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Minnesota's Amazing Vote

The Minnesota primary Tuesday produces a much bigger surprise than New Hampshire did last week, but it is the same kind of a surprise. After New Hampshire voted the public might have been better prepared for it, but evidently wasn't.

The revelation is that Adlai Stevenson is far weaker with the voting public than has been assumed, while Estes Kefauver is much stronger. This was shown when Stevenson failed to pick up a substantial write-in vote in New Hampshire, where the party organization was solidly for him, but it was excused because "after all, his name wasn't on the ballot." Nixon's wasn't either, but look what happened in his case. Minnesota was supposed to be in Stevenson's bag. He had everything—it appeared. He was endorsed by the central committees of both the Farmer-Labor and the Democratic parties. He was vigorously supported by Senator Humphrey and Governor Freeman. The organization was for him. And he campaigned the state. Kefauver was so sure he was the underdog that he sought to minimize his expected defeat by saying he would consider more than 30 percent of the Democratic vote a victory. A modest view indeed.

This morning, with most of the votes counted Kefauver had 202,481 to 157,441 for Stevenson, a lead of more than 45,000. Some Republicans invaded the Democratic primary? No doubt they did, for there wasn't much to lure them into their own primary where Eisenhower defeated Senator Knowland 170,439 to 2774. Knowland had announced his withdrawal. But Republicans who voted for Kefauver must have liked the breezy Tennesseean, who whether one thinks him qualified for president or not is a terrific vote getter. And Adlai must have gotten some Republican votes. The Republicans were never before known to all vote the same way in a contest and probably didn't this time. Most of them doubtless stayed home when there were no contests of importance in their party.

Discount it all you will, and Stevenson's supporters will search hard for alibis, the Minnesota vote is startling. The Democratic leaders, who don't like Estes Kefauver are going to have to take him seriously, for he is the party's best vote getter. And Adlai Stevenson has slipped badly since 1952, four years in which he has done nothing except complain without much to complain about. The country has cut him down to a small size and it may be as hard to blow him back up as it was to put Humpty Dumpty together again.

It's as sure as anything ever is in politics that Adlai Stevenson won't be the next president. If nominated he won't be elected, and because this seems so sure his chances for the nomination have been drastically reduced. Those who don't want Kefauver nominated, and they are legion among the leadership, must start looking for someone else to stop him with. Governor Harriman's stock is bound to rise now. And the South, which had largely reconciled itself to Adlai, is now faced with the prospect of a much more objectionable nominee.

We'll see plenty of excitement in the Democratic party now, with Republican excitement diminishing since the president will accept renomination and Nixon is pretty sure to be his running mate.

Is Kho Khol Still Dancing the Kopak?

There seems to be no question, for once in his life, Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist party chief who accused Josef Stalin of massacre, torture of children and a personal reign of terror in a sensational speech behind closed doors at last month's party congress in the Kremlin was telling the truth. Some 30 of the 1600 delegates who heard him faint or had seizures, and when the news reached Georgia, Stalin's home state, widespread rioting was suppressed by Russian troops.

The new Russian regime has evidently decreed another rewriting of history, smashing the Stalin cult, built up under his rule of terror in his lifetime as a heroic demigod. Nor is there much doubt that Stalin met a merited fate himself, when the new leaders discovered they were on the purge line themselves and switched the purge to the sick tyrant.

Khrushchev is reported to have charged that Stalin weakened the country before the onset of World War II by having 5000 Red army officers "murdered" following the great purge trials. In spite of warnings by Winston Churchill and Sir Stafford Cripps, then British ambassador to Moscow, Stalin refused to believe that Hitler would attack Russia and his first order to him when the Germans did attack his troops, was not to return the Germans' fire.

Khrushchev is said to have accused Stalin of antisemitism, persecution mania, and gross conceit. He said Stalin was behind the 1934 murder of Kirov, the Leningrad party leader, and others, and was planning in the immediate future to get rid of Vyacheslav Molotov—who had been under house arrest—and Khrushchev himself.

At this, some of the delegates are reported to have shouted, "How did you stand it? Why didn't you kill him?" Khrushchev is said to have replied: "What could we do? There was a reign of terror. You only had to look at him wrongly and the next day you lost your head."

Lenin's unpublished will, said to have a postscript warning the Communist party against Stalin, is likely to be released shortly.

Khrushchev is quoted as saying that after the war Stalin became especially suspicious and in the latter portion of his life an atmosphere of "fear and terror" prevailed. Even members of the Politburo lived in fear. The dictator was behind the "doctors' plot."

Soon after the war, when Stalin still was appearing in public, he humiliated Khrushchev at a reception at which foreigners were present. Stalin shouted at him, "Kho khol, dance the gopak!" (Kho khol is a derogatory Russian name for a Ukrainian; a gopak is a Ukrainian dance, involving intricate footwork which would have been extremely undignified for a man of Khrushchev's age and build. "So I danced it," the Communist reports quoted Khrushchev as saying.)

Whether "Kho Khol is dancing another gopak" remains to be seen. The world has lost faith in the Communists, for they have violated every pledge they ever made, for tragic experience has proved, on every occasion "they lie by day, they lie by night and they lie for the mere lust of lying" in the Kremlin's mad merry-go-round.—G. P.

And Now This!

This is an era in which one who has no other excitement in view files suit against somebody.

Even so it is a bit startling to learn that Woodrow Wilson Smith, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator, seeks to keel his opponent, Wayne Morse's name off the party primary ballot of—for all reasons—that Morse is a Republican, not a Democrat.

We envision another suit, by irate Republicans charging a vile slander against Smith. Whatever Morse may be it seems clear that he is not a Republican. Whether he ever was may be questioned, but certainly he isn't now. Is he a Democrat? By his chance of registration he says he is now, and we do not believe it can be questioned that he is as much a Democrat now as he was a Republican before.

Unfortunately for Smith's legal maneuver, the voter himself is the best authority as to his current political affiliation, which we think will be binding upon the secretary of state's office.

But Smith's no loser. He's let everyone in Oregon know he will be on the Democratic senatorial ballot.

Spring's here now—officially. But a lot of us will suspiciously await practical proof.

Don't Move, Sam!



Public Wouldn't Limit Aid To Non-Segregated Schools

By GEORGE GALLUP

(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

PRINCETON, N.J., Mar. 20—By a margin of almost 2-to-1, voters who have been following the proposals in Congress to authorize Federal aid for school construction say they would like to see the bill passed even though some money is given to Southern states where racial segregation is practiced.

In a nationwide survey by the Institute, 61 per cent say they favor the bill designed to eliminate the classroom shortage, while 32 per cent say they are opposed if any money goes to states resisting the Supreme Court's anti-segregation ruling.

The administration's school bill calls for Federal aid of \$250 million annually for the next five years in direct grants for school construction. Under this plan, each state would be required to put up matching funds on the basis of its ability to pay.

Rep. Augustine B. Kelly (D., Pa.) has sponsored a bill which would supply \$400 million annually for the next four years in Federal grants solely on the basis of the number of school-age children in each state.

Many Congressional leaders thing that Federal money should not go to states where segregation is practiced and Rep. Adam C. Powell, Jr. (D., N.Y.) has announced his intentions to introduce an amendment along that line to any legislation which is submitted.

To determine where public opinion stands, the Institute assigned its reporting staff to query an accurate cross-section of voters from Maine to California and from Washington to Florida.

Each person was first asked if he had been following the school aid proposals now before Congress. Six out of every 10 voters said they had. Those familiar with the proposals were then asked:

How We Look

New York Herald Tribune

When high school students from 33 nations arrived in New York for the Herald-Tribune's tenth annual Forum, they were asked for the first adjective they thought of when "America" was mentioned. Some of their replies:

- Impatient, selfish, too democratic, fast and expensive, materialistic, smart, educated;
- Exciting, unjust, immature, rich, colossal, hard-working, busy;
- Anti-Communist, fair, sensational, lively, "on-time," international, pessimistic;
- To self - confident, optimistic, streamlined, friendly, progressive, extreme, gay.

Go West, Boys!

Cleveland Plain Dealer

Where will one find the greatest number of federal employees? Washington, D.C., of course, you say. Wrong! For, according to the Civil Service Commission, California rates No. 1 position, with 230,290 federal employees, as compared with 229,615 in Washington, D.C. Third came New York state with 185,400 federal employees.

The total number of federal workers in the continental United States, as of Sept. 30, was 2,172,600. This does not surprise us particularly. What really gives us pause is how 230,290 persons manage to wangle federal jobs in such a delightful climate as California!

HE CAN DO THAT TOO
Boston Globe
Not only can man do more than he thinks he can. He can do with out more.

CHANGING TIMES
Trumbull Cheer
In the good old days when you wanted a horse to stand still, you tied him to a hitching post. Today you place a bet on him.

Small Farmers Lose in Political Maneuvers

By GEORGE GALLUP

(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

Does the present maneuvering of our politics point to any stable help for agriculture as a whole or is it just another sand pile to play with?

I am on the upper half of the road in years and I can look back far enough to see the trend, which I feel is most important. The trend is toward more and more domination of agriculture, by the agricultural department, and the greater this progress the worse off the average farmer becomes. Why?

Try to imagine a doctor who, with 100 sick patients, insisted on one treatment for all because it was good for the most influential ones—the big or wealthy ones.

With this theory of a blanket treatment, too many medium and small farmers are left out in the cold.

The number of medium and small sized farms greatly outnumber the big corporation type farms, so I believe a solution could be worked out better, if the problem were broken up into more equal parts and each part dealt with separately—on its own merits.

I would suggest a start of study and correction from the bottom, the small farmer, instead of the big corporation farmer at the top. For instance: How can a soil bank program help an orchardist, onion grower, mint farmer, the vegetable growers, berries, etc.?

Believe me, we need them and they need us (the consuming public) far more than we need the big farms of several thousand acres, that are piling up the tremendous surplus—and breaking down the financial and moral fiber of our whole agricultural industry.

E. H. Bixby,
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Her Smallest Bill

Dallas News

When a woman having dinner in a Dallas restaurant gave the waiter a five-hundred-dollar bill to pay for her check, the manager suggested, "See if she doesn't have something smaller."

"Yes, sir," said the waiter, "but I don't think she does, boss. She had to run some ground in her money to find this."

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Magic of Snow Turns N.Y. To Nearly Deserted Village

By RELMAN IORIN (For Hal Boyle)

NEW YORK (I)—Mother Nature has waved a magic wand over New York, and turned the big city into a village.

As you saw in the papers, we have been getting snow here, a fantastic amount for this corner of the country. Some of the old-timers—sitting around in Manhattan equivalents of the general store and the pot-bellied iron stove—are comparing this storm with the real wing-ding blizzards of the past.

It has choked the streets, buried parked automobiles, and—most wonderful of all, made the traffic simply vanish in thin air.

It delights children, opens theater doors because so many people with tickets can't get downtown, makes strangers feel like talking to each other, and gives everybody a chance to tell you "how I got to the office." Or vice versa.

It has been magic, pure white magic. You think of New York as the epitome of the machine age, in fact, as a great roaring machine itself. But when the storm engulfed it, the city was as helpless

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

GOP Believes Ex-Leaf Rakers Have Become Conservatives

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, March 21—Have F.D.R.'s leaf-raking WPA-ers and Civilian Conservation Corps youngsters, whose future seemed, so bleak 20 years ago, become Eisenhower conservatives because of the change in the nation's economic structure?

Republican politico-economic experts answer in the affirmative, and will base the strategy of the 1956 presidential campaign on that belief. Although many of the safeguards against job and old-age insecurity were built by Roosevelt, they are confident that the current and prospective advantages of the reform bill benefit Ike.

Between now and election, they will pour out what they call "prosperity statistics" to prove that plenty of good jobs, a high standard of living and a decent old age are secure. With political exaggeration, they will contend that this Utopia can be made permanent only through retention of Republicans in office at Washington.

All other issues—like the personal popularity, the Democrats' split over civil rights and the oil-gas problem, the absence of a shooting war—pale before this planned paean to permanent prosperity shored up by the policies of a middle-of-the-road administration.

Paraphrasing Harry S. Truman's bread-and-butter, full-dinner-pail appeal to workmen and farmers in 1948, GOP campaigners will chant that "Anybody who votes Democratic, or even slightly radical on economic matters, ought to have his head examined!"

They maintain that they have the figures to prove their theory, as they evidence with a few samplings:

Almost 60 per cent of the population are homeowners today, as against 40 per cent toward the close of F.D.R.'s second term. They have mortgages which they do not want jeopardized, and taxes which they do not want raised. There are more than 5,000,000 two-car owners, whereas the number owning even one car was only 5,000,000 40 years ago.

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Salem 11 Yrs. Ago Go West, Boys

March 21, 1945
Andy Hansen, Salem planing mill proprietor, had remarked to Don Upjohn, Capital Journal's Sips for Slippers: "How come? Here I have to work like a dog all my life and all you do is just walk around and watch people work." Replied Sips: "You have a planing mill and all I have is a 1912 typewriter and two top notch sets of varicose veins."

George Mirich, "one man army of Altu" and winner of a distinguished service cross had taken over management of a Standard oil station in Salem.

County Judge Grant Murphy had reported work on a cooperative ditch along "Bean Alley" in West Stayton as "getting under way."

State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott had termed airline transportation as "a luxury for politicians and office holders."

Dr. Harold M. Erickson had succeeded Dr. Fredrick D. Striker as head of Oregon's public health activities.

On Girl Cops

McMinville News-Register
San Antonio, Tex., has hired eight women as parking meter "hostesses" for its downtown area. They will hand out overtime parking tickets and other information and act as "public relations representatives" for the city.

This is a trend that should be resisted. It could spoil a man's whole day to have to curb his wrath at finding a parking sticker on his windshield just because a cute thing shows up with a smile and a handful of "Isn't our city wonderful?" literature.

WHO TO FEAR MOST
Napoleon
The people to fear are not those who disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know.

WHO THE DUMB ARE

Sherman County Journal
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