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Editorial Freedom

Oregon journalism has no more vigorous editorialist than Frank B. Streeter, editor of the Grants Pass Courier. Some might class him as standpat Republican, but he didn't confine his recent endorsements to Republicans. He didn't dodge issues or candidacies, and there never was any doubt as to where he stood. Judging by the election results in Josephine county his writings must have had great influence because his recommendations generally met with favor. In his post-election review Streeter wrote:

The battle was hard fought here, as elsewhere. The county turned in a fine record of votes cast and it was comparatively cleanly fought on the local level.

The writer still is amazed that he was not the target for a greater volume of written and verbal brickbats than was the case, considering the torrid nature of the struggle.

Streeter's experience ought to put some backbone in other editors who are afraid to speak out. Readers may differ with an editor, but if he expresses himself clearly, takes a forthright position and tries to be fair, he usually holds the respect even of those who strongly disagree with him.

In the next county, Jackson, the Medford paper's editor, Bob Ruhl, is similarly pronounced and outspoken in his views, which usually run counter to those of Streeter. Ruhl's fluent editorials do exert great influence, though in what has been strong GOP territory they are not followed slavishly by any means.

So in Southern Oregon the winds of editorial freedom blow.

New Head for Information

One of the newer lights whose illumination has been spotted in the Potomac fogs is Arthur Larson. Former dean of the law school at the University of Pittsburgh, he was drawn to the Eisenhower administration as undersecretary of labor. In that job he found time to write a book, "A Republican Looks at His Party" which caught the eye and the interest of President Eisenhower. In the recent campaign he collaborated as a presidential speech-writer, and now President Eisenhower has appointed him director of the U. S. information agency.

In the swift pacing of events the Info agency has been on its toes both to relate the facts and present U. S. propaganda. With his mental alertness and resourcefulness Larson should be a good man for this important post. With many critics at home and abroad he will find plenty to do to clarify and justify U. S. policies.

The military has had luck with its planes. The crashing of the second Seamaster plane, which is still in the testing range, might be understood as well as the crackup of the speedy X-2 which had beaten all flight records. But, too many planes are lost in regular service. Not long ago a big transport plane went down in the Atlantic with loss of many lives. Saturday the Navy reported a patrol bomber with ten aboard is missing north of Bermuda. It was on "a routine training flight." Commercial planes seem to have a much better safety record. Why should the military, with plenty of money and men to keep planes in top condition, suffer so many losses?

Banning of political placards by a 1955 law resulted in shifting outdoor promotion of candidacies to bumper strips. The disposal problem thus is neatly shifted to the car owner who attached the strips in the first instance. Probably we'll be seeing Morse stickers for some months yet.

An epidemic of "rose (bowl) fever" has struck Corvallis.

Survival

If small businessmen find the going rough, so do some of the big shots—especially the manufacturers of television sets. Talk about investing in a "growth" industry, TV seemed to have it. With its advent many companies started cashing in on the big demand. Some were chiefly assembly outfits, buying parts and cabinets from suppliers. Others were real manufacturers. Soon production capacity became much greater than capacity of the market to absorb the output. Then price-cutting set in, and so did troubles of set builders. Some of the concerns, big ones too, are bowing out. CBS has quit manufacturing TV sets. Avco corporation has dropped the Crosley line, and sold its Bendix laundry line to Philco. Philco itself had to tighten its belt because of reduced profits.

Even the big three auto manufacturers had a rough time the third quarter as sales fell off and expenses for 1957 models soared. Chrysler reported a loss for the quarter, while profits for Ford and General Motors were slimmed down. The remaining independents, American Motors and Studebaker-Packard, have been in the red for the year. Smaller companies that supply the big auto manufacturers have had tough times and some are scrambling for diversification.

As we get away from the war and war-caused shortages, production becomes abundant, and competition resumes its ruthless grind, affecting business whether big or little.

More on Homestead Exemption

Sen. Lee Ohmart of the interim tax committee called to correct our report of Monday that the committee had approved the proposal of Tax Commissioner Sam Stewart for a $7,500 homestead tax exemption for elderly persons with incomes under $2,500 per annum. This and other suggestions of Stewart were received for consideration but not endorsed by the committee. Final action on all these questions will of course rest with the Legislative Assembly.

Commissioner Stewart reminds us that there is one form of homestead exemption now: $1,000 on taxable value of property of veterans with disability rating of 40 per cent or more, and widows of war veterans. That, however, is not a warrant for extending the range of exemptions. It would open the way to a general homestead exemption which would merely shift the burden to other classes of property.

True, taxes are "hurting"—but no one seems to think of ever holding the line on appropriations. Instead the search is for more revenues, and the way to more revenues doesn't lie along the exemption path.

Editorial Comment

Shades of Shackleton!

Shades of Scott and Shackleton!

The earth's south pole is rapidly becoming an Antarctic crossroads. And the icy waste, on a plateau that pushes its way some 10,300 feet above polar snows, will become more populous as international geophysical year studies move into high gear.

A recent visitor to the south pole was Gen. Chester. E. McCarty of Portland. He has been a frequent visitor to Bend through the years on hunting trips.

Gen. McCarty is commander of the 18th (airlift) air force. Recently he piloted his flagship, the State of Oregon, over the pole.

Gen. McCarty's C-124 Globemaster dropped 18 drums of fuel weighing 9000 pounds at the pole. This will be for the use of IGY scientists who will spend 15 months there.

Incidentally, the metal drums will also serve as a radar target, to aid in the navigation of other planes that will make additional airdrops and land at the pole.

Already dropped at the pole was an automatic weather station, known as a "Grasshopper." It is now automatically transmitting weather reports from the bottom of the world.

Also released from Gen. McCarty's plane was a "dropsonde." This records weather data during its descent. Gen. McCarty's crew recorded a low of minus 35 degrees in its flight over the pole. The Globemaster climbed to 17,000 feet in easing over the snowy rim of the Marie Byrd mountain range.

Gen. McCarty's trip over the pole was the first of some 60 runs that will be made to drop 500 tons of material and supplies for construction of a polar station, part of the IGY preparations.

Certainly Capt. Roald Amundsen never dreamed on that December day in 1911 when he placed the flag of Norway at the pole that planes would roar over the icy wastes 45 years later.

Nor did Captain Robert F. Scott, who died in a snowy cache in 1912, realize that on his last trip into the Antarctic he was a trail blazing for IGY scientists.—(Bend Bulletin)

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"Maybe poor management is why you can't live on your salary, Figby! . . . Do you regularly refinance your car, borrow on your insurance, take full advantage of 'no down payments' . . .?"

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1.)

The canal is clogged and several weeks will pass before it is reopened. Meantime the Arab nations have halted the flow of oil to Britain and France and pipelines under British ownership have been damaged. In addition Britain and France have breached the peace in violation of the UN Charter, sacrificing the moral ground they need to counter Russia's ruthlessness in Hungary. The Eden ministry has suffered a severe, if not mortal blow.

Other facts stand out: the threat of Russian intervention acted as a deterrent to British-French pursuit of their Suez objectives. They called a halt with only part of the canal in the possession of their military units. Also the direct appeal of the United States (and perhaps the implication of the Russian threat) made Premier Ben Gurion reverse himself and agree to admission of UN forces in Israel and withdrawal of Israeli from occupied territory. Still another fact stands out: The Israeli army is still superior to the Egyptian, even though the latter has been equipped with weapons from the Communist bloc. The Israeli soundly whipped the Egyptians in the Sinai peninsula and could easily have penetrated to the canal. The fighting efficiency of the Israeli evidently gave pause to Arab armies on Israel's borders: Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. Syrian hatred of Israel is intense, but not strong enough to risk warfare without firm Soviet backing. Finally it looks as though the British - French operation in the Suez was not carried out very efficiently.

We should remember that none of the vital issues in the Middle East has been settled: Israel-Arab relations, control of the Suez canal, Nasser dictatorship. The acute problems are transferred to United Nations, but there the same divisions and animosities are represented and may block a settlement as they have for years past. Only those who have observed the tensions realize how hard it will be to work out a durable and just solution.

U. N. Prestige Increased by Cease-Fire

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

Acceptance by all parties of the United Nations cease-fire solution in Egypt gives the organization a new standing in the world.

Here was a situation involving an attack by two big powers and one smaller on one small country which had offered grievous provocation.

Britain and France, using the Israeli invasion of Egypt as an excuse, had intended to settle the Suez Canal problem by force. In the beginning, it was not expectable they would retire without doing so.

But public opinion, brought to bear through the U. N., was overwhelmingly disapproving, and it appears they will get out without pressing their final objective. They had created too great a danger of general war.

Egypt's acceptance of a U. N. police force does not mean the crisis is over. Too many details remain to be settled. Russian aid for other Arab countries could still set the fuse for a general explosion. But Russia, if she ever intended to send "volunteers" to Egypt, can hardly do so now that a period of transition seems begun.

This is not the first time the U. N. has been able to avert or delay critical actions.

But it is the first time it has been able to organize a police force which would be effective in such a situation. The so-called "police action" in Korea was largely a case of the U. N. being used as a vehicle for American and allied policy. The United States ran that show.

This time the U. N. is running its own show, although with strong American initiative and support.

In the beginning the founders of the U. N. envisioned the maintenance of a permanent police force of this nature, but larger, able to react immediately and directly against aggression.

The postwar conflict between the great powers, who had been expected to provide the backbone of such a peace organization, prevented the police force just as it prevented the making of any real peace for the U. N. to keep.

Of course if even a shaky peace is made in the Middle East now it will not be produced by the police force, but by the body of public opinion which sends it there. But the force does offer a vehicle by which France and Britain can get out of a situation which developed far greater danger than they had expected.

And it does offer the possibility —the precedent—for eventual development of the U. N. into the power it originally expected to be.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1946

Harry Morton Niles, 62, chief of Portland's police department for 12 years until his retirement due to illness, died at his home in Portland.

Completion of a new $90,000 expansion program by the Keith Brown Lumber company is hoped for in six months. The city engineer's office issued a building permit for construction of the first unit, a $22,500 re-manufacturing plant.

25 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1931

What was said to be the largest crowd of parents and students ever to attend an open house program at the high schools, was present for the school's main event in observation of National Education week. It was estimated 600 persons attended.

Ready access to at least five little-visited falls in the Silver Creek area is now available to all visitors to that district, J. D. Drake of Silverton and pioneer of the park development project, disclosed.

40 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1916

Given notice by the state to vacate the present hospital building, the Salem Hospital association decided to begin a campaign to construct a $50,000 new building for the hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rue Drager, twins, a son and a daughter. They will be named Doris and Douglas.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The children were prohibited to play on the porch, because one of them had fallen off of it."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "secretife"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Emmissary, emperor, embarrassment, environment.
4. What does the word "pernicious" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with st that means "astonishing, or amazing"?

Answers

1. Say, "were prohibited FROM playing," and omit "of". 2. Pronounce see-kree-tiv, accent on second syllable, not the first. 3. Emissary. 4. Destructive; injurious; deadly. "Those things are pernicious to health." 5. Stupendous.

Safety Valve

Willamette's "Eggheads"

To the Editor:

Although my lance is now at rest politically, a brief comment seems called for on your lead editorial of Saturday: "Freedom" at Willamette.

Ever since I was fortunate enough to come to Salem nineteen years ago, I have found academic freedom without qualification of any kind to be the rule at Willamette, as it must be in any University worth the name. I ought to know; and, although, as you say, the Willamette community has by tradition been strongly Republican, I am sure that all concerned, administration and faculty, students and trustees alike are determined to keep it that way.

Last spring, for example, a mock Democratic convention was held on our campus: and so far as I know no strain whatever was felt during the recent campaign. But the best proof of this is the fact that, following Mr. McKay, Senator Morse was invited to address a student assembly and was well received. Personally I think it a tribute to our students that, despite a predominantly Republican background, their straw vote was fairly even: McKay 161, Morse 134. The Faculty were not polled this year; if we had been I think we would have been about equally divided between the two parties. I say I think because, unless we choose to reveal them, our political affiliations, if any, are strictly our own business.

In rather lighter vein, and noting that you raised the point, may I suggest that only the two Republican stalwarts you mention can properly be called eggheads. I refer, with due respect, to Dean Gregg and Dean Reese; and I might add my good friend, Dr. Gatke, whose seniority surely entitles him to be called Willamette's Mr. Republican.

Handsome Mark Hatfield, of course, still has hair as well as brains in case anybody raises that old gag; but his future lies before him, as some savant said. Then, on our side, Dr. Rademaker is still well covered cranially. So is Dr. Ringnalda, who deserves honorable mention for helping to stimulate student interest through the excellent discussions of the campaign in the Collegian. Modesty almost forbids me to add a final tonsorial tribute to your constant reader, friendly critic and indefatigable correspondent who always keeps his hair on.

Ivan Lowell.
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Jerry Lewis to Emcee Oscar Show Again

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 12 (AP)—Comedian Jerry Lewis, for the second straight year, will be master of ceremonies for the annual movie Oscar awards.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which made the announcement today, said that the 29th annual awards ceremony next March 27 will be carried by the combined radio and television facilities of NBC.

Albany Mother In State Hospital After Son Killed

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 12 (AP) — Mrs. William Albeke, who told police Saturday she had drowned her 2-year-old son in the bathtub, was taken to the state hospital for observation yesterday.

Dist. Atty. Courtney Johns said any charges against Mrs. Albeke, 21, would await results of tests at the hospital. Johns said Mrs. Albeke went willingly to the hospital.

The dead boy was Steven Albeke. The mother was quoted by Johns as saying: "He never smiled, never laughed. I was afraid he would grow up to be like I am."

FIREMAN'S DILEMMA

FARMINGTON, N. M., Nov. 12—(AP)—Firemen were summoned to a residence where a trash fire had caught a power pole afire. It was the home of Volunteer Fireman Jack Sheafe.

OR DEPARTMENT STORE

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 12 (AP) — A large sign found over a table loaded with dictionaries in a department store here said: "Just right for home ,school or office. Buy a DICTIONERY."

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Loren C. Widders is new sales manager for the Statesman Publishing Co. commercial printing division.

Commercial Printing Firm Adds Leader

A new sales manager for the Statesman Publishing Co. commercial printing business assumed his duties Monday.

Loren C. Widders, recently of Oklahoma City, Okla., succeeds Rodney C. Bright, who has taken a position with Moore Business Forms.

Widders, 41, is a native of Missouri who "grew up" in his father's printing shop. A former Springfield, Mo., postoffice employe and commercial artist, he started his own printing business in that city in 1946 and more recently has been branch sales manager for Elko Photo Products in Oklahoma City.

He is a graduate of Aurora School of Photo Engraving in Missouri, and a veteran of two years World War II service as radio operator and gunner in the Air Force.

He has moved to Salem with his wife, Mrs. Ann Widders, and children, Denita, 8; Leanne, 6; Donald, 3, and Cathy, 2. They live at 325 S. 23rd St., near Richmond School.

CHILDREN'S FEATURE

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 12 (AP)—One feature planned by the San Diego Zoo for its new children's zoo will be newborn chicks emerging every hour from their shells.

PEAK EXPEDITION SET

VERONA, Nov. 12 (AP)—The Italian Alpine Club is preparing an expedition to climb previously unconquered peaks in Pakistan, Dr. Ardenti Orini announced.

Davis Doubts GOP to Shift Power Policy

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 12 (AP)—Undersecretary of Interior Clarence A. Davis said today he would be "greatly surprised" if the Eisenhower administration changes its power policies because of Democratic congressional victories in the power-hungry Pacific Northwest.

Here to speak at the All-Idaho Congress, sponsored by the Idaho State Chamber of Commerce, Davis was asked at a news conference what changes might be made in the administration's "partnership" power policies in view of such Democratic victories as Sen. Morse (D-Ore) over former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay.

One of Defeat Factors

Davis conseded that power policies had been "one of the factors" in Democratic victories, but said it was "not the controlling factor," and added:

"(President) Dwight Eisenhower will not alter a policy for purposes of political expediency."

He said the partnership policy had been "badly misinterpretated" by Democrats and "very inadequately laid out" by Republicans.

Talk to Congress

In his talk before the Congress Davis said:

"In a situation where the government so far dominates electrical power sites and is always short of power, as it is in the Northwest and the Tennessee Valley, so that a man who wants to start a business has to go to the Bonneville Power Administration or to Washington and say, 'Can I have so many kilowatt hours,' you have a dangerous situation politically."

Davis, asked if he would be willing to stay another term as undersecretary, replied: "I don't know."

'Red Dean' Says Hungary Invited Russ Intervention

CANTERBURY, England, Nov. 12 (AP)—Dr. Hewlett Johnson, 82, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, said tonight that he was more able to condone Russia's actions in Hungary than his own country's intervention in Egypt.

"Soviet intervention in Hungary," said the dean, "was invited by the Hungarian government. We (the British) were not invited by Egypt."

The bald and gaitered churchman, is called the Red dean because of his long friendship with Communist leaders of Russia, China, Britain and other places.

"Our actions," said the dean, "were attempting to put the clock back to imperialism and colonialism, whereas the Soviet Union's was to prevent it being put back to fascism."

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Governors in Key Role, Could Shift Senate Balance Through Appointments to Vacancies

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 — The Democrats' precarious two - vote edge in the new Senate places the nation's governors in a prime position to determine ultimate control of the Senate in 1957 and 1958.

In a few states, like Wisconsin and Texas, a special election is necessary to fill a Senate vacancy. In the other states, the governor can appoint a successor until the next general election.

During the average Congress in recent years, five Senators have died and two or three have resigned, thus giving the governors a chance to fill vacancies.

With the Senate Democrats holding a narrow 49-47 margin in the 85th Congress, one strategic Democratic vacancy could bring the count to 48-48, if a Republican were appointed to fill that vacancy. Then Vice President Nixon by breaking a tie on a vote to organize the Senate, could shift control to his Republican party.

Couple this with the fact that 11 Democratic Senators come from states that will have Republican governors in 1957. Conversely, 20 Republican Senators come from states that will have Democratic governors.

Congressional Quarterly found that never has control of either chamber of Congress been changed in mid-session, after it was organized. In the case of Sen. Robert A. Taft's death in 1950, Senate control was retained by the Republicans despite the appointment of an Ohio Democrat, Thomas A. Burke, to fill "Mr. Republican's" seat. This gave the Democrats an edge, 48 to 47 with one Independent. The Independent was Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, who announced he would vote with the Republicans on procedural matters. This could have forced a 48 - 48 tie which Nixon could have resolved in favor of the Republicans.

The odds point to seven or eight Senate vacancies during the two-year life of the 85th Congress. Nothing says, however, which party will suffer.

One vacancy already is in sight for 1957. Sen. Price Daniel (D) will resign by Jan. 15 to become governor of Texas. The outcome of a special election to fill his seat may have a strong bearing on which party controls the Senate.

If Texas holds a special election before January to fill Daniel's seat and a Republican is elected — a distinct possibility—the GOP would control the Senate by virtue of Nixon's tie-breaking vote.

Two other Senators-elect, Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, and Gov. Frank J. Lausche, Ohio Democrat, say they will not be present for the organization of the Senate early in January. Thus, they cancel each other out as far as the balance of power is concerned.

But no matter how the Senate is organized in January, prospect of a see-saw battle for control remains in view of the close division between Democrats and Republicans and the authority a governor of one party has to name the replacement for a Senator of the opposite party.

States that will have Republican Senators and Democratic governors in 1957 are Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Next year there will be Democratic Senators and Republican governors in Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Rhode Island, with two Democratic Senators, may also have a Republican governor next year. The close gubernatorial batile between Gov. Dennis J. Roberts (D) and Christopher Del Sesto (R) will be decided when absentee ballots are counted Dec. 5.

One of the Rhode Island Democrats is Theodore Francis Green, at 89 the oldest Senator in American history.

Other elderly Senators from states with opposition party governors are Democrats Matthew M. Neely of West Virginia, 82; James E. Murray of Montana, 80; and Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, 72; and Republicans Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, 77, and H. Alexander Smith of New Jrsey, 76.

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