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Federation Revives Political Endorsements

The state federation of labor has modified its 1947 position and authorized its executive board to make endorsements of candidates for office. This was recommended by James T. Marr, executive secretary of the federation, and restores a policy long in vogue. Marr urged that labor exert itself more actively in the political field and favored being specific in recommendations as to candidates for office. At the same time the federation refused to restrict individual right of opinion when it voted down a resolution that would deny an officer of the federation the right to make an amendment contrary to the views of the central labor council of the area.

Other resolutions of the federation dealt largely with strictly labor matters. It endorsed a six-hour day, five-day work week, and favored stronger provisions for safety of workers. It tempered resolutions respecting government aid for Vanport victims because it feared they carried a pinkish cast. The federation didn't want to get mixed up with Irvin Goodman's pinko "Citizens' disaster committee."

The federation put in most of the week in thoughtful discussion of the welfare of workers and of the problems of organized labor. They seemed to appreciate Salem's hospitality and Salem certainly was pleased to be host for the federation's meeting.

Outlook Good for Labor Peace

Since Judge Goldsborough handed down a decision favoring the United Mine Workers side in the pension controversy matter, prospects for a favorable settlement of contract negotiations appeared to be good, and now we have an agreement announced. Lewis seemed to have been more concerned with winning his fight for pensions and little disposed to call another shutdown of coal mines. After all, the miners lost heavily in wages in their spring walkout.

With settlements being effected rapidly in major industries: automobiles, electrical manufacturers, rubber factories, the coal mines were the only great threat to sustained production for the rest of the year. The Railroads are still in government hands and the impasse between management and three brotherhoods still holds. But the trains are running, and that controversy will be resolved in time.

Production is the answer to inflation; and industrial peace is essential to production. We can ill afford the luxury of prolonged work stoppages in the great lines of economic endeavor: mining, manufacturing, communications, transportation.

Tourist Travel Off

Oregon resorts have complained of loss of business which is attributed to the news of Oregon floods, now happily a thing of the past for this season. The general report is that 1948 travel will not be as big as that of 1947. A New York vacation expert says reservations are off from 10 to 25 per cent.

However, as far as Oregon is concerned this may be merely a delayed start. There are more people and more people who have vacations. They will not all go to Aunt Nellie's for the weekend as a gloomy Pittsburgh travel agent predicts. As the summer advances, so will the stream of tourists, who will come by car and stage and train and plane. Already, we see numerous cars from distant states on Oregon highways.

When the season ends the totals for visitors will be large, though perhaps not as large as in some recent years.

Fireworks went on sale legally in Salem this week and a lot of parents are not any happier for it. It may be all right for a youthful lobby to pressure the state not to ban fireworks entirely, as happened at the last legislature, but statistics prove that the incidence of injury and death dropped materially in many states when such a ban became effective. Some control seems essential. In the meantime, let's hope renewed carefulness will get us by the holidays without tragedy.

Britain's National Coal board which operates the coal mines reports a loss of \$100,000,000 in 1947, its first year of operation. The private owners had lost \$24,000,000 the year preceding. The board insists that in the long run profits will be earned, but that hope will not cure present deficits. Socialism can't escape realities.

Just in case you wonder whether the rainy season really is over, it might be pointed out that precipitation since last September 1 already is nearly 10 inches above normal for the year, and the average annual fall for July and August for the last half century has been less than a half-inch each.

California orange-growers are worried because their fruit is getting smaller. The experts can't figure out why, but for four years in a row the fruit has been shrinking. Now, oranges run 277 to the packing box, compared with 254 in 1945. Maybe they are running short of water.

Now we'll see what kind of a show the democrats put on in the City of Brotherly Love. If the southern democrats give the rebel yell, some fireworks may develop; but the outlook is for rather a glum session to confirm President Truman's nomination of himself.

The U. S. government will close the fiscal year next week with a large surplus, probably over seven and one-half billion. The national debt is still around \$250 billion so congress shouldn't go in for free and easy spending.

About the only bright spot we can see in the melee over Berlin lies in the fact that Douglas MacArthur refused to let himself get involved in any such joint enterprise in Japan.

Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries

DISCHARGING MEN AT 65

The widespread practice of discharging men at 65 who are perfectly able to work is fortunately being questioned by the Advisory Council on Social Security set up by the Senate Finance Committee. The Council recently recommended that the government establish a commission to study the problem of the aged, including their employment opportunities. Sixty-five years was fixed in the Social Security Act as the age at which workers could retire and draw the government's old-age annuities if they chose to do so. This provision had nothing compulsory in it and 925,000 workers over 65 have disregarded their social security pensions and still continue at their regular jobs. But when the government named 65 years, it set a national pattern which thousands of employers have made compulsory, to the grief of many of their employees and the lessening of production. This issue was brought to the advisory council by its associate chairman, Prof. Sumner H. Slichter, the noted Harvard economist. He cited a study by the Social Security Board indicating that more than half of the men dropping out of employment at 65 had been discharged by their employers when they wanted to keep on. He reported the practice was growing.

Extension of the Social Security system to cover 30,000,000 workers now outside it, as often urged, would certainly increase such involuntary withdrawals from the labor force. Measures should be considered to protect workers over 65 from being forced into involuntary retirement. It is more than time that a commission was formed to study this question. — (Christian Science Monitor)

Choice of GOP Ticket Shows Party Changes

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
PHILADELPHIA, June 25 — In the long run, the public emergence of a new kind of republicanism is likely to be considered the most important event of this convention. It was because the republican party had already changed greatly, without many people really noticing it, that Thomas E. Dewey and Earl Warren were so quickly chosen as the standard bearers. Dewey and Warren symbolize the final triumph of the modern-minded republicans, whose very existence has sometimes been obscured by the disproportionate number of men like Representative John Taber in the republican majority in congress.

The proof of these conclusions is to be found, curiously enough, in the miscalculation of the strategy of the small political underground that proposed to draft Senator Arthur Vandenberg for the presidency. So astute a politician as Senator Henry Cabot Lodge firmly believed, until the very day the convention opened, that the forces of Governor Dewey and Senator Robert A. Taft would be so evenly balanced as to produce a deadlock. It is ancient history that the idea then was to offer Vandenberg as a compromise.

What in fact happened was that the forces of Senator Taft, who commanded the support of the republican right wing, turned out to be much weaker than had been expected. Senator Taft himself comes out of the convention, as one could have anticipated, with increased stature. From start to finish, he showed unflinching strength of character, good sportsmanship, and an odd, attractive kind of impersonal common sense.

Taft Men Outsmarted

No deadlock materialized not because Taft failed as a leader, but simply because of the increasing rarity of the men designed in the classical image of old-fashioned republicanism—men like Taft's Texas supporter, Colonel R. B. Creger, who became master of the party in Texas under Warren Gamaliel Harding, or old Harrison Spangler of Iowa, or Taft's manager, Clarence Brown of Ohio. Although very different from Taft in character, these were the men who constituted the Taft bloc, and they were not only a relatively small minority of the whole convention although they are reputed to be the practical masters of the political craft, they were also constantly out-smarted by Dewey's brilliant organization, headed by Herbert Brownell, jr. Look at the huge Brown whose natural habitat seems to be a smoke-filled room. Then look at the slender, Harold Stassen, who seems rather out of place away from a good law office or modernist professor's platform. You see at once the difference between the old republican party and the new.

Character Puzzling

The candidates themselves of course express the change in the republican party better than anyone else. Of Dewey's record, nothing need be said, because everything has been said so often already. His character, however, remains surprisingly puzzling, consistent with the high and great importance of his public service.

He is not the sort of political leader who arouses any personal fervor of affection in his followers. It is hard to know why this is so, unless the cool, almost mechanical efficiency of the man strikes something of a chill into those who do not know him intimately. On the other hand he has been reported at the time of his re-election to the New York governorship, the best staff that any American political chieftain in a good many decades has ever possessed. And from this staff, he commands really passionate loyalty.

Likeable at Close Range

In short, he must be much more likeable at close range than on a platform, and this is important, for a man's personal staff must inevitably know all his seamy sides.

More important still, Dewey and his staff possess really remarkable experience and competence in the art of government. In this respect political leadership is a little like a plumbing fixture—it may be well, it may be beautiful, but it should work. The working effectiveness of Dewey leadership is, finally, greatly enhanced by the choice of Earl Warren as his running mate. Warren is by long odds the most progressive of all the republicans of national stature. He is an easy-tempered, genial man, but a fighter when aroused. And the thing that most strongly arouses his fighting spirit is the greatest danger for the republicans—the grabbing for anything that is not nailed down, by the large special interests that still regard the republican party as their very own. From this, under Dewey and Warren, there is reason to hope the country should be safe.

Congress to Stay in Line

The republican majority in congress may still wish to celebrate a carnival of reaction, as President

Dewey Accepting the Republican Nomination



PHILADELPHIA, June 25 — Showing a slight trace of a beard, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York extends his left arm during an address before the GOP convention in Philadelphia accepting its presidential nomination. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

As California Swings to Gov. Dewey



PHILADELPHIA, June 25 — Sen. William Knowland of California takes the speaker's stand to announce to the GOP convention in Philadelphia that Gov. Earl Warren of California has released his delegates and thrown his support to New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey. Behind Knowland stand Harold Stassen (right) and Speaker Joe Martin. Note Oregon sign at lower left. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Truman charges. But Dewey, leading his party back to the good fruits of office after many hungry years, should long enjoy the same control of congress that Franklin Roosevelt enjoyed for similar reasons from 1936 to 1938. A Dewey-Warren administration will be a conservative administration, for if the word means anything at all, the republican party is certainly the party of American conservatism. But the Dewey-Warren brand of conservatism should also be intelligent conservatism, which means that the jobs that really need to be done will be done efficiently, and the messes Harold Stassen and great importance of his public service.

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A village on the island of Anglesey in north Wales has the 58 letter name of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysyllogogoch, generally shortened to Llanfair P. G. for convenience.

Firms Threaten to Sue Salem Over Regulation of Peddling

City Attorney Chris Kowitz, addressing the Salem Retail Trade bureau Friday, indicated that pending bills regulating peddling and soliciting in Salem will be amended before being submitted to the city council for final passage.

Kowitz said the city is being threatened with suits from direct-selling companies who insist their door-to-door in Salem without obtaining licenses or permits. The current ordinance demands that salesmen secure permits from the chief of police, and virtually no permits have been granted. Numerous salesmen have been arrested by city police for recent violations.

Kowitz, stating that many canvassers are engaged in legal and fair sales, said the council is attempting to evolve legislation to permit the legitimate operators to

AFL to Hold Next Conclave at Corvallis, Defers Resolutions

By Lester Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman
The Oregon State Federation of Labor ended its 45th annual convention in Salem Friday afternoon as delegates selected Corvallis for the 1949 meeting but postponed action on important resolutions dealing with automobile insurance and workmen's sickness compensation.

2 Join List of 'Miss Salem' Candidates

Two more candidates for "Miss Salem" were announced by the American Legion Friday night. They are Dolores Peterson, 20, of 3015 Welch st., Silverton, and Vonda L. Powell, 18, of 1545 N. 16th st., Salem. Both are brunettes.

Previously announced candidates are Mary Malinen and Katherine Gladem, both of Salem. Selection of "Miss Salem" will take place at Waters park on the night of July 4 when the Salem Legion posts sponsor a celebration featuring fireworks and a baseball game.

Charles Jens, chairman of the committee to select "Miss Salem," said he hopes Salem will produce a winner who will go far toward becoming "Miss Oregon" at Seaside July 23, 24 and 25. He said \$15,000 in prizes are at stake in the national selection at Atlantic City in September. Salem is one of 14 cities in Oregon competing.

Beaver Boys State Delegates Leave Today

Leaving at 1 p. m. today to attend the annual Beaver Boys State in Corvallis, will be at least 14 Salem boys, the sponsoring American Legion announced Friday night.

The boys are to meet in front of the state library building before 1 o'clock for pictures and instructions. Al J. Crose, member of Beaver Boys State board of directors said, Salem's quota for the State is 16 members, and it is expected that that quota will be filled before departure today, Crose said.

Boys already "checked in" are Doyle McMillan, 1020 E. Rural st.; George G. Strozut, jr., Route 7, box 122; Rudy Wellbrock, route 9, box 1424; Richard Peterson, 1745 N. 23rd st.; Lloyd Hamlin, 1885 N. 4th st.; Gary Campbell, 1800 N. 23rd st.; Richard Lewis, 1135 E. st.; Douglas Dougherty, route 7, box 21; Curtis Humphrey, 180 S. 19th st.; William Hill, 447 Shipping st.; Robert Carlson, 20 Carlton Way; Ronald Hall, 160 Duncan ave.; and Lynn Lockenour, 1478 Center st., all sponsored by Capital post 9, American Legion and George Error, 1830 N. 5th st., by Salem post 136.

The State continues on the Oregon State campus through Saturday, July 3.

Protest Road Name Change

A proposal to change the name of Prince road in the Keizer district to Dearborn avenue was taken under advisement by Marion county court Friday after three residents registered protests in a public hearing.

Mrs. Jessie Prince, widow of Fred Prince for whom the street was named, said she objected because of sentimental reasons. George Durham suggested that the road should be called Prince road through its extension. Dearborn avenue, because Prince road was established and named earlier. Mrs. Florence Barker, a former resident of the community, also protested the proposed change.

Moose Lodge Initiation Set

Twenty local candidates for membership will be in the party when a group from Salem Moose lodge goes by charter bus to Eugene Monday night for an initiation program. A talk at the meeting will be given by F. Roy Yoke of Chicago, supreme governor of the lodge.

The bus will leave the lodge's new hall at 284 N. Commercial st., at 6 p.m.

The initiation will be presented by the Eugene degree staff, assisted by a drill team from Corvallis. Music is to be provided by a 50-voice male choir of the Eugene lodge.

Deed to Bridge Site Received

A deed to a tract of land on the Marion county end of the proposed Independence bridge was handed over to Marion county Friday by the eight owners of the property.

The land, a part of the old Cooper estate, was deeded by Lillie Crane, Ivy M. and Thomas Fitzsimon, Lavilla Williams Miles, John Cooper and Mariel and Clarence Nowman, all part owners. A "cleverness" will be constructed on the property to handle bridge traffic on the east approach. The only right-of-way property now in dispute is that owned by the Paulus Brothers interests, over which part of the structure will pass on the Marion county side.

Sweetland to Keynote Deed Meet Today

Monroe Sweetland, Newport publisher and democratic national committeeman, will keynote the opening of the Young Democratic state convention starting at 10 a. m. today in the senate office rooms at the state capitol.

Co-chairmen of the convention are Ray Gilson and Art Dow, both of the Marion county Young Democratic organization. Chairmen of the various committees, as announced Friday night, are Conley Ward, constitution; Joe Larkin and Howard Morgan, resolutions; Walter Dennis, platform; Herbert W. Carter, rules; and Robert Davis, credentials.

Sessions during the day will be followed by a dinner at 7 p. m. at the Salem hotel dining room for convention delegates, officials announced.

VFW Posts Talk Of Convention, State Fair Booth

Beaver Navy post and Meadowlark post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting jointly Thursday in Mayflower hall, discussed the VFW state convention in Fendleton last week and the possibility of jointly operating a concession at Oregon state fair this year.

Virgil Bolton, district 20 commander, who attended the state convention, gave convention reports. Discussion followed in which the posts' members took part. Special interest was shown regarding the state veterans' bonus approved by the state convention which would pay home service veterans \$10 for each month of service and overseas veterans \$15 per month.

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