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Holmes Distrusts the Legislature

Senator Robert Holmes, a clean cut, good, intelligent looking man who so far as this writer's limited observation went was a good state senator, is developing some queer ideas in his campaign for governor. In explanation it may be said that he has an uphill task in opposing a popular governor against whose administration not very much can be said.

Last week we commented on a speech Senator Holmes made in Salem calling Oregon a stagnant, behind the times state suffering from numerous ills because of a "one party dominance" we don't actually have and which wouldn't cause what he complained of if we did.

This week, over at Forest Grove, addressing the Washington County Central Labor Council, Holmes violently condemned the constitutional amendment submitted to the people by the 1955 legislature which would permit the legislature to attach the emergency clause to tax legislation, placing it in effect at once. As it is now a small minority of the voters can nullify legislative acts for a year and a half, until the next general election.

Holmes said "the most important issue on the November ballot" is "whether the people of Oregon are to retain their authority to protect themselves against unfair taxes." Here is voiced a complete distrust of the legislature of which he is a member, and a distrust of the ability of the people to elect decent men and women to it.

The senator continued: "If successful in this scheme to fool our people, tax measures passed by the legislature could become law immediately—and the people could not have an opportunity to vote on them for more than a year."

Isn't this shocking? Each of the other 47 state legislatures has this authority, and congress has always had it, passing much heavier taxes than our legislature does. And our people could not repeal such taxes "for more than a year." When can they repeal by referendum the astronomical taxes passed by congress, senator? Isn't this authority much more shocking and shouldn't its end be demanded, with appropriate gestures and tears of sympathy for the taxpayers who suffer from it without recourse, except to elect new congressmen.

Opponents of this highly desirable constitutional amendment see in it a devious scheme to enact a state sales tax and there is no doubt that many legislators—and many voters—desire this. The Capital Journal isn't running a temperature one way or another on this dispute, convinced that it doesn't make too much difference what taxes we pay, we'll all pay about the same anyway.

But we do have one positive conviction that will be vigorously expressed when the next legislature comes to Salem. It is that if a sales tax is voted it should be voted early in the session and a special election called at once to ratify or repudiate it while the legislature is still here, so it will know whether it has a sales tax or not before it adjourns.

We agree with Senator Holmes and everybody else who thinks that way that irrespective of whether the tax amendment carries the people should have a vote before a sales tax is put in effect. They have turned it down several times and may do so again. It should not be imposed upon them without a vote and the legislature should know whether such a tax—if it passes one—is to stand, so it can provide other taxes to get the needed revenue if the answer is no. Whether they vote in early 1957 or late 1958 the people will decide the sales tax issue. The sooner they do so the better.

This we shall fight for. But we hate to see the sales tax dragged into the question of whether the Oregon legislature can be safely trusted with authority every other legislature and the national congress has. There is just one intelligent answer here. It should. The fact that it hasn't already cost the state several million dollars in revenue from the cigarette tax a very small proportion of the voters kept from going into effect. It frequently plunges our fiscal affairs in turmoil.

Ellis Island up for Sale

The United States General Services Administration, in large advertisements in financial papers, announces that it is "now authorized to offer" one of the most famous landmarks in the world, Ellis Island, for private commercial use, at a sealed bid sale on November 19, 1956, when the bids will be publicly opened at the Business Service Center, New York City. Inspection of the property is invited before bids. "The property has been screened against the known defense and other requirements of the Federal Government."

The description of Ellis Island follows:

The property offered for sale is located in upper New York Harbor, approximately one mile from the southerly tip of Manhattan Island and approximately one-fifth of a mile from New Jersey. The land area consists of approximately 27.5 acres and is improved with 35 buildings, containing approximately 513,000 sq. ft., divided into the following categories: 14 office buildings, 11 storage buildings, and 10 others consisting of greenhouse, laundry, power house, incinerators, canteen, library, infirmary, cafeteria, kitchen, dining room, post office day room, dormitories, baggage room and school. Other improvements on the island consist of wharves and docks, 6425 lin. ft. of masonry seawalls, water system 2 miles of main and 2,250,000 gal. overhead tank, 640 lin. ft. sewage system, incinerators—three units, fuel oil storage one 130,000 gal. tank, one 75,000 gal. tank, electric distribution 6000 lin. ft. of air feeders, 85,000 sq. ft. cement sidewalks, 7000 lin. ft. link fence (10 feet high). Also included in the offering is the ferryboat "Ellis Island" which was used for transportation between Manhattan and the island, miscellaneous items of machinery and equipment, furniture and cafeteria equipment.

Probably no place is better known to our immigrants and their descendants than Ellis Island for most of them passed through it. It replaced Castle Garden, a circular building in the Battery, New York City, which was erected in 1807 as a fort, "Castle Clinton," later used as a garden, as a theater and concert hall, and from 1855 to December 3, 1890 as an immigrant station. It is now an aquarium belonging to the city.

Since 1890, immigrants had been detained at Ellis Island for investigation as to compliance with immigration laws until allowed to land or deported.

Ellis Island was sold by New York state to the United States in 1808 and for many years used as a powder magazine. In 1801 it was made an immigrant station. The present buildings were erected 1897 when the original structures were burned.

Regulation by restriction and national quotas began in 1917 and since have greatly curtailed immigration and diminished the flow of foreigners. Special quotas are in effect for refugee relief. All told, over 40 million immigrants from all countries were admitted from 1820 to 1955.—G. P.

Harry's a Republican

The chap who sagely observed long ago that "politics makes queer bedfellows," actually "hadn't seen nuthin' yet." Specifically, he hadn't seen Harry Bridges register as a Republican for the 1956 battle of the well—at least the battle of the autumn.

Why did Harry do it? Does a humorous streak lurk under his rough, forbidding exterior. Did he do it to embarrass the G.O.P., for whom he can't have either love or fellow feeling? Or did he know this would be an effective way to thumb his nose at his fellow leaders in the labor movement, whom he probably hates more than the employers he is paid to battle?

Whatever it means, he certainly attracted oodles of attention, stirred millions of chuckles and a few groans. We need an occasional incident like this to relieve the tenseness as the battle goes into its final weeks.

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Warren Favored Local Race Problem Solutions in 1948

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21—When Chief Justice Earl Warren was seeking the Republican presidential nomination in 1948, he expressed the written opinion that racial problems including school desegregation, "should be dealt with by local government," and not by the authorities at Washington.

"We cannot hope or expect to have a vigorous democracy in America unless the Californian, who subsequently delivered the Supreme Court's unanimous opinion against school segregation, 'unless this is our firm policy.'"

New Light Concerning Ruling? Despite charges by southernners on Capitol Hill that Warren has played politics with this issue, first as governor and then as an Eisenhower appointee to the Supreme Court, many lawyers believe that the 1948 Warren statement throws a new light on the tribunal's pure attitude and policy on carrying out its desegregation ruling.

In their opinion, it means that the Supreme Court will accept and approve implementation of its decision on an extremely slow and local basis. According to the reasoning, Warren actually declared in favor of the states' rights position of the Southern commonwealths, although he retreated from that stand on the segregation issue.

The provocative Warren declaration in favor of a "local" solution was contained in a letter dated June 5, 1948, to Herman H. Ross, who was then living in Anchorage, Alaska. Ross, who now lives in Huntsville, Ala., ran for the Democratic senatorial nomination from Tennessee in 1948. At that time, the Californian was seeking delegates for his presidential candidacy.

Warren's 1948 Letter The Warren letter was published in the July edition of "South, the News Magazine of Dixie," together with the following interview with Ross: "Why did Warren change his

Ike and Nixon Stronger With Women; This May Decide It

By GEORGE GALLUP

(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion) PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 21—There are indications that women voters this November will play a far more important part in the election of a President than ever before in history—for two reasons.

One is that it is entirely possible that, for the first time in American political annals, more women than men will vote in a presidential election.

The other reason is that, unlike most previous elections when there was little difference between men and women as far as presidential choices were concerned, today the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket polls a greater vote among women than does the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket.

Among men voters, the two tickets run a closer race. Political observers undoubtedly will point out the fact that women are likely to attach considerable

They Say Today

Quoted From The News By UNITED PRESS
CASTEL, CONDOLE, Italy — Pope Pius XII telling some 400 scientists from 22 countries their efforts to conquer space are legitimate: "When God told man: Conquer the earth, He did not intend to limit the efforts of mankind to our planet, but to extend them to the whole created universe."

LOS ANGELES—William Allen, 20, talking to police officers after being struck in the chest by an arrow fired from a crossbow through the back entrance of the liquor store where he clerks: "It felt like somebody hit me with a rock."

BOSTON — Confessed Brinks' bandit Joseph (Specs) O'Keefe testifying how he and eight other defendants studied plans of the Brinks' alarm system: "Even Pino (Anthony) looked them over and he usually confined himself to comic books."

WASHINGTON — Adlai E. Stevenson chiding President Eisenhower for "misleading implications" about Stevenson's draft and H-bomb proposals as doing "both of us an injustice."

"If the President I n t e n d s to foreclose debate on these proposals, I think he does the nation a disservice and I must dissent and persist in my efforts to invite public attention to matters of such grave concern as the hydrogen horror and national security."

LONDON — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles explaining to the Suez conference the need for the proposed canal users association to have its own pilots: "Some of us may not be willing to have pilots from countries not entirely friendly to us and who engage in espionage to pilot their ships through the canal."

YOU'VE GOT TO RUN
Woodrow Wilson
In this world and in everyday affairs, you have got to run fast and in order to get anywhere, you have got to run twice as fast as that.

THE BRAVE ALSO WIN
Patrick Henry
The battle is not the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.

BETTER CHECK ON THIS
Astorian-Budget
Movers! If you have moved from the precinct or voting district where you were previously registered, you may have to register again. Check up on it!

Political Ploughing Contest



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

What Household Article, 80 Yrs. Old, Has Biggest Boom?

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (U. S. — Guess what common household article, invented 80 years ago this week, is enjoying its greatest boom ever? Well, sir, it's the old-fashioned carpet sweeper, now thoroughly glorified.

"This should be the best year in history," said Melville R. Bissell, 35, dominant manufacturer in the field. "World output may reach 3 million units this year, and that figure may double by 1961."

An attack of hay fever led to the invention of the carpet sweeper, the biggest improvement in home cleaning since the first cavewalker improvised a broom by gripping together a handful of twigs to brush the debris from her den.

The hay fever victim was Bissell's grandfather, Melville R. Bissell, 82-year-old owner of a grocery store in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"The crockery came packed in straw," recalled Bissell, "and the dust raised when they swept out the straw made Grandpa sneeze something awful. He decided he had to do something about it."

The result was the first practical carpet sweeper, patented by the original Bissell Sept. 19, 1876, who soon began to manufacture it.

He died a few years later, however, and it was wife, Anna, who really put the carpet sweeper over. She hired a governess for her five children, took over the factory, remained in power in the industry until her death in 1934 at 88.

When the electric vacuum cleaner came along, everyone predicted it would do to the carpet sweeper what the auto did to the horse. But it no more hurt the sale of carpet sweepers than carpet sweepers did the market for brooms. Housewives still find they can use all three.

"We may have made a mistake in not going in for vacuum cleaners," admitted Bissell. "As a matter of fact we did, when they first came out. But the early vacuum cleaners required a lot of repairs. We were afraid a gadget that had to be fixed so often would ruin our reputation, so we dropped it."

That's one of the troubles with carpet sweepers. They practically never wear out. People occasionally bring us one that is 50 to 60 years old and want us to rebuild it. Now we have adopted a policy not to tinker with any over 25 years old."

How far will a carpet sweeper go? Bissell said they put a pedometer on one in a hotel, and it was still wheeling along strong after 9,000 miles.

The first carpet sweepers were cumbersome affairs of wood and cast iron weighing up to 15 pounds and selling for \$3 to \$4. Today they are made of lighter metals, weigh about 7 pounds, can be adjusted to different rug thicknesses, have the wheels in the center so they can handle wall-to-wall carpeting, average \$12.95.

Bissell dispatched one of his deluxe \$19.95 models, designed as a wedding gift to brides, to Queen Elizabeth to help her "neal up" Buckingham Palace.

He is proud of the varied uses to which his granddad's invention have been put.

"Indian ladies have bought them to tidy up their tepees," he said. "They've kept the White House clean under both Democratic and Republican administrations, and they've been used on the St. Andrew's golf course in Scotland to fluff up the greens."

The carpet sweeper industry has never undergone a long depression, and Bissell sees a prosperous future for it as long as people use rugs.

"Maybe even longer," he remarked. "We're working on a new model now that'll sweep bare floors."

WHAT POLITENESS DOES
Samuel Johnson
"Politeness is like an air cushion; there may be nothing in it, but it eases our jolts wonderfully."

A Smile or Two

Montreal Star
"I'm not going back to school tomorrow, mummy."
"Why not, dear?"
"Because on Monday the teacher said 4 plus 4 equal 8. On Tuesday she said 2 plus 6 equal 8. Today she said 7 plus 1 equal 8, and I'm not going back until she makes up her mind."

THEY'RE ALL DIFFERENT
John Stuart Mill
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Reds Reported to Have Sub Base in the Mediterranean

By BEM PRICE

WASHINGTON (U. S. — The U. S. Navy said today it had "no comment" on whether it had been able to confirm the existence of a Russian submarine base at Valona, Albania.

There has been vague reports out of Europe from time to time that such a base was under construction.

The latest reports comes from a Chicago Daily News correspondent at Bonn who quotes German sources as saying work on the base began in 1948; that it has pens capable of handling 100 subs under 300-foot cliffs and guarded by air bases and rocket launchers.

If this report is true it is one of the most important pieces of military news in recent years. It is logical enough to think the Russians would want such a base.

Albania has been a steady ally of the Soviets even though her northern neighbor Yugoslavia saw fit to break with Stalin in 1948 and travel an independent course.

Russia long has sought a means of gaining access to the Mediterranean Sea without depending on passage through the Turkish-controlled Dardanelles and Bosporus.

Valona, guarded its entrance by the island of Saseno, is 70 miles east-southeast across the Straits of Otranto from the Italian port of Brindisi.

Through these straits pass all shipping entering the Adriatic Sea, lined by the east coast of Italy and the western coasts of Yugoslavia and Albania.

Further, Valona lies but 275 air miles from the American naval base at Naples, Italy; 475 air miles from the British naval and air base at Malta. And only 800 air miles across Greece from the British base at Cyprus.

A Valona base would project Russian power into the heart of the Mediterranean. The Navy estimates Russia has about 400 submarines, a tremendous number when you consider that Germany started World War II with fewer than 70.

A base at Valona would be only 600 miles from the North African coast and in an excellent position to cut the Mediterranean in two. The presence of any large number of Russian submarines in the Mediterranean could raise hob in that area.



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Salem 40 Yrs. Ago

By BEN MAXWELL
Sept. 21, 1916
Harwood Hall, superintendent of the Indian school at Chemawa, had told the Salem Commercial Club that the school was in poor condition and might be removed to Tacoma.

Polk county's concrete bridge over the slough north of Independence had collapsed to add fuel to a recall movement against the county court.

Sheriff Each had received instructions from Gov. Withycombe to take precautions against any possible future movement toward deportation of James E. Fray, negro preacher at Silverton.

New Woodburn high school had opened with a public reception.

U. G. Shipley Co., 145-47 N. Liberty St. had advertised new fall suits for women created in wools, velour, serges and poplins freely trimmed with fur, plush and velvet.

Remains of E. V. Springer who had mysteriously disappeared from Marion hotel during January of 1915 had been found lodged in a tree along the Willamette eight

HeadlineCatching
Eugene Register-Guard
In the Democrats' determined effort to keep the Al Sarena case a live issue, Senator Neuberger has offered a \$500 "reward" to anyone who could produce umpire ore samples tossed into the Rogue River.

The senator knows as well as anyone the impossibility of finding such small articles after so long a time in a rushing river. So, it can only be labeled as another effort to catch the headlines in an election year to keep alive this thoroughly warmed-over issue.

And to cap it, the president of the Oregon Mining Assn., charges the senator with another "squirrel project," which it is.

FEMINE INTUITION
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