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'All Hellzapoppin' At the Courthouse'

The heading of this piece is not ours. It is a quotation of a county employee Thursday morning in response to our greeting. He is not a party to the controversies, but he echoes the concern of many people who merely "work there", and it is a concern which is shared by all the people who vote and pay the county's bills and depend on the county for services.

"What about Day Bayly's announcement of candidacy for circuit judge against Judge Skipworth?"

"What about Day Bayly's blast at his colleagues Lee Raish (and others) at that Wednesday night meeting of citizens called by Bayly?"

It has always been our custom to make no commitments concerning any candidate for any office 'til the lists are closed. Then, as you know, we usually speak pretty frankly. This situation, however, forces us to express an opinion now.

Of Bayly's proposal to run for circuit judge we will say exactly what we would say to Bayly (if he asked, which he hasn't):

"It's badly timed and ill advised. It is the privilege of Bayly or any other citizen to run for any office, but when he already has an office with a lot of unfinished chores on hand, it doesn't sit so good (this apart from any discussion of judicial qualifications, which can be postponed 'til primary time).

Of Bayly's public outburst against some of his colleagues and co-workers in county government, we will say this:

"He has said a lot of things that have needed saying, although here again he has said them probably in the wrong way, in the wrong place, at the wrong time. This outburst is the result of the FRUSTRATIONS which go with the job, and we think Bayly should be credited with trying to do a good job and with having accomplished some very good things during his first year in office. Those who heard the re-broadcast of his speech must have been impressed with his sincerity, however tactless he might have been."

Bayly, who has always opposed the county manager plan, in principle, has been trying to give us management in county affairs without having the legal authority to exercise some of the powers he has tried to assume. So, "hellzapoppin." Everybody's mad (that is, madder than usual.) It's a heck of a mess.

(Everybody's talking about getting out re-

call petitions for somebody else, near as we can figure out from the scuttlebutt.)

This is a good time to keep the shirt on! It makes a Roman holiday to have the boys chasing each other with political cleavers, but it doesn't get any county work done, and Lane County has a lot that needs doing. Maybe there should be a grand housecleaning, but then—what will you have—a lot of new faces. We've been telling Bayly and every other county commissioner candidate for years:

"So what? Suppose you are elected? How are you going to carry out all these business-like reforms. Huh? Sure, we recommended Bayly and Maclay at the last election and Raish before that (God save us from our sins) and all we can say is that at least the dust isn't as dense as it used to be in the court house!"

We are urging the people of Lane county not to condemn Day Bayly for his "explosion," or the people he has criticized. Let's not become involved in futile fights. Many of the changes Bayly suggests could not be made without an act of the State Legislature, but it's not too late to get a county charter before the people at the May primary, under existing law. Let's see what can be done to set up an organization under which good, conscientious county employees (and we have many) can function. At least give the people a chance to vote.

(This is not the first "blowup" in the present regime. There was one last spring that was a dilly. It happened in late afternoon. All the statements and all the insults were ready for the press. Mediators got the boys cooled off by 10 a.m. the next day; the statements were withdrawn, and in the public interest, we killed a swell story. (We've been doing our bit to avert blowups.)

It may be impossible to effect any reconciliations in the present setup (but it's worth a try). If the boys won't try to harmonize, then they ought to resign while they can still wear a little dignity. Temporary fill-ins can be found, but the real problem in county government is the "Mexican army" setup. (Using that phrase is an insult to Mexico, but we can't help it).

Lane county's problem is to get a setup which can administer upwards of \$3,000,000 a year of tax money for 126,000 people efficiently, a plan which will attract able people to county service under a council or board which is really representative and democratic.

Marquis Childs

Fiscal Fantasy Due in Message

WASHINGTON — The figures to be tossed into the air in the economic report and the President's budget message are bound to have an Alice-in-Wonderland quality. That is not merely because of their fantastic size to which we have become all too accustomed.



The element of unreality that looms like a yawning pit is the fact that what President Truman may request will have little or no relation to what Congress may ultimately grant. In one degree or another that is almost always true with our system of divided powers. But this year it is more conspicuous than ever, with important elements of the President's party in open revolt and others indifferent to what the White House may want.

NO SECRET TO TRUMAN

This is no secret to Mr. Truman. It was, in fact, the chief subject of the last cabinet meeting in the old year, held just before the Christmas holidays. That was one of the longest cabinet meetings in the Truman administration and it was certainly the gloomiest.

The consensus of the discussion, as led by Secretary of State Dean Acheson, was that the first 90 days of 1952 would determine whether the western alliance could be held together. And a great deal would depend on the attitude of the returning congress.

The fiscal dilemma faced by the administration was perfectly apparent to the men seated around the cabinet table. At the current rate of spending and taxes, the deficit by the end of the government year in June of 1953 is likely to be well above \$10,000,000,000. This will bring the national debt perilously close to, if not actually up to, the limit of \$275,000,000,000 fixed by law.

Deficit spending would therefore be precluded unless the limit was raised. And, as the President and his advisers are well aware, the members of Congress who make fiscal policy, both Democrats and Republicans, have set themselves against any change. In a presidential campaign year no tax increase is considered possible.

ECONOMY SQUEEZE

There then is the squeeze, and the obvious answer is economy. Again, in a presidential year economy must be applied without causing too much pain to any particular segment of voters. The obvious cut, which the President and his cabinet could foresee without recourse to even a small crystal ball, was in foreign aid, and particularly economic aid.

Some returning congressmen have been talking boldly about cutting out all funds for economic assistance abroad. It will take a last-ditch fight to save part of what the President requests. Assistance is vital to sustain the western defense effort and this helps to explain the significance of the 90-day period projected by the cabinet.

It is very difficult to plan a cold war with our form of government, in which competing powers are balanced one against the other with the objective of limiting the central authority as much as possible. One consequence is a rapid swing between extremes of hot and cold. Just a year ago in the wake of the tragic reversal at the Yalu River in North Korea many in and out of government were clamoring for all-out mobilization, demanding virtual wartime conversion of industry to armament production and the calling up of far more men under the draft and the reserve system.

REPORT COMES SOON

According to present intention, the White House expects to release soon a report that is a footnote to this difficulty. Prepared by the National Security Resources Board a year ago, it was drafted as a master plan for the defeat of communism. The spur for the plan came largely from W. Stuart Symington who was chairman of the resources board before he undertook a housecleaning at the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Symington, now resigned as head of the RFC, was one of those who a year ago was most articulate in private and to some degree in public about the need for greatly expanding the national effort in the face of the Communist threat. He constantly stressed the need for the kind of master plan that is, in part at least, embodied in the NSRB report.

Political expediences are almost certain to curtail further the program to contain communism represented by the far-flung effort of the United States in almost every corner of the globe outside the iron curtain. The politics of the palace guard had something to do with Symington's leaving the government at this time. As is plain to the naked eye, the gap between master plan and the execution of such a plan is pretty wide.

That can hardly be a secret to the little group of men in Moscow who have their own master plan. They know something of the ambiguities and uncertainties of a campaign year. They may be emboldened by that knowledge to make moves that would once again touch off a wave of alarm and start the pendulum back in the other direction.

SO THEY SAY—

Toward the United States the feeling (Russia's) underlying all the abuses is one of envious admiration.—Sir David Kelly, former British ambassador to the U.S.S.R.

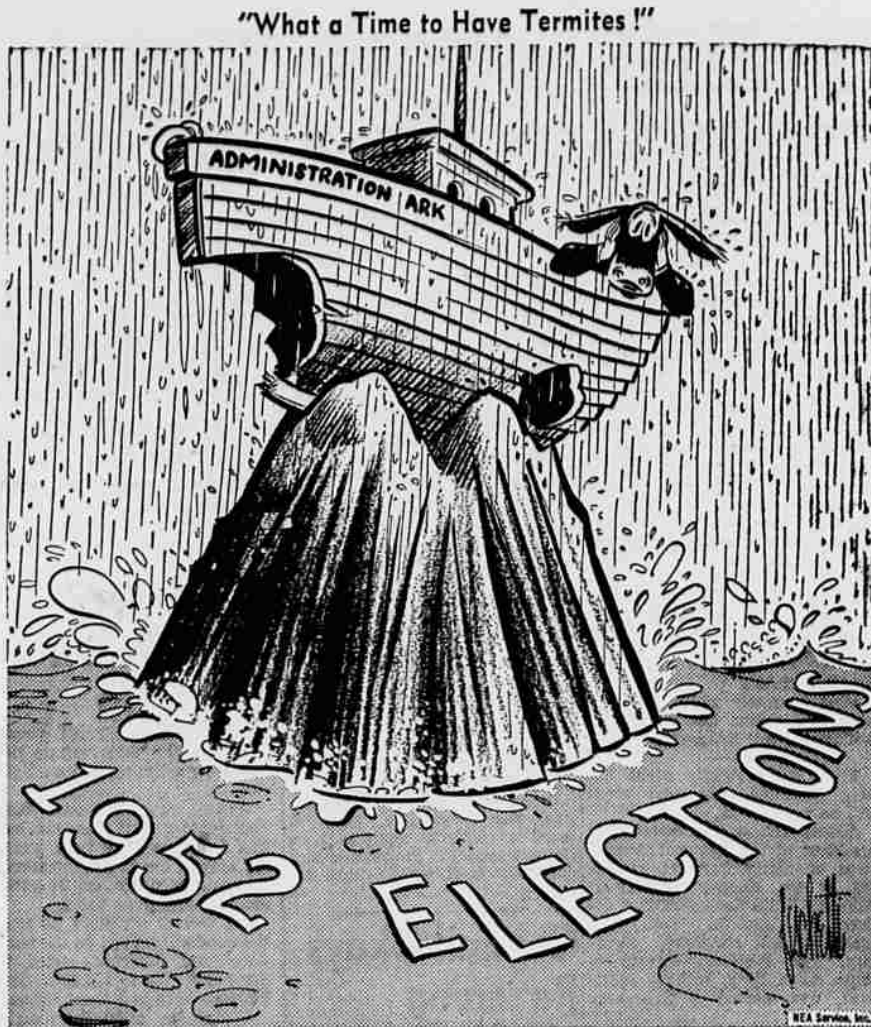
The Shepherd

SHARING

"Look not every man on his own things."

Phil 2:4
 In her great mansion made of stone
 ... With all her wealth she lived alone
 ... Beset by many a fancied grief
 Her pastor told her for relief
 To call the "Y" down in her town
 And have four lonely girls come down
 To share some Sunday for church and dinner
 ... It proved to be a great beginner
 ... Forgetting self, her days are bright
 ... And she sees things in different light.

JULIEN C. HYER



More Freedom Is Proposed For Western Oregon Indians

PORTLAND — (AP) — The director of Indian affairs here Wednesday proposed that the government end its supervision over Western Oregon Indians. The move has been approved by more than 2000 Indians affected, E. Morgan Pryse, area director, said.

Pryse said that the plan has been discussed at scores of meetings with Indians who want to be freed from federal control. They want to be able to own their land and manage their money, he said. And, he added, they are well able to do it.

Yakimas Object

Many Indians, he said, fear to lose the government's trusteeship over their property. Thursday, he said, a delegation of Yakimas is scheduled to visit him to protest any such plan for them.

But the Western Oregon Indians, generally known as the Oregon Coast Indians although they are enrolled in 43 tribes and groups, want their independence and so the current plan was drafted.

Among their assets are two reservations, one at Grand Ronde and one at Siletz. The Siletz Indians want their reservation sold and the money distributed. The land is rugged timberland. The Grand Ronde reservation would be deeded to that tribe and the members then could do with it as they wished.

Sued for Nest Egg

Many Indians already own property and the change would mean for them only that they could act without asking approval. Four of the tribes have a \$3,128,900 nest egg. They won it by suing the United States govern-

ment for taking their land. Last year the U. S. Supreme Court upheld their right to that sum. Before they get it, Congress will have to vote the money.

Before any of this independent program can be started, Congress will have to appropriate.

"We have to know who are members of the tribes," Pryse said, and it will take a congressional appropriation to finance that job.

With most of the Indians living in towns and working as loggers, fishermen, or businessmen, they are well scattered. Pryse said he knew there were more than 2000, but how many others might show up to share in a division of land and money he would not predict.

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CAULIFLOWER Snow White Heads LB. 19¢

AVOCADOS Ready to serve EA. 10¢

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SAFEWAY

We can blame some of the home-made grape juice for not being the only pop in the basement.

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Most of the "why don't you?" fellows seldom do, themselves.

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All that a wallflower needs in order to blossom out is some sun.