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Primaries Not All Primary

To the extent that the balloting is in some respects an "electing" and not merely a nominating election, designation of next Friday's voting in Oregon as a primary election is a misnomer. In certain non-partisan contests, both local and statewide, where candidates are unopposed or where one receives a clear majority of the votes cast the outcome of the balloting will be determinative, either in theory or actuality, and the expressed choice of the people tantamount to final election.

In the selection of party representatives to the national committees, as well as delegates to the presidential nominating conventions, next Friday's balloting is factually final. The persons selected are those who will speak for Oregon democrats and republicans in the formulation of party policies during the next four years, and in the choice of presidential candidates and determination of platform policies. They should be carefully chosen.

Because all candidates are agreed and will go pre-pledged to Senator Chas. L. McNary, and because its national committee representatives are pre-doomed to little influence as officers of a minority party, the Capital Journal makes no recommendations in republican contests.

For democratic national committeeman, sought by Howard Latourette and Flavell Temple, lack of knowledge as well as possession of it precludes an intelligent endorsement.

Celia L. Gavin, widely known, sound and capable woman lawyer of The Dalles with previous experience in the job and demonstrated fitness, is our suggested choice for democratic committeewoman. A native Oregonian, an active party worker for years without thought of pecuniary reward, a proven fundamentalist in principle and action who declares her opposition "to the rapidly growing practice of the selection of persons from other states to fill the offices and jobs that could and should be filled by suitably qualified democrats from Oregon," Miss Gavin deserves the support of every true democrat.

The issue involved in the contest for democratic convention delegates is that of the difference between the Commonwealth Federation's ideological conception of democracy as embodied in the New Deal and Jeffersonian fundamentals of constitutional government. In support of the latter the following commend themselves to real democrats who are real Americans:

For delegates at large—Charles H. Martin, O. S. Blanchard, Jas. D. Burns and Robert F. Cronen.

First district delegates—Arthur K. McMahan and E. W. Kirkpatrick.

Who is Responsible

Hitler came to power about the same time that Roosevelt did in the midst of the world depression. He restored employment by diverting German energy and money into building up a military machine for conquering the world. Roosevelt has spent even more money in relief projects that only exhausted the finances of the nation and provided little national defense.

German youth was put into the army and trained for war. Great munition and airplane plants were built which provided employment for all. Surplus labor was mobilized for public projects bearing on national defense. American youth were sent to raking leaves or employed on improvised jobs or provided doles, while socialistic reforms drove capital into hiding and demoralized industry.

Of course Hitler had absolute powers, though not much greater than the emergency powers conferred on Roosevelt. He had moreover a servile, disciplined people without voice in their affairs, while Roosevelt had to face the bickering that feature a democracy based on popular appeal with an inherent horror of war.

Nevertheless Roosevelt had it in his power to divert billions into national defense, that would have stimulated the basic industries and provided employment. We could have enlarged and modernized our army, had as large an airplane capacity as Germany, provided anti-aircraft guns that are now entirely lacking, enlarged and strengthened our navy, but little or nothing was done.

General Hugh Johnson holds that Roosevelt is as guilty of unpreparedness as Chamberlain was in Britain, saying:

Who is responsible for our pitiable weakness, for kicking up ill-will in the Pacific and sending our fleet there against a non-existent if not manufactured danger? Who is responsible for the sapping of our financial strength for defense by adding it with monstrous debt and unbearable taxes? Who has failed to regain our economic strength in active business, employment and agriculture after years of cockeyed experiment and futile spending of billions? There is certainly no support in this record for the silly slogan that if the war flares closer we must perpetuate the fourth new deal. This administration should get better or get out—sacrifice its seals of office.

An Unheeded Lesson

For most of the past decade, the dictatorships have been preparing for war or actually at war, Japan in the far east, Germany and Russia and Italy in Europe and Africa with their nations' organizing and dedicated to war. In the same period the democracies have been ruled by pacifism and sentimental materialism, blind to the fact that democracies cannot live in the same world with dictatorships unless similarly prepared for defense, under the illusion that civilization has changed human nature and that the old law of survival of the fittest has been abolished. Walter Lipman states the case thus:

A dictatorship is by its nature a military government which solves its problems by military means; it is, therefore, always preparing for war, and because it is not answerable to public opinion at home, it can make its decisions secretly and strike when it chooses and without warning.

Democracy, on the other hand, is a system of government in which leaders attain power by pleasing a majority of the voters. Always and everywhere in time of peace there is a majority composed of groups and of separate individuals who, left to their own inclinations, will think of their own grievances, will seek benefits and favors, resenting any leader who dares to call their attention to anything which may call for sacrifice and risk.

So it is only when danger becomes imminent, that democracies prepare for effective war. It is not for America to criticize the unreadiness, short-sightedness and self-complacency of Great Britain and France in permitting, despite warnings, the military preparedness of the dictatorships to attain the strength they have materialized, for we ourselves, with the flames of a world-wide conflagration burning, are far more unprepared for defense than the great European democracies, and if Germany wins, will be the next victim in their boasted plans for world conquest.

Popular People

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

The candidates started down the home stretch today, hoping for a second wind to take them over the tape Friday. There'll be a lot of tumult and shouting up to late Thursday night and, in fact, some communities are contemplating blackouts for the intervening days to guard against candidates' blitzkriegs. But, at the best, the coming election is only the little Maginot line with the big one to get over in November.

As to blitzkriegs, some children out in south Salem reported one yesterday afternoon. They say they were playing ball in their front yard when something went "zing!" over their heads. The game stopped for a minute, then was resumed and "zing!" it went again. They started to investigate and found a neighbor

boy around the corner with a .22 rifle who said he was shooting at caterpillar nests. "That's the advantage of living in the country," he opined. "You can shoot a gun all you want and take no chances." The kids didn't agree.

Garnet Six, who has just become the proud papa of the little Six, was in to get a couple copies of the paper containing a comment in our column on the Six's plurius unum. "I want 'em for his baby book," said Garnet. "But, wait a minute, he'll need six." And so it goes on and on.

The world is a right small place as has been frequently attested, and even the isolationists are beginning to believe it. But, as further proof, Gardner Knapp today received from Alexandria, Va., two Rotary visiting cards from the Rotary club there. One was for Bruce Baxter, the other for Lee Unruh. It seems each of the boys dropped in on Rotary there to keep their attendance records perfect and happened to be seated directly across the table from one another. By gum, the Rotarians back in Alexandria will know that the club here has at least two mighty good men as members.

Call for Help

Red Byers, he of the Irish Mick whiskers down at the Producers' cannery, has bought himself a wide hat but laments that he's searched the town pro and con for a clay pipe and has been unable to find one. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a clay pipe that Red can use until after the centennial celebration will be doing him a great favor by conveying the information. Red says he'll furnish his own tobacco to go with it as he's saving coupons.

It's also tulip time in Holland but that seems to be generally forgotten.

It's to be hoped that Yankee ingenuity will be able to take a lot of leaves from the book of war experience and devise some defenses which will keep this country immune from the experiences suffered by the countries overseas.

Dobell Pledged to Phi Gamma Delta

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 13—Roy Dobell, Salem, has been pledged to Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at the University of Oregon.

Dobell, a graduate of Corvallis high school, is a freshman majoring in architecture and the allied arts at the university. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Dobell.

Aumsville Takes Part in Music Festival

Aumsville—Two buses were used to transport the grade school students to Stayton Friday where the musical festival was held. A special number, a soldier drill directed by Miss Engelman, won great applause. The boys participating in the drill were Lenard McAllister, captain, Darrel Dalke, Guy Martin, Dalbert Dalke, Londell Benner, Jerry McDonald, Lawrence Killinger, Burel Bankston, Frank Abar, Walter Rowland, Bryce Creason, Darrel Bond, Tommy Colman, Leroy Dalke, Leorn Wilson, Theodore Nichol and Donald Wilson.

Many parents from Aumsville attended.

When the "Jitterbug marathon" was introduced into Leeds, England, police officials attended and hunted one acrobatic dance.



Kelly Says:

Congress May Continue All Year

Invasion Shatters Political Activity

Dutch Possessions in Pacific Watched

By John W. Kelly

Washington, May 13. — There is now a strong probability that congress will remain in continuous session for the remainder of the year or else will adjourn with the understanding that the president will call the lawmakers back if the situation in Europe makes such a special session advisable. The very developments on which a special session were predicated, however, have now occurred—the invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

If there were any lingering doubts that Mr. Roosevelt would not be nominated or if nominated that he would refuse, they have been dispelled by the latest chapter in world war No. 2. When Hitler started dropping his troops in parachutes over the Netherlands, the presidential ambitions of the various democratic aspirants. The one thing needed to clinch the nomination for Mr. Roosevelt was the invasion of Holland.

Opponents Want to Stay

That Holland would be rushed by the Germans was regarded as certain by observers of the foreign situation in the national capital. It was supposed that this would not take place until August and then Mr. Roosevelt would call a special session and keep the war situation before the American people until after the November election. As matters stand, there are many senators and representatives, republicans and democrats, who believe it their duty to hold congress in session in order to meet any contingency that may arise. Among these are members who definitely do not want Mr. Roosevelt to run the show alone.

If congress is held in session or a special session is called, it will play hob with campaign plans of individual members who must go before their constituents in November. It may cause the president to cancel his contemplated trip to Oregon and Washington next month. The entire picture in the national capital is rapidly changing and no one is predicting 24 hours ahead.

Cudahy Beat Press

Senator Clarke, Missouri, former national commander of the American Legion, was attacking the Red Cross and accusing it of being a recruiting sergeant for the army. Senator Lundeen had just scored 26 bulls-eyes at 300 yards with the new Garand rifle (the best the experts). The Luxembourg colony had arranged for a dinner to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of London which confirmed the independence of the Grand Duchy and stipulated its permanent neutrality under a collective agreement of the powers. Dr. Loudon, minister for the Netherlands, having issued invitations for a dinner May 29, had gone to New York to attend the opening of the fair.

Such were incidents in Washington when John Cudahy, phoned from Belgium that Hitler was blithering again. Mr. Roosevelt was making a final revision of a very important speech in his study (to be broadcast in five languages), when Cudahy, ambassador to Belgium, gave the surprising but not unexpected news. Cudahy, like Minister Daisy Harriman, in Norway, scooped all the news correspondents by being first with the news.

Speech Was Ruined

Cudahy's report ruined the president's speech, on which he had worked with members of the state department for a week. A new broadcast had to be prepared, which is now history. First, more of the president was to order frozen the credits of Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium—and the credits of the Amsterdam bankers in the United States run into a few million dollars.

Lights flared in the gloomy state department building and Secretary Hull and his staff arrived. Cudahy phoned additional details; Joe Kennedy in London added more—Bill Bullitt in gay Paris, could not be located by the White House switchboard operator. Broadcasters advised Americans before the people in many European capitals were aware of the sensational coup of Adolf Hitler.

Navy Opponents Silenced

First reaction on "the hill" was what the Holland invasion means to the Dutch possessions in the Pacific. General opinion: It brings the war another step nearer the United States. Talk started at once that the congress must remain on the job instead of adjourning and campaigning, and it silenced the



West Salem Police Nab Many Speeders

West Salem, May 13—Tony Ramig, city patrolman, was kept busy Saturday and Sunday apprehending traffic violators and municipal court was equally busy in meting out fines Monday and citing some of the offenders to appear later. Before Judge Pattison, the following cases were disposed of: Delbert M. Ebert, West Salem, on a charge of no clearance light on log trailer, fine \$2; Hazel Dale Wilson, Monmouth, violation of basic speed rule, fine \$5; Reynolda T. Schuett, Salem, driving without headlights; Cecil J. Lehman, Independence, violation of basic speed rule; George Lester DeLate, route 1, Salem, violation of basic speed rule; John Huston Jayne, 1970 Market street, Salem, illegal license plates, all cited to appear Monday evening.

Discussing Tennis Courts

West Salem — The Community

3 CCC Enrollees Killed in Crash

Plummer, Idaho, May 13 (AP)—A civilian conservation corps board of inquiry was to inspect a battered truck and the highway 13 miles east of here today, probing for the cause of an accident which took the lives of three young Idahoans yesterday. Charles A. May, 22, of Boise, William A. Carter, 20, of Placerville, and Ralph Oswald, 21, of Kootenai, died when the truck in which they were returning to Camp Chatcolet with 23 other Idaho CCC enrollees left the road on a curve and overturned. Eight others were hurt less dangerously in the mishap, which followed an outing at St. Maries, east of the accident scene. Captain Carter said the condition of all was "good."

In the group of eight were Onro McIntosh of Burley, and Marvin L. Hunt of Paul.

few opponents of the expanded navy program.

Politically considered, it strengthened the old argument of "don't swap horses in the middle of the stream," although friends of Herbert Hoover began booming him as the one republican who has the greatest knowledge of Europe and European affairs; equal if not better than that possessed by Mr. Roosevelt. Anti-war planks will be in the platforms of both the major parties—a foregone conclusion.

Parties Interrupted

During the invasion—Minister of the Irish Free state was giving a dinner; ditto the French ambassador; new chief of the intelligence service, son of General Nelson A. Miles, was honor guest at a cocktail party and plain guest was Chief of Staff George Marshall; neither being aware of war's alarms until after midnight; the minister of the Netherlands learned his country was invaded through a radio broadcast in New York—caught a plane and flew to Washington.



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