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GOP PROSPECTUS FOR 1948
By his 8-point proposal for a continuing reconstruction of the Republican party, National Chairman Herbert Brownell, Jr., rates a few hoarse cheers from the rank and file of the GOP. There is need for a vigorous "party of opposition," but it cannot subsist on spasmodic campaign splurges, nor can it develop any muscle on a steady diet of "hatreds."

Brownell proposed a permanent Republican organization, with a research staff and an educational (propaganda) bureau, and complete liaison all the way from the great chieftains to the obscure folk down in the precincts. He hopes to enlist a lot of "little dollars" and "lay members" as well as the Big Dollars and the Hot Shots who carry most of the load in both parties.

Maybe this would be a good time for Ajax McGurk to carry out that long-standing threat of his:

"I'm gonna buy a gross of Jim Farley's autobiography and send it to the GOP for text book and reference."

When Jim Farley wrote "Behind the Balloons," he incorporated a lot of wisdom into it. In the 1932 campaign which procured the Democratic nomination for Franklin D. Roosevelt and after that the presidency, there was the element of "time and place," but there was also a very great deal of Farley, with his keen understanding of the importance of the precinct worker. Hillman's PAC has borrowed much from Farley.

Of course, a great party needs much more than "organization." It needs very definitely "a philosophy" and a few constructive proposals to implement that philosophy.

Mr. Roosevelt has taken the Democratic party "left of center," dragging a reluctant South along, mainly by tossing out great gobs of patronage. And if Hillman succeeds Mr. Roosevelt as the actual leader, the Democratic party will be more "left" than ever. It is a question whether it will be "a labor party" or a party subsidiary to one wing of labor.

Since 1932, the Republican party has been incoherent, babbling. (The victim of a knockout usually is that way, but twelve years is a long time to recover). The GOP has been waiting for some of its own "foes" to die, for Mr. R. to grow old, for the tide to change, for "the breaks" to come, for a lot of things that haven't happened.

One rather keen Republican said the other night:

"Maybe it's a break we didn't win with Dewey. Look at all the things that have gone haywire since election. At least we won't be blamed for that. Maybe it's a break to let Mr. R. win the war and start to make the peace and post-war readjustments."

It will require even more than that. This time the GOP will have to have something more positive to sell than "reaction" from New Deal arrogance and blundering. It will have to be ready with common sense when the Democratic party falls into confusion. Perhaps Mr. Brownell's researchers should spend less time ferreting out New Deal mistakes and more developing a program while the educational bureau sells it first to the GOP and later to the nation.

The GOP needs "a standard to which the wise and good can repair" and some leaders with "two-way necks" so that at least a few of the smiles will filter through to their precinct laborers.

MAKING TOWARD DISASTER

In the early days of the German push into Belgium, von Rundstedt's effort was likened somewhat to Lee's famous smash into Pennsylvania in 1863 which ended with Gettysburg—one of the classics of military history and generally acknowledged as the turning point of the Civil war.

Modern warfare moves on a much grander scale than was possible 80 years ago, but the principles remain the same. Gettysburg was a three-day battle and the "Battle of the Bulge" has run 30 days.

But von Rundstedt has been hurled back, just as Lee was hurled back, the chief difference seeming to be that he cannot make such an effective retreat—on account of our airpower. Monday's account of the virtual annihilation of German transport in the Ardennes withdrawal might be—taken with the onset of the Russians from the east—the beginning of long awaited German disaster.

After Gettysburg, Lee pulled back into Virginia and he held that line for more than a year. He won numerous battles, but Sherman was going through the Deep South, and the blockade by sea was pinching off supplies. It is quite apparent that Germany is in a similar fix, only probably much worse. No matter how great the skill

of her generals or how desperate "the will to resist," there can be no hope.

The only question now is—how long?

The Russians are cutting deep into industrial Silesia, and we are hammering at the gates of the Ruhr. If those sources of supply are lost, the collapse may be very swift. In the old days resistance was possible as long as a rifleman could get a little corn pone and pour a few rounds of lead for his gun. Modern war is a composite of machines and men, and when the integration is broken disintegration sets in.

Predictions are rash, but it is our belief that you are not witnessing the decisive battles of the war. Our planes are plastering Naziland with demands for surrender. The German masses may not comprehend the military consequences of von Rundstedt's failure, but most of them can remember what happened in 1918 when von Ludendorff was turned back in his last push for Paris.

Spring is near and the only good thing that could come to Germans with the spring of 1945 would be an end of fighting, no matter what the penalties of surrender.

"Rent Controller House Hunting Here," says a headline in our favorite paper. That will probably give some of the landlords the laugh of the year. But the last laugh is with the controller.

The wife of Donald Nelson, former WPB chief and lately envoy to China sues for divorce and charges "desertion." Lots of wives feel like that when Hubby gets tangled in public affairs.

Farmer Hoover, down at Swisshome, who expressed a pig to the White House last year (at his own expense) is probably lamenting he did not send the pig by air.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By JAMES STEVENS

What's This Work or Fight? ... My last civilian job in 1917 was in a pine sawmill. It was driving a truck-steam in the yard. The rounds among the lumber piles were not so different from those I later made in guard duty at Montclair, near St. Nazaire in la belle (oh, yeah?) France. But in the mill yard, if I'd been asked to work two hours on and four off, slog through mud, now my neck under freezing wind and rain night and day, eat slum, sleep on hay in a barracks about as tight as a picket fence, all for thirty bucks a month, of course I'd have quit. In fact, I quit the remaining job just because it was tiring.

My work in that mill was as important to the war effort then as my later guard duty—probably more so, for the Army needed all the lumber it could get for cantonment construction. But I didn't think much of that in quitting it. If I'd walked off guard duty among the lumber piles in France, I'd have been shot.

How do we figure such a tremendous difference in the work of war?

Soldiering as a Job ... The trouble in getting at the answer is that the question is always put up in terms of difference between civilians at home and the soldiers in the battle lines. That is dramatic, but it raises a false issue. The fact that most of our men in uniform are working men, not fighting men. The plain, simple question is that of the difference between the millions of soldiers and the millions of civilians who are doing practically the same war jobs.

The men of my outfit, the 162nd Infantry, wanted to fight for we had been trained for it. So I'd the men of the 17th Engineers, who were stuck with us in the mudholes and lumber piles of Montclair—they were a combat outfit of the Regular Army. But the 17th Engineers were kept back at the work of construction and maintaining a base port because of the skill, training and experience of its men. Green outfits could carry on the simpler stuff of the sappers in the front-line trenches, but not the highly technical jobs of base building.

Orders and Duty ... The great majority of the men in the Armed Forces in this war are in service that means monotonous guard duty, or skilled labor, or hard work, dirty work, dull work, or technical tasks that would bring big salaries to the doers if they were civilians. Most of them may never hope for the great adventure of battle action.

Their is the duty of the soldier, not the glory. Theirs is soldiers pay. Nothing counts but Orders and Duty.

Mostly, soldiering is a job. Mostly, the jobs of the soldier are pretty much like those of civilians in the war. But outside the work itself, similarity ends.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

AN EMBARRASSING MOMENT
Thoreau wrote of himself so much because, he said, it was the topic on which he was best informed.

Well I'll go one better than Thoreau and include the Bremerton ferry in the topic on which I'm best informed.
Having walked and taken buses a month before Christmas, I had enough of driving the ferry and the 15 miles beyond Bremerton to have Christmas dinner with the relatives. Going down Alaska Way, a sign told me I'd arrived at the ferry. I drove in, got out and locked the car; looked it the easy way Frank taught me; without the key. Considering all the other things he could have taught me, it's a pity he had to pick on that. Result, I locked the keys in the car.

At least 75 people tried their assorted keys. None worked. A wire was finally thrust through a crack and the door handle turned. The keys were rescued and the car released.

When up the ramp to the waiting room I went and was greeted with coffee and conversation, with various hints and hints. I with the ferry would start. I got a paper and read. Time went on. The ferry didn't.

"Where is the ladies' lounge?" I finally asked an attendant. He said there wasn't any. "Oh, yes there is. I took the ferry once last summer and there was a ladies' lounge then. Though that time I didn't drive a car like I did today; I walked." I'm liberal that way, with personal information. Let me have occasion to speak to a traffic officer and before we separate, he knows I was born and that my uncle Will's false teeth didn't fit and that I'm behind with the taxes on hillsides. So now I'd told the man the last time I'd taken the ferry I'd been without a car and that there had been a ladies' lounge. The man showed a sudden and flattering interest.

"Lady," says he, "just where do you think you are?"

"On the ferry, of course," was my rather tart reply.
Well it seemed I wasn't. You should have seen me whizz back down the ramp and leap over and around cars and people getting back to my car. I hope no one ever finds out that Olive Barber sat in a ferry building for nearly an hour believing it was a ferry. They might think I still had stayed in my hair.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

YOUNG BUSINESS WOMEN TO MEET

The Young Business Women's club is to meet Wednesday evening for a dessert and program gathering at the Cafe Don Gay, seven-thirty o'clock.
Miss Marjorie Christianson and Miss Eileen Juhl are hostesses for the meeting.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

Fortnightly club held its meeting Thursday afternoon last at the Osburn hotel. Dr. Dorothy Collier gave the paper on health and medicine, and Mrs. R. R. Huestis gave the five-minute talk on an outstanding woman, this one being Florence Barbara Seibert. Next meeting comes February 1, Mrs. L. L. Ray to have the paper on the house of the future, Mrs. Belle Lydick to give the five-minute talk on some outstanding woman.

SALE SUCCESS

The rummage sale sponsored by the University of Oregon Mothers club, Eugene unit, Saturday, was very successful, a sum of one hundred and twenty-eight dollars being realized, reports Mrs. Carl L. Huffaker, who headed the group in charge of the sale.
The money will be turned over to the scholarship fund being raised by the mothers groups.

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. Thomas J. Fox is visiting in San Francisco for a few days with her sisters, Miss Dorothea Giustina and Mrs. Tom Taylor, planning to be back this next week-end.

NOT SEWING

The Navy Mothers' club is not doing sewing work this week, the officers reported Tuesday.

FROM MONTANA

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Fairbanks of Buffalo, Montana, were guests the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Nichols on River avenue.

250 Traffic Deaths

In State Last Year

Oregon's traffic fatality toll for 1944 stood at 250 persons killed in street and highway accidents, according to a preliminary report issued by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell today. This figure is subject to possible revision on the basis of late accident reports and later deaths from injuries received in accidents in 1944.

The year's toll was 17 more than died in 1943 accidents, or an increase of per cent.

The year's pedestrian death toll was lower than in 1943, Farrell said. There were 74 pedestrian fatalities, compared to 86 in 1943, for a decrease of 14 per cent.

Grade crossing fatalities soared upward in 1944 with a toll of 24 lives, compared to seven grade crossing deaths in 1943, or an increase of 243 per cent. Bicycle deaths were the same as in 1943, 10.

Astoria was the only major city in Oregon that went through the year without a traffic fatality, Farrell reported. The city of Portland showed a decrease of nearly 1 per cent with 46 fatalities compared to 52 in 1943.

City	1944	1943
Portland	46	52
Bend	1	0
Eugene	2	1
Astoria	0	2
Klamath Falls	1	0
Medford	1	4
Salem	4	1

Small War Plants

Conference Here

Officials of the Smaller War Plants corporation will confer with manufacturers and production firm operators in this area Thursday, 8 p. m., Eugene hotel, it was announced Tuesday.
A. F. Richards, president of the Lane County War Industries, Inc., announced that the meeting will be sponsored jointly with the industries committee of the Eugene chamber of commerce.

George Moscrip, smaller war plant director for Oregon, will discuss increasing needs of the war production front; Ted Gramer, finance officer of the SWPC, will outline procedures whereby firms may expand their plant facilities under government loan provisions, and Roy Shawcross, alien patent custodian, will present opportunities for local firms to borrow techniques and production methods from captured foreign patent files.

The meeting is open to all firms and employees in the Eugene area, Richards said.

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WOMEN OF MOOSE

Mrs. C. A. Mackey and Mrs. Lindon Burroughs were winners of honors at bridge, and Mrs. Roy Fornerbrook and Mrs. W. I. Lane, at pinocle, at the card party given Monday afternoon by the Women of the Moose, at the lodge hall.

TALK GIVEN ON ARMY HOSPITALS

A talk on army hospitals, at one of which (near Spokane) he has been stationed, was given to the Baptist Service Mothers club Monday evening, by PFC William Countryman, now on ten-day leave here, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Countryman. Private Countryman is now en route to Pennsylvania, for more advanced study. He is attached to the medical corps.

Mrs. Florence Scott's group were hostesses at the meeting, at which Mrs. Henry Peck, president, led devotions.
Mrs. William Portis played two piano solos, and Mrs. John S. Mobley gave a reading.

At the next meeting, study of the book, "Veterans Come Home," will be started.

IOTA SIGMA

Mrs. E. G. Lockard was hostess at luncheon Monday afternoon to the Iota Sigma group, Mrs. Leslie Brakel assisting. Following a business session, Mrs. L. L. Daily continued the review of the book, "Through Victory to Peace," by Hutchinson. Reports were given on the recent talk of Will Durant at a dinner club.

Next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Daily, February 19.

ART GROUP

The art study group of the American Association of University Women will meet Thursday afternoon, three-thirty o'clock, at the Oriental Art museum, all members invited. Mrs. Frances Newton will speak on "Tomb Figures."

Scouts, Cubs Start

Gleemen Ticket Sale

Sale of tickets for the Eugene Gleemen concert to be held Feb. 18 started this week as more than 40 Boy Scout troops and cub packs distributed tickets to Boy Scouts and cubs.

The Feb. 18 concert, which will feature Marie Rogndahl, soprano, is for the benefit of the Camp Lucky Boy "Adventure Unlimited" fund which has been set up for the future development of the Boy Scout camp.

Boy Scouts and cubs in Lane county will sell only reserved seat tickets for the concert, Ralph A. Kindler, Lane district commissioner, who is in charge of the tickets sale for the Oregon Trail council, said.

"The sale of tickets by Boy Scouts and cubs," Kindler said, "gives every troop and pack a real opportunity to participate in the Camp Lucky Boy 'Adventure Unlimited' plan."

Prizes to the scouts and cubs who sell the most tickets will be needed by a first prize of two weeks at Camp Lucky Boy or a \$25 war bond. Second and third prizes will be one week at Camp Lucky Boy, \$10 in scout or cub equipment, or \$10 in war stamps. Seven additional prizes are being offered of registration fees for Camp Lucky Boy, \$1 in scout or cub equipment, or \$1 in war stamps. In addition, scouts and cubs will receive one free ticket for each 10 tickets sold.

Japs Plan Exchange

Of Interned Citizens

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The Japanese government has advised Washington that it expects to be able to carry out an exchange of interned citizens of the two countries some time this year.

The state department today made public a note sent from Tokyo late last year through Spanish diplomatic channels. The Japanese said that they are particularly interested in repatriating nationals held at the Tule Lake, Calif., segregation center.

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RED CROSS CHAIRMEN

MEET AT LUNCHEON

The monthly gathering for volunteer Red Cross department heads was held Monday noon at the Osburn hotel, seventeen attending.

At this time, chairmen talked over plans and work preceding the monthly general board meeting, to be held the following day; and at the Monday meeting began plans for a new year's work in the various divisions of volunteer service. Mrs. Glenn Pirtle, executive secretary of the Lane county chapter of the Red Cross, met with the group and complimented them for their co-operation and their interest in the success of all divisions in addition to their own group.

At this month's luncheon gathering were Mrs. F. N. McAllister, shipping chairman; Mrs. Anson B. Cornell, head of the canteen group; Mrs. Pirtle; Mrs. Kenneth W. Moore, Junior Red Cross chairman; Mrs. Albert C. Drew, staff assistance group; Mrs. Ed Davis, emergency closet chairman; Mrs. E. H. Peterson, chairman for volunteer special services; Mrs. Clarence H. Hyde, co-chairman for the blood donor program; Mrs. Glenn A. Harnden, home nursing chairman; Mrs. David B. Evans, home service chairman; Mrs. R. T. Watts, head of the motor corps; Mrs. Condon C. McCormack, nurse's aides chairman; Miss R. Louise Fitch, prisoner of war work chairman; Mrs. Fred G. Knox, nutrition chairman; Mrs. C. A. Huntington, camp and hospital committee chairman; Mrs. Royal Glick, production chairman; Mrs. Robert M. Fischer, Jr., public information chairman.

50-Year Membership

Jewel To G. B. Brown

A 50-year veteran membership jewel was presented to G. B. Brown by Helmet lodge No. 33, Knights of Pythias, at its regular meeting Tuesday night. Jesse Crum of Elgin, grand chancellor of the order, made his official visit to the lodge at that time. Brown has been an active member of the local lodge for many years.

The grand chancellor gave a talk to the 40 or more members present at the meeting, telling them of the work of the order in Oregon during the past year. Gail Patrick, past chancellor commander, was also present and spoke. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

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