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Taft, GOP Pathfinder

Gradually as Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, hops, skips and jumps his way back and forth across the western half of the country, the strategy of such a political maneuver so far in advance of the republican convention comes to light for those who actually try to keep pace with public exhibitions such as this.

The only manner in which a junket of this type and expense can be explained at this stage of the game is that the real leaders of the party are seeking an answer to the \$64 question—what is it going to take to capture the presidency in 1948 after 18 years of economic chaos, war stimulated prosperity and then more chaos?

Are the people generally in a mood to revert to such conservative policies as are represented by Taft, are they going to be satisfied with halfway measures or are they going to insist in an outright liberal policy colored by a bit of New Deal philosophy?

Encouraged by the results of the 1946 congressional elections, some of the ultra conservative party leaders construed that victory to mean that the public had had its fill of the Roosevelt theory of spending our way toward economic reforms and socialistic innovations. But opposition to such a program developed early in the deliberations of the 80th congress to indicate that it would be difficult to distinguish between the less startling policies of some of the "brain trust" and the staunch belief of the younger generation of republicans.

A third element, which numbers among its spokesmen such liberals as Senator Wayne Morse presented another confusing influence when the party powers-to-be got their heads together over what and who were to be the issues of the 1948 election.

Stressing the manner in which the Taft-Hartley labor control act was received by the public, Taft and his followers insisted that all get together behind Taft as the only means of heading off Governor Thomas Dewey who, because of the momentum generated in his behalf as a candidate at the last presidential contest and who was and is a liberal of the younger school whose popularity has been demonstrated. Then, too, there was ex-Governor Stassen and his share of fans representing the Young Republican clubs with policies so progressive as to worry most of the old timers.

The outcome of this situation, it is said, was the understanding or gentlemen's agreement, that Taft was to take his case first before the people which would permit him an opportunity to cash in on the popularity of his sponsorship of the labor control bill. Dewey had already completed a "vacation" trip as far west as Salt Lake City and had the advantage of organizations holding over from the 1944 election, while Stassen had already carried his flag into the far west. The reasoning went like this: That if there was any marked tendency toward Taft in any of the 15 states he proposed to sample he would be in a position to move ahead with a declaration of his candidacy. But if his personal appearance did not evoke too much opposition he might immediately start perfecting his machine. Any adverse reception recorded for Taft would, it was reasoned, be met by opposition forces and enable sharp eyed observers to determine the trend in each state visited.

National Security Council

With the taking of the oaths of office by Secretary of Defense James Forrester and Secretaries John L. Sullivan of the navy and W. Stuart Symington of the air force, and Kenneth C. Royall of the army last week the national security act of 1947 was effectively in force on orders issued by President Truman from the battleship Missouri on his way home from Rio de Janeiro.

At last the United States has set up a system in which its military power will be co-ordinated and through the agency of a national security council put in balance with "the objectives, commitments and risks" of the nation—as the law itself states. The lack of such a co-ordination during the emergency preceding World War II and throughout the participation of the United States in that struggle was a handicap under which both this government and those of our allies labored every day.

During that period President Roosevelt refused to sanction the creation of a "war cabinet" preferring to deal with high administrative groups informally organized, shifting their personnel as seemed best. The council carries out the concept of a war cabinet but is an improvement on it.

The National Security Council is the heart of the security establishment, which with the preservation of naval aviation and the marine corps in the navy, an integration instead of merger, secured the acceptance of the navy, which had opposed unification proposals.

The council is composed of the president as chairman, with authority in his absence to designate an acting chairman; the secretaries of state and defense, from the cabinet; the secretaries of the army, the navy and the air force, with non-cabinet rank; and the chairman of a national security resources board. Any other member of the cabinet, and the chairmen of the munitions board and the research and development board, may be added by the president "from time to time." But all must have been confirmed by the senate before they can qualify; no recess appointee is eligible.

Congress provided the outline for the basic purposes of the system. In addition to performing any other functions the president may direct for better coordination, the council under his direction shall:

"Assess and appraise the objectives, commitments, and risks of the United States in relation to our actual and potential military power, in the interests of national security, for the purpose of making recommendations to the president in connection therewith; and . . . consider policies on matters of common interest to the departments and agencies of the government concerned with the national security, and to make recommendations to the president in connection therewith."

Integration of our military will place back of both our foreign and domestic policies the military and economic strength of the nation the lack of which has frequently been demonstrated in failures in dealing with aggressors who respect only strength and violate treaties at will. Moreover, it will prevent the dissipation of our strength by rivalry among our armed forces.

Forrester Leaves Navy for Defense

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—Amid ceremonies traditionally accorded a departing secretary of the navy, James V. Forrester left the navy department today and as secretary of defense took over his new headquarters in the army's Pentagon building. The navy band played and an honor guard of marines and sailors stood at attention as Forrester left the navy building where he has served as under-secretary and secretary since 1940. Navy officials, admirals, enlisted marines and sailors and civilian workers assembled for the ceremony. Forrester became defense secretary last week and in that post will be civilian boss of all the armed services.

A Dog's Life

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

The University of Oregon football team staging a comeback Saturday, coming up from behind and finally grasping victory from what looked like almost sure defeat at the hands of a rugged Montana team, was all that kept the alumni of the school holding an after game meeting and starting looking for another coach. Or maybe the meeting was just postponed until after the Texas game next Saturday.

'Twas Ever Thus Item (Medford Mail-Tribune) The sales tax election Tuesday, October 7, will see only 50 percent of the Oregon voters battling to the polls, a Salem prediction says. Ennui, and inability to get gack from the week-end football game, or hunting trip, is blamed for the languidness to be.

Pigeons are starting to come back to the courthouse and one

of the mild little birdies turned not so mild yesterday and made a frantic effort to get into the county court room itself via one of the windows. Today another pigeon roosted about the ledge just below the courtroom window and gave evidence of also wanting to get in. It may be the birds have had a convention and sent a committee to call on the court to ask it not to screen off the courthouse statue like the city has screened off the pigeon roosts at the city hall.

The accomplishment of sending a plane across the ocean via push button control causes us to toy with the idea of inventing some sort of gadget for push button control of pigeons so they won't be a menace to the human race.

Good Old Corvallis (Editorial, Corvallis Gazette-Times)

Good old Corvallis! A lovely and prosperous town where the citizens wander around asking each other why they can't get their laundry back, why they can't get into a restaurant, why there is no place to park, why the students are unhappy and why no more houses or apartments are built. Good old Corvallis! Fitting its boundaries like an adolescent boy in last year's pants; existing under zoning laws passed in 1932 although the city and college population has doubled since that time Good old Corvallis! Where they complain about their laundry but deny one of the existing laundries to enlarge its facilities and forbid a new one to go into business in an old building because both structures are in a residential zone. Where can they go?

Novelties

Dogs Like Movies

Los Angeles, Sept. 23 (AP)—The amazing tastes of Carleton R. Bainbridge's Irish Setters, Pat and Gunner, whom he left \$30,000, continue to regale a superior court jury hearing the contest of the will brought by Sherman J. Bainbridge, brother of the late dog fancier.

Witnesses yesterday testified that Carleton R. told them the dogs preferred Mickey Mouse and similar cartoons at the movies, which they attended regularly with their master.

Attorneys in the case stipulated that although the dogs talk, they do not speak English, which prompted Judge Charles S. Burnell to get into the act. "I asked my dog over the week-end if he'd like to sit on this case," said the judge, "but he said he wasn't interested."

Polio Suspect in Seaside Observed

Portland, Sept. 23 (AP)—A Seaside woman was under observation at the Portland Isolation hospital today as a possible poliomyelitis victim.

Betty Rosenbalm, secretary at an Astoria Flying service, was flown here for diagnosis. Physicians said a positive diagnosis would not be ready for several days.

Miss Rosenbalm lives in Seaside, where health authorities said there had been no infantile paralysis case since 1938.

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MACKENZIE'S Column

By DeWitt MacKenzie (AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

One tumultuous week has passed since the western democracies, paced by America, opened their major offensive in the United Nations to focus world attention on the threat of peace produced by Russia's tactics for aggressive expansion of communism—and already global opinion as represented in the UN has rendered a vehement verdict condemning red methods.

Barring the support of her satellites, the Soviet Union stands virtually alone in this great issue among nations who would like to be its friends. Of course the ultimate objective of the western offensive is to force Russia through public opinion to abandon the methods she has been pursuing, but it remains to be demonstrated whether she will bow to the verdict. There are doubts on that score.

Russia Stands Alone

Yesterday Britain, the last of the Big Five to mount the assembly rostrum, declared her position through Minister of State Hector McNeil and ranged herself solidly with the United States, who previously had been joined by France and China. So the Big Five lineup on this issue is America, Britain, France and China versus Russia. The other nations—barring the Soviet dominated countries—also have been flocking about the banner of democracy.

McNeil, 37 year old Scotsman who is a protégé of British Foreign Minister Bevin, lined up his country with America in a dramatic address which was directed mainly to Russia. This quick minded, tough talking young statesman—whose two-fisted methods are rather reminiscent of Bevin's—first hammered the Muscovites and then appealed to them to drop what he described as their unyielding attitude toward world problems. The keynote of his speech was this blistering warning:

Reds Warned "If the Soviet government considers that in all areas its power must be extended, if it thinks that in describing any interna-

Bus Franchise Brings Protest

A proposed franchise for operation of city buses by the Oregon Motor Stages brought sharp protest from Lee Crawford, attorney for the Suburban Bus lines, who contended passage of the franchise ordinance would be a "death sentence" to his company.

He contended that under the terms of the ordinance his conditional situations its description must be accepted, then I say without qualification that not only will the United Nations be destroyed, but the unstable peace of the world will crumble and crash, bringing us all the raging, hideous consequences to which Mr. Vichinsky drew our attention."

McNeil was referring to the bitter speech made in the assembly last week by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinsky, who charged America with war mongering. Yesterday, by the way, Moscow newspapers printed New York dispatches alleging that Vishinsky's address had caused "complete panic and bubbling wrath" among "American reactionaries," pictured as wanting war with Russia.

\$19 Billion Asked

Meantime the Marshall plan, which Russia claims is designed to give America control of western Europe, was being earnestly studied in both Washington and Paris without regard to Soviet opposition. The program developed by the 16 nations in the French capital is divided into two parts. One is a long term proposition under which America would provide \$19,330,000,000 through the years 1948-51 for general rehabilitation. The other is an emergency call for food and some other pressing necessities.

These problems are now before President Truman's cabinet, and the chief executive is faced with the task of deciding whether there is sufficient urgency to necessitate the calling of an extra session of congress in the immediate future. Secretary of State Marshall has indicated that he believes such a session should be called.

Assessments Levied by City

Six ordinances were passed by the city council Monday night, three being assessments for improvement of Hines street from 14th to 15th; 15th street from Hines to Cross street and Waller street from 14th to Mission street.

Other ordinances approved prohibit burning of refuse within the city limits; change to industrial zone of three lots owned by Glen A. Anderson at Hoyt and 13th street and accepted deed to Otto Busch property for use in extending Nebraska street one block.

Ex-Waves Plan Winter Activities

Ex-Waves from this area meeting at the home of Comdr. and Mrs. E. A. Meola Monday night made plans for activities during the fall and winter months and for contacting more of the women in this area who served with that branch of the armed forces during the war.

The group decided to hold its next meeting, which will also be a social gathering, at the Meola home the evening of October 6.

Scio People Home

Scio—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pepper of Scio and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pepper of Albany have returned from a week's vacation and the Pendleton Round-Up Beverly and Judy Ann, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pepper, visited with their grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Pepper, during their absence.

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