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Who'll Spend the Most?

Senator Morse, who seems to be worrying much more about the 1956 Oregon senatorial campaign than one who so often assures us that his re-election will be a shoe-in should, is worrying about the big slush fund he claims to believe the Republicans will use to send him to political oblivion.

To this Wendall Wyatt, Republican state chairman, retorts that Morse's "comments about the money of his opponent, before he has one, is a deliberate attempt to draw attention away from the elaborate plans he has to raise a huge slush fund of eastern money for his 1956 campaign."

"Button, button, who's got the button?" the party goes of the gay nineties used to chorus. Now it's "who's got the big slush fund? Don't look at me. The other side is the culprit."

The infantry fighting of the 1956 "battle of the century" is still several months away, but the artillery barrages are already being hurled. We'll make this prediction: So intense will be the feeling over Morse that each side will have more money available than it should spend, or will if it has good sense.

The Lord isn't always on the side with the heaviest artillery, as Napoleon, the phrase's author, learned to his sorrow the last time he used artillery. It's that way in politics too. Campaigns take money, but not all that's in the bank. A too lavish use of funds will antagonize the public. Rather than worry about how much the other side will spend, each side will be wise to watch its own step, lest it sour those who can still be influenced.

The Morse re-election fight may be lost by the side that spends the most, because it spends the most.

Red Writers Denounce Douglas

Literturnaya Gazeta, organ of the Union of Soviet Writers in Moscow, has denounced Associate Justice William O. Douglas as a hypocrite in expressing his views on the Soviet Union where he was a summer visitor.

The Gazeta said Mr. Douglas had praised Soviet Central Asian republics after an extensive trip this summer but had changed his tune less than three months later "to win the approval of those American circles that obviously do not like the truth about the Soviet Union."

The Gazeta said that Douglas, while in Moscow, spoke of "the flourishing culture" and theatrical art of Azerbaijan, Tadzhikistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. He was said to have told Soviet news men that he had had an opportunity to meet and talk freely with Soviet minority groups.

In his article in the current Look, Justice Douglas said: "The U. S. S. R. today has a brand of colonialism similar to the kind the French practice in Morocco and more evil than anything England ever promoted."

"In (Central Asia) political control is concentrated in the hands of Russians; there are segregated schools, special courts for the trial of Russians, discrimination against the native people, a ruthless suppression of all nationalist sentiments and a quick liquidation of all those who dare breathe a word about liberty."

"Russia has no such program (leading to independence) for its subjugated Asian peoples."

As a guest of the Soviet Union Justice Douglas naturally was too diplomatic to express his opinion of totalitarian barbarism he saw, presumably because he didn't want to be brain-washed in an Arctic Slave Camp—the fate reserved for Red critics.—G.P.

Trouble in Berlin Again

The Christmas season hasn't brought much Christmas spirit in international relations, which is not surprising since less than half of the world is even nominally Christian, but it is sad to note that Russia is moving farther away from the "spirit of Geneva" every day, with indications that 1956 is to bring another crisis at Berlin.

In 1948-49 the United States Air Force defeated a determined Russian effort to push us out of Berlin by mounting an unprecedented air lift that enabled us to service the beleaguered city till Russia gave up her effort and permitted ground traffic to move between West Berlin and the western zone.

Every day now brings mounting Communist inspired disorders, arrests, beatings, threats, all suggesting another attempt to drive us out is being mounted. There will certainly be no surprise if another blockade is clamped down. For our tragic failure to secure a corridor between Berlin and the boundary of the western zone in 1945 placed us at the mercy of such tactics.

What shall we do if it happens? In our opinion we should react as we did before, serving the city by air, refusing to be budged by Russia's bludgeoning tactics.

To retreat would be to lose face all over the world, to assure the now cocky Russians that we are "on the run." Whenever we are they will pursue us—to Kansas City and Omaha if we give them a chance.

Our only hope of peace is to be ready to defend ourselves. This is the way we have prevented all-out attack up to now.

The Negroes Must Help Too

A young negro without much between the eyes set racial relations back tragically in New Orleans Tuesday night when he stuck out his tongue to the fans in Loyola's gymnasium when he was ousted for fouls. The fans shouted "bye, bye blackbird," and everybody was good and mad.

The coach of San Francisco university's national champions publicly threatened to pull his team off New Orleans Loyola's floor tonight when they play there, if there are any race incidents. The New Orleans fans are likely to accept this as a challenge. He had much better keep his mouth tightly shut, at least till an "incident" did occur.

Most southern fans are now willing to accept negro athletes. Georgia Tech won its fight with the Georgia governor, which means that Georgia teams won't hesitate to play teams that have negroes. Elsewhere in the south the sports color line is steadily disappearing. It won't be very long before negroes will play on southern teams.

Unless—there are a few more incidents like the Bradley university player pulled off at New Orleans Tuesday night. Better racial relations aren't solely the task and problem of the white folks. The negroes have a job to do too.

A Surprise Victory

Speaking again of basketball, the two Oregon members of the Pacific Coast conference gave their supporters a tremendous lift by beating two Big Ten teams at Corvallis Tuesday night.

We imagine most Oregon fans suspected both of these games would be lost, for the Big Ten has a terrific athletic reputation, while Oregon and Oregon State are admittedly below par this season. Their records prior to Tuesday night were drab.

It now appears that both schools will floor creditable teams for the first round robin conference schedule. Picked for second division by all the "experts," one or even both might spring such a surprise as the Beaver footballists did last fall.

Winter arrives today—officially. But statistics sometimes mean lies. Here in the Willamette valley winter means snow, and it did NOT put on its usual appearance today.

Crisis In U. S. Red Propaganda



May Be Others

Eugene Register-Guard
An Oregon congressman polled farmers in his district on the kind of farm program they want. He found that 47 per cent want government price supports abolished. The rest were split 39 per cent for flexible supports, 13 per cent for high, rigid supports.

Clarifying It

Albany Democrat-Herald
In defense of Senator Wayne Morse's switch from the Republican to the Democratic party is has been repeatedly pointed out both by himself and his supporters that he had a perfect right to change his mind and is no more of a "Benedict Arnold of party politics" than Edgar Smith and Howard LaTourrette, who have switched from the Democratic to the Republican party. They have overlooked the point that Edgar Smith held no elective office when he changed over and that Judge LaTourrette did not ride into office on the Democratic mule. As a member of the Oregon state supreme court Judge LaTourrette is a non-partisan officer. Neither owes his present position to the Democrats. The difference between them and Senator Morse in this respect is fundamental.

Our 'Hair Shirt'

Eugene Register-Guard
It's bad news that Harry Dorman is planning to retire March 1 to take the rest he deserves. First as budget director and then as director of the new department of finance and administration, Mr. Dorman has served as "Oregon's hair shirt" for nearly seven years. They have not been easy years. With typical energy Mr. Dorman devoted his considerable talents to paring some of the fat off the state budget. That he did, to such a point that even legislators have had to grant that the budget, as submitted by the governor, is "fat free." Then he went to work on the problem of state purchasing. He insisted on competitive bidding, on a careful examination for quality and on buying in large quantities.

None of this endeared him to many state employees who liked the old way best. Fortunately Gov. Douglas McKay, and later Gov. Paul Patterson, backed him to the hilt. State employees might call him every name in the book, as they sometimes did. And sometimes he was wrong. When proved wrong, he didn't retreat unless he felt he was wrong.

Through it all he remained—somewhat—gentle and easy to get along with. In the capitol corridors of the not unconsiderable numbers of his political enemies would mutter darkly as they saw him putting along behind the big pipe that was his trade mark, but when he approached, smiled, and said hello, they just had to smile back.

It won't be easy for Governor Patterson to find a replacement for him. Doubtless the governor shares our feelings. We hate to see him go, but we don't blame him for wanting a rest.

FOR FARMERS OR DOGS?

Sherman County Journal
One wonders whether the Munahomah county fair is for farmers or dogs.

OTHER THINGS TO DO

Windsor Church
I have found that when one lays down power and responsibility all sorts of other things fall away at the same time.

Stevenson Maintains Long Lead With the Democrats

By GEORGE GALLUP
(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 20 — Adlai Stevenson continues to get more votes than all other candidates put together in the latest monthly pre-convention check on Democratic candidate popularity.

As of today, the Institute finds that Stevenson is picked by 51 per cent of Democrats as the man they want to head their state in 1956.

In second place is Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee who has gained sharply in the last month from 11 per cent in a November survey to 17 per cent today. New York's Governor Averell Harriman is in third place with 8 per cent.

With the nation's independent voters Stevenson is also out in front, but the difference between Stevenson and Kefauver is much less marked.

In the latest test, Stevenson polls 40 per cent among the independents in Kefauver's 21 per cent.

Today's survey was completed before Governor Frank Lausche of Ohio announced his candidacy as a "favorite son" and thus does not reflect any change that his announcement may have.

There has been very little change in the Democratic candidate standings over the last year. Governor Stevenson has consistently polled more than all other Democratic possibilities put together among the rank-and-file of his own party and has led the list among Independents.

The question, asked of all persons in today's survey who classified themselves as Democrats:

"Here is a list of men who have been mentioned as possible presidential candidates in 1956 for the Democratic party. Which ONE would you like to see nominated as the Democratic candidate in 1956?"

Each person in the survey was handed a card listing the names of people who are candidates or have been frequently mentioned as possibilities for the Democratic nomination in 1956:

TIME TO QUIT
Sherman County Journal
Clement Allee lived long enough to see socialism tried and see it fail. Might as well quit.

NOT KEEPING UP
Sherman County Journal
A movie actress, we read, has made 24 movies and been married twice. A little under par, eh?

T'was the night before Christmas...
The wonderful illusions of childhood will change as he grows older, but a youngster's EYES have to last a lifetime. One of the most worthwhile presents you can give him is to have his eyes checked, glasses fitted if necessary.
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Recent U.S. Losses in U.N. Encourage Conservative GOP

By RAY TUCKER
WASHINGTON, December 21 — Severe American losses in recent United Nations controversies have had their effect on likely presidential candidates frequently mentioned in White House circles as Republican possibilities, if President Eisenhower does not run again. They reverse encourage the conservative faction headed by Senator William F. Knowland of California.

The two prospects believed to have been knocked off in these U. N. and foreign disputes are ex-Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, now American representative at the international body's New York headquarters, and Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, adviser on disarmament to the White House.

Both are great Eisenhower favorites, and, therefore, acceptable to White House strategists. Both played a leading role in securing the 1952 nomination for Ike over the late Senator Robert A. Taft, who named Knowland as his successor as Senate Majority Leader.

IF IKE BOWS OUT
Although Vice President Richard M. Nixon appears to be the palace guard's first choice, if Ike bows out, Lodge and Stassen rank high in the Sherman Adams-Hall-Dewey books as likely Alternates. The Bay Stater or Minnesotan would assuredly become logical candidates for Vice Presidential honors, if Nixon should be chosen to head the ticket.

If Lodge and Stassen have been knocked off, or if they have knocked themselves off by their U. N. failures, the choice of the Eastern internationalist wing may have to be Nixon by the simple process of elimination, to wit:

Chief Justice Earl Warren insists that he will not quit the bench. Treasurer Secretary George M. Humphrey will leave Washington as soon as circumstances permit. Humphrey was 65 last March, and Warren passed 64 in the same month. Their age, in view of Ike's heart attack, will be held against them, if nothing else.

HOPELESS EASTERNERS
The Eastern faction's only other offerings so far are Sherman Adams, Governor Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts and possibly Thomas E. Dewey. Neither Dewey nor Adams could scrape up a squad of delegates, even with Ike's sponsorship. Governor Herter is not known beyond the Hudson River, besides suffering from arthritis and a crippled leg.

Thus, it appears that the holding action against an early Eisenhower decision on 1956, which is masterminded by National Chairman Leonard W. Hall and published prayerfully by Stassen, has become a political benefit for Nixon. In view of the fact that he is opposed by Knowland and Governor Goodwin J. Knight, this new and narrowing alignment promises rich drama at the San Francisco convention.

This strange twist has had immediate repercussions. Senators in their predicament, the White House board of strategy has redoubled its efforts to pressure Ike into standing for renomination. Otherwise, they fear, the chance of a Republican defeat becomes more imminent than ever before.

REASON FOR THEIR SUNKEN PRESTIGE
It is, perhaps, unnecessary to recount why the political prestige of Lodge and Stassen has sunk so low so suddenly. But their Party enemies will do so between now and the August convention.

Lodge's handling of the Outer Mongolia incident has been condemned even by our Allies. Equally unfortunate was his support of The Philippines for nonpermanent membership on the Security Council against British-backed Yugoslavia.

Stassen's cheery promises of progress on disarmament have turned out to be a boy's whistling in a gloomy international graveyard. Possibly because he has been more interested and active about Presidential politics than about his official assignment.

KEEP IT GROWING
John Milton
Good, the more communicated, more abundant grows.

A SMILE OR TWO:
Louisville Courier-Journal
An old lady repeatedly observed a young college boy with a cigar box under his arm. One day she stopped him and said, "Son, I'm afraid you are smoking too much." "No, ma'am," he replied. "It's not that at all. I'm moving again."

DEMOCRATIC VOTERS

	Latest Survey	Nov. Survey
Adlai Stevenson	51%	48%
Sen. Kefauver	17	11
Gov. Harriman	8	10
Sen. Russell	6	6
Speaker Rayburn	5	5
Gov. Lausche	3	2
Others	5	11
No opinion	5	7

Others receiving 2 per cent or less of the vote of rank-and-file Democrats were Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia, Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri and Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan.

The following table shows the vote of Independents today for their choice of Democratic nominee, compared to the vote in the November survey:

INDEPENDENT VOTERS

	Latest Survey	Nov. Survey
Stevenson	40%	34%
Kefauver	21	21
Harriman	7	8
Rayburn	5	7
Lausche	3	4
Douglas	4	5
Byrd	3	4
Others	5	8
No opinion	10	6

It should be borne in mind that popularity with the rank-and-file does not necessarily constitute popularity among party leaders.

As of today, however, there is little difference between the views of the voters and the views of Democratic county chairmen across the country — the "grass roots" leaders of the party.

The final results of a special survey among Democratic county chairmen—in which 1602 replies were received using a secret mail ballot—show the following vote on the leading Democratic possibilities:

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMEN CANDIDATE PREFERENCES

Stevenson	43%
Kefauver	14
Harriman	12
Russell	7
Sen. Lyndon Johnson	5
Byrd	4
Symington	4
Lausche	3
Williams	2
Rayburn	2
Other	1
No opinion	3

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