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ELECTION IS ANSWER

By Charles V. Stanton

The action of the county court in refusing to finance continuation of the child guidance program is causing considerable comment.

On one side are those people who feel that the use of tax money for such purposes should be limited. On the other are those who endorse any public expenditure benefiting needy people.

The child guidance program, as I understand it, was not overly expensive in its first year. It was planned with a minimum budget for the second year. But, over a continued period, the county must assume more and more of the cost. Furthermore, according to our information, the county must hire additional help for that purpose, thus eventually increasing the public payroll and adding to the general tax cost. The county court says the budget could mount up to \$25,000 or \$30,000 in a few years.

As I understand the argument, the county court, despite the fact that the program could be continued rather inexpensively for another year, deems it better business to cut the activity off now. If continued, it would be enlarged. Each year would make it that much harder to discontinue in the end.

Money Projects Rejected

In that respect, the county court is carrying out the obvious wishes of voters at the last election. In Douglas County, as well as the state as a whole, any project involving money was booted downstairs by the voters.

The county court doubtless is looking at the fact that every department installed by the county has cost more money than originally proposed. It has been true, generally, that as departments and agencies were added, the cost increased. Each day new demands are made upon the public for help for one purpose or another. Solicitations are almost continuous. Private funds are raised in millions of dollars by various drives, in addition to public funds.

But there is another school of thought. We have people with the philosophy that we can't do too much for the ones in need. Some of our politicians are constantly advocating the spending of more money for purposes of charity, benefits, help, etc., in addition to the more realistic approach of government as a competitor to private industry and private enterprise.

Aid To Children Wanted

Any charity or aid to children has a particular appeal to many people. Children are helpless beings. Anything we can do to ease their lives or give them needed help stirs the emotions.

The child guidance program has had an extremely large following. There are those who would carry it on regardless of cost. There are others who would take advantage of another year with minimum public cooperation.

It was our error, for which we have made apology, that we originally reported only one side of the case in our news columns. We did not properly accredit statements contained in the news report. Thus we printed a slanted story. That is not our practice, nor desire.

On the other hand, the county court was not in the city and was not available. The county court in several instances has not been overly cooperative with the press. Had the court's decision been announced at the time it was made, as should have been done, both sides of the case would have been printed and the error would not have occurred.

We have since endeavored to present the opinions of the county court.

The argument brings us down to two schools of thought, as previously mentioned. One is that charity is an individual thing and should be supported by individuals. The other is that help for the needy and dependent is a public duty and should be maintained at public expense.

Perhaps those who want the program will circulate petitions and will arrange an election. That will permit the matter to be solved by a vote of the people. That, it seems to me, would answer the problem.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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can isn't thankful on Thanksgiving Day, he is an ingrate.

But—There are DEGREES of thankfulness. Some of us have more to be thankful for than others. Some of us have less to be thankful for than others.

In this latter group, the GOP must be included. On this Thanksgiving Day that follows so closely after the fourth day of November and the 25th day of November of the year 1958, the GOP has pitifully little to be thankful for.

The fourth of November was GENERAL ELECTION DAY in the United States as a whole. On that day, the Democrats practically swept the board. The 23th of November was election day in Alaska, the Union's newest state. On that day, the Democrats SWEEP ALASKA. Even Mr. Stepanovich, whom the Republicans had regarded as more or less of a shoo-in and who is certainly a good man, lost to his Democratic opponent.

The politically-minded Republicans who are thankful on this Thanksgiving Day must take it out in being thankful that they are Americans rather than in being thankful that they are Republicans.

Still, sizing up the situation with brutal frankness, what has the Republican party done to DESERVE to win this year?

I'm afraid the answer must be NOT MUCH. For one thing, the Republican party, as an organization, hasn't known in this particular campaign year where it stands for what it stands for or

where it wants to go—other than into office.

It was different back in the campaign of 1860, when the Republican party was actually born. The GOP then knew EXACTLY WHERE IT WAS GOING and it knew what it was going to do when it got there.

It won in 1860. It won again in the agonizing war year of 1864. It kept on winning until 1884, when Grover Cleveland finally broke the chain. Even then the break was only temporary. Cleveland lost in 1888 to a Republican, Benjamin Harrison. He came back in 1892 and defeated Harrison.

There came then the epochal campaign of 1896, when Bryan, after winning the Democratic nomination, was not elected. Bryan was not elected because he was not a "gold bug" speech, campaigned in the issue of free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, let money grow on the trees so that the people may pluck it off, and lost to William McKinley who stood pat on sound money, backed by gold. Thereafter, the GOP stayed in power until 1912, when Woodrow Wilson was elected.

The point is that during these long years the Republican party held the confidence of the people by HAVING CONVICTIONS and standing by them. If it is to get back into power, it will have to GET convictions that the people will respect.

What, for example? Well, if the GOP is to get back into power it must find an issue that will be more convincing than merely trying to OUT-DEAL the New Dealers.

Daily Bible Reading

Message By

Roseburg Ministerial Assn.

Text: Psalm 27

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

So begins the 27th Psalm. This then, is obviously the statement of faith of one who already believes in God. The final "wait on the Lord" does not mean the indecision of one who has not yet made up his mind, but rather the waiting in anticipation of one who is looking forward eagerly to the coming of his Friend.

The Christian church has long set aside the season of Advent each year as this season of waiting with anticipation for the coming of Christ, which we all celebrate at Christmas. Advent this year begins this coming Sunday. It is a time which can be used to good advantage by the Christian for making the spiritual preparations that are necessary for the coming of Jesus into our hearts and our homes as a Guest of great honor.

What scurrying around there would be in your home if the President of the United States were coming as a guest on Dec. 25! Floors would be swept, shelves and tables dusted, curtains washed and ironed, and everything imaginable done to make the best possible impression on the honored guest.

But at Christmas, the Lord of the whole universe comes to our homes, asking if "there is any room in the inn"—asking if we have any room in our busy lives to let Him come in and be our Guest. He is the Son of God, and God is a Spirit. So it is spiritual preparations each of us needs to make in Advent. Is your life cleaned up and presentable for the Son of God to see? This is a time to take a real close look at ourselves and then do everything we can to make ourselves fit to be presented to God Himself. If we do, Christmas will be immeasurably happier than if we don't think about its real meaning and purpose.

Rev. Alfred S. Tyson
Pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church

Thinking It Over

By Robert Dieffenbacher, D. D.

(Written for NEA Service)

Criticism of modern American education is being heard from many sources. A casual observation of graduates of schools at all levels of education shows weaknesses. Some persons want to point their fingers at the people they think are to blame. Instead of worrying about "who," it might be well to give more consideration to "what." Even as we consider "what," it would be well to spend more time on "what we need" than on "what is wrong."

If we are starting people on their life careers without the ability to speak correct English, without ideals, without motivation, without productive ideas and without faith—how can we expect to make progress? These things cannot all be taught in schools. Homes and churches, as well as schools, have a task to perform if American youth are to be prepared for life.

Friends Come To Aid Of Father Of Six

PORTLAND (AP)—Someone at the Corps of Engineers office asked Jose Serria what his family was going to have for dinner Thanksgiving.

Not turkey, said the 35-year-old messenger and father of six. He just couldn't afford it.

The word got around, and Corps' employees took up a collection. They later presented Serria with a 20-pound turkey.

"I didn't know I had so many friends," he said.

Strain



—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP)—David Niven resents life. Not the weary length of it, but the brevity of it.

"I want to live another 150 years," he said. "I want to go on and on, doing what I'm doing. I can't visualize myself retiring and sitting in a little house by the seashore watching seagulls."

"I resent deeply the fact I can't read all the books I want to, know all the people, see all the places." As debonair in real life as he is on the screen, Niven believes in meeting the problems of living with a mixture of granite and quicksilver.

The handsome Scottish-born actor, after a harum-scarum, impetuous youth, settled down to become one of Hollywood's most durable players of light comedy roles.

After 6½ years of service in the British army during World War II (he emerged a colonel), he quickly resumed his star status. He was one of the first Hollywood figures to venture into television, despite a film mogul's stern warning: "If you do, you'll never work in my studio again."

"That's all right," Niven assured him. "I haven't worked in it for the last 10 years anyway."

Bustier Than Ever

Since then he has been bustier than ever. As vice president of the Four Star Playhouse, he has helped supervise the production of nearly 1,200 TV dramas. He makes a dozen or so TV appearances a year, acts in two or three films.

In his latest, "Separate Tables," he portrays a lonely, seedy, scandal-haunted major, a role his fans may find somewhat surprising.

"I try to look for something different every time," Niven said. "My theory is that if you are lucky enough to make a good living acting, it's better to keep working than to sit around a year waiting for the perfect script."

"You learn something every day you work."

War left a stamp on his thinking, as it does on all who spend much time in it. This is his personal philosophy:

Evaluate Own Faith
"I think we all eventually evolve our own faith. I am convinced that heaven and hell are right where we are now—on this earth. "Life is an enormous Grand National Steeplechase. We are given certain hurdles to get over, and certain opportunities. And if you don't spot the opportunities, you miss them."

"It really doesn't matter who is the winner; it's getting around the course that counts. "Life is like having a garden full of lovely flowers. If we don't look after them, a horrible little weed comes up and blows a seed of unhappiness into the garden, and some foul weed springs up and ruins the whole thing."

Niven right now seems like a man up to his chin in rhododendrons.

He was predicting a Democratic sweep. But he said in his message: "I am convinced that if we hammer on this line from now to election day we can blitz the opposition and shift thousands of votes in close races throughout the country."

Perhaps what Niven said in his telegram and what he thought privately were not necessarily the same thing. His office said this week that not long before the elections the vice president took a more realistic view of what lay ahead.

Nevertheless, in his telegram he said: "As to our prospects, I believe that as we enter the last two weeks of the campaign there is no question but that the tide that was running so strongly against us has taken a sharp turn in our favor."

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Nixon used rock-'em-sock-'em tactics when he won election to the Senate in 1950 and again when he and President Eisenhower won in 1952 together with their fellow Republicans who that year got control of Congress.

But in the three elections since then—in 1954, 1956 and again in 1958—all Nixon's tough campaigning wasn't convincing enough to persuade the voters Republicans should run Congress.

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—James Marlow—

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—Vice President Nixon laid an egg, ostrich-size.

He conducted a scare campaign against the Democrats in the 1958 election drive and urged all Republican candidates for Congress to do the same. It didn't work.

As far as our opponents are concerned, they offer again nothing new but a return to the radical policies that in 20 years failed to produce prosperity except in war or as a result of war.

By electing more Democrats the voters are taking a grave risk that their taxes will be raised, prices will skyrocket and unemployment will increase because of the stifling effect of the anti-private enterprise policies of the radical wing of the Democratic party.

When Nixon sent his telegram, he had campaigned around the country and knew that various polls were predicting a Democratic sweep. But he said in his message: "I am convinced that if we hammer on this line from now to election day we can blitz the opposition and shift thousands of votes in close races throughout the country."

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