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Term Paper

Canada Goes Pogo

Besides numerous other candidates which have been suggested for presidential candidate, one name has been mentioned a few times and probably will be heard more in the future. That name is Pogo Possum.

The fictional character from the funny strips put in his first appearance in the 1952 election campaign. Many "I Go Pogo" buttons were seen around this campus, at least, and presumably throughout the country. Pogo's swampland friends even traveled to a convention for the purpose of entering their candidate's name, but in the hustle and bustle of departure, their "favorite son" was left behind.

Friday's Emerald carried a story that a certain Canadian group is planning to attend both Republican and Democratic conventions this summer to back Pogo Possum. This is most unusual since Canada has never taken a serious hand in United States elections.

Pogo undoubtedly has many friends throughout the country, witness the sales of the Pogo books which have been circulating many campuses. Some people even subscribe to certain newspapers just because the Pogo strip is carried by those newspapers.

Regardless of what his platform may be, the likeable easy-going little possum can't be entirely overlooked. Possibly he might be another "dark-horse" candidate.

One thing in Pogo's favor is that his opportunities at the presidential position are unlimited, barring some Okefenokee tragedy. Since the little creature has shown no signs of aging within the past six years, he may live forever. If so, he has an advantage over other presidential aspirants. He can keep on running until he does get the nomination.—(A.H.)

Interest Must be Shown

A team of speakers is going around to the campus living organizations this week, discussing Millrace development, and asking students to sign over the remainder of their general student deposits to the Millrace development fund.

The Emerald strongly urges University of Oregon students to support this drive, be-

cause Millrace restoration hinges directly on its result.

Although the fund raising aspect is important, the basic question involved concerns student interest in the 'Race.

The students, so far, have led the drive for restoration; partly through the staging of the Canoe Fetes; partly through the work of the ASUO Millrace committee, and partly through the use of the canoe rentals in the boathouse.

These items are not enough evidence, however, to prove that the students are really behind the restoration of the stream. A successful fund raising drive is necessary to thoroughly convince the alumni and the townspeople that we want that Millrace fixed up.

A fund raising steering committee is being organized with administrative guidance to send the plea for funds to the alumni and the townspeople. That plea will not be effective if it does not contain the spark of student enthusiasm.

Although University negotiations are not completed with the city, it is assumed that the city and University family will split the cost 50-50. That means \$20,000 must come from the students, alumni and friends. Jim Lynch, chairman of the campus fund raising drive considers that the student's share of that amount should be \$7,500.

This means that approximately 1,000 break-age fee cards must be obtained. This represents one-fourth of the campus population.

At least this much student support must be received if we're to convince the city and the alumni of the worth of the Millrace.

That \$7 or \$8 might well come in handy for you during the middle of the summer, when the business office sends out the balance of the deposit after library fines and infirmary bill have been deducted. But it will be even more beneficial for your future recreational needs, if that remainder is voluntarily donated to the development of the Millrace.

(S.V.)

Footnotes

We'd like to know who's footing the bill for the coffee hour for Kefauver and Stevenson following their debate Tuesday evening. Capacity of Mac court is roughly 11,000, plus Life photographers, foreign press representatives, and Eugene natives.



Parliament Stunned By Pogo's Candidacy

LONDON May 453 (Special) —Three different houses of Parliament were thrown into temporary stunned confusion today upon the issue of Pogo Possum's candidacy for the Presidency of the United States of America. Trouble started when foreign experts (though to be Patagonians) stated flatly that Pogo could sweep Hyde Park

straightway filled the air and an elderly Conservative was taken to the hospital with an attack of hiccups.

The Crown, asked for comment by phone, could not be located. Observers felt that there was some significance in this although a minority thought that it meant nothing. "The Crown has not been located since last coronation," declared a bystander, later identified as T. R. Bystander, a Bull Moose.

One of the Under-Secretaries, Chiffon Bluestarrs, when asked to explain the seeming confusion in this Mother of Parliaments, smiled but said: "No comment." Experts, at work through the long night, trying to analyze this speech, take some comfort in the wan smile which preceded the remarks of the Under-Secretary. If, it was observed, the word NO had not been used before the word COMMENT, the entire sense of the speech might possibly have taken on a different shade of meaning.

On the other hand, it is quite possible, in the opinion of those here, that the word NO was not used in the strictly negative sense. Some have pointed out that on occasion the word NO is used as a question. This would be quite possible in the language of international politics and diplomacy. To answer a question with a question was Disraeli's forte.

Analysts refused, however, to attempt to go into the matter of what was implied by the word COMMENT. "We've gone as far as we can go," said one, in summing up.



in 1956. "Pogo," shouted an M.P. from Lower Backstairs, "could not sweep Hyde Park in 1956, 1957 AND 1958. It's a BIG place."

"The issue," it was pointed out, "is not so much a matter of whether the American Possum will eventually occupy the White House, the question is WHERE DOES HE STAND?" The speaker repeated that he could not make this last point too strong. A member of the opposition party promptly retorted that the point was already too strong. Crumpets

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Recent Incidents Show Handicap Under Which Democracies Work

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Two recent incidents, of no great importance in themselves, are reminders of the difficulties under which democracies fight wars, be they cold or hot.

The Russians recently discovered an elaborate wiretap in a tunnel connecting the East and West sectors of Berlin. They said it had been set up by Americans so they could listen in on important Communist telephone lines.

The Reds screamed to high heaven — perhaps influenced by the knowledge that some of them faced serious trouble for letting the construction of the tunnel and operation of the tap go so long undiscovered.

The United States made a sort of backhanded disavowal, but looked very much embarrassed, like a small boy caught with his hand in the cookie jar.

In Britain, a retired frogman of wartime renown lost his life while poking around the under-sides of the warships on which Khrushchev and Bulganin trav-

eled for their recent visit.

A scream immediately went up, mostly from politicians who enjoyed embarrassing the government, that the rules of hospitality had been violated. The Prime Minister of Britain was put on the spot, and had to stand before the House of Commons and deny that he or the Cabinet had known about any spy mission. He apologized to Russia.

For what?

Russia is the declared enemy of the rest of the world. From one standpoint, Bulganin and Khrushchev may have been guests. An argument can be made, however, that they were in London more as envoys from any enemy country, under a flag of truce, and that the British government was under no obligation beyond protecting their persons.

Russia's spy rings throughout the world have been exposed so often that knowledge of their workings is commonplace. And she doesn't merely use the direct action of wiretaps and frogmen. One of her chief tactics is

to infiltrate governments themselves, through trusted men who have been subverted to her cause by one means or another.

Where spying has always been a distasteful subject among Anglo-Saxons, it comes naturally to the Russians. They consider it routine for everybody, and might not even have protested about the British incident if the British hadn't gotten themselves in a row over it.

In the Berlin case, they actually displayed a certain amount of admiration for the wiretappers.

The embarrassment in Britain and the United States over getting caught suggests a good many people still don't realize that there is a very real war on, in which knowledge of Russia's practices, both military and political, is vital.

It also suggests a tendency to forget one of the major facts of life—that many a gentleman has gone away from a barroom brawl with a cracked skull because he tried to stick to Marquis of Queensberry rules.



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