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Hatfield vs. Sweetland

Salem hasn't seen much of Mark Hatfield lately. He has been busy campaigning over the state as Republican candidate for secretary of state.

Hatfield, after this legislative experience, decided to venture on a full-time political career. In fact it may be said that he "planned it that way."

One readily commends Hatfield for his adoption of politics as a vocation. Admittedly it is precarious, but it does offer opportunities for great public service.

His opponent is Monroe Sweetland, editor of the Oregon Democrat and the Milwaukie Review, whose major interest in late years has been the rehabilitation of the Democratic Party in Oregon as a full-blown vehicle powered by New Deal philosophy.

How far Sweetland has shaded his socialist inclinations we do not know—he is still a rousing advocate of public power.

Sweetland deserves credit for ridding the Democratic Party in Oregon of some of its barnacles. He believes in clean government.

The Statesman cordially recommends the election of Mark Hatfield for secretary of state.

Life Term for Brinks Robbers

Good citizens all over the country take a lot of satisfaction in the conviction and sentencing of eight of the gang that pulled the famous Brinks robbery in Boston.

According to the Boston Globe the investigation of the \$1,219,000 robbery cost some

five million dollars, half of which was for salaries of agents working on the case. The trial itself is said to have cost \$150,000.

Gripes at Panama

If we were not so absorbed in the Suez crisis, though it has cooled off considerably since first it broke upon the world, we might give attention to some troubles the United States has down at the Panama Canal.

The gripe down in Panama is that citizens who are employed by the Canal Company (a U. S. agency) and by the U. S. armed forces stationed in the Canal Zone get lower wages than do American nationals.

There is another gripe by these employees. Next January under another provision of the treaty they are to be denied the privilege of shopping at U. S. tax-free commissaries.

U. S. officials can of course explain the wage differential: different living standards, etc. but in this age of universal democracy that doesn't satisfy the Panama nationals.

Editorial Comment

Moscow Looks at Democracy

The Soviet Union has accepted the State Department's invitation to send observers here for the election in November. It is a good thing.

The Soviet observers are expected to be "medium-rank" officials. Careful indoctrination will probably prevent them from reacting with open minds.

Delegations from behind the Iron Curtain have been here before, but for the most part they have inspected only the achievements of a free science and a free technology.

Neither Ike's Health, Stevenson's Divorce Important as Campaign Issue in Kentucky

By STEWART ALSOP LOUISVILLE, Ky. — There is one issue here, and one only, which really makes the pulses of the voters beat faster.

This reporter spent many hours interviewing voters in four districts of this city, carefully chosen by a professional public opinion expert to represent an economic and political cross-section.

The reactions to questions about the President's health and Stevenson's divorce were curious.

Once in a long while—perhaps once in 15 interviews—somebody would say that the President's health was "something you had to think about."

By the same token, we found not a single voter—no one—who admitted that he was influenced in any way by Stevenson's divorce.

Some people, no doubt, are not wholly candid when they talk about such subjects with a stranger.

The integration issue is, on the other hand, a one-edged sword, in the sense that it cuts in only one direction among the whites in this border state city.

Occasionally it is blind and bitter and filled with unreasoning hate.

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Comes the Dawn

A Salem man bought a keg of beer the other day to take home for a house-warming party. He strapped the keg into the bucket seat of his small, flashy English-type sports car.

Maybe the politicians can make something of this, but Marion County deer hunters are mortgaging their rifles more than ever this year.

And speaking of politics it takes the gals to show the way to bi-partisan platform sharing.

Lots of exciting things are afoot this week. It is not only National Fire Prevention Week but also National Anti-Freeze Week.

Next Saturday will be just another leaf-raking day for millions of Americans.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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making then it will doubtless develop its own sources.

This venture suggests the undertaking of the government in Salem during the war to produce alumina from clay.

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which is quite free of silica. Near Cottage Grove and Molalla and near Castle Rock, Wash, are extensive deposits of clays rich in aluminum.

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U. S. Public Still Apathetic To Politics

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

Any idea that President Eisenhower would sit back and issue high minded statements about government in general and his administration's record in particular has been dispelled.

The dreamiest, wishing-well campaign in a long time began to perk up. But still it doesn't promise much.

Although Stevenson has been swinging hard from the start, reports from the country generally record a lack of public interest in politics as a whole.

In New York City this is registration week, but the figures are way off despite the four-year increase in qualified voters since 1952.

"Dream" statements have been made on both sides of the political fence in an effort to stir interest.

The President struck at these "dream" issues in his Pittsburgh speech, especially those of Stevenson about thinking of banning H-bomb tests and thinking of ending the draft.

There is some evidence that a long-suffering public is beginning to watch the phraseology of such statements, and no longer is so likely to accept them, despite the fact the Korean War did end.

One reason for this is that fundamental differences between the parties are not as distinct as in years past.

Candidates can no longer seek independent support by going all out on controversial theories without alienating factions in their own parties.

Everybody talks against name-calling in campaigns to decide such a serious matter as who is to be president of the United States.

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He "Knew It"

Dear Mr. Sprague, Far be it from me to offer you any more unsolicited headlines, but I KNEW IT seems the best brief comment I can make on your recent endorsement of Doug McKay for U. S. Senator.

One thing, though, does surprise me: viz, your admission that, as a business man administrator or practical man of affairs primarily, McKay does not pose as a great statesman.

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Norblad vs Lee Asked

To The Editor The Oregon Statesman is to be congratulated on the good coverage of the joint discussions of Governor Smith and Senator Holmes.

Governor Smith and Senator Holmes are to be commended for the courage that they have in standing before each other and defending their political ideals.

Every serious voter in the state owes these men a vote of thanks.

Now may we hear from Mr. Walter Norblad and Mr. Jason Lee from the same platform.

The next congress of the United States will be one of the most crucial in the history of our nation.

Therefore, we ought and have a right to know what our congressman from this district will do in Washington.

Democrats should meet Walter Norblad. Republicans should meet Jason Lee. How can they unless they both meet on the same platform and discuss the great world-shaking issues of our time.

A good Republican high school teacher of mine used to make the Lincoln-Douglas debate "live."

That's part. Let's have some Norblad-Lee debates in the present.

James Matthew Alley, Amity, Ore.

Advise Caution

To The Editor: Senator Wayne Morse has advertised in Southern Oregon newspapers that he favors lowering the eligible age for social security to 60, and a raise in the minimum pension.

I think the public should be warned of the consequences. Lowering the age will cut some of the tax income for the social security fund, and increase the number of recipients.

A triple bill showing at the Oregon Theater featured Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance," Harold Lockwood and Mae Allison in "The River of Romance," and Billie Small, comedian-viklist.

Matinee 10 cents and Evenings 15 cents.

GUY JONAS (D) Candidate for Marion County Representative

(Editor's note: The Statesman's "Political Parade," normally confined to primary elections, is now extended to the eight candidates for state representative from Marion County because three of them are write-ins and had no recognition previously. The articles are written by or for the candidates themselves, and statements therein may or may not be in accord with the editorial policies of this newspaper.)

Marion County needs representatives who will represent you. The record of Republican incumbents shows they act in the legislature with little or no regard for your desires and needs.

You have defeated the sales tax five times it has been put to popular vote. Every incumbent Republican voted for the sales tax—also the 45 per cent surtax and exemption reduction from \$600 to \$500—in the last session.

Two years ago you voted to re-distribute Marion County. Every incumbent voted against re-distributing when when the implementation bill reached the legislature.

Republican candidates who voted for the 45 per cent surtax, now head a committee favoring changing our constitution to allow emergency clauses on tax bills, a "back door" approach to the sales tax.

You have consistently voted down a cigarette tax, yet Republican incumbents voted for one in the last legislature. This would have added another \$8,000,000 to the \$30,000,000 surplus created by the surtax.

I am 32, married, have a son and daughter, spent my boyhood on a Keizer chicken ranch, graduated Salem High School, and Willamette University, veteran insurance agent, Member-Congregational Church, Isaac Waltons, Elks, Sigma Chi, and active in community projects.

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Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She only saw him for a moment, but she readily perceived that he was six foot tall."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "apparatus"? Hypnotize, hypnotize, hypnotize, minimize.

3. What is a word beginning with po that means "sharply affecting"?

ANSWERS 1. Say, "She saw him ONLY for a moment, but she readily perceived that he was six FEET tall."

2. Pronounce app-ah-ratus, accent on third syllable. 3. Hypnotize. 4. To purify. 5. Poignant.

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