

A Happy Medium for Elections

Preferential balloting, the political scientists' answer to proportional representation, is highly touted.

The principal is that the people who get the most first place votes get the offices, consequently the best qualified and favorite candidates are elected.

In theory its fine. It even works in practice when the candidates are running for equal, and kindred offices.

Candidates for the electoral college are probably chosen more fairly by preferential ballot than by simple majority vote for each candidate.

The ASUO senate no doubt benefits by having its members selected on the first choice system.

But the efficiency of the preferential system is questionable when class officers are being elected.

There are clear-cut differences between the duties of the different officers and the talents required of them. Such being the case, it seems as if the best-qualified officers can be chosen when the candidates are picked by the voters for specific offices.

Even under the preferential system University voters are likely to try to select their candidates on that basis. This results in many third and fourth place votes to qualified candidates.

It results in a "demotion" for students who aim for the highest office and get a subordinate position—in which they may not be interested.

That's why we like the proposed split ballot for frosh elections. It's a happy medium between the two voting systems. (H.J.)

Just Hate to Mention It, But . . .

Sophisticates and philosophers have found the answer to science fiction. They collect phrops. Phrops are phrases that say the exact opposite of what they mean.

We found a few examples in the New Yorker. "It's not the money I'm interested in, but the principle." "I'd rather be right than President," and "I'd be the last to suggest."

Would-be collectors need venture no farther than the campus. Phrops abound here. For instance, there's that hardy old-timer, "I don't care about the grade, but . . ." (H.J.)

Driftin' in Dreamland



"Oh, yes, I suppose things might be a little different for me if Dad wasn't on th' Board of trustees."



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From Germany

DeGaulle Finds Party Cooperation Expedient, Lets Soustelle Attempt Cabinet Formation

By Gunther Barth

(Special to the Emerald)—Since Christmas France is in for a period of political readjustment. After Premier Pinay's resignation during the debate of new fiscal measures in the National Assembly the country may see two or three governments rise and go before an equilibrium is found. The fall of the Pinay Cabinet had closed out the longest and most successful French ministries in recent years.

The new angle in the present crisis created the attempt of a follower of General de Gaulle to form a new government for the first time in five years. Looking for his eighteenth post-liberation premier President Auriol has subsequently selected Jacques Soustelle to form a cabinet. The 41-year-old anthropologist, the only follower of that branch of science ever to make a try of politics in France in recent years, acted with the direct permission of de Gaulle.

Soustelle failed. But his selection heralded a new role for the Gaullists. In the past General de Gaulle has held his followers aloof from coalitions on the ground that his bloc represented a national rather than a party movement. De Gaulle's ideas of strong power for the executive and easier rules for the dissolution of a discordant Parliament have been denounced by some of his critics as neo-Fascist.

Lifts Reform Demand

In the past de Gaulle's views on immediate issues have been obscured by his demands for wholesale constitutional reform. In the last months over a score of Gaullists left their leader in protest against his insistence that they hold off from inter-party maneuvering. Now the General has lifted the ban. Even if Soustelle didn't succeed the Gaullist movement for the first time since its formation appeared as a positive political force.

Criticizes Foreign Policy

The right wing Gaullists were forced morally to go along with the right wing Pinay government on most of its domestic program. But de Gaulle and his strongly nationalistic followers had been bitterly critical of the French foreign policy, especially the relations to the United States, the European Defense Community and the Schuman Plan, the aid for Indo-China and the independence movements in Africa. Nevertheless it seems to be that the General no longer can refuse to play ball with the other political parties.

Radio Review

Hollywood and Inauguration

by Don Collin

Biggest news of the coming week will be the Presidential Inauguration next Tuesday. All or part of the ceremonies will be carried by the nets. The oaths of office will take place between 8:50 a.m. and 10 a.m., PST, inaugural address included.

For the glamour of the ceremonies Louella Parsons is going to Washington to give us the word on the Hollywood stars attending the inauguration. What would an inauguration be without Hollywood stars — and Louella giving them some publicity?

Godfrey's Birthday

Today is Arthur Godfrey's 20th year on CBS—and you'll be hearing plenty about it. His first performance was billed as "Red Godfrey, the Warbling Banjoist." Now he's got a uke. He became nationally famous (so sez the publicity release) when he wound up in Walter Winchell's column but didn't hit the chips until 1945. Since then its a matter of finding a sponsor who can afford him. Godfrey has found unprecedented popularity contributing eight and one-half hours of paid advertising a week on CBS.

KASH carrying the Met's "Madame Butterfly" 2:30 p.m. Saturday. If you're really anxious tune in KEX at 11 a.m. . . . On the lighter side "Curt Massey Time" (KORE, 4:30 p.m., daily) is doing the works of Richard Rodgers and associates—today with Lorenz Hart and tomorrow with Hammerstein.

Re Morse

Notes on the Morse Assembly After our "Junior Senator" finished the question raised many times was, "Who's the Senior Senator?" Answer: Guy Cordon. Paul Washke did an excellent job as chairman of the assembly. His introduction was short and gave the pertinent information to acquaint the audience to a former dean. He ended the program without embarrassment to the speaker or the students who had to move out for 2 p.m. classes.

Recognition for work like that rarely finds its way into the news columns.

"Dwight Cooke Interviews Asia" (KERG, 10:15 nightly) is in the Philippines and interviews the WW II guerrilla leader tonight and trainer of Philippine troops for Korea tomorrow. Present series will last three months and cover 13 Asiatic countries.

Re-Hash

During a final last term some scholars gathered outside the opened classroom door to discuss the test they had just taken. Inside all listened. After awhile the prof went out and cautioned the debaters, "Don't mislead the others."

Virgil Pinkley's "Christmas Crusade" — a recorded holiday greeting sent to GI's in Korea in return for a pint of blood—turned out to be a successful crusade. Thirty-one thousand pints in all from the West Coast. L.A. led with 11,000. Portland's 5,200 pints outclassed Seattle's 3,900. KASH collected half of Eugene's quota for the last quarter of 1952. Pinkley is heard over KASH at 5:15 p.m. M, W, F.

Guest's Choice

"Invitation to Learning" (on Kerg, 7 p.m. Mondays — much better than the network time of 8:30 Sunday morning) is featuring "Participants' Choice" where the guest chooses the work to be discussed. Present series of 13 grew out of a successful "Listeners' Choice" series last year.

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