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Salk's Polio Vaccine Record

Surgeon General Leonard Scheele, in a speech delivered at the 105th annual meeting of the American Medical Association at Chicago, said there were 75 percent fewer cases of polio among children vaccinated with Salk polio vaccine last year than among those unvaccinated. He reported:

"The overall attack rate among vaccinated children, most of whom had only one injection, was only 6.3 per 100,000. Among the unvaccinated, the attack rate was 29.2 per 100,000. Thus the data show a reduction of at least 75 per cent in the rate of paralytic polio among vaccinated children."

He also reported that since May 15, 1955, when vaccine was first released under safety standards, "there has been no epidemiological evidence that any lot of vaccine of any manufacturer has been unsafe. Unquestionably, we now have a vaccine which is standing up under the most careful scrutiny with respect to safety and effectiveness."

The Surgeon General recommended that vaccination programs should continue all summer to give the best possible protection.

Even with this proof before them of the life-saving results of improved polio vaccine for children there still are zealots who oppose its use—but nothing like as many as those who oppose harmless fluoridization of city water to save their children's teeth from decay. This despite its record of 10 years beneficial results and endorsement by all public health bodies, including national, state and local medical and dental association testimony of its beneficial results.

If such objectors prefer to pay dental bills to preserving their offspring's teeth, that is their privilege but it is detrimental to the health of all children, including their own.

Such parents are in the same class as those who for so many years fought vaccination as a preventative in smallpox epidemics that scarred if it did not kill its victims.—G.P.

Public Service Is Costly

That \$300,000 libel suit filed against the Oregonian Tuesday by four men who figured in an uncompromising way in its recent vice exposures will surprise no newspaperman. And the Oregonian could not have been surprised. It is a virtually inevitable reaction.

The Oregonian or any newspaper publishing such an expose has to be sure of the truth of its charges. But this is not enough. It must be sure of its ability to prove them in court, that none of its witnesses will weaken when the heat is turned on. And the testimony to prove the truth of its charges must be clear enough for a jury to understand and be fully convinced by.

Even if the newspaper wins the suit, which is by no means sure, even if everything it printed was absolutely true, the fight will be long, and extremely costly to the newspaper, which can expect little reward except the consciousness of a duty well done.

It costs something and risks still more when a newspaper takes hold of a festering community sore the way the Oregonian did in Portland. The public ought to appreciate what it did.

Europe's Grand Old Man Visits Us

The greatest statesman in Europe is Konrad Adenauer, chancellor of the West German Republic, strongest continental opponent of westward expansion of Soviet Russia because he has made his country a mighty bulwark against this. The 80-year-old leader, whose age suggests that he will not have many more years of power, is in America, receiving the highest honors our country can pay the representative of a former enemy who is now our friend and ally.

In New Haven to receive an honorary degree from Yale, Adenauer warned the democratic west not to relax its guard "even for one moment," and he warned that the present tactics are "more dangerous than the former aggressive conduct" of the Kremlin. More dangerous because it tends to lull us into a false sense of security where Stalin kept us on our guard. Adenauer is a wise man who really knows the Russians. His advice should not be neglected here. There is a growing indication that it is being neglected in his own country, and in ours.

There'll Be No Argument Here

We note that the governor has found time to proclaim June 17-23 as "strawberry shortcake week" in Oregon and we hasten to add a word of approval. It's a happy thought and should not attract any barbs of criticism. Candidates are eagerly looking at gubernatorial and presidential acts to "view with alarm" as the campaign approaches, but we doubt that anyone will find occasion for alarm here.

Claiming no originality, we do however wish to point out that we've been somewhat ahead of the governor, having already so observed the two preceding weeks. And if the crop holds out we'll seek a rerun performance of S. S. week June 23-30.

Strawberry season always brings to us the consoling thought that the ills of the world can't be quite as bad as we've been led to fear. "Twould be marvelous if it could last longer, for one never tires of the big, luscious red fruit that grows better nowhere on earth than here.

It Depends on the Party

President Eisenhower had an operation, drew big headlines around the world and while he's already walking around and doing business it is expected to make his "health" an even bigger campaign issue.

Governor Harriman of New York, just changed from "inactive" to active candidate status, recently underwent a glandular operation. Some time ago Adlai Stevenson, whom Harriman hopes to displace as the Democratic party leader, had a gallbladder operation. Both appear to be none the worse for their experiences and nobody is suggesting that their bouts with surgeons' knives in any way disqualify them for the highest office.

It evidently makes quite a difference which party a candidate belongs to in determining whether his operations become campaign issues. Could this be because one party needs such an issue while the other doesn't?

Air Base Work Delayed

The Air Forces disclosed Tuesday that construction of the new jet base near Woodburn will not be started during the fiscal year to begin July 1 when an appropriation was sought only for purchase of the land. This was put at \$2,400,000, based on an estimated \$500 an acre.

This presumably means that no more than preliminary planning will be done there for more than a year, which will disappoint those who have been anticipating new employment and business, and relieve those who look forward to the installation without pleasure.

However, the Air Force appears determined to go ahead with the big boys they are certainly going to need in the Portland area, and a spokesman indicated that as much as \$500,000 will be available for our relations with Russia.

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Tucker Thinks Liberals Will Lose at Democrat Convention

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, June 13 — The Democratic presidential race has now resolved itself into a struggle between the two relatively conservative candidacies of Adlai E. Stevenson and Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri, in the opinion of that party's veteran strategists, observers and manipulators.

With the unexpected California rout of Senator Estes Kefauver and the rising opposition to Governor Averell Harriman of New York, they believe that the threat from left liberals such as the Albany League and Governor C. McManis Williams of Michigan has been repulsed. The nationwide mood of moderation which contributed to President Eisenhower's 1952 triumph has affected the disposition camp.

Regardless of the outcome of the Chicago convention with respect to the nominee and the platform, the liberals' domination of the Democratic party for 20 years has come to an end. Even the Rooseveltians seem to concede that such a prospect is likely, for the majority of that faction back Stevenson against Harriman, Williams and Kefauver.

Stevenson Not A Certainty

The situation at Chicago will obviously be favorable to a careerist.

They Say Today

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NEW YORK — Fire Capt. Seymour Schochet on the landside said that six Brooklyn children "The doctors said the insides of the kids were crushed. Some of the bodies were mangled. They all were such little tykes."

WASHINGTON — Presidential Press Secretary James Hagerly on whether the President feels some pain from his recent operation.

"He does not feel like getting up and doing a jig."

PARIS — Former President Truman answering Russian charges that the United States used atomic bombs against Japan for political reasons.

"Stalin knew we had a weapon but he did not know what it was. He was in complete agreement with Mr. Winston Churchill and myself that the weapon should be used."

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in a long, against under optimism about Russian denunciations of Josef Stalin.

"There is only one cure for the evils of the imposed Soviet dictatorship — that is government which derives its powers from the consent of the governed."

CHICAGO — Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler in charging that some of the doctors attending President Eisenhower are propagandizing.

"They apparently do a terrific job of saying that anyone who has had a heart attack and an operation for Crohn's disease is much better qualified physically to be president than anyone else."

A Smile or Two

Wall Street Journal
It was in the living room that a little boy was practicing his violin, while in the den his father, tired from a day's work at the office, was trying to read his evening newspaper before dinner.

The family dog was lying on the floor in front of the father and as the scratching sounds of the youngest's violin music reached his ears, the dog's ears flapped and he began to howl dismally in rhythm with the uncertain stringed music.

The father endured the combination of dog and violin as long as he could, but soon it was too much for the human ear to stand. Jumping up, he slammed his newspaper to the floor and yelled:

"For heaven's sake, can't you play something the dog doesn't know?"

New Illness Centers Interest

On President's Health Again

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower's second physical crisis in nine months will force voters to think again of what they asked themselves the first time: Should he be given another four-year term?

The question does not arise out of lack of confidence in Eisenhower's honest opinion of what he thinks is best for himself and the country. He has said he will frankly say if he's not up to another four years.

But he is a man of 63, carrying the enormous burden of the presidency. He would turn 70 before the end of a second term. He has had two major illnesses within these nine months: a heart attack and an intestinal block.

Because of the great public liking for him and trust in his judgment, questions about his physical fitness quieted down once he said after the heart attack that he felt he could stand another four White House years.

But now, in view of this second illness, voters cannot help asking themselves this question, even though he may again say he feels able to run for re-election.

Are these two illnesses so close together simply accidents that

could happen to any man? Or are they signs of a physical weakening under the stress and strain of the presidency that may be repeated?

Eisenhower himself has said, "The presidency is probably the most taxing job, as far as tiring of the mind and spirit. My future life must be carefully regulated to avoid excessive fatigue."

His doctors have said he will not be able to resume his full duties for at least a month. This means—counting 3½ months after his heart attack—that for 4½ months in a year he could not function fully.

The doctors have said there is no connection between the two illnesses, and they have been almost enthusiastically optimistic about his ability to run again. And Eisenhower has shown remarkable recuperative powers.

In fairness to himself and to the country he probably will wait until he is back on his job full-time before saying for the second time whether he will try for re-election. That will be mid-July. Until then he will leave Democrats and Republicans with their tongues hanging out—but wagging in opposite expectation, the Republicans not knowing their best hope is Eisenhower, the Democrats knowing their best hope is anybody else.

What Will H.S.T. Do?

Ironically, with Stevenson or Symington as possibilities, Truman has greater convention influence than he might have enjoyed otherwise. Had either man mobilized enough preconvention strength to be a shoe-in, the former president's attitude might have carried no or little weight. But the narrow margin between the two contestants makes every vote and voice count.

So, the question is: What will the unpredictable Harry do? He once backed a senatorial primary opponent of Symington because the latter was not an "organization man." He resented Stevenson's careless reference to the "mess in Washington" as a reflection upon his administration. He also thinks that Stevenson is too much of a "moderate."

But, like them or not, he may have to choose between these two relative conservatives, and his decision may determine the identity of the nominee.

Poor Strategy

Eugene Register-Guard
Look magazine reports that some Democratic strategists are considering the nomination of a Catholic to the presidency.

"They've got it all figured out. Look says, and they can prove that a Catholic on the ticket would do the Democrats more good in the North than it would do them harm in the South."

Of this sort of "strategy" we take the dimmest of views. We should deplore the nomination of a Catholic to attract the Catholic vote, just as we'd deplore the nomination of a Negro to get the Negro vote, or a redhead to get the Titian vote or a short fat man to get the short and fat vote. Likewise we'd deplore withholding the nomination of a good man simply because he was a Catholic, had red hair or black skin or because he measured five feet five.

Religion, like color of skin, color of hair, and personal contour, are not matters that are properly part of government. Therefore they are not legitimate parts of politics. The only legitimate areas of politics are matters of personal integrity and opinion on public affairs. Religion fits neither.

If the Democrats find a Catholic—or a Jew, or an Adventist or a Methodist—who would be a good vice president, we hope they nominate him. But holding out a man's religion as bait for voters of the same persuasion shows a basic disrespect for the voters, for the candidates and for the high office.

Party Line



Women Important Factor in Campaign; 65 Pct. Like Ike

By GEORGE GALLUP

(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

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PRINCETON, N. J., June 12 — The political maxim that women voters follow the pattern of male voters appears destined for the scrap heap.

In 1952, women voters gave General Eisenhower a much higher percentage of their vote than the men did—by a margin of 58 per cent for women to 53 per cent for men.

Today, in an Institute "trial heat" race matching Eisenhower against Stevenson, the women still give a higher percentage of their vote to Eisenhower than the men do.

But it is interesting to note that the pattern of male voting today more closely parallels that of women voters than was the case four years ago.

Institute interviewers asked men and women in all walks of life:

"Suppose the presidential election were being held today. If President Eisenhower were the Republican candidate and Adlai Stevenson were the Democratic candidate, which would you like to see win?"

Here is the party preference nationwide by men and women in the last Congressional election:

1954 VOTE FOR CONGRESS	NATIONWIDE	Men	Women
Republican	48%	50%	45%
Democratic	52%	50%	55%

Again, it is interesting to note that, whereas in the 1954 Congressional elections, women voted five percentage points more Republican than the men, today the Republicans have gained strength among men to the point where men are within two points of being as Republican as the women.

If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party would you like to see win in this state — the Republican party or the Democratic party?

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Here is the vote by men and women in the 35 states outside the South:

VOTE FOR CONGRESS	OUTSIDE SOUTH	Men	Women
Republican	51%	54%	49%
Democratic	49%	46%	51%

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It Was Needed

Albany Democrat-Herald
Now that everyone has settled down after the election, there is pretty general agreement that the new voting law worked well. It requires that a voter attest to the correctness of his address in the poll books.

There are still bugs in the system but most of them will be worked out by November.

Most people didn't realize the extent of the poll-hopping. Many hundreds of Linn county voters had been picking the most convenient poll, whether it was the correct one or not. Many others simply neglected to re-register when they moved, and kept going back to their old precincts.

This story which has come out of County Clerk Rufus Russell's office illustrates the proportions.

An east Linn county man came in just before the registration deadline and said that he had read in the paper that people who weren't correctly registered would lose their vote. He wanted to re-register and confess that he had been voting in the wrong precinct for 22 years because its polling place was closer to his home.

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Wishful Talking

Eugene Register-Guard

A penologist, Isaac Gorman, may have been speaking wishfully, but what he said to the Missouri Assn. for Social Welfare makes sense. Mr. Gorman, who is executive director of the St. Louis Bureau for Men, said the day may come when imprisoned convicts will be allowed to make enough money in prison to support their families on the outside.

Under the system Americans invented and seem to prefer, the prisoner is taken off the labor market, forbidden to work, and denied the privilege of supporting his family.

The family, innocent in most cases, suffers from the loss of a breadwinner. Society pays not only for the prisoners board and keep but also for the needs of the family which too often goes on "relief."

Mr. Gorman also suggested legislation compelling Missouri state agencies to buy goods produced at the Missouri penitentiary. That makes sense, too, but unless labor groups in Missouri are different, and less powerful, than labor groups in most states, it will be a long time before such a thing comes to pass.

One of the shames of American penology is our wanton waste of imprisoned manpower which results in a loss of production.

A raising away of the talents of the prisoners, a loss of morale inside the prisons and a burden on the society which must provide for prisoners' families.

First Mud Flies

Ontario Argus-Observer

It hasn't taken the Re-Elect Morse Committee long to get the mud in the air.

Tuesday released a barrage attributed to Mrs. Edna Scales, Vice-chairman of Oregon's Democratic party, saying that McKay was comparing women in middle and low income groups with "ignorant heathens." This was assumed because McKay has asked the Republican organization to undertake what he termed "missionary work" with working women.

Perhaps Mrs. Scales never heard of religious missionary work done among respectable and substantial citizens. But such work is done.

And Mrs. Scales corrupts the meaning of the word "missionary." It may stem largely from religious origins but in its plainest meaning the word simply refers to a person sent out on a specific assignment.

This is the sort of unpleasant innuendo that always marks "hard fought, bitter political campaigns like the Morse-McKay campaign is bound to be. It is a by-product of our free election.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

'Think Break' Now Advocated, But Hal Sees Dangers in It

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — A "sidewalk scribbles" by a pavement painter: "Would a daily 'think break' help you in your job?"

Harrison Gouch, a University of California psychologist, says "think breaks" should be added to the daily or twice-daily coffee breaks now customary in many offices.

"Workers should be given a think time so that they can sit down and think out their problems without interruption," he said.

The idea sounds attractive on the surface, but it holds hidden perils.

For one thing it might hurt rather than help office morale. A boss who told his employees, "Now we'll all just sit still for 20 minutes and think real hard," might end up with a strike on his hands. If there is anything the average person resents, it is being forced to think.

The virtues of thought on the ordinary job are sometimes exaggerated. Too much thinking in an office could create bedlam. Look at the cow. It is a perfect factory, and delivers a perfect product. And it doesn't think at all.

Salem 15 Yrs. Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

June 13, 1941
Salem's float, "Voice of Salem Garden featuring a floral display and entered in the Portland rose parade, had received no prize though the creation was said to be highly creditable.

E. M. Page, Salem attorney, had been appointed circuit judge for Marion county by Governor Sprague under a new law creating an additional judge for the county.

Wage and hour division of the federal government had denied an application of northwest cherry packers for a learner's certificate in the industry since cherry packing extended over but a few weeks and is a relatively unskilled operation requiring but a short training period.

Reports were current that Alderman Armin E. Berger of the seventh ward would submit his resignation at the next council meeting since he had been called into active military service.

Orville Wright, who with his late brother Wilbur had given modern flight to the world, had reflected with wonder—and sadness—upon uses to which the airplane had been put.

Coos Bay Pirates and Gold Beach Rogue River Hats had announced that they would hold the 1941 international spitting contest at Cape Blanco.

SO FRILLS PERMIT Seattle Times

Unfortunately, the father of the boy who plays on the football team and the mother of the girl who twirls the baton for the band can never agree on which educational frill should be eliminated first.

ANOTHER FAULT THEY HAVE

Minneapolis Star

Annoying things about tornadoes, earthquakes and volcano eruptions is that there seems to be no way to blame them on the parents of teen-age children.

"WE MUST HATE"

Nikolai Lenin

We must hate—hated is the basis of communism. Children must be taught to hate their parents if they are not Communists.

As combined with human nature but sometimes it seems so foolish and unnecessary.

For our part since we plan to support McKay, we are glad that the first mud thrown was "even coming our way. It makes us feel more pure for the fight.

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