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Educators Didn't Over-estimate

Oregon's six institutions of higher education apparently will have around 2,000 more students than last year, on the basis of registration thus far. Every one of them already has enrolled more than they had at last year's peak. One surprise appears to be that Portland State's registration still is more than 200 below the estimate, but the next few days should see the gap closed. The figure thus far does not seem to justify the outcries demanding it be made a full-fledged campus institution, however.

On the plus side, Oregon State upset the budget apocalyptic by already registering 300 more students than the budget called for and nearly 700 more than its peak 1954 enrollment.

One thing is proven—educators who at times are accused of being overly anxious didn't go overboard in this year's estimates. In fact, final figures are likely to show the total about double the 8 per cent increase predicted.

The valley's own Monmouth outstripped the guessers by considerable. It was estimated that OCE registration would approximate last year's total of 650. Registration already is 703 with perhaps 800 in prospect.

Except for Portland State, it is already assured that all state institutions will exceed the estimated enrollment set for them, and Portland State is likely to do the same. U. of O. already has enrolled 300 students more than last year; SOCE 40 more, EOCE 60 more.

Oregon has made large strides in its educational program and facilities but there seems no end to the need so long as so many folk from other climes keep finding out what the rest of us already know—that the northwest is the finest place anywhere in which to live and work.

School directors and officials of Josephine County held a meeting Monday night in Grants Pass to discuss school problems. After discussing school financing it was generally agreed that the increased cost should be borne by the state, with the money raised by a sales tax and earmarked for schools. Federal aid to education was "unanimously opposed." That shows a brave spirit, Oregon surely can "fly with its own wings" in the matter of support for education.

Over at Yakima a woman set herself on fire after she quarreled with a boy friend. Now she is in the hospital. Not infrequently men get lit up, but not that way.

Pressure to Project Ike Into Second Term Declared Symptom of Republican Disarray

By JOSEPH ALTOP

WASHINGTON — Even while President Eisenhower is courageously struggling with his illness in his Denver hospital bed, the drive is already taking shape to make him run again despite his heart attack.

Chairman of the Republican National Committee has declared that he still hopes the President will head the party ticket in 1956.

Hall's subordinates swear that Hall really means what he says. They also give all sorts of elaborate reasons why Hall's hopes may turn out to be well-founded, if the President makes the good recovery the whole country prays for.

Chairman Hall is not alone, either. Among other Republican leaders and in the party rank and file, everyone is automatically repeating Dr. Paul D. White's statement that the President will be theoretically fit to run again, if his recovery progresses satisfactorily. Dr. White's opinion has already become a sort of Republican slogan. And this sort of thing will quite certainly become more and more widespread and overt as the President's health improves.

In fact, however, it is obviously unrealistic and even a pretty shocking to continue the pressure on the President to seek another term. In the first place, the Republicans had portrayed it as a

wicked act for President Roosevelt to seek a fourth term when he was not in tip-top physical condition.

Yet when Roosevelt accepted the nomination, he was no more than a little weary by the burden of his office. Contrary to common legend, he had had no warning heart attack of any other recent illness more serious than bronchitis. Furthermore, he had just been certified as entirely sound by battalions of doctors, including the great and incorruptible Dr. Frank Lahey of the Lahey Clinic. And Roosevelt in 1944 was more than three years younger than Eisenhower will be in 1956.

Quite aside from this parallel which ought to be decisive, there are current and highly practical reasons why it is unrealistic for the Republicans to pretend that Eisenhower will now go forward as though the recent tragedy had really never happened.

It is an open secret that even before his heart attack, the President was reluctant to run, while his wife and son were bitterly opposed to his doing so. He had just about made up his mind that he would have to run, all the same, because of the continuous pleas by Gov. Sherman Adams, Chairman Hall and almost every one else around him that "it was his duty to finish the job."

But all that is changed now. The President cannot any longer be pressured to run, because no one will dare to pressure him after what has happened. It is no man's duty to run for the presidency after a coronary thrombosis. The U. S. Army, in which the President was trained, has a strong contrary tradition that a commanding officer whose health is at all impaired has a positive duty to hand his command over to another.

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