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Differences High In Campaigns

CAMPAIGNING WITH GOVERNOR STEVENSON—One thing about this presidential contest has not always been true in the past campaigns.



CHILDs

To begin with, they could hardly look more unlike they do, with the single exception that they are both almost entirely bald.

It is, above all, in the way in which each candidate approaches the campaign that the contrast comes out.

While this is an oversimplification, Ike's approach is an emotional one. As he frankly told the workers in the Citizens for Eisenhower office in New York, he believes people are reached through emotion rather than reason.

He is appealing to deep impulses of loyalty, patriotism, religious faith.

DESIRE TO RETURN

With Eisenhower this often seems to add up to the desire of a great many Americans to return to a simpler way of life when the burdens of the world would not rest on American shoulders.

Stevenson takes a pretty stern line about the future. He talks about the serious responsibilities ahead if America is to meet the threat of Communist aggression.

Stevenson is, of course, seasoned with the now highly controversial Stevenson humor. It comes natural to him—the irony, the sarcasm, even what seems now and then to be flippancy.

DOESN'T LACK SERIOUSNESS

The humor does not mean that Stevenson is lacking in seriousness. Rather, in the view of this reporter, it is an escape hatch for a man who all his life has been intensely serious.

Rarely, except in an occasional game of tennis, does Stevenson let go of it—it being the situation, the problem, the crisis. He is like a very alert terrier who gets a bone, worries it, shakes it, never lets it alone.

That same concentration is going into his campaign. Stevenson is acutely aware of how much he must make up for in the ignorance of most of his fellow Americans about who he is, what he stands for and what he has done up to now.

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TRENDS ARE SHIFTING

So here they are, these two so very different men, going around the country in the traditional way, offering their wares to the voters. Hope rises and falls mercurially. Two weeks ago the Stevenson camp was full of confidence that was certainly unreasoning.

Now there has been a noticeable shift. The Eisenhower backers are jubilant at the enthusiastic crowds turning out to see their candidate. And the men around Stevenson are beginning to realize the formidable task ahead in making their man known.

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In The Editor's Mail Bag

UNITED NATIONS

DEADWOOD (To the Editor)—The international magazine "United Nations World" recently distributed 10,000 questionnaires for the purpose of gauging public opinion to the UN.

way to peace. Actually the UN is not new at all. Much of it was copied after the dead League of Nations. Prof. Felix Morley, UN advocate, states that the UN Charter is essentially an adaptation of the League Covenant.

enemies in Korea are the North Koreans and the Chinese Reds who are not members of the UN, but who are backed by the Russians who are comrades in the UN.

In India, members of the Nehru party... while the Communists... we deserted our... which was the... Tio's Communists... warmed up to... we ourselves have... with the Chinese... killed our boys in... occasion we shipped... of cotton to Red... be made into... American boys.

Public Kindergartens Should Be Postponed

With great reluctance we advise a "No" vote on the three kindergarten measures which come before the voters of the Eugene school district in Tuesday's election.

Shall we adopt kindergartens into our public school program?

Shall we authorize \$250,000 bonds to provide kindergarten rooms at our grade schools (all except Bailey Hill and Willagillespie and Magladry where the plan would be bus transportation for the little kids to nearby schools)?

Shall we vote an extra operating levy of \$84,000 to become effective in the year beginning September 1953?

(We are almost tempted to urge a YES vote on the program and a NO vote on the financing, because we think it would be desirable for the school board to start building kindergarten rooms into all future grade schools, but since the board could do this without a specific mandate we think it best to leave the planning to their discretion.)

We recognize the sincerity of the many people who think kindergartens should not be delayed. We realize that the present tuition system is burdensome to many young parents and unfair to those who simply cannot provide \$6 a term to give their tots kindergarten advantages.

If kindergartens are adopted we shall give full support to the program through the years to come, but we want to remind the ardent kindergarten supporters:

"You'd better not forget to vote for the tax base amendment for a realistic tax base when the time comes! And if those measures fail, you'll have to remember to turn out year after year when it comes time to vote a budget over the 6 per cent limitation!"

We think the kindergarten supporters have "jumped the gun" a bit.

(We have harrowing memories of 1928 when it took four special elections and we were into December before a school budget could be approved. We recall the depression years, the competing demands of city and county needs on tax resources).

Maybe we are super-cautious, but we think it might be prudent to postpone kindergartens just a few years till we "sort of stabilize" our many community needs.

1. Although we believe kindergartens to be a sound part of education, ultimately to be desired, they do not come under the heading of NECESSITY.

2. Our present "tax base," within the 6 per cent limitation, is only \$430,000 against an operation budget which has grown to more than \$2.3 million annually, less than one-fifth the actual requirement.

3. Every spring since 1945, we have faced the nightmare of going to the people with special elections to vote the budget above the 6 per cent limitation.

4. Even with big increases of state aid, the net which must be raised by local taxes above the 6 per cent limitation is now more than \$1 million a year, or more than 20 mills in our school tax structure which was 47.3 mills last year.

5. In November the people of Oregon will vote on an amendment, which if adopted, will permit the people of our district, by vote, to adopt a realistic tax base for the future.

6. Unless or until we can get a realistic tax base, we see a positive hazard in adding functions.

7. Kindergartens would require \$250,000 in bonds for added rooms and \$84,000 a year for initial operations—in taxes an addition of 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 mills for operations and debt service.

8. This addition alone would not "break us," but we must keep in mind that we still need at least \$3 million for additional schools in the next 5 years, with more teachers and—if inflation continues—substantial increases in teacher pay and other costs, if we are to maintain the QUALITY of our schools.

As we see it our problem is like choosing between buying a new hat or a new pair of shoes when you can't afford both. We'd choose the shoes.

(Somebody is sure to say you could tell that by our hats.)

The kindergarten issue is presented in three separate questions under an attorney general's ruling:

Inherent Hazards in Our Precious Rights

When a group of ardent young Democrats—or should we say anti-Republicans—appeared at Saturday morning's station-stop rally for Vice Presidential Candidate Richard Nixon with banners, they were undoubtedly within their rights as American citizens as laid down in the First Amendment which specifies among other precious privileges freedom of speech and the right to assemble peaceably.

That a mild form of riot ensued, however, we accept as "in the course of nature" when you learn that their banners bore such slogans as:

"No Mink Costs For Nixon—Just \$16,000 Cash."

"Shhh—Don't Speak of \$16,000 or You're A Communist."

Not that we are ready to approve or condone the Republican candidate, because we think he has a lot of explaining to do. But when some of these same Democrats ask the editor to take up his cudgels in defence of their "freedoms" we just chuckle:

"Sure you had a right to plant your banners behind the GOP's elephant, but what in Tophet did you think would happen? What will happen when Stevenson and Sparkman come through here if some young Republi-

cans appear with insulting banners (as they probably will)? Weren't you kinda asking for trouble, all the time?"

"Ah, but why were the police so slow in giving us protection? What about that elephant trainer who slashed one of our boys in the wrist with his hook? What about Chief Brown requiring a citizen to swear to a warrant although he saw the act committed? What about permitting sound trucks to hellow through the streets announcing the Nixon meeting when we couldn't get a permit for our Democratic congressional candidate a few years ago?"

We still laugh! There are some inherent hazards which go with our precious rights. There is no law which says you couldn't give the OSC cheer at an Oregon rally, but it isn't exactly safe. The constitution guarantees religious freedom, but a church picnic is a poor place for an anti-church speech.

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What About Candidate Nixon's \$16,000 Fund?

Revelation of the \$16,000 fund placed at Richard Nixon's disposal as a member of the United States Senate raises some questions as to his fitness to be a candidate for the Vice Presidency of the United States. But—we approve heartily of the statement of the Democratic presidential candidate, Adlai Stevenson, that judgment should be withheld till all facts pertaining to the sources and use of this fund have been laid before the public.

Candidate Nixon claims that this is a "smear," that he personally never had a penny out of the fund, that it was raised by patriotic Californians to defray the costs of publicizing the Nixon activities against Communism, costs which otherwise might have had to be born by the taxpayers. The question remains:

"Is this an ethical practice? Especially is it ethical in a man who assumes the role of a crusader against corruption in government?"

Many months ago we instructed our Washington Reporter, Bob Smith to dig deep into the "perquisites" of our Senators and Congressmen, and so far he has had only partial success. We have

been mystified for a long time by the voluminous special mailing and publications "at no cost to the government" which we get from so many of our legislators.

It may be that Candidate Nixon is no better or no worse than scores of his colleagues, and that may be why Candidate Stevenson is so patient and tolerant. We hope this Nixon business will lead to a thorough airing out of the whole situation on both sides in Congress.

"How far is a member of Congress put under obligations by outside contributions?"

There are many degrees of "embarrassment." The trouble has its roots in our unwillingness to give our representatives enough outright salary and allowance to put them above "outside help." We'd like to see Paul Douglas, of Illinois put in charge of this research.

We are not ready to condemn Nixon, but we are disturbed that such a bright young man should let himself into such a mess. It is particularly unfortunate that the "little stink" diverts from attention to the "big stink" which centers on the White House.

The Shepherd

"He will direct thy paths."

Prov. 3:5

We learn of David's kingly son... The wise and worthy Solomon... Who prayed that God would make him wise... Not great nor wealthy in the eyes... Of Israel and let him build... The temple that it be fulfilled... What David promised he would do... And Solomon would carry through... God's plan and to Him dedicate... A dwelling place, grand and ornate.

JULIEN C. HYER

Peter Edson

Editors Like Presidential Primary

WASHINGTON (NEA) — A national presidential primary election in 1956 is favored three to one by U. S. newspaper editors in every state polled by the question on this column.



EDSON

A much slimmer majority—54 per cent to 36 per cent—favors a change in Senate Rule No. 22 to limit debate and prevent filibusters. Ten per cent of the editors polled expressed no opinion.

It is the overwhelming vote of northern editors that accounts for this result. Southwestern editors favor no change in the present rule, 56 per cent to 44 per cent. Southeastern editors stick with the present rule five to one—77 per cent to 15.

On the Taft-Hartley labor relations, 35 per cent of the editors say no, 35 per cent and no change. The other 65 per cent think the law should be amended in varying degrees to remove inequities—and even to strengthen its restrictions.

These are the highlights of this poll on what are probably the three most controversial issues facing the new Congress which convenes in Washington in January, 1953.

On the political make-up of this new 83rd Congress, most editors feel that it will have Republican majorities in both houses. But the number of editors predicting a Republican Senate is much smaller than that predicting a Republican House of Representatives.

In the last Senate, there were 50 Democrats to 46 Republicans. Senators whose seats are to be filled in the 1952 elections number 35—15 Democrats and 20 Republicans. The Republicans must therefore win at least 23 of the 35 contests to obtain a 49-47 majority.

SEE CLOSE SENATE RACE

On the outcome of this Senate race, 43 per cent of the editors think the Republicans will win control, while 41 per cent think the Democrats will retain their small majority. Sixteen per cent of the editors were unwilling to make a prediction.

Fifty-four per cent of the southern editors think the Democrats will retain control; 52 per cent of the northern and western editors think the Republicans will gain control.

In the last House of Representatives there were 235 Democrats, 209 Republicans. The Republicans must win at least 218 seats in

November for majority control of one vote.

Fifty-three per cent of the editors think the GOP can turn his trick, while only 35 per cent think the Democrats will retain their majority control of the House next year. Twelve per cent of the editors would not hazard a guess on this.

Only in the Southwest was this sentiment reversed, 53 per cent of the editors in that area believing that the Democrats would carry the lower house as well as the Senate.

It is notable, however, that 10 per cent of the editors predicting a Republican Congress next year qualified by saying, "Only if Ike wins," or "Only if there is a Republican landslide."

As a corollary to this question of whether Republicans or Democrats would control the next Congress, editors were asked their opinions on what kind of a President General Eisenhower would make if elected. Would he be a "liberal" leader or a "conservative"?

The division was remarkably close among the 96 per cent who answered. Thirty-eight per cent think Ike will follow a liberal course with 37 per cent think he will be conservative.

NOT A MIDDLE-ROADER

What this would seem to indicate is either that the general has not made his own position clear, or else that he is really a "middle-of-the-roader," which he himself says he is. But only 17 per cent of the editors so ticketed Eisenhower.

Comments of editors on this

question were revealing. "Afraid he'll follow the Dewey line, unfortunately," said the Huntington (Ind.) Herald-Press.

"He'll be liberal," commented the Seminole (Okla.) Producer, "but not socialist."

The Manhattan (Kans.) Mercury-Chronicle, Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel, San Luis Obispo (Calif.) Tribune-Telegraph and others think Eisenhower will be liberal on foreign policy, conservative on domestic.

The Buffalo (N.Y.) News thinks he'll be liberal, "preaching enlightened conservatism."

Many editors also had sharp comments on the prospects for changing the Taft-Hartley law, amending the Senate filibuster rule and installing a national presidential primary in 1956.

On this last-mentioned issue, the Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal opposed the proposition with the observation, "Think what a Huey Long could do with it."

"Strengthen the primary system in the states," recommends the Ponce City (Okla.) News and several other newspapers.

"Amend the Taft-Hartley law to curb the power of the labor bosses," recommends the Livingston (Mont.) Enterprise.

"Just use it," is the substance of advice from the Baton Rouge (La.) State-Times.

Summing up southern opinion on Senate rule changes, the Rock Hill (S. C.) Herald says, "The present rule protected liberal minorities in the past. It now protects conservative minorities. It should be kept as a protection for all future minorities."

WASHINGTON OUTPOST

Past Two Weeks 'Explosive' for Senator

By A. ROBERT SMITH

Register-Guard Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The diary of Sen. Wayne Morse—should such an explosive account of history exist—would very likely have to be lined with asbestos to hold safely the Oregon Senator's entries during his inflammable eight years in politics.

If one were to tear out the pages of the past two weeks, cool them on dry ice until safe to print in this space, they would still portray some of the inner thoughts of Morse, one of America's most active political volcanoes, as follows:

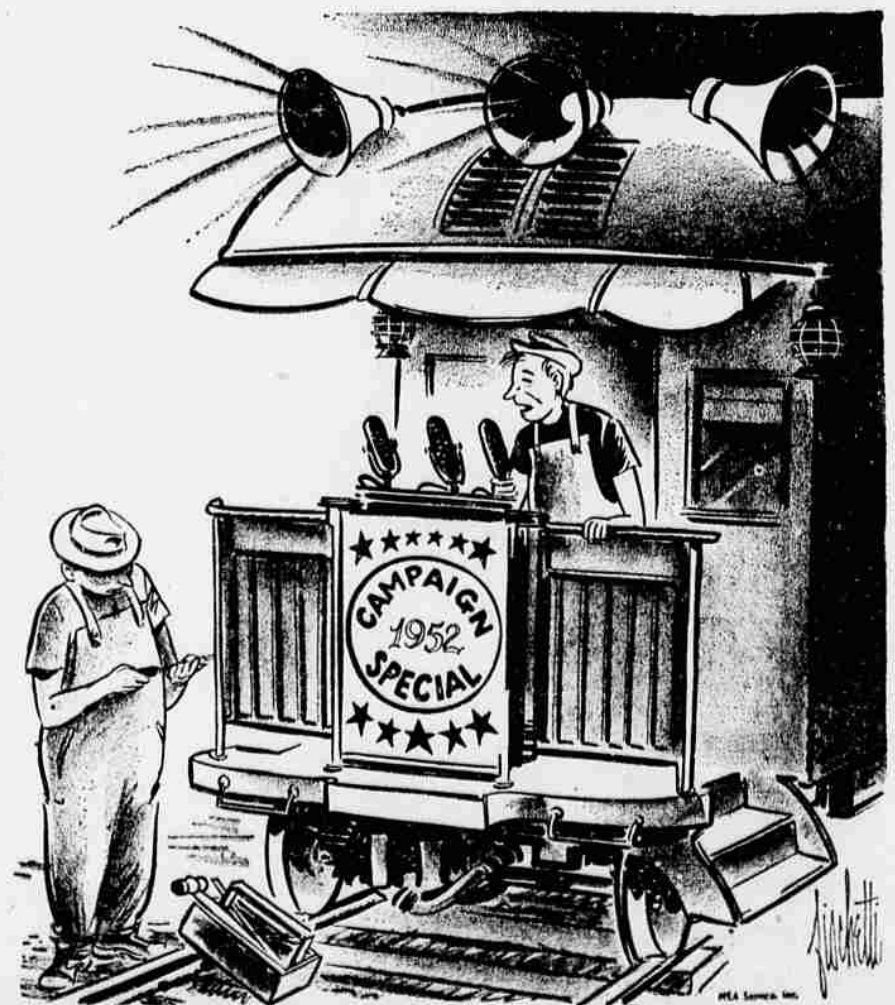
Tues., Sept. 9—Got back from air base inspection trip tonight. Ducked reporters. Better lie low to see if Eisenhower campaign is as bad as it sounded from Europe.

Wed., Sept. 10—McCarthy has

won landslide victory in Wisconsin primary, which means demagoguery is an easy road to political victory this year. Ike on TV tonight clapping Jenner to his bosom in Indianapolis... disgusting. He thinks he needs them to win in Nov. but they'll cut his throat in Jan. They're rotten apples, Ike, we can't afford to keep in the GOP barrel... How can I in all honesty campaign with them on the team.

Thurs., Sept. 11—Ralph Cake called the office from New York asking where I could be reached in Europe for an important trans-Atlantic telephone call about the campaign.

Fri., Sept. 12—Called Cake back this morning and that... had the gall to ask me to sit on the platform with Eisenhower at A.E. of L. convention with no assurance that Ike wouldn't sup-



STRAY CATS

SPRINGFIELD

I wrote one of the others here, and they solved. I am referring age dumping. I've been another voter county dweller but been the dumped dogs, by people who what else to do with our five years of the country there has been stances of animals the way to our door. They taken in dogs, but the down of small kittens, but even drink milk from it is a known fact couldn't have come here way than by him and what are we to do when we already have four cats to feed.

Besides presenting to get rid of them, an old daughter sets to keep them and the is upset. We have experience with the him and find that they will come to the rescue of mals. I would like letters in the Register regarding this problem how others have solved.

Sincerely,
Mrs. C. K.
Rt. 1, Bee
Springfield

port the Taft line of... Told Cake I would endorse the speech presence on the spot reading it at the furthermore... The conference with Eisenhower morning, but I cannot President. Nobody expressed than Truman Eisenhower harmony.

Cake flew down to still not knowing how would see greeted him with page statement in announcing they had a standstill agreement of minded Cake of what phone about getting reactivities out of lower command... lame excuses... Anderson my support... aguous resignation... Republican vice-pres... the support of Ike... Jenner but said I will vindicate a constructive campaign.

Sat., Sept. 13—called, upset that deliver me to New to see me Monday bring copy of Eisenhower speech, which by Told press I met at all.

Sun., Sept. 14—Republicans rolled with wire asking what Ike. Wired Jenner, will unless campaign too to worse, but don't campaign... Mon., Sept. 15—invited me to address day after Ike, which that round. Season hours told me not change my mind... More lame excuses... Tues., Sept. 16—ters coming in support to one.

Wed., Sept. 17—N.Y.—spent all until three o'clock writing labor speech crowd hears this speech, but now has been invited to couldn't be too honorable course for after this.

Home 10 p.m. went wild. They principle instead of People will elect no matter which Then reactionaries triumph is there again because the liberals nominated... Fri., Sept. 18—reaction arriving Will go down in row. My horses and questions asked.