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INFORMED VOTERS

By Charles V. Stanton

A few days ago I read a very interesting statement in an editorial in *The Register-Guard*, Eugene. It brings out a thought that in my opinion should be more widely circulated. The editor of *The Register-Guard* said:

There exists in the land the impression that you're not a good citizen unless you vote. The French have a saying that "All generalities are false, including this one." And so we declare that failure to vote isn't necessarily a sign of poor citizenship—unless you know what's going on. An uninformed, reckless vote can be worse than none at all. The person who votes by hit-and-miss or by an anti-me-too-minority system isn't doing his country any good.

The writer proceeds to urge voters to inform themselves, and outlines some of the efforts his paper is making and intends to make to prepare voters for the forthcoming election, just as we are doing, or are trying to do.

I agree most heartily with the editor of *The Register-Guard* that an uninformed vote is not a good vote. I would add, too, that the voter who swallows all he is told, one who doesn't look back upon history, one who votes for slogans instead of statesman, one who places his own pocketbook above the welfare of country, is voting selfishly or thoughtlessly and is not a good voter.

Two Parties Needed

Certain ideas concerning voting, elections, campaigns and candidates have been presented from time to time in this column. I do not like the Socialistic philosophy of government. There are readers who think an editor should write only the things they like to hear. I have said before, and I repeat, that whenever I write articles on which everyone agrees, it will be time for me to quit writing. An editorial is meant to create thought and opinion. It would be a poor editorial that failed to arouse criticism.

The opinions I have expressed have been roundly criticized by many people. Very few people look at an idea objectively. When I express an idea, the thought immediately occurs to most readers that I, not the idea, should take the beating. So I get a letter of abuse. But hidden away in that letter usually is a thought worthy of expression—a contradiction of my opinion.

Differences and expression of opinion, I believe, are essential to good government. We need people who will think seriously about candidates and issues. I don't like Socialistic doctrine. I don't like playing palsy-walky with Communist dictators and Communist nations while blasting dictatorship in Latin America, for example. I'm suspicious, and I think a candidate who advocates such a policy has no right in high office.

There are people who do not believe as I do. There is every evidence that we are having a decided swing toward Socialism. I will be very surprised if we do not take a big step toward Socialism in the next election and that my philosophy will be that of the minority.

Responsibility Needed

But despite supporting a minority opinion, I still believe that we should have the utmost responsibility in government. In the existing campaign, as in late years and I presume throughout the history of politics, candidates are "sweet-talking" voters. Candidates are telling voters only the things the voters want to hear. Each candidate is for low taxes, high benefits, more industry, etc., and etc. Yet anyone who will spend even one minute in thought knows full well you can't have more government without spending more money.

Winston Churchill had the intestinal fortitude to talk about "blood, sweat and tears," in one of the most famous speeches ever made. But do you hear any candidates today talking about cutting down our government, doing away with costly operations, reducing bureaucracy, lowering expenses in any specific form, etc.?

Of course not!

Each candidate is trying to get votes. He doesn't have to answer for his promises. He is not responsible to any party or platform. He can go his own sweet way. He doesn't want to endanger a single possible vote.

There will be a wide difference of opinion on candidates and on measures. That, I believe, is as it should be. I am not offended when someone abuses me for "fuzzy" and "old-fogey" ideas. The person who takes time to write is at least expressing an opinion. That it doesn't agree with mine is beside the point. He naturally thinks in terms of personification, which is good, because it indicates he is taking a personal interest.

I get some letters that indicate to me the writer is being "brainwashed," that he is taking someone's word for things, that he is doing no original thinking. Usually those letters are personal and are marked "not for publication."

It is my thesis that everyone should know his own mind, why and for whom he is voting and why any particular candidate is best suited for the office he seeks—suited for the welfare of the country not for the individual's own pocketbook or liking. When that's done, and all votes are cast on a responsible basis, even though they differ, we should have better government.

Neuberger Says Poll On Politics Is Discouraging

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today a recent Gallup Poll showing that some 70 per cent of American parents do not want their sons to enter politics is "profoundly discouraging."

Speaking at Willamette University here, he asked, "How can free government endure against the Soviet challenge unless our most understanding, our most capable and our best-educated young people are willing to undertake the responsibility of actually making that government operate successfully?"

Neuberger and his wife presented a \$300 scholarship for use of some Willamette student wishing to enter government or become a career political science teacher.

Mrs. Neuberger Likens Teaching To Politics

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Mrs. Richard L. Neuberger told an Albany Democratic rally this week there is much in common between successful teaching and effective political leadership.

The wife of Oregon's junior Democratic senator, speaking on behalf of a measure to allow teachers to serve in the Legislature, said it was "one of the most just measures on the ballot this November."

"Not only would this amendment put teachers on equal terms with the rest of the citizens of the state, it would make it possible for the public to draw on the great potential of leadership and background which our teachers can offer," Mrs. Neuberger said. She is a former school teacher and three-term member of the state Legislature.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK AP — Snapshot memories from a South American visit:

In Argentina nobody seems to care so much what a tourist thinks of the country's politics. The big question is, "How do you like our beef?"

Most Americans, accustomed to meat aged longer, find the steaks juicy but a bit on the tough side. But Buenos Aires is paradise to a real meat eater with good molars. The steers are more outgoing than those in the United States. The steak portions come in big chunks.

And the price is about a third of what it would be back home. For \$2 you can get a complete dinner consisting of a huge steak, potato, salad, wine, dessert and coffee.

The South American population is growing at a tremendous rate, and the continent also is spurring industrially.

In both Brazil and Argentina one is impressed by the inescapable evidence of boom, inflation, and great nationalistic pride.

Boom or Bust

A foreigner, living in Rio de Janeiro, observed: "Brazil is going to end up one of the biggest political busts in history—or one of the greatest countries in the world. The possibilities here are infinite, but the people here want Brazil for the Brazilians. They want to end up owning their own country."

Another observer, in Argentina, said: "I don't know any country where a young man could come with \$100,000 and become a millionaire faster."

Getting that first \$100,000, however, seems to be a pretty hard

problem in South America—as it is on every other continent.

The ordinary tourist to South America says: "Everybody down here seems to be either very rich or very poor. The middle class doesn't seem to be very strong. Look at all the slums."

Slums Too Evident

The slums are only too evident. The slums in the United States are now largely big blocks of tenements. In countries such as Brazil, the slums are still individual huts.

But in Sao Paulo, one of the world's fastest growing cities and often described as the Chicago of South America, a guide claimed proudly: "We are building a new home here every 12 minutes."

The office building skyline in the heart of the city seems to be growing as rapidly as resurgent Manhattan.

A strolling American in Brazil or Argentina runs into little obvious "Yankee-go-home" kind of antagonism. The people are courteous and polite to the stranger and helpful in small emergencies.

"The kind of foreigners they tend to dislike are those who come here, live entirely in their own groups, and after 20 years in the country still haven't taken the trouble to learn the language."

One U.S. citizen stationed in South America said:

—James Marlow—

WASHINGTON (AP) — This is not going to be one of the most memorable political campaigns. If there's any excitement, it comes from the orators.

In this campaign there have been the usual exaggeration, the usual gas, some stumbling, and a division within the parties.

Most unusual feature: the Eisenhower administration's apparent uncertainty on what strategy to use.

In the field of exaggeration: former President Truman's crack that some of Eisenhower's advisers—"the big boys"—apparently "deliberately planned to bring this recession about."

In the gas field: the long-overworked Republican cry that a Democratic victory meant socialism. Republicans have been crying that for more than two decades.

Embraced Fair Deal

But when they had a chance—after President Eisenhower's first victory—to try to wipe out New Deal and Fair Deal legislation, they embraced most of it and expanded on it.

Some examples of divisions within the parties:

1. Truman took a stand against partisan attacks in the field of foreign policy right after his former secretary of state, Dean Acheson, made foreign policy a major issue. A whole swarm of Democrats followed Acheson, not Truman.

2. There's division between the conservative and more liberal Republicans and even between Republican candidates in one state. For example, take California's Gov. Goodwin Knight and Sen. William F. Knowland.

3. Truman and the Democratic national chairman, Paul Butler, not unaware of the big Northern Negro and liberal vote, castigated some of their own party, Southern Democratic supporters of public school segregation.

Rebukes Nixon

4. Dulles and Eisenhower seemed unsure what to do about letting foreign policy get into the campaign. At first they were in agreement with Truman on keeping it out. Dulles, in fact, said he agreed with Truman.

He even rebuked Vice President Nixon for tearing into the Democrats' handling of foreign affairs when they were in charge. Eisenhower seemed to rebuke him too. The President said: "I realize that when someone makes a charge, another individual is going to reply. I deplore that."

But Nixon wouldn't shut up or backtrack. News surveys indicated the Republicans were in for a real beating in the November elections. While Eisenhower sat at home with an above-the-strife attitude, Nixon was out campaigning hard.

It was he who was providing the campaign leadership, not Eisenhower. He made it plain he wouldn't stop talking on foreign policy. This could have meant a split between him and Eisenhower.

Faced with this prospect, both Eisenhower and Dulles melted, switched around and gave Nixon a go-ahead.

Brought It On Himself

If Eisenhower gave the appearance of being uncertain what strategy to use, he brought it on himself. On Oct. 6 he called Republican leaders to the White House to "combat complacency and apathy" among Republican voters.

After leaving Eisenhower, the leaders issued a blazing statement full of political clichés, attacking the Democrats. Because they did this right after leaving the President, some people interpreted it as meaning he blessed the statement.

It seems he didn't. On Oct. 15, asked at a news conference if he approved, Eisenhower replied: "It was not my statement. It was theirs, and I think politicians do love to make things very positive."

A few days later he started out on the campaign trail himself, landed in California, and with the help of some speech writers, made his own blazing attack on the Democrats.

Whether at this late date in the campaign anything any of the politicians say can swing a vote is, for them, a hope and a guess. But anyone who's been around a few years has heard it all before.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

THE RUJADA FOREST

Band Bulletin

Ever hear of the Rujada semitropical forest of ancient Oregon?

Few have. Fact is, few know where Rujada is located. It is a forest camp in Lane county, some 23 miles east of Cottage Grove. In that locality in 1934 the late Dr. Warren D. Smith, University of Oregon geologist, found in rocks of a railroad cut imprints of leaves of exotic, Asiatic trees, as well as the delicate needles of giant redwoods.

It was a lush forest on sloping hillside far from the Eugene shore of the ancient Pacific. In that Rujada forest was the great meta-sequoia, now found only in China. Also in the Lane forest of old was the Cunninghamia, an ornamental tree of the orient.

Presence of Asiatic trees, redwoods and exotic plants in the Lane hills is nothing new. But the studies of the Rujada forest just completed have brought to light a rather startling fact:

The Lane forest of the Rujada hills is nearly identical with that which flourished in parts of Central Oregon in the long eons that preceded man's appearance on earth. Plants from both localities, now some 200 miles apart and separated by the high Cascades, are listed as Bridge Creek flora. Bridge Creek is in Central Oregon, near Mitchell. Winters there at present are a bit severer. The rangeland is semi-arid.

Certainly walnuts, redwoods, firs and firs would be out of place on the Mitchell hills of 1953.

But in Miocene days, when the Rujada forest dropped its leaves into mountain lakes to be preserved for some 40 million years in volcanic ash, Oregon, topographically, was much different from Oregon of the present.

Missing from the Oregon picture is the present high, volcanic Cas-

cades. Just west of Rujada forest lands of the Tertiary were the lands now crowned by such peaks as Hood, Jefferson, the Three Sisters and Thielsen were a low range of volcanic mountains, so massive that they slumped into the earth as they grew. The result was that the western and eastern Oregon in those remote times were separated by only a low range of hills.

Across those hills moved marine storms, after bathing the Rujada forest. When clouds reached the Bridge Creek area, they were still heavy laden with moisture. From the Bridge Creek area of the present Mitchell country to the Rujada hills of Lane county stretched, unbroken, Oregon's lush Oligocene forest.

The new report on the Lane forest is a University of California publication. It is named "The Rujada Flora of West Central Oregon."

Its author is Rajendra N. Lakhanpal of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Paleobotany, Lucknow, India. He has provided Oregonians with an interesting picture of Oregon of a distant epoch.

Inquiry Ordered Into Pope's Doctor's Writings

ROME, AP — The Rome Medical Assn. will conduct a formal inquiry to determine if the personal physician of Pope Pius XII violated his professional obligations by selling articles describing the pontiff's last illness and death agonies.

The inquiry on Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, the Pope's personal physician for 19 years, will take about three weeks. A finding of guilty could result in a reprimand, suspension for a time or even ouster from the medical profession.

BALLOT MEASURE

Authorizing Different Uses Of State Institution Would Allow Better Management

By CHARLES V. STANTON

News-Review Editor

Proposition No. 8—AUTHORIZING DIFFERENT USE OF STATE INSTITUTION.

PURPOSE—Authorizes the Legislature to alter, reduce, enlarge or terminate the use or purpose of any state institution located outside Marion County any time after 10 years from the date of the election which located the institution.

EXPLANATION—When Oregon was first created as a state, it had no permanent seat of government. The Constitution, however, made provision that a seat of government should be established by vote of the people. The vote was favorable to Marion County. The Constitution also provided that all public institutions should be situated within the county designated by the people as the seat of government except that public institutions could be set up elsewhere by vote of the people.

For various reasons voters have found fit to build public institutions elsewhere, two of these, for example, the Eastern Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital at The Dalles and the University State Tuberculosis Hospital at Portland.

During the past 10 years, because of new treatments and preventative measures, there has been a sharp decrease in tuberculosis cases. It is expected that one or both of the institutions can be closed. But, under existing law, they can be closed or used for other purpose only by vote of all the people. The Legislature believed the Board of Control should have authority. By keeping a 10-year interval after election, the measure proposes elimination of political influence.

FOR—It is contended that existing methods are too slow and ungainly; that additional costs result from present practices. The State's T. B. hospitals are cited as examples. Both are partly full yet other needs for space and buildings are obvious. What is true of T. B. Hospitals may be true later of other institutions.

AGAINST—Passage of the measure opens up methods of enlarging public institutions outside Marion County. This privilege is apt to be abused, particularly by Multnomah County. The word "enlarging" gives too much authority to the Board of Control. Legislators are apt to play politics with public institutions as a means of getting legislation across.

RECOMMENDATION—This proposition is tied in closely to proposition No. 12 which would affect only the two hospitals, as will be discussed later. The proposed measure would give increased flexibility. There is danger that the public institution program may be expanded into areas outside Marion County.

Much will depend upon the type of men elected to the Legislature. Thus, again, the responsibility is upon the voter to elect men who are truly representative and who can be trusted to work for the welfare of the state, not for person or party.

With proper responsibility in electing legislators, a "yes" vote is a vote toward a more businesslike management of state institutions.

Editor's Note—The discussion above pertains to one of the measures on the forthcoming election ballot. It is suggested that the article be clipped and studied prior to the election Nov. 4. The recommendation given is advisory only.—CVS

Reader Opinions

Support Enthusiastically Expressed For Hatfield

Regarding the News-Review editorial of Monday the 13th, I would like to state the following facts:

Mark Hatfield is a Republican and the kind of working Republican that can carry the party and its principles to victory. That's his record!

He served as a precinct committeeman. He served as co-chairman of his county central committee. He served as a delegate to two Republican national conventions, and in both served on the important platform committee.

Right now, he is taking time from his own campaign to give important help to Republican candidates for the legislature.

He is Republican in the alert and constructive program he is offering the state. His demand for an end to the Holmes philosophy of big spending and big stakes, his insistence on fiscal responsibility, his demand for effective and planned industrial development, his demand that power be taken out of partisan politics to achieve maximum hydro-electric development—these, and others, are sound Republican objectives.

His statement that he would be a governor for all of the people does not detract from his Republicanism. No thinking Republican wants a continuation of the political spoils system by which Holmes has undermined sound public administration. The best Republican governor would be a governor who did the best possible job for all the people of the state.

Fire Started From Crash Brings Aid To Victim

SHERIDAN, Wyo. (AP) — Verne McKim, 27, was thrown from his car when it overturned on Highway 14 Sunday. The car plunged 325 feet down a hillside, burst into flames and started a forest fire. McKim, seriously injured, lay helpless as the fire swept toward him. But the fire brought 50 volunteer fire fighters rushing to the scene. They saved McKim and controlled the blaze after it had burned 350 acres.

Soviet Union Triggers Another Nuclear Weapon

TOKYO (Tuesday) (AP) — The Soviet Union triggered another "nuclear weapon of small yield" Monday, the Japan Central Meteorological Agency said today. An agency spokesman said seven Japanese observatory stations detected abnormal atmospheric pressures about 10-30 p.m. Monday (6:30 a.m. EST). He said the air shocks felt recorded were of 0.1 millibars and lasted 10 to 20 minutes.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK ARNOLD

(Continued From Page One)

Acheson was Mr. Truman's secretary of state in those days for the START of the Korean war. They claimed that if Acheson hadn't practically told the communists we wouldn't fight for Korea there would have been no Korean war.

What's wrong? Who is to blame? What shall we do?

I wouldn't know. But I have the feeling that American foreign policy—now and for a number of years past—is somehow out of tune with the DESIRES of the American people.

If that is true, something ought to be done about it. If a nation is to survive, its foreign policy must be kept in TUNE with the basic desires of the people. Foreign policy involves such life and death issues as whether or not we will go to war and if we do go to war what we are going to war FOR.

We weren't happy with our foreign policy in Mr. Truman's day. We aren't happy with it now. The logical conclusion seems to be that

we aren't happy with the fundamentals of our foreign policy.

What shall we do NOW? That question isn't easy to answer. But this much is reasonably clear:

Political campaign years, which involve a partisan struggle for power, are not the ideal time for bitter partisan wrangles over foreign policy. That runs the terrible risk of leading our enemy to believe we are weak and disunited. Realizing that fact, we did the best we could in Mr. Truman's and Mr. Acheson's day. That's about what we'll have to do now.

But SOME DAY we should give prayerful consideration to an American foreign policy that is closer to the desires of the American people who will have to pay the price if we go to war.

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