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## NEW JERSEY'S PRIMARIES

The feature of the New Jersey Republican primary was the defeat in the seventh district by a vote of 35,000 to 5,000 by Representative William B. Widnall of J. Parnell Thomas, who had served seven terms in congress before he was convicted and jailed for payroll padding in 1949 and afterwards pardoned by President Truman.

Thomas ran on a pro-McCarthy platform as well as popular exoneration of his official corruption in office. He campaigned as a "100 percent" supporter of Senator McCarthy.

Widnall, who has been a staunch supporter of President Eisenhower, hailed his victory as a vote of confidence in the president's administration rather than a test of McCarthyism, though it indicated that pro-McCarthyism had fallen off recently and said "I think the American people are getting a little bit tired of McCarthy."

Thomas has one thing in common with McCarthy and that is fearless, unlimited gall and perhaps similar moral obtuseness. But the primary demonstrates that hanging onto McCarthy's coattails is not a panacea for demagogic politicians. Ike's are better.

New Jersey voters selected Republican and Democratic candidates in the state's 13 other congressional districts and voted on two gambling referenda.

All major cities and most of the other 566 municipalities in the state authorized local licensing of bingo and raffles for charitable purposes.

Democratic contests in five congressional districts and three Republican fights were settled.

Two incumbents, Rep. Alfred D. Sieminski, a Democrat, and Rep. Frank C. Osmer, Jr., a Republican, won renomination.

T. James Tumulty of Jersey City, a Democrat seeking the seat to be vacated by Rep. Edward J. Hart, won nomination in the heavily Democratic 14th District. Tumulty is a former state assemblyman and the nephew of the late James Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson.—G. P.

## NEW FORM FOR BANK STATEMENT

There is a widely prevalent belief that bankers have no sense of humor, particularly among certain jokers who have tried to wrangle loans without the necessary collateral. But this doesn't apply to a banker at Picher, Okla., who recently published the following revised version of his bank's statement in a newspaper there:

OWNED	
Cash, here and there	\$ 277,587.50
Municipal I. O. U.'s	124,853.68
Ike's I. G. U.'s	765,078.76
Ready money	1,167,519.94
Loans (what are we offered?)	134,827.67
Overdrafts	16.03
Total assets	\$1,302,363.64
OWED	
Deposits doing time	79,193.95
Deposits, loose as a goose	1,070,016.89
Total deposits	1,149,210.84
Semi-annual pot split	5,000.00
Original pot	25,000.00
Forced ante	25,000.00
Accumulation and reserves for sour notes	98,152.80
Total liabilities	\$1,302,363.64

She balances. —Do you know of another bank with more ready money than total deposits? (Anyway, we can now sass the examiners.)

This statement probably wasn't furnished the comptroller of the currency or the state banking authorities, but he did get the following note from Oklahoma's chief banking examiner:

"I'm coming up there and see if you can sass me."

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE 'Y' ADDITION

General solicitation began in Salem today for a \$450,000 fund with which to build a badly needed addition to the Salem Y. M. C. A.

The present "Y" on Court street was dedicated in 1926. It has been worth much more than it has cost this community and it will continue to serve for many more years.

But Salem is now twice as large as the Salem of 30 years ago that raised the money for this building. It has more than twice as many boys. And the "Y" has about three times as many members. Further, the "Y" has not been pushing boys' memberships of late as it would normally do because of lack of facilities to take care of them.

An enlarged Y. M. C. A. plant is a necessity if Salem is to meet its responsibility to its boys and young men. The girls and young women will benefit from this project, too, as they use the second pool which is to be part of the new wing.

This is not "another drive." It is for a major capital investment that will last through the lifetimes of the youngest donors. It is an important step in the steady forward march to Salem to a larger and better city.

Everyone who is interested in our community's young people—and who is not—should support this campaign to the very best of his or her ability.

## APPRAISAL SCANDAL IN THE F. H. A.

Senate committee received testimony Tuesday that builders on F. H. A. apartment projects made a profit of \$85,000,000, almost entirely from borrowing more than they spent. The committee, headed by Senator Byrd of Virginia is investigating a scandal in this federal department.

It seems that through friendly officials projects were appraised for loans at far more than they actually cost. Suppose an apartment house cost a million dollars. This is what it would normally be appraised at, but if it is appraised at \$1,500,000 and the government O.K.s a loan for three-fourths of the appraisal the builder will receive back \$1,125,000, or \$125,000 more than the project cost.

Thus he not only has a fancy profit, but he has an equity in the building. If the rentals can be kept high enough to make the payments he stands to make an even larger profit. But he has a good profit for sure. The government has a dubious loan for more than the building cost and the tenant is saddled with too high a burden in future rentals.

How widespread this practice was is not yet revealed. This is one thing the hearing aims to develop. But evidently widespread enough to add up to \$65,000,000 in profits and probably there is more to come.

Who is to blame? The practice began in the Truman administration and ran unchecked through it. So the original blame dates back there. But President Eisenhower's officials have not uncovered it until now, so blame must be placed there too. They were not as diligent as they should have been.

The inquiry should be vigorously pressed, as it will be with a man like Byrd in charge of it. Facts should be revealed no matter who is hurt, and if there was criminal collusion charges should be vigorously pressed.

Occasional corruption seems inevitable in an agency as large as the federal government, but it does not have to be tolerated.

## SAFEST REFUGE



## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### 'Creeping Pink-Shirtism' Turns Male Chest a Rosebud Color

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — Most men will do anything for women. They'll climb the highest molehill. Swim the deepest puddle—to hold an umbrella over 'em in the rain. Lift them tenderly in and out of revolving doors.

Most men will even marry women. Bring 'em a paycheck all their life. Rescue them from a strangling octopus at the beach—or a tight girdle at home. Even listen to 'em.

More and more men must have been listening to their wives lately, or how else can you explain why more and more men are busting out in pink shirts?

Gaze at the masculine landscape around you. "Creeping pink-shirtism" is turning thousands of hairy male chests a rosebud nursery color.

Stockbrokers are wearing pink shirts. So are pawnbrokers. So are wrestlers and other professional actors, bankers, although I am not sure they would lend money to a man in a pink shirt, factory hands and bus drivers.

The white collar class has practically vanished. It's the pink col-

## The Oppenheim Case

Bend Bulletin

The strange case of Dr. Robert J. Oppenheimer, who has served well in this country's atomic energy program since its inception, is a puzzling one, and one on which the public should reserve its judgment until the able board of inquiry completes its investigation.

Many have read of the disgrace thrust upon the man without whom, a number of reputable scientists have stated, America's original development of the atom bomb might not have been possible.

We're frank to admit we're confused.

At the same time we feel it only right to point out that Dr. Oppenheimer has not been convicted of anything. We're sure that, whatever the outcome of the investigation, the smear which has been spread upon this outstanding scientist never will be completely removed.

It is apparent from wire service reports that Oppenheimer's many years of concentration on scientific subjects has made him naive, to say the least, in other fields. We hope it is nothing more than that which has led to the predicament in which he finds himself today.

## BOND SALES BOOM

Pendleton East Oregonian

One of the most pointed contradictions to the claim that Oregon is suffering a serious economic recession is the latest report of savings bonds sales. Thirty per cent more series E and H bonds were purchased in Oregon last month than in February a year ago. And, as usual, Umatilla county's total for February ranked her in the first five.

## DETECT ANY SARCASTIC?

Bend Bulletin

Textile manufacturers have announced they are experimenting with "non-skid" quilts. This could be the greatest boon to mankind since the development of elastic for the tops of men's socks.

## A LITTLE FREEDOM

St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Russia giving East Germany recognition may be better than nothing, as when good conduct wins a convict free run of the courtyard.

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Nixon Looks Like Ike's Choice as Successor in '56

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—The international and political furor kicked up by Vice President Nixon's speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors has now subsided, leaving two main points very clear:

1. Dicky Nixon looms more and more definitely as the man Eisenhower has picked to succeed him in 1956.

2. There is no question whatsoever that the Eisenhower administration contemplates the use of armed force in Indo-China if necessary. Despite a modifying statement by the state department following Nixon's speech, both the use of American ground troops and small atomic bombs have been under discussion.

#### DEGREE IN ORATORY

The Nixon speech before the editors was not only a masterpiece: it was calculated to win him recognition from a powerful group of opinion-makers. Even democratic editors who didn't like Nixon came away admitting that the college degree he took in public speaking was paying dividends. Jim Bassett, Nixon's old public-relations man, now pro for the GOP national committee, purred as he listened.

Nixon spoke for one hour without reading a manuscript and scarcely looking at his notes. His delivery had force, earnestness and a grasp of his subject. He was not partisan. The first half hour was devoted to a disarming exposition of the problems of southeast Asia, interlarded with a pleasurable variety of personal "I was there" observations.

For instance, he told about the difficulty of getting along with cantankerous but courageous President Syngman Rhee in Korea. Then in almost the same breath he quoted a British general who was asked what was needed most in Indo-China.

"Nothing would stand us in such good stead," said the general, "as another Syngman Rhee."

#### JUNGLE PROBLEMS

The latter part of Nixon's talk was devoted to the difficulties faced in Indo-China, the political problems of the French Laniel government which could easily be overthrown because of Indo-China: the great problem of creating a spiritual leadership among the native peoples; and the U.S. alternative policy of appealing Red China by admitting its communist government to a seat on the United Nations.

Someone has to grit his teeth and face up to things, Nixon warned. It would be more expedient to compromise by giving Red China a seat on the UN, but we must adhere to principle.

The administration has a duty to the higher interests of the nation, even if unpopular. It is necessary to take definite action despite the handicaps. American policy cannot be bogged down by uninformed public opinion on one hand or reluctant allies on the other. We may have to go it alone in Indo-China even though unpopular. We must hold the line at any cost regardless of political repercussions.

Note—General reaction among editors was that the vice president did a brilliant job and enhanced himself with the newspaper profession, but that the American public was a long way from being ready to send troops to Indo-China.

#### NO TRIAL BALLOON

Some editors figured the Nixon fireside chat was a mere trial balloon sent up by the administration's No. 2 man, so that Eisenhower himself, if necessary, could deny it later. This writer deduces differently for the following reasons:

A. Ike has repeatedly, deliberately relied on Nixon to speak for him, no later than the reply to Adlai Stevenson. He has also let Nixon carry the ball as negotia-

## For Patterson

Albany Democrat-Herald

There is no reason for a change in the governor's office. To the contrary, there is every reason for continuing Paul L. Patterson in the position which came to him when Governor Douglas McKay was made secretary of the interior.

The new governor, who has been in office more than 15 months and will have served two years at the expiration of his term, went in with little or no notice.

But Paul Patterson was eminently qualified for the job and particularly well prepared. He had just served as president of the senate, a position in which he had earned the respect and affection of his fellow senators, so that when he entered on his executive post there were many expressions emphasizing his fitness. He has amply demonstrated that fitness.

He started his term with a clear message to the legislature, outlining a sound, fundamental program, which the legislators put into effect in its essentials. His appointments have been good. There have been no unpleasant "incidents" in connection with his administration.

Governor Patterson has kept in touch with the people. He has given them the impression of working with them, rather than seeking to impose his will on them. He is always accessible, and he gets around the state meeting the people where they live.

He has one of those plain, "old shoe" personalities, always calm and poised, never noisy or bombastic. He is a good listener, but he makes up his own mind. The public business is proceeding with a smoothness that reflects his efficiency.

Without disrespect to the other candidate for the Republican nomination, we may say that Governor Patterson has given the people adequate reason to renominate and re-elect him.

We believe he will be renominated next month. He should be. He will be the strongest possible Republican candidate.

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## Salem 37 Years Ago

April 21, 1917

Will H. Parry, founder of the Capital Journal in 1888, had died in Washington, D. C. He was a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

A public mass meeting had been scheduled to endorse the city council's action in regard to a bridge to be built across the Willamette between Salem and Polk county.

Salem's city council had approved of construction of a comfort station on the courthouse lawn at the corner of High and State streets.

Capital Journal of 37 years ago carried this local item: "Now that we are becoming an economical people and learning to save and not waste, young folks may find it to their advantage to aid the government in preventing a paper shortage by collecting and selling old papers. Junk houses in Salem were then paying 90c for 100 pounds of old paper."

"Being well fortified" an advertisement in this old issue of the Capital Journal had asserted, "meant benefits that might come from the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters." (In this arid era of prohibition some tipples kept themselves pretty well fortified by drinking Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.)

German sources had made an indignant denial that the nation had used human carcasses from which to render fats, lubrication oils and fertilizers. The story about a German factory where the dead were thus reduced had been in circulation in London for several weeks.

National Association for the Deaf had hopes that former President Theodore Roosevelt might accept their offer to recruit a regiment for his division. T. A. Lindstrom, 2708 Cherry Ave., had accepted the responsibility of taking a census of all able bodied young deaf men in this locality willing to defend their country.

Salem, Falls City & Western railroad had a train that left Salem at 1:40 p.m. for Monmouth and Airline.

was week-ending at Camp David, Md., while the Nixon speech took place when he was in Augusta, which some editors interpreted as meaning feelers were being made which Ike could deny later. That, however, was not the case.

The proposals for possible war in Indo-China are deadly serious and were discussed behind the scenes in Washington well before Richard the Lion-Hearted, as he is sometimes referred to around the White House, conveyed this warning to editors.