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Guest Editorial...

Mock Convention Provides Political Experience

(Ed. Note: The mock political convention scheduled for our campus May 2 and 3 should be a unique and enlightening experience in the workings of U. S. politics. To better inform you on the planning now in progress for this event, we are printing a guest editorial written by a student well-qualified to answer your questions—Neil Chase, who is promotion man for the event.)

For the first time in the history of the West, a mock political convention is being staged and it is being held here on the campus of the University of Oregon. The students themselves will be forming the nucleus of this convention.

The various living organizations on the campus have been paired and assigned the various states which will be represented at the convention. Each of the living organizations has in turn elected its own representatives for the respective states.

These representatives will contact the Republican headquarters of their respective states in order to determine just for whom that state will vote in a national presidential nominating convention. They must also determine whether or not their respective states have favorite sons that they will be supporting as well as determining the planks they would like to see on the national party's platform.

The representatives must have a full understanding of how their respective states would conduct themselves at the national convention so that Operation Politics will be a realistic replica of a national convention.

The decision to have a Republican mock convention was made by the students themselves via a campus poll which was taken through the living organizations. The campus overwhelmingly decided to have a Republican mock convention, undoubtedly due to the fact that the Republican party is now an out-party and because it is such a crucial year for them.

A group of students will form the symposium committee which will discuss problems of national and international importance prior to the convention. Students will also form pressure groups which

will be working before and during the convention to create their own planks for the party platform. The trading of votes among the delegates will take place at the same time.

Our original idea for this mock political convention came from the Oberlin College convention in Ohio, which has had 92 years of experience. Many of the candidates selected at their convention have also been selected as the national party candidate, many of whom won the presidency. We hope that at this our first and most crucial convention, our state delegates will feel the pulse of the nation so that "as Oregon goes, so goes the nation."

The date for the convention is set for May 2 and 3, two weeks before the Oregon presidential primary. Our national keynote speaker will be provided by the national Republican party which is working hand in glove with us in this educational project. They have shown a great deal of interest and curiosity towards what we are attempting to do here on the University of Oregon campus.

Friday night, May 2, after the address by our keynote speaker, the resolutions committee will submit the party platform for debate on the floor where there will be 1195 students acting as delegates for the various states. At this time the pressure groups will begin active work to see that the planks are realized in the platform.

Saturday, the last day of the convention, our nomination for the presidential candidacy will emerge, and we feel certain that we will have been accurate to the extent that our candidate will be the candidate selected in the national presidential nominating convention.

This is an unsurpassed opportunity for the students of the University of Oregon to gain practical knowledge and experience in the workings of our national political machinery so that we as future citizens will have a better understanding of our confidence in the mechanics of our government. American citizens, armed with this kind of knowledge and experience, will choose their government representatives more wisely.—Neil Chase.

Signpost for a New Term

Which road are we going to take? The slippery path of atomic-age destruction, or the obstacle-ridden one of atomic-age construction?

Every time we pick up a newspaper or magazine we find this question staring us in the face. So it was not unusual to hear it from the lips of a leading scientist (and most articulate speaker), Reuben G. Gustavson, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, in the Tuesday assembly.

But, although Dr. Gustavson mouthed that oft-repeated and discouraging thought that the world is left to our generation in a sad state, we did not leave with that feeling we have too often these days that doom is inevitable.

The atom bomb is equivalent in destructive power to 400 carloads of TNT... but radium treatments arrest cancer; through the use of radioactive salt a doctor can tell how far the blood supply goes in a gangrenous leg.

Our scientists are working on that fearful weapon, biological warfare... but through the increasing understanding of viruses we are coming always closer to preventing the maiming and killing powers of polio.

One of the prime causes of war is the want of more land... but now scientists are making the land itself more productive. (In Sweden scientists have, by doubling chromosomes, grown rye with 10 per cent greater yield. They have trees which grow as large in 60 years as they once did in 100.)

It is not only in our age that men bemoaned the advance of science. Alexander Pope, in "An Essay to Man" said:

"Lo, the poor Indian! whose untutored mind
Sees God in clouds, or hears him in the wind;
His soul proud science never taught to stray
Far as the solar walk or milky way;"

"But what can I do?" asks the college student. You can read and learn and apply what you have learned to the people and things about you. Not only the physical scientists have a stake in this. As Dr. Gustavson said, what good does it do us if scientists know which cow can produce the best milk, when everyone cannot have a quart of it.

You can examine yourselves. You can change an attitude of it's-no-use to one of determination to work for a better world. If you see some small thing wrong, do something about making it right. Science and its coming marvels will be of no use to us if we do not, both individually and collectively, work to uphold the principles of truth and integrity and honesty so basic to relations within mankind.

It's a new term. Perhaps Dr. Gustavson has given us a new outlook on our future in the age of science.

So THIS Is Oregon

Pogo Comic Furnishes Ideas For New Style Campus Politics

By Jim Haycox

Somebody said the other day that there is, or was, a Pogo fan club somewhere on campus. (Pogo, for your unenlightened souls is the swampland creature of the comic strips). If there isn't such a group, there should be.

Pogo and his friends (an owl, a tiger, an alligator, a rabbit and various other varmints) keep a good comic strip going strong every day... with nothing more significant usually happening than an argument between two or more of the principal characters. Such conflicts always die out.

Pogo and the alligator were once prepared to trade blows when lunch time rolled around. Anyway, said Pogo, opening the picnic basket, there was no percentage in getting mad at a friend who made the best peanut butter sandwiches in all the swampland.

This makes Pogo, besides being a creature of discriminating taste, a great American philosopher. Its just a matter of decidin' who makes the best peanut butter sandwiches and then stayin' on his side of the fence.

And this, in a round-about way, brings me to what I had in mind in the first place. The peanut butter-sandwich-makers in this neck of the swamp might be them there politicians.

I'd be willing to vote for a delicious AGS peanut butter sandwich with just a touch of onion in it and plenty of butter. On the other hand a temptin' USA peanut butter sandwich, with a generous helpin' of honey or jam, would turn my eyes and ballot.

The idea of a mock political convention is nothing new... in fact 92 years old according to the Oberlin College Mock Convention Outlook, a bulletin that fell into the hands of Jean Mauro.

Senator Wayne Morse, incidentally, will open the Oberlin convention which is scheduled for May 2 and 3. Oregon's convention should not do badly for a national speaker in view of the Oregon primary... the importance attached to it nationally... and the political big wheels who might be in the area then drumming up trade.

Our Visitors Speak...

Europeans Favor Eisenhower as Next President

(Ed. Note: Gerhard Zahn, who below gives his opinion on European reaction to Eisenhower for president, is a journalism student in the University from Freiburg, Germany. This article was originally written for the Hillsboro Argus, where Zahn served as a guest staff member during spring vacation.)

The election for the presidency in the United States is not only of importance for the Americans but also of a very great interest in Europe. Never before have the Europeans watched every evidence in reference to the election as they do today. Maybe, because of respect for the American people, many Europeans are not telling Americans overseas who they think might be the best president. People on the old continent consider the election as the business of the American voters.

However, it must be said that Europe today is clearly in favor of General Eisenhower. The Europeans are taking precautions, already now, if they sympathize with Eisenhower. In the eyes of most Europeans no man can do a better job for the free world than Eisenhower. He is known for being not only the military man but also the diplomat of international significance. If we need today simplicity in policy, then no man can be more favored than Ike.

An impartial bystander of American foreign policy very often is confused by the growing bureaucracy of administration. Sorry, but it is too true that American foreign policy has the taste of a soup which is not salted enough... sometimes because of the lack of salt, sometimes because of too much water. Imagine that salt means representation and water means administration. Now you know why the Europeans are favoring Ike. This cook wouldn't mix too much water and too little salt. Ike as an administrator — I always speak in the opinion of many Europeans — is able to find the right taste and the right customers.

The efforts of Eisenhower for the formation of an European army are really of a greatness

which merits the esteem not only of the Europeans. Ike didn't slacken at any time. He became a symbol for the Europeans in their fight against communism.

Ike is using his sledge with sleekness; that's what the Europeans say about him. Especially the Germans in western Germany know how well Eisenhower understands to "hau the Eisen" (hower sounds like the German for hammer, Eisen means iron). Eisenhower is hammering the iron. They might say that Ike is the man who defends us against communism.

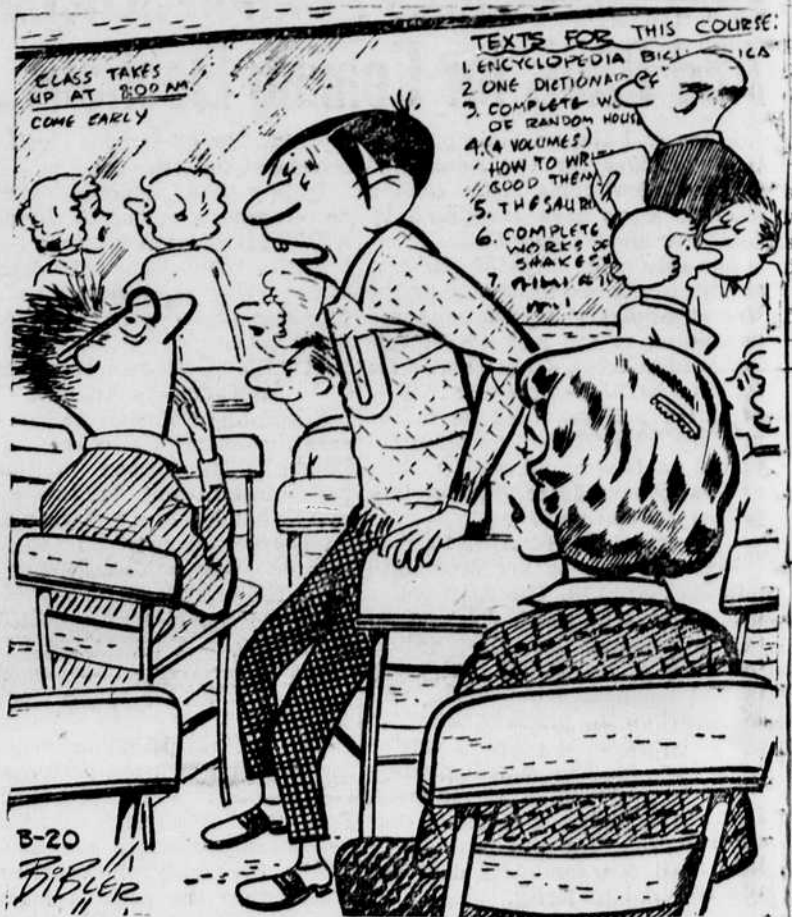
Nobody who is reasonable enough wants a third world war, but everybody in the U. S. knows America is no more the island if another war breaks out. American cities will be the aim of bombers and rockets. American

industries will be bombed, as well as the homes of many families. Therefore it sounds very narrow minded if some politicians in the States believe that America doesn't need to put its finger on everything.

If America gives up the leadership in foreign policy, it will be replaced by the Russians, with out big words and emotions. Russians are very fast acting. Isolationism would mean a nice dream but a terrible wake-up.

And, it seems to me, Ike is one of the men who is going to awaken such a wake-up. The American people must decide whether they want him or not. But this time all Europeans are looking up to the Americans and trusting in the good political education of the American people and in the belief in freedom.

How's Your GPA?



"Say, pal, how's about a sample of yer handwriting? I flunked yer course last term on account of the guy sittin' next to me was a poor penman."