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A 'Clean Politics' Slush Fund

The Saturday Review, New York literary weekly, contains a full page advertisement by Elmer Davis and Archibald MacLeish entitled "A Clean Politics Appeal" soliciting campaign slush funds for the senatorial campaigns of Frank Church vs. Herman Welker in Idaho; Wayne L. Morse vs. Douglas McKay in Oregon; and Richard Stengel vs. Everett M. Dirksen in Illinois. All three opposed are Republicans.

Mr. Davis is a well known author, newspaperman and radio news broadcaster, formerly serving on the OWI and "Voice of America." Mr. MacLeish is a poet and served as librarian of Congress under FDR. Both are New Dealers of the ADA type.

The slush fund appeal is described as a "volunteer citizens' effort to test whether the informed public would actually do something about a situation it has often deplored to balance the flow of special interest money in politics. We know you, too, want to help." In addition to a flood of personal solicitation letters have also been sent out.

The Idaho and Illinois elections are of little interest in Oregon as they do not involve betrayal of party, but the McKay-Morse contest is of vital interest to everyone in the state. The Davis-MacLeish appeal plea says:

"In Oregon, Wayne L. Morse (D.), one of the most independent and courageous men in the senate, now running for re-election in a state where financial resources on his side are practically nonexistent. His opponent, former Secretary of the Interior McKay, will have literally unlimited financial backing."

Davis and MacLeish slander Oregon when they imply Oregon elections are won by slush funds as they are in the big city states of the east, and no big fund has materialized for McKay. Morse, on the other hand has the financial support of the union labor monopoly bosses who are trying to raise a \$15 million slush fund from their members to defeat Republican candidates including McKay.

The government itself has for years financed at a high cost, Morse's perennial political campaign by his abuse of the franking privilege in sending his congressional speeches and weekly propaganda letters to thousands of his constituents over the state for the last 12 years at taxpayers' expense.

One point these egghead advocates of purity in politics always are silent about in touting Morse's political integrity. Twice elected by Republicans as U.S. senator after helping nominate Eisenhower for president as a delegate at the national GOP convention, he betrayed and deserted the party, first proclaiming himself as a national independent party, then joining the Democrats and thereby enabling them to organize the senate.

Morse's reward as a traitor to his party and the voters that elected him was a place on the Senate Foreign Relations committee. His campaign for re-election is based on faked obsolete issues, already settled by congress—Hells Canyon big dam and the Al Sarena mining claim as "give-aways" by reiterated misrepresentations. Is this "clean politics setting the tone of national politics for the next two years?" Is a betrayer of party a national hero?—G. P.

What Wasn't 'Given Away'

Remember the big battle over whether states or the federal government should own the oil under the ocean from their shores out to the three-mile limit, which Louisiana claims in a suit in federal court extends to 10.5 miles in its case. The states won when congress passed and President Eisenhower signed a bill to this effect, confirming titles that had been conceded to them for several decades prior to Harold Ickes' reign in the Department of the Interior.

Our Oregon Democratic leaders rent the air with charges of "give-away" and "steal" as if states were very nefarious agencies. This because oil has not been discovered on the Oregon coast. Their tune would have changed overnight had this happened. But the American public accepted the fact, whether with approval or disapproval, that the states had won, Uncle Sam lost.

It now develops that the lion's share of the oil, which adjoins Texas and Louisiana principally, is outside the three or 10.5 mile limit. It goes many miles out into the Gulf of Mexico whose waters are shallow. Doug McKay had made several very lucrative deals before he left the Interior Department, but the surface has only been scratched. Many leases off the Louisiana coast are being held up till the boundary suit is decided by the Supreme Court. They've already gone 65 miles from shore and in water up to 112 feet deep.

The leases go to the highest bidder. Prices are ranging up to \$2000 an acre plus one sixth of the value of the oil pumped out. Of course the federal government also takes 52 percent of the profits in taxes.

An article in the current U.S. News estimates the ultimate value of this oil resource to the government at \$10 billion. It is evidently easy to drill wells in the shallow waters of the gulf and the supply of oil there is vast. This is good news to all of us, from several angles. For we will eventually need all the oil we can find, to say nothing of the cash, which a hungry government can always use. The two states are expected to receive up to two billions ultimately.

Hugh Luby Welcomed Again

Hugh Luby has resigned as general manager of the Salem Senators Baseball club. This is news Salem baseball fans and players regret to hear. But he is going to stay in Salem, which is news that the fans and everybody else is glad to hear.

Luby, who came first as playing manager of the club, and then became general manager, has in his system all the iron that it takes to handle a bunch of baseball players and keep his club in fighting trim. And he also has the qualities of a gentleman that, in his six years here, have won him the friendship and good will of Salem people, fans or not. Even on the playing field Luby could be firm and make a fight for a decision without creating a "scene." Not all managers are like that.

Luby's fine baseball career, in major and minor leagues, is at an end. His business career in Salem is beginning. Six years ago he was welcomed when he came to take over the baseball club. Now again he and his family are welcomed as a new career for him starts in Salem.

Are Our Standards Crumbling?

Are the American people's moral standards crumbling? This question was widely asked when Jimmy Roosevelt was triumphantly elected to congress in California after confessing moral derelictions that once would have blasted a man out of public life. The answer was that "this could happen only in Hollywood," which actually reflects public standards as much as it moulds them.

The question will be asked again, and answered by some in the wake of the renomination by Massachusetts Democrats of their Congressman Thomas J. Lane for re-election after serving a prison term for income tax evasion. It is an overwhelming Democratic district where nomination is considered equivalent to election. It will be the first time in American history this has happened, but probably far from the last time.

However optimistic one may seem to be, he cannot draw any very cheerful conclusions from such incidents.

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Ike May Follow Smathers' Bill in Court Appointment

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25—President Eisenhower may try to set a binding and historic precedent in filling the Sherman Minton vacancy on the Supreme Court. He has indicated that he will be guided by the bill introduced at the recent session by Senator George A. Smathers of Florida.

The Florida Senator's measure provides that all future appointments to the Supreme Court must have had at least five years of service on a lower federal bench, or on the highest court of a state. As of today, a man (or woman) may be named to a high judicial body without a law degree or legal training.

Although Senator Smathers did not refer to the Supreme Court's antisegregation decision, it was obviously a partial inspiration of his action. He expressed the opinion that the tribunal's performance would have been better in recent years, if his proposed reform had been in effect.

Southern lawyers have frequently charged that the controversial opinion was based on social and ideological considerations rather than on judicial or even constitutional grounds.

Senator Smathers' Proposal
The Republicans may try to make political capital out of Senator Smathers' suggestion, even though he himself may try to implement it without benefit of compulsory legislation. In view of the South's bitter reaction to the desegregation mandate, and the Smathers effort, GOP orators need only to point out that the Florida member is chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign committee.

Smathers actually gave the Republicans no cause for such a political interpretation, however. He explained that he was simply trying to improve the caliber of the men who are the nation's ultimate lawgivers. His move won general acclaim on both sides of the Senate aisle.

"Difficulties" of Today
"My proposal," he said, "might be compared somewhat to the farm system such as the New

York Yankees employ to bring up new players. "I dislike to make such a comparison, but it is somewhat apropos. Men appointed to the Supreme Court need previous judicial experience so that they know what their functions are, and are trained to perform their duties . . .

"There are some 600 well qualified jurists who are today active in these particular fields. I cannot but think that, if we had been appointing men to the Supreme Court for a long period of time from that category, we would probably not have some of the difficulties we have today. We would probably have a more efficient Supreme Court thus far."

Despite the senator's restraint in discussing his measure, the principal "difficulties" we have today in the politico-legal realm involve the South's general determination to nullify or bypass the desegregation decision.

Eisenhower's Moderates
The Eisenhower-Smathers plan provides another of many examples on how quickly and effectively the "Roosevelt revolution" has been modified by conservative attitudes and appointments, and without the need of statutory action.

Ike has altered the trend to a great extent by naming "moderates" to the cabinet, and to the array of independent alphabetical agencies created or stacked by F.D.R. and Truman—the FCC, FPC, FTC, SEC, REA, FHA, etc. Now, if he caps his counter-revolution by naming sitting judges instead of professors (Frankfurter and Douglas), politicians (Black, Reed and Warren) and cronies (Clark and Burton), Eisenhower may begin a new era at Washington. And the new dealers will mourn, as they recall one of F.D.R.'s famous sayings: to wit: "My congress will pass my New Deal laws. And my Supreme Court will approve them, embedding them so deep in our social, economic and political system that they cannot be overturned by succeeding reactionary administrations."

Alexander Comments Frankly On Northwest's Candidates

By Holmes

AIRBORNE, EASTBOUND—in the offices of the Idaho Statesman at Boise, Idaho, hangs this credo of a conservative newspaper.

As between the followers of Hamilton and Jefferson, we will generally support those of Hamilton—WHEN THEY ARE WORTHY.

You can't beat that for a text to scrutinize upon the politics of 1956 in the American Northwest. Here you've got the apostles of the archconservative and Constitutional, Alexander Hamilton, pitted against the disciples of the demo-liberal and author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson. Philosophically, depending upon whether you think the country needs a return to fundamentals or a further spurge into globalism (actually a repeal of our Independence and a return to the Old World), you can make your own choice. It's easy to choose between the abstracts of right and wrong and left and right. But what do you do when the carriers of your deviously believed philosophy are "unworthy"? It's a question to be pondered in the Northwest States because:

Senator Herman Welker (R) of Idaho just won't do. His voting record, a copy of which lies before me, is one to turn a Hamiltonian green with envy. How the great federalist himself would like to have struck so many blows for liberty, private enterprise, rugged individualism and the downfall of two-party socialism! Welker voted against rigid farm support; against the Federalized breadline bill (lunches today for school children, tomorrow for their parents); against the TVA, the RFC and price-wage controls; against the dead hand extension of Federalized education, housing, medicine, electricity, and natural gas production; against foreign aid and troops - to Europe and free (for foreigners) trade.

It's a negative record — or is it? Actually it is the record of a man taking arms against the sea of troubles that besets our Republic. It is clearly the record of one who scorns popularity and presidential courtesies, of one who would rather be right than be seen the right) than be a two-term Senator.

Give Welker credit. He's got guts. But that's about all. His abstinence is high; his prestige among his fellows and in the press corps is low. He has made his office a refuge for political hacks from back home. He has loaded his payroll with do-nothing relatives. He has made a sorry spectacle of himself as a ranting member of the Senate floor and as a bully of witnesses in committee. Worse, he has been less than candid on important public subjects and less than humane in some private dealings. My personal opinion, based on specific instances, is that Welker is an unwell and unstable man who requires treatment not available in the Senate. He should be mercifully retired from national affairs.

Senator Wayne Morse (D) of Oregon won't do either. His political performance over the years is conspicuous mainly for its incongruity. He has been both for and against almost everything, including Democrats, Republicans, Independents, Eisenhower, Truman, farm supports, peace, war, ADA, Neuberger, McKay, preparedness and disarmament. The documented record on Morse has been

Salem 14 Yrs. Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

Sept. 25, 1942
City trucks had started clearing salvage scrap from downtown depots and transporting it to a central scrap pile on Trade St.

In this year of war a Salem fish market had Chinook salmon for cannery at 16c and 18c a pound.

Mrs. Sylvia T. Knox had been named new secretary to the manager of Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Roy Burton, 64, prominent in Salem banking circles for many years, died following a long illness at his home on Ewald Ave. He was born at Salem in 1878 and took a position as bookkeeper with Ladd & Bush bank in 1900.

William Middleton, Rickreall hop grower, had sold his entire crop to T. A. Livesley at the top price of \$1.10 a pound.

Capital Journal had advertised to send its paper to persons in the armed forces for only 60c a month by mail.

WHO WOULDN'T
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DIM VIEW OF LIBERAL
Carter Glass
A liberal is a man who is willing to spend someone else's money.

Installing an Engine



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Hal, Who's Been Through It, Advises Income Tax Probes

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—An interesting thing happened to my wife last week.

Uncle Sam has asked me and a friend of mine to come in tomorrow and explain our 1952 and 1953 income tax returns," she said.

"That so?" I asked. "Who's the friend?"

"You," said Frances sweetly. "You'll have to go by yourself. I told her, 'I'm awfully busy tomorrow. Couldn't possibly go.'"

"Maybe you'd rather go to Alcatraz," said Frances. I suddenly decided I could make it after all.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are being called in now to defend their back income tax returns. Word has been spread around that the experience is no worse than a bad cold, and that you aren't really a social success until it happens to you.

Since you might be next (oh, yes you might), maybe you'd like a little rundown on what to expect.

Warned by the direful tales of friends who had survived the tax man's inquisition, we spent a sleepless night going through desk and dresser drawers looking for old financial records. We found my grade school diploma (class of 1924). Our marriage diploma (class of 1937), a picture of me in my first long pants, and a newspaper clipping predicting Alf Landon would beat F.D.R. hands down.

But all that was left of 1952 and 1953 was a handful of scattered checks. They showed we had spent a lot of money but didn't say what for — except a check for \$15 on which Frances had, rather meekly I thought, scribbled: "For Mr. Bigshot's poker lesson."

Red-eyed from lack of sleep we showed up at the local office of the Internal Revenue Service. In a long room sat 75 agents at desks surrounded by taxpayers. No indignant taxpayers. Just lost-looking, red-eyed taxpayers, sleep for the same reason we were.

We drew a handsome, soft-spoken young agent my mother would be glad to have as a son—that is, if she didn't have to appear before him as a taxpayer. He put us at ease at once.

"Our job isn't to collect more money from you," he said genially. "It's to determine that you have paid the exact tax. We often refund money."

Cheering Words

Eugene Register-Guard

We must take comfort where we can find it. Sometimes we're pleased by flattering word. And sometimes we're pleased when we're jabbed by somebody. It all depends on the somebody. We were delighted to read, then, this comment:

"I have an instinctive distrust of any man with a college education."

And who made that statement? It was made by John Kasper, one of the instigators of the riot raised to prevent Negro students from going to a high school in Clinton, Tenn. He's now in jail for his rabble-rousing.

QUALITY OF MERCY

Cicero

Nothing is more praiseworthy than a great and illustrious man than a merciful disposition.

Well, Frances and I aren't going to winter in Alcatraz. On the other hand, it doesn't look like we're going to vacation in Florida either, unless we go on the installment plan.

One thing more. Maybe you've heard a lot of guys hollering, "the government isn't going to make a bookkeeper out of me."

Take it from me, they are all liars. I don't know how many bookkeepers there were in America last week, but this week there is one more. Me.

I have me a brand new diary and the first thing written in it is: "Cost of one financial diary: \$1.95."

The agent said I could deduct it from my next income tax — if I don't lose it.

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Taxpayers Pungling Up For Morse Propaganda

To the Editor:
Douglas McKay's opponent, Wayne Morse, appears to have one definite advantage over McKay in his current campaign for U.S. senator.

Morse is using his tax-payer financial free mailing privilege to further distribute campaign propaganda to his constituents, of course he has a right to mail to constituents copies of the Congressional Record which is not printed at government expense, but the sheet I refer to is his Newsletter which comes in the same envelope via free mail as "Senator Morse Reports." I refer specifically the issue dated August 31, 1956 in which he is critical of the present administration for policies relating to the Department of Interior. He also discusses federal aid to education. It smacks of politics in its entirety, and is delivered at taxpayer expense.

Morse is a smart man. He has fooled and is still fooling thousands of fine Oregon citizens of both political parties. And what kind of a man is his opponent? Doug McKay is a man who started from scratch and built a successful business with his hands and head, giving distinguished service at the same time to his city as mayor, his county as a legislator, and his state as governor, and finally as a member of the President's cabinet. Unlike

A Smile or Two

This Week

From a very early date, a part of the south transept of Westminster Abbey has been called the Poet's Corner, and here, in the walls and beneath the paving, have been interred the bones of England's greatest writers. An American lady one day asked her guide, "But where is Tennyson buried?" "Madam," he replied, gently, "you're standing on him."

SOURCE OF SECURITY

Henry Ford
If money is your only hope of independence, you will never have it. The only real security that a man can have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience and ability.

Morse, he is a veteran; of World War I, where he was critically wounded in battle, and World War II, in which he left his business to serve again in uniform.

No, Morse is not the same type of man McKay is, for McKay works at the job of public service while Morse works at the job of making people think he is working for them, but works for himself politically.

McKay was one of Oregon's most popular governors. He will give us Oregonians some prestige in the Senate. There isn't much there now, for Oregon.

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