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## Nixon's Special Fund

Senator Nixon arrived here in a spate of publicity over the \$18,000 contributed by certain wealthy residents of California to help him finance the office of U. S. Senator. Stung by charges of corruption made by Republicans (and many of them proven) some Democrats are pointing the finger of blame at Nixon, and trying to tar him with the brush their party's administration is smeared with. Candidate Stevenson, with more poise, counsels waiting to see what the disclosures are.

No one asserts there was anything illegal in the giving or receiving of this fund. Then was it a violation of political ethics?

That depends on the facts in the case. If the money was contributed to influence Nixon, to sway him in his votes or speeches; or if it was contributed with promise or expectation of some recompense to the donors then it clearly would have been unethical and probably illegal.

So far as has been disclosed the money was the contribution of political friends who wanted to spare Nixon the financial embarrassment that often attends a poor man in public office. And so it was accepted by Nixon. The amounts contributed by each were small, in most cases not over \$500 a year, and the burden well distributed. Most of the contributors so far listed, were not persons in line to receive senatorial or government favors—one of them was Herbert Hoover Jr., an engineer who is not active in politics. The fund resembles a legitimate campaign fund, continued during the elected official's term, with no strings attached.

The fund was given strict accounting by its custodian, and the uses made of it seem entirely legitimate: travel and hotel expenses; radio and TV expenses; addressograph plates; telephone, telegraph, postage, extra office help, advertising, meals paid by office force for visitors, miscellaneous. Nixon says that not a dollar of it went to him personally.

With this financial assistance Nixon did not have to go into debt himself or scrounge on the federal government. He didn't put his wife on the payroll, though she helped out many times in his office. He didn't fudge with his travel expense by using government transportation.

The fact is that with senators as active as Nixon, in frequent demand for public speaking, who are expected to participate in public and political affairs, the salary and expense account provided by the government doesn't stretch if, as with Nixon, he has a family to support at the same time. Some senators are wealthy and simply draw on their private fortunes. Others reduce their activity to keep within their income. Others go on speaking tours or write magazine articles to supplement their incomes. Senator Morse is said to do considerable speaking with compensation to help him carry the financial burden of his office. Nixon, according to his report, has not engaged in this practice, and though a lawyer has not accepted legal cases and fees while holding public office.

On balance then, it seems to The Statesman that there was no breach of ethics on the part of the donors, nor of Nixon as the one in whose behalf the donations were made. Unless the evidence is introduced to prove an unsavory side to the special fund, the parties concerned are to be commended and not condemned.

## North Marion County Fair

One of Marion County's best free shows ended Saturday at Woodburn. Called the North Marion County Fair, the exposition was county-wide in scope. Many of its blue ribbons carried Stayton, Silverton, Keizer and Salem-area

## Midwesterners Either Don't Know, or Won't Tell Which Political Candidate They Prefer

By STEWART ALSOP

DUBUQUE, Iowa—In the crowding period after the 1948 election, newspaper men were much belabored for "not getting out into the country and finding out what the voters really want." Accordingly, this reporter has dutifully braved fierce dogs and suspicious property owners to feel the voters' pulse. The pulse feeling took place in the politically crucial farm area between St. Paul, Minn., and Dubuque, Iowa. It is necessary to report that the voters either do not have any pulse, or if they have, they are not letting complete strangers feel it.

Also on this conclusive expedition was a perspicacious native of the region, Walter Ridder, of "The St. Paul Pioneer Dispatch." The result of the Ridder-Alsop farm poll reads about like this:

Eisenhower ..... 8 per cent  
Stevenson ..... 6 per cent  
Don't know or won't tell ..... 86 per cent

On his vote this year: "Well, I guess I'll keep that to myself." On his vote in 1948: "Well, I guess I'll keep that to myself, too." On the Eisenhower and Stevenson farm speeches: "Yes, I heard 'em. Had a lot to say, didn't they?" Subsequent efforts were a little more rewarding—but not very much. There was only one man in a day of interviews who stated his intentions flatly and unequivocally. He was an elderly country gas station owner in Iowa. He had been a Republican

for fifty years, he said, and he saw no reason to change. He was going to vote for Eisenhower. Yet there was certainly no wild and universal enthusiasm for the Eisenhower cause.

One exceptionally loquacious farm lady, who wore an enormous turban seemed well informed on most matters. But she entertained a curious notion about the Eisenhower political strategy. "He has no call to talk all the time about Stevenson being divorced," she said. "That's not fair." She claimed to be undecided, but she clearly favored the unfairly used Stevenson.

The pleasant, open face of a young farmer farther south clouded with anger as he talked. He had enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve—"Thought it was my duty to my country." He had served his country he said "by busting up 1948 nearly new Cadillac amphibious tank engines with a sledge hammer—that's where your tax money goes." An enlisted friend got counter-mailed for taking a gas can, while officers had the men make trailers for them out of government property. "You expect me to vote for a general after that?" But he too was undecided—"they say Stevenson's tied up with the big boys, too."

On only one point was there unanimous agreement. Farm prices were too low and other prices too high. No doubt farmers have always talked this way; and there were a good many new cars in the back yards and freezers in the kitchens. But it is also true that many farmers even in this area with their rich, oily-black soil, were obviously hard put to make ends meet. And the way these men talked, Eisenhower was well advised to come out flatly for parity support—but there remains a lingering suspicion of Republican intentions where the farmer is concerned. "That's what he says," said one farmer, "but does he mean it?"

names, as well as Gervais, Hubbard, Brooks, Aurora and Woodburn.

Resumed in 1948 after a lapse, the fair's growth has been consistent, and new records seem assured for this year regarding both exhibitors and spectators. County fairs often stand or fall on the enthusiasm and effort expended by civic-minded persons who comprise the board of directors. And here Woodburn seems to have scored A-plus.

Directors used "an old-fashioned, country-style fair" as their theme and used it successfully. Angelfood cakes, pillowslips and the fruits of a successful harvest took the spotlight with a minimum of commercial distraction. Midway rides and concessions were clean and many home-operated.

The 1952 North Marion County Fair was an event to which all of Marion County can point with pride.

## Byrnes Balks, Bolts

It may be that the Eisenhower organization will have to swallow a little painfully to digest the latest convert, James F. Byrnes. Former Secretary of State Byrnes was the chief architect of United States' postwar foreign policy—the policies that Mr. Republican Taft and his cohorts have denounced so roundly. As "Assistant President" to Franklin Roosevelt, Byrnes (along with Alger Hiss) was an adviser to FDR at Yalta—the conference which produced the agreements many Republicans now blame as the main cause of our present predicament. Byrnes was also active at the Potsdam, Moscow, London and Paris conferences where, as some administration critics charge, the U. S. was practically sold down the river.

In his book, "Speaking Frankly," Byrnes urged that U. S. foreign policy should be one of "firmness and patience"—the very words that best describe the present Acheson policies which some Republican leaders have damned as too favorable to communism.

But foreign policy (the field in which Byrnes had much experience) is not the reason for Byrnes' decision to support the Republican ticket. He switched to Eisenhower on grounds of domestic policy disagreements with Stevenson. Southerner Byrnes can't stomach Democratic favor of a federal fair employment practices law and a law to end the Southerners' favorite tactic of filibustering. It's the Negro problem, not the Russian problem, that underlies Governor Byrnes' bolt.

The governor, however, defends his decision as evidence that he places loyalty to country above loyalty to a political party. That attitude might also be claimed by Senate Wayne Morse when he said he could not in good conscience actively support the Republican candidate. But Morse was angrily labelled by Republicans as a "publicity-seeking sorehead" and an "unstable, disloyal misfit in the party." We wonder if those same epithets also will be applied to the dignified and respected governor of South Carolina

We note with satisfaction that the control board approved plans for a new cottage for Fairview Home. This has long been needed and Fairview has had a long wait while other state institutions—the penitentiary, Hillcrest, the blind school and the state hospital—were being expanded and improved. Energetic Dr. Hill of Fairview has worked hard to give his unfortunate charges adequate care and get their needs more attention from the state.

Let us forget: Your Community Chest needs your help.



## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

THE HUNT, by Warren Carrier (New Directions; \$2.75)  
The tough old father swore he'd make a man out of his boy Chris if it killed him, and he succeeded better than he expected, we learn in this grim novel.

Chris is running away as the story opens. The crime was committed in Indiana, the young man heads for his lonely cabin 1,000 miles away in the mountains. He'd planned to go alone after he struck the fatal blow in anger, but Josephine won't let him, and she calls on his brother George for help. They want him to come back, they point out that flight implies guilt, but there's not enough time left, they discover. The three of them arrive together, to find a fourth, a boy Jim, hiding there; Jim too has a father full of cuffs and clouts than kind words. A posse is formed, while the three grow-ups and the youngster reflect on the events which have brought them to this pass.

Chris loved his mother, hated his father, was married to Alma, taught in a small college. George, a match for the coarse old man, had made love to Alma before

she became his sister-in-law, and didn't bother to stop them. Chris was in love with Josephine, and she with him. In the cabin, however, she happens to find some cartridges and a rack for a gun; she remembers that Chris had always protested he could not bear to use a gun; in a sudden panic she decides he has deceived her, suspects him of plotting to kill her and George.

So there's a series of curious about-faces here: Josephine loves Chris, then is set against him; Josephine scorns George, then needs his help, and falls in love with him. The boy is on Chris' side, then casts his lot, evidently, with Josephine and George. And before it's all over, there's an orgy of blood-letting.

No one can complain that there's a dearth of events, yet they do not always occur for any apparent good reason. These shifts in allegiance, for instance, keep the reader interested, but keep him baffled, too, until he's ready to plead for a little less blood, a little more light. Carrier's fresh vocabulary, however, and his novel turn of mind makes this worthwhile.

## Your Health

By Dr. Herman Sundesen

Young women, mostly housewives, are the usual victims of one type of nagging backache. This is a dull ache across the lower back, sometimes spreading to both buttocks or thighs, or even further down in the legs. The pain usually increases when the woman sits in a slouched position for any length of time, or if she does any heavy bending, lifting, or even ironing. It is usually a severe and constant pain.

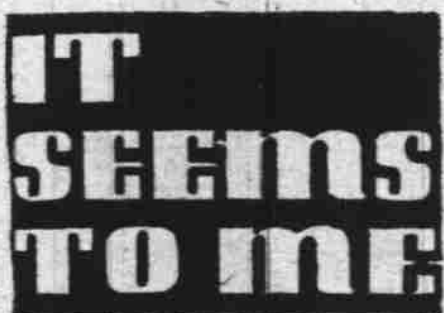
This type of housewife's backache is caused by a tearing of the ligaments of the spine. It usually follows an injury from a fall, or it may follow the birth of a baby, especially after an instrument delivery. The tears in the ligaments may heal, but the healing may be incomplete, opening the way to a rupture of one of the disks between the vertebrae. Most of these cases, however, do not progress to a ruptured disk, and are caused just by torn ligaments. Over 20 per cent of the backaches seen in young women by one physician were due to this cause.

These patients are sometimes helped by deep heat applied to the area of the tear. This is done by shortwave or diathermy rays, which send heat rays into the underlying muscles and tissues of the back. Sleeping with a board between the bedspring and mattress is also of help.

Some of these women may have to be put into traction, a way of stretching the whole body gently but firmly, to relieve the muscle spasm. An injection of a local anesthetic, such as procaine, may also relieve much pressure and pain temporarily. Usually, with these types of treatment, most cases clear up fairly rapidly.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
M. L.: I have been using saccharin for a number of years. Can it be harmful in any way?  
Answer: No harmful results have been known to result from the use of saccharin. You need not fear any bad effects. (Copyright 1952, King Features)

ELEVATOR FALLS  
NEW YORK (AP)—Ten persons were shaken up when an elevator in a downtown Manhattan office building dropped out of control from the 14th floor to the street. An official of the Department of Housing and Buildings, which investigated, said the falling car ap-



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at 10:30. These will be held in the newly completed auditorium near the East River. Members, delegates and alternates, are also assigned to work on special committees which are set up to handle specific problems. Thus the assignment is a working one. The assembly will start on October 14th and continue till the early part of December, according to the present plan.

Travel Notes—The C & NW-U P City of Portland ranks with the best in speed and comfort for rail travel. Speeded up to 100 miles an hour crossing the prairies. Light load out of Chicago—vacation and back-to-school travel pretty well finished.

Transplanted midwesterners will be pleased to know that blue morning glories still bloom over the backyard fences in the old home country. Just now from the train one is aware (with his eyes but not his nose) of the goldenrod which adorns the fence rows; and the sunnyc is affirms on the borders of the pastures.

Not a great deal of house building is in evidence except on the fringes of the larger cities. Towns look prosperous though. Across the cornbelt the metal-capped silos stick up like tall, domed Moslem temples.

The Chicago city council has just voted a \$30 million bond authorization to provide municipal parking garages and lots.

Pocatello, Idaho, has two big phosphate reduction plants, one operated by the Simplot interests of Boise, another by Westvaco Chemical. This production will provide fertilizer for northwest farms as well as for other uses.

Politics this year seems all crossed up. Everyone is chary of making predictions and skeptical about those which are offered. Certainly Republicans do not exude confidence as they did in '48. Still some sore spots among Taft men and some disappointment over Ike among the liberals. Candidates are talking so much the public is apt to become confused—and weary—by the time election rolls round.

parently had not reached a rate of speed high enough to cause emergency braking devices to take hold.

## Allies Retake Mountain After Lengthy Battle

SEOUL (AP)—Allied infantrymen early Sunday recaptured Old Baldy after a weird night-long battle lighted by flares and punctuated by booming artillery, mortar and tank gun duels.

The Allies sent two columns up the shell-battered slopes of the key western front peak shortly after dark Saturday. They closed with the Chinese defenders in their newly-won foxholes and a swirling, confused battle raged throughout the night.

Allied planes roared overhead with timetable regularity, dropping "bright as day." Big tanks hugged the southern slope and blasted the Reds at point-blank range. The last Chinese were cleared off the crest at 6:15 a.m. The Allied infantrymen immediately began digging in for a defensive stand. They rushed up prefabricated metal bunkers and were setting them up on the crest which has been blasted clean of almost all cover by intense barrages from both sides.

Infantrymen carried 75-pound sections of the bunkers up the peak. To the southwest, Allied troops

## Nixon Newsmen Get Chance to Take Spotlight From Ike Group

ABOARD THE NIXON CAMPAIGN SPECIAL—Working newsmen aboard Sen. Richard Nixon's train Saturday were little excited by charges surrounding an \$18,000 "expense fund" contributed to the vice presidential candidate by California backers.

But they welcomed the new emphasis added to their assignments by the charges even though they were unable to interview the young running-mate of Gen. Eisenhower. Nixon's staff expressed regrets that he "could not be interviewed at this time because of the fluidity of the situation." James Bassett, press secretary for Nixon, said a press conference or interview would be out of the question until after the senator had conferred with Eisenhower, probably Saturday night via telephone.

Otherwise the campaign special rolled through Oregon's Willamette Valley undeterred except for Nixon's inclination to stretch rear platform speeches just a little longer. Especially was this true when Republican opponents heckled the Communist-fighting Californian. A placard by one heckler at Eugene read "No Mink Coat for Nixon, Just Cold Cash" obviously alluding to the "expense account." On the other side were the words "Anyone who mentions \$18,000 is a Communist." The banner carried by A. W. Giles who identified himself as a Lane County Young Democrats member.

At the Albany stop where several hundred persons heard Nixon, oral questions concerning the fund brought out sharp denials of dishonesty by the senator. Nixon was introduced at Albany by State Sen. Warren Gill of Lane County. Sen. Gill identified Nixon as a senator who will stick with the campaign all the way, obviously a poke at the "stroll" from party paths taken by Sen. Wayne Morse.

The train was a constant scene of change throughout its Willamette Valley tour as groups of party officials and press representatives rode to the next stop to get an opportunity to meet the young candidate and his pretty wife, Pat. Top Republican officials and candidates for offices in November, however, toured the length of the state with the campaign special.

The regular news staff aboard the train took time out between valley stops Saturday to word a sarcastic telegram to press parties with the Eisenhower and Stevenson tours. The news focus on Nixon because of the "expense funds" gave the "second team" a chance to score in the bid for the nation's headlines and they weren't going to let the other groups get by without a "Yan, Yanh."

## Woman Among 36 To Visit North Pole

By ELTON C. FAY

NORTH POLE, Sept. 16 (Delayed) (AP)—The North Pole had its biggest crowd of visitors today.

Thirty-six persons in a Military Air Transport Service plane circled above the bleak and dreary ice field, floating on 14,000-foot deep Arctic Sea, which pinpoints the geographical northern axis of the globe. Most of the passengers were press and radio reporters who have been making the first public inspection of the huge United States Air Force base at Thule, Greenland. The others are military officers, among them Col. Bernat Balchen, veteran aerial explorer who today was making his seventh flight to the pole.

In the group was the first woman to reach the North Pole—May Craig, Washington correspondent for the Portland Press Herald and other Maine newspapers. Aimed at Ice Isles The reporters started out to take a look at an ice island on which some Air Force experts have been floating for months to report weather conditions at the top of the world. But the island, designated by the Air Force as T-3, was hidden below clouds which threatened to form dangerous ice on the plane. The pole was only 130 miles away, so we went on to take a look.

Things have improved since Rear Adm. Robert E. Peary reached the North Pole by dog team in 1909—and even since Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd, in 1926, became the first man to fly there. This trip today was much like the cross-country airliner hop that hundreds of persons make in the United States every day. Even the airplane was the same, a Douglas C-54 which commercial lines call the DC-4. Desolate Region But the Arctic hasn't changed. It is still 910 miles over one of the world's most desolate, forbidding, uninhabited—but also beautiful—regions from Thule, Greenland, to the pole. The passengers are in shirt sleeves in the warm cabin. However, within arm's length of each passenger and crew member is a parka, mittens and other Arctic clothing. The military calls this "survival equipment"—and with reason. If engine failure or fuel exhaustion forces a landing on the ice or in the glacier-covered mountains the clothes will help you live until rescue comes.

## Portlanders Visit Salem's Thor Lodge

Thor Lodge, Sons of Norway, held its first meeting since summer Saturday night, with guests from the Portland's Grieg Lodge in attendance.

Included in the group were Lodge President, Glenn Norby, and Jens Sande, a member who was district delegate to the supreme lodge convention last summer in Minneapolis, Minn. Sande gave a report of the activities there.

Thor Lodge received a check for \$30 from Vancouver's Columbia Lodge, in honor of Miss Olga Tanning, was named queen of the Sons of Norway summer festival at Vancouver. Miss Tanning was sponsored by Thor Lodge.

Among items of business discussed Saturday were plans for the next summer festival, and the annual donation to the Community Chest.

Initiation of new members is scheduled for the Oct. 19 meeting.

## Transformer Trouble Poses Power Threat

PORTLAND (AP)—A transformer at the Bonneville Power Administration substation at Gosher broke down Friday threatening a drastic curtailment in electric power to the area from south of Salem to Coos Bay.

W. A. Dittmer, BPA power manager, said week end service could be maintained with other facilities. Meantime efforts were being made to repair the transformer before the heavy week day load resumes. If immediate repairs are not possible a similar transformer will be shipped from Kalispell, Mont. Transportation and installation of the new transformer would take about a week, a Bonneville spokesman said.

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