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IS ADLAI ADDLED ON REDS?

While Governor Adlai Stevenson perhaps cannot be censured for his affidavit as character witness on behalf of Alger Hiss, convicted of perjury in his espionage trial, his campaign has showed his complacency to the communist infiltration menace in the United States.

As the Saturday Evening Post editorially asserts, his attitude "is typical of that la-de-da intellectual self-deception, that has been the base of the Roosevelt-Truman-Acheson policy in communism and Russia for two decades." The Post continues:

Governor Stevenson seems to follow the A.D.A. line that disloyalty among federal employes has been taken care of by the loyalty system which "we" (the Truman administration) set up long before all the fuss was stirred up by the McCarran committee and others over communists in the state department.

The Post prints a story told by Rear Admiral Adolphus Stator, retired, who was recalled at the outbreak of World War II and made head of a board to pass on the security qualifications of radio operators for merchant ships.

There was no trouble in removing the Nazi, Japs and Fascists, but when the removal of communists was recommended "we began to get violent protests," said the admiral.

Adlai Stevenson, who was an aide to Secretary Knox, is recalled by Admiral Stator in connection with two episodes, continues the Post. One was a call which he made on Mr. Stevenson to support a recommendation that a number of suspicious characters be removed as radio operators.

The second encounter between Mr. Stevenson and Admiral Stator took place in 1943, after the admiral had been asked by Eugene Garey, counsel for the Cox committee, to testify concerning his effort to keep communists out of merchant-marine radio shacks during the war.

The Post concludes: "We incline to agree with those who place a high estimate on Adlai Stevenson's sincerity, idealism, competence and all-round decency. But on this communist business he seems to have an A.D.A. blind spot. Surely this is no time to elect to our highest office a man so inflected—particularly when the alternative is a man with the experience and judgment, so fully demonstrated in this crucial business of opposition to communism, of General Eisenhower."

Thornton for Attorney General
The Capital Journal, independent in politics, aiming to support the best qualified candidates for office regardless of party, endorses the candidacy of Robert Y. Thornton, democrat of Tillamook, for attorney general.

Mr. Thornton is well trained for the office. He is a native of Portland, earned his own way through Stanford, Oregon and George Washington law schools, had legal work for three years for the U.S. congress, and has practiced law in Medford and Tillamook, where he has long been city attorney, and elected to the legislature of 1951, made an admirable record.

Mr. Thornton is a World War II veteran. Called to active duty in 1941, before Pearl Harbor, he served with the 30th Field Artillery and as intelligence officer, being released from service in 1946 as a lieutenant colonel.

The election of Mr. Thornton would insure a valid effort to free Oregon from organized crime. The federal income tax sleuths recently reported that 59 "racketeers" in the field of abortions, narcotics, gambling and prostitution in Oregon owe the United States \$2,674,808 in taxes.

The FBI reports Oregon crime rates higher in all except six major categories over the first six months of last year. Mr. Thornton says: "I believe that we should institute a thorough-going investigation of crime, of law enforcement and criminal justice by a bipartisan state crime commission. Similar surveys have been undertaken in New York, Nebraska, Illinois, Washington, California and a number of states with excellent results."

Such a commission could probe the need for more adequate laws covering sex deviates, the adequacy of our juvenile justice, our adult correctional methods, parole and probation procedures as compared to other states, and the overlapping of city, county and state law enforcement agencies. To be effective, the commission must be given full powers of investigation.

If Oregon is being invaded on the one hand by organized, callous and utterly ruthless racketeers—and if, on the other hand, our children are left an easy prey for the ever-increasing number of the criminally inclined, it is time, we do something about it. If we don't who will?"

Mr. Thornton pledges himself to carry out the above program—and his election as attorney general will insure it.

These Birds Taught Wrong Words

Colombo, Ceylon (AP)—Colombo zoo has seven new cockatoos but only six are being shown to the public.

The seventh picked up its vocabulary from a sailor. Blushing zoo officials are waiting till he forgets his racy language and learns some sober words from a new tutor.

London (AP)—A London zoo official said Saturday a raven in the menagerie sits on its perch and instead of quoting "Never more" keeps screaming, "Get on with it!"

Lives Up to His Nickname

Eva Peron, La Plata, Argentina, (AP)—"Unlucky Joe" Ceva has lived up to his nickname.

Ceva gave up gambling years ago, because he never won. However, recently an enterprising salesman sold Joe a ticket in the Argentine lottery.

Monday Joe's number was drawn for a \$25,375 prize. But Ceva can't collect—he can't find the ticket.

BY BECK

Parental Problems



If a Woman Is Nominated for President Would Hubby Help?

By SAUL PETT (For His Boy)

New York (AP)—Almost everyone agrees that a loyal, smiling wife is an asset to a political candidate.

But suppose, in the future, a woman is nominated for president. Would a husband be an asset or a liability?

Would many male voters resent seeing a man play second fiddle and couldn't they easily transfer that resentment to his wife, the candidate?

By an inverse psychology, would many female voters say, well, if she isn't smart enough to get a husband smarter than she is, is she smart enough to run the country?

It could be a problem, you must agree.

What about the campaigns? Should the lady candidate take her husband along?

People cluck with satisfaction when they see an adoring wife sitting beside the candidate. But what would they think of a husband sitting there while his wife does all the work?

What expression should he wear while she propounds the issues—adoration, respectful interest or good-humored tolerance?

Would many people in the audience wish he were back home making an honest living instead of free-loading on his wife's campaign train?

Obviously, any husband who has nothing better to do than drag around the country while his wife talks her lungs out would be subject to cracks about his masculinity.

It would be fatal if he were smaller than his missus. Hair would help. It would help even more if he were a weightlifter.

Should the husband speak out on political issues or maintain a wide-eyed innocence?

If he doesn't talk politics, people will say he doesn't have a mind of his own. If he does talk politics, people will say his wife doesn't have a mind of her own.

And what should the husband do when the opposition gets nasty—when they say his wife's background is suspect, when they say she can't be trusted? Should he keep silent or invite the other candidate to step outside?

Whistle-stop tours would present problems. The local welcoming committees couldn't give the candidate's spouse roses. Should they give him new bowling shoes, a plug of tobacco or two tickets to an Elks smoker?

And when the lady candidate finishes her speech she would have to be careful in presenting her mate to the crowd. She could not say, "and now I want you to meet my Sammy." That possessive tone could kill a male vote.

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Sen. Morse Realized Party Bolt Meant Political Suicide

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — Republican leaders put all sorts of pressure on GOP Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon to keep him from bolting to Stevenson.

Shortly before Morse issued his statement deserting the republican ticket, Senator Fred Stearns of Nebraska, who has been close to Morse in the senate, telephoned him from New York, inviting him to travel on the Eisenhower train. Morse declined.

For more than a month prior to this, however, a succession of republican leaders, including ex-Governor Stassen of Minnesota, had come to see the senator from Oregon. One of them dropped in on Morse just after Eisenhower had endorsed Senator Jenner in Indiana.

"The general didn't want to make that endorsement," he explained. "After he saw Jenner he came back to his hotel and said, 'That... I'd much rather have punched him in the nose.'"

This made Morse even less enthusiastic.

"That shows him up more than ever as a hypocrite," he exploded. "At the same time he said that, he also stood up and told the American people to vote for Jenner."

"He did the same thing at the surrender of Morningside Heights to Senator Taft."

"That was no surrender," replied the Eisenhower emissary. "That was arranged to save Taft's face."

"What!" exclaimed the senator from Oregon. "Why Eisenhower wasn't even given the courtesy of being at the press conference where Taft announced the terms of the surrender."

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The emissary argued that the general was merely trying to bring unity in the party. He said he had to appease some of the old guard and bring about a united front. "But," he continued, "you will be the man he'll call to the White House for consultation after he's elected."

"On the contrary," replied Morse, "if you read that Taft statement issued after the 'surrender,' you'll see that Eisenhower agreed not to discriminate against Taft people, and you know what that means. That means the Taft people will be running the party."

"I happen to have been the first republican to come out for Eisenhower," Morse continued. "But this is not the Eisenhower I know. I can't be for this Eisenhower. Reach over and punch the cash register: 'No sale.'"

First efforts to keep Senator Morse in line occurred prior to Labor day, when Eisenhower leaders wanted the Oregonian's help to swing the American Federation of Labor over to Eisenhower, or at least keep them from endorsing Stevenson.

To this end, Governor Stassen, who wrote the general's speech delivered at the AF of L convention, came down to Washington and spent 2 1/2 hours with Morse. However, he made no headway.

PROTECTS CHICAGO BOSS

A top congressional investigator has been fired for trying to cover up for Chicago's democratic boss Jake Arvey.

Investigator Ralph Culver was kicked off the Chelf committee two hours after it was discovered he had left Arvey's name out of a report.

Culver had been assigned to investigate the justice department's handling of the Pabst Brewing company case. The beef company was in trouble for shipping spoiled grain across the Wisconsin state line, and Jake Arvey had tried to straighten it out with the justice department.

But Culver neglected to mention Arvey's name in his report.

After the omission was brought to the committee's attention, Culver was fired outright. But the committee agreed not to tell the press, so as not to embarrass the congressman who had recommended Culver—Congressman Delaney of New York.

GOP SERVES CIDER

GOP National Chairman Arthur Summerfield blinked his eyes, then grinned broadly when an employee of the Hotel Washington needed him at a republican rally.

"Better be careful. You're in enemy territory. This hotel is a stronghold of good democrats. The help around here is solidly for Stevenson."

"I'll bet one or two drinks would change your minds," countered Summerfield.

The hotel employee, who was about to go off duty, was almost ready to test out Summerfield's theory until he learned that cider was the only beverage being served at the rally.

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Identical Trouble for Identical Twins

Beverly Hills, Calif. (AP)—Trouble just naturally comes to Charlotte and Georgia Steeves. They are identical twins. The 22-year-olds were decorating a tractor for the homecoming parade of the University of California at Los Angeles. They were in the earth-moving tractor's scoop, which somehow went into gear and tossed them eight feet to the ground.

Both girls suffered the same injury—fractures of the left elbow. Today both are wearing identical casts.

"Sometimes," moans Charlotte, "we think we carry this twin thing too far."

ONLY SIX VOTES AGAINST

Battle to Pass Truck Bill In '51 Legislature Recalled

(Editor's Note: The following is the second of a series of articles explaining the two measures placed on the November ballot by the long-haul truckers. One seeks to repeal the weight-mile fees passed by the 1951 legislature, and the other aims at eliminating by constitutional amendment the weight-mile principle for taxing trucks.)

By JAMES D. OLSON

Members of the 1951 legislature, who had served on one of the two highway committees in 1949, recalled the glee expressed by the long-haul truck representatives at the end of the previous session over the "clever coup" they put over by gaining preferential rates.

Also being aware of the inequities in the 1949 truck fee schedule, the legislators were determined to equalize the truck tax.

Many members of the highway committee of this legislature had served on the interim committee for two years and thus had given careful study to the entire question.

Extended open hearings of the truck bill were first conducted by the house committee with Rep. Edward A. Geary of Klamath Falls as chairman, inviting everyone interested to testify.

The big truck lobby protested the proposed tentative fee schedule and were invited by Chairman Geary to bring in a fee proposal of their own. They promised to do this, but never offered any such schedule throughout the 116 days of the session.

Vote 318 X Yes—331 X No

Sen. Richard Neuberger of Multnomah county became suspicious of the signatures on some of the hundreds of telegrams reaching his desk, all phrased in the same language and all urging him to oppose the big-truck bill "because passage of such bill would increase our truck freight rates."

Neuberger began telephoning shippers in Portland who had signed these telegrams.

"Have you read the bill?" asked the Multnomah county senator.

Every shipper he talked with admitted that they had not seen the bill.

"Then how do you know it will increase your freight rates?" Neuberger asked.

He was told that the truck representatives had told them so.

After Neuberger and other senators found the telegrams were "phony," the bill passed with but six dissenting votes in the senate and a few days later was signed by Governor Douglas McKay.

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(More tomorrow on big truck bills.)

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