

What About Civil Rights, John?

One issue has stood out in black and white in this election: discrimination.

Both candidates have taken stands against it. Their methods have differed.

Dwight Eisenhower has declared himself opposed to discrimination in federal offices and pledges himself to support "human rights."

Adlai Stevenson has also struck out at discrimination. He pushed a fair employment practices act in the Illinois legislature. He has indicated during the campaign that he favors a federal fair employment practices act if the individual states refuse to act.

We do not believe that discrimination can be legislated away. Racial prejudices are brought about by ingrained social habits developed through environment. But we do believe that effective legislation can push equality forward at a faster pace. We believe that Governor Stevenson's program offers hope in this direction.

We quote in part from a speech on civil rights by Governor Stevenson in Hartford, Conn.:

"I have often affirmed my belief in strong state and local administration. I believe . . . that affirmative state government can rise to meet many pressing social problems and can thereby arrest the trend toward over-centralized federal power.

In Illinois I have worked to make the state government responsive to the needs of the people so that it would not be necessary for them to turn to Washington for help . . . In the case of equal opportunity for employment, I believe that it is not alone the duty but the enlightened interest of each state to develop its own positive employment-practices program—a program adapted to local conditions, emphasizing education and conciliation, and providing for enforcement. This kind of law I proposed in Illinois . . .

"But our platform favors federal legislation—particularly, I assume, when states fail to act and inequalities of treatment persist. The problem, of course, is what kind of legislation.

"Personally I have been very much impressed by a bill reported favorably by the Senate Labor Committee. Only three members opposed it, one of whom was Sen. Richard Nixon . . .

"It encourages the Federal Commission to stay out of any state with an effective commission; by the same token, however, it encourages the states to act because, if they do not, the national government has the power to do so. The bill requires the Federal Commission to undertake a non-partisan and nationwide educational program, to proceed by very careful deliberation and full and fair hearings. Enforcement would be by order of a court, not an administrative body.

"You know as well as I do that we have reached a sort of legislative stalemate in this field in the Congress. In so far as this is due to real, legitimate objections to the substance of legislation, I think this Senate bill goes a very long way toward meeting such objections. It may be that it can be improved still further, especially in the direction of giving the states a reasonable time in which to act."

Today John Sparkman, Democratic candidate for vice-president will speak on campus at 1 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom.

Sparkman is from Alabama, part of the "Solid South." He voted against outlawing the poll-tax and against the anti-lynching bill while a member of the House of Representatives.

The South has traditional opposed federal interference in the matter of civil rights, declaring it to be a problem to be solved by the states. Southerners have emphasized the voluntary educational process of removing discrimination rather than legislation.

Senator Sparkman's views are at variance with Governor Stevenson's. We think that Stevenson has a good civil rights program. We hope that Sparkman will express his views on this controversial subject when he addresses students today. President Truman has made us wary of vice-presidents who step into a leader's shoes.

'The Happy Time' Called Success

Emerald Critic Lauds First UO Theater Production

By Michael Lundy

Horace Robinson's skillful direction has brought another sparkling comedy to the stage of University Theatre this week. "The Happy Time," brilliantly cast and produced, is certain to be one of the big popular successes of the year.

"The Happy Time" is a sensitive and very funny play about the arrival of puberty to a young boy, Bibi Bonnard, in a French Canadian family during the twenties. Bibi's folks are the freshest addition to the long line of nostalgic early twentieth century families which began with

"Life With Father" and descended through "Cheaper by the Dozen."

The attitudes of the Bonnard family toward love and life are somewhat at variance with the prevailing American conception. They are frank, these French, and Bibi is allowed to watch the ways of the world as they really are.

In spite of Maman's losing battle to hide the facts of life from Bibi, he is informed of them with sensibility by some, and with gusto by others. As Grandpere tells him, love is a matter

of the glands, the heart, and the mind all working together.

Papa is a sentimental and understanding man who loves and respects life and its pleasures. One of the finest performances in the play is given by Clarence Suiter in the role.

Ed Ragozzino deserves applause for his deft and casual handling of Uncle Desmonde, the romantic young bachelor who collects women's garters as some men collect postage stamps. It is possible that Ragozzino, an old hand, got a trifle too relaxed occasionally.

Men Better

Though women's characterizations were not quite on a par with the men, Cecily Ley was quite convincing as the French fluff who finally pins Uncle Desmonde down. Sally, Bibi's girl next-door-with-braces, was very enjoyably played by Louise Smith. Joella Wood, who acted Maman, Bibi's mother, needed a little more maturity for the role. She seemed self-conscious at times.

One of the big surprises of the play was Bibi himself, who was played by Ronald Sikes, a lad about the age Bibi should be, thirteen. He showed as much stage presence and poise as most of the other actors and outshone all of them occasionally. His gestures and expressions sometimes seemed artificial, but Bibi would tend to dramatize himself anyway, like most boys of that age.

Other Good Jobs

Other good acting jobs were turned in by Alan Barzman, who has something of a genius for comedy; Carl Winkleback as Uncle Louis; and Phil Sanders as Grandpere, a roguish old man who refuses to stop living.

Howard Ramey's set of the family living room was ideal for its purpose. It blended so harmoniously with the characters and action that one was unconscious of it except as a comfortable room. Lighting too was excellent. It is a characteristic of the technical side of play production that few notice it unless it is poor.

Expediency Prevents an Echo

By E. A. Van Natta

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The "surprise statement" of General Eisenhower in Detroit to the effect that he would make a peace mission to Korea if elected has been appropriately described as a "grand stand play to win votes."

One can be quite certain that the general has no magic formula for ending the stalemate in Korea although his backers would like the public to believe to the contrary.



IKE

"First Task" In this same speech Eisenhower states that his administration would undertake "as its very first task, a review and re-examination of every course of action open to us with this one goal in mind: to bring the Korean war to an early and honorable end."

It is very difficult to see why Ike should have to journey to Korea "to undertake a review and re-examination" of the courses of action which might lead to a solution of the war.

Courses Limited

The present struggle has settled down to one of attrition between the opposing forces and almost anyone could tell the candidate that the possible "courses of action" available to the UN for ending the war are both limited and hardly suitable.

For instance, the war could probably be terminated (at least for the time being) if the UN

were to accept the North Korean plan for the exchange of prisoners. But this must be ruled out since it would be appeasement and consequently not honorable.

"Koreans Fight Koreans"

Another course of possible action might be to extend the war to Manchuria and the Chinese mainland in order to cut off the North Korean supply base. However, this would hardly make for an early end of the conflict but would more than likely start World War III.

Finally, the UN could pull out of Korea and let "Koreans Fight Koreans." To do this would be to hand over the entire peninsula to Communism and to weaken greatly UN and American prestige throughout the rest of the non-communist world.

Even With Ike

The opportunities for an "early and honorable" settlement of the war are practically non-existent and one can reasonably assume that the situation will remain as such even if the general is elected.

Political expediency prevents Ike and his supporters from facing the Korean issue squarely because they know that in order to do so they would lose much of their emotional appeal.

Furthermore, should they attempt to be logical and realistic about the whole affair they would only be echoing the position of their Democratic opponent, Stevenson, who has had enough intestinal fortitude to admit that he possesses no Savior-like qualities which would enable him to bring immediate peace to the world.

Minor Sport



"We're scoutin' for th' wrestling teams an th' coach here is quite taken with yer style—Interested?"

Notes to the Editor

No Support

Emerald Editor:

I would like to take this means to inform the voters of Eugene, Lane County and the Fourth Oregon Congressional District that our group (the University of Oregon and Lane County Young Democratic Club) is not actively or in any other way supporting the bid of Walter Swanson, Democratic candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives.

We feel that Mr. Swanson is as unqualified and as undesirable as the Republican incumbent whom he seeks to replace. Careful consideration of Mr. Swanson's statement in the voter's Pamphlet leads us to the conclusion that he is, in essence, asking us to vote for the lesser of two Republicans.

The rather questionable ability and the one unchallenged distinction of the Republican party has been in the general ineptitude and inaptitude of candidates they continue to nominate for high office. We shall not compound their errors nor aid in their mitigation.

Consequently we suggest that liberal voters in this district might do well to write in as their candidate for congress from this district the name of some such well-known and responsible liberal as Louis A. Wood of Lane County or David Shaw of Curry County.

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