-fashioned reasons. In the earlier days our poor communications made the political rally a necessity to let the voters know the candidates and the issues. We have infinitely better communications nowadays, but radio, TV and newspaper advertising is too expensive for any but national candidates to use. We all want better local and state government; we all want to have some basis for decision between candidates and issues. Such meetings as the one the Farm Bureau sponsored are essential to meet these wants.

The county would profit from continuing and enlarging upon Mr. Michaels' idea. Some suggestions that might lead to wider interest and greater attendance:

(1) Make it fun: revive torchlight parades, box socials and a square dancing as a part of the political scene.

(2) Let only those candidates speak who are opposed, and curtail their time to a maximum of three to five minutes, with a minute or two for rebuttal.

(3) Tell the candidates to eliminate references to vital statistics and qualifications that have no direct bearing on the office they seek.

As a leading institution of the county, would The News-Review be interested in sponsoring such rallies on a countywide basis?

Lloyd V. Arant
Roseburg, Ore.

Man Beats Rap On Taxes Without Representation

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—A plea of "taxation without representation" won an acquittal this week for an Alaskan who was charged with income tax evasion.

A federal court jury acquitted Jack Marler after three hours' deliberation. Marler, a former deputy collector of internal revenue, is manager of a highway lodge.

He was tried for failure to file income tax returns in 1951 and 1952.

The "taxation without representation" plea arose from the failure of Congress to grant statehood and the fact that Alaska has no voting member in Congress.

The government did not meet the "taxation without representation" plea head-on. It contended Marler was using it only as an excuse. The government introduced a letter in which Marler had asked for leniency on grounds he was always "a dollar short and an hour late."

The defense countered with testimony from witnesses that Marler had mentioned testing the tax law's application to Alaska at the time he failed to file returns.



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