

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

### Henry Cabot Lodge, Official Nikita Host, GOP Candidate

WASHINGTON—The choice of tall, handsome Henry Cabot Lodge as pilot for broad, bulging Nikita Khrushchev was no accident and may result in another presidential candidate on the Republican horizon.

Lodge and Khrushchev are about as unlike as any two men you could pick in the USA and USSR. One is a rough, tough former coal miner, the other a New England blue blood whose grandfather, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, was one of the "little band of wild men" which killed the League of Nations in the U. S. Senate and were charged with the physical collapse of President Woodrow Wilson. Cabot Lodge, who grew up on the knee of his grandfather and worshipped him, is now U. S. delegate to the United Nations, successor to the League of Nations which his grandfather helped to kill.

In Boston it's said that the Cabots speak only to God. In Russia Nikita Khrushchev takes the position that there is no God. Lodge was educated in the fashionable Middlesex school in Boston and at Harvard. Khrushchev didn't learn how to read until he was 29.

As UN delegate in New York, Lodge has constantly tangled with the Soviet delegates, has kept up a running battle with them for six years. He was not exactly the man who, as chaplain, would make Khrushchev feel "sympathetic" in the USA. However, President Eisenhower has a deep personal affection for Lodge who was his original campaign manager in the 1952 election which first put Ike in the White House. Many times that Lodge is the kind of Republican the party should groom as his, Ike's, successor.

And when Lodge was picked as Khrushchev's chaperon, his ability to rebut his Russian guest was not the only quality considered. Also considered was the millions of dollars worth of free TV exposure he would get as a build-up for possible candidate in 1960.

Note—Ike is sticking to his pledge to keep neutral in the 1960 race for the GOP nominations. But is represented as feeling that there is no harm in having three candidates in the running instead of only Rockefeller and Nixon.

**On the Beach**  
Evenings are sometimes long and cool this time of year at Camp David, Md. One way the President and Premier Khrushchev might spend an evening, if they get tired of their interpreters, is to see the new film, "On the Beach," featuring Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner and produced from the famous novel by Nevil Shute. It's the gripping tragic story of what comes to the world after nuclear war.

After seeing radioactive poison gradually settle down over Europe, the USA, Asia and Australia, Khrushchev should finally agree to inspection posts on Soviet soil to prevent nuclear accidents.

**Smiles or Frowns for Mr. K.**  
Various readers have asked me whether we should be courteous or cool, hostile or friendly to Premier Khrushchev.

It so happens that Izvestia and Pravda have aimed more editorial criticism at me than perhaps any other Washington newsmen, so I might have some reason to be prejudiced. However, I am convinced that we have every thing to gain by giving Mr. K a friendly view of the United States without a lot of goading irritants levelled at him by those who may want to run for election on a platform of badgering the Russians.

Listening to what Khrushchev has to say without erupting in his face doesn't mean we agree with him. A friendly reception will even strengthen the President's hand in his final bargaining talks at Camp David. The more friendly the reception, the less excuse Khrushchev has to claim the USA is hostile when he and Ike get down to brass tacks during the final days of his stay.

It's true of course that the President himself gave the public its cue by acting almost as if

he regretted the invitation. And it was a fact that after Ike agreed to the exchange of visits he got chided by old guard Republicans and began to back-track.

However, the alternative to better understanding with Russia is to begin paying higher taxes and sharply increasing the military budget. For U.S. military strength has been slipping to an alarming degree.

Note—Last week, Sept. 18, news headlines proclaimed: "Fifty-Pound Moon Satellite in Orbit." The headlines might better have proclaimed that almost two years after Oct. 4, 1957 when Russia launched a 400-pound Sputnik, the United States still was able to launch only a 50-pound Sputnik. This was the real news. In the interim Russia had launched one of 3,000 pounds.

**Backstage with Mr. K's family**  
—After the Khrushchev family arrived at Blair House, Mrs. Khrushchev was given the cook's tour. She nodded appreciatively at the room arrangements and made polite comments about the furniture like any housewife being shown through a friend's home.

After lunch, she slipped upstairs for a nap. . . . But Khrushchev, taking over like the man of the house, invited Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge into the drawing room. "Find me an interpreter and we'll have man's talk," he boomed to a State Department official who understood a little Russian. . . . During the earlier small talk, Khrushchev insisted Russian consumer goods were as good as anything he had seen. (He wore a tailored Italian suit, and his son Serge carried an Austrian camera.) . . . After the final function each day, American security men left the Khrushchev's alone with their own bodyguards. . . . The man responsible for Khrushchev's safety in this country is Elmer Hipsley, former judo expert for the Secret Service, now head of the State Department's physical security division. . . . He scolded a couple of security men for getting too chummy with the visiting Russians, but failed to follow his own instructions during a drinking bout at the Russian embassy with the Soviet secret police chief, Nikolai Zhakarov.

### TELEVISION IN REVIEW:

### Groucho Back With New TV Show And Funnier Than Ever

By FRED DANZIG  
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NEW YORK (UP)—The magic word on Thursday night was: "Groucho."

Back to begin his 13th season with the comedy-quiz, You Bet Your Life, Groucho Marx went to work with a new set, new sponsors, new game rules, and a new

### REMEMBER WHEN

. . . 25 years ago new students received rousing welcome at Eastern Oregon College here, with EOC President H. E. Inlow in welcoming address. Other college speakers included Virdeil Rausdale, president of the Associated Students; Roy Skoen and Elmo Stevenson of the faculty.

The first frost of the fall season dealt a damaging blow to the entire Grande Ronde valley following two days of wintry-like weather here.

Albert C. Buchanan and Miss Violet B. Stills, both of La Grande, were married.

. . . 15 years ago Manila was raided by U.S. carrier-based plane attack. The Germans launched a savage counter offensive that drove back the Yanks at Trier, Belgium.

Word was received here that Lt. Ray Wilson, bombardier on a Flying Fortress, was lost in action. He was son of Mrs. Alice Wilson and was La Grande High School graduate.

The first fall court of honor for Boy Scouts was held at the Central school, with Frank Schiro as chairman.

book to plug. Only Groucho's wit was unchanged.

He rapped out a few mildly funny lines during the half-hour: "Ninety per cent of the people who watch this program are asleep"; and when a contestant, referring to plumbing, mentioned a "big round tub" he once had, Groucho ended the man's waistline and said, "You still have it."

While Groucho the Quizmaster is probably the fastest gagger in the West, I couldn't help thinking of his recent guest appearances on the Jack Paar, What's My Line and I've got a Secret Shows. Groucho the Guest is funnier in welcoming address. Other fellows' shows in shambles as he deflated formats, egos and protocol.

So, it's with mixed emotions that I welcome his new NBC-TV season. He's in a rut, I'd rather see him on his circuit-riding, panel-busting rounds—with or without a book to plug. If one simple quiz show a week is all he wants to do with his life, that's his business. Personally, I think Groucho should work more while he's still young.

Backward glances: This is the week that TV lost its best daytime show (Sam Levenson) and best nighttime show (Andy Williams). I can understand Andy's departure, but I can't take Sam's losing out to December Bride reruns.

Noticed how many Westerns started the fall season with yards about youngsters and/or card-playing? I'm afraid Elmer Bernstein's theme music for Riverboat, the lavishly-produced NBC-TV Sunday series, is the best

thing about it. While I enjoyed the premiere Fibber McGee and Molly episode, the second one was pure pap. I hope they haven't run out of material so soon. Speaking of hope, there's Hope Emerson. Imagine leaving the successful Peter Gunn series for Dennis O'Keefe's fiasco? But if she did it because she abhors the Gunn

blend of violence, I'm with her. A long-time Arthur Godfrey fan wrote in to say she didn't care for the redhead's Sept. 16 CBS-TV special "because he's so busy acting young and catering to youth nowadays that he's forgotten all about us old-timers."

A starring in an updated version of "The Jazz Singer" on NBC-TV Tuesday, Oct. 13, has signed Anna Maria Aberghetti and Molly Picon to co-starring roles. Jonathan Winters, back at work after a long rest, visits the Paar-less Jack Paar Show next Wednesday night.

The channel swim: Jerry Lewis.



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### This Might Be What Gunnar Wants

Monroe Sweetland, who numbers a delightful sense of humor among his many good qualities, has come up with a belling of an idea.

Sweetland thinks Pete Gunnar ought to try to become the Republican candidate against Senator Richard L. Neuberger next year.

You remember Gunnar. He's the fellow who's been going around the state criticizing Neuberger for the size of his office payroll—set by law—and for voting for President Eisenhower's defense and foreign aid requests.

Gunnar, state Republican chairman, has been trying to set Neuberger up for

the Republicans next year. Presumably at the same time he's been looking for a candidate to run against Neuberger.

His success has not been conspicuous in either endeavor.

But Sweetland has helped Gunnar to solve his problem.

Now, all Pete has to do is smile coyly and say he did not intend to become a candidate.

"But, since the voters seem to want it . . ." will finish up his statement.

Perhaps Sweetland has put his finger on the "mystery man" who was being built up by Gunnar all along.

### Everybody Loses In U Of O-OCS Fight

The poorly-hidden battle between the University of Oregon and Oregon State College broke into the open at a meeting of the Board of Higher Education recently.

Immediate cause of the fight was a proposal by President A. L. Strand of OSC to grant liberal art degrees at the Corvallis institution. Larking in the background was the proposal to change the name of OSC to Oregon State University.

Both causes have been espoused widely by rabid alumni of Oregon State. Both have had heavy support from downtown Corvallis businessmen, who have considerable influence in the higher councils at OSC.

The two proposals were followed by a report from President Wilson of the University of Oregon that his institution would ask permission to grant degrees in engineering, long an exclusive province at Corvallis and an idea which will meet considerable opposition from Benton County.

This whole fight might be amusing, were it not for some serious undertones.

The push from Oregon State—whose administrators sometimes seem to suffer from a massive inferiority complex—has been accompanied by a poorly-disguised revolt against the Board of Higher Education and its chancellor, John R. Richards.

But the people of the state have the

most to fear from an all-out war, reminiscent of years ago, between the state's two main institutions of higher learning.

It was that earlier war, if memory serves correctly, which led to establishment of the State Board of Higher Education as a sort of referee of Oregon's intra-education squabbles.

The Board was supposed, at that time, to keep each institution in line, a function which it has performed admirably.

A struggle for power, the rights to grant degrees, bigger campuses and all the other trappings could result in Oregon having two inferior institutions, each running at great expense.

At present both Oregon and Oregon State are fine schools. Their over-zealous supporters should not be allowed to push them toward mediocrity.

### Barbs

During vacation college students don't burn the midnight oil, but spend their time on other flames.

A pay check is what makes a man run to the bank to cover the checks he has just written.

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