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## Newspaper Comments on Oregon Election

Oregon's newspapers, mostly Republican, but some Democratic, have now commented on Tuesday's election, expressing varying opinions and stressing many phases of the sometimes surprising results.  
"America Likes Eisenhower But" is the way the Eugene Register-Guard sums up the presidential vote, noting that "it is a strange development in politics that Oregonians would be so strong for Ike and at the same time be solidly behind one of his most bitter opponents. Doing a little figurative keyhole peeping the R-G adds:

"We assume that the senator is having himself a good laugh at the Oregon press, this newspaper among them, which so strongly backed his opponent on the editorial pages. First returns on this hotly contested race were about neck and neck. But as the evening wore on and the big Democratic vote in Multnomah county started rolling in, Morse surged ahead and it is almost impossible for Doug McKay to catch up."  
The Coos Bay Times, which supported Stevenson, calls Ike's victory "an overwhelming ratification of his personal, not his partisan popularity." It adds: "Perhaps since the first two terms of Mr. Washington no president has been as truly a national first citizen." Most of the papers noted the contrast between Oregon's presidential and congressional vote and most of them agreed that it was a personal and not a party victory for the president.

The Times pays the following tribute to Morse for his decisive victory in the wake of the Eisenhower triumph here:

"Through the tense hours when we saw the Eisenhower victory mounting, we wondered if Wayne Morse for all his brilliance, for all his courage, for all—in our opinion—of his fundamental rightness of political stand, could escape being obliterated in the hurricane of a popular president which was blowing around him. But Morse did, and soundly. Sen. Morse primarily has himself to thank—scores of persons and organizations of course, but fundamentally his resolute, unaltered, persistent stand for large principles—conservation, schools, intellectual freedom—which battered down the forces of McKayism and gave him a signal victory."

Robert Holmes victory was considered by several of the most interesting feature of the Oregon election. The friendly Pendleton East Oregonian, noting that Holmes was little known a few months ago, says:

"Democratic party leaders told themselves throughout the campaign that they had been given the opportunity to select Holmes as an opponent they'd have chosen Elmo Smith. His record as a state senator was, they said, made to order for Democratic attack. There was much to what they were saying but at the same time it seemed to many who stood on the sidelines that some of the Democratic strategists were whistling as they passed the graveyard. They weren't convinced that their sales pitch would win votes. But it did."

"Late in the campaign Holmes came on and he came on fast. A week before the election people who had the necessary background to judge a political contest in this state said it was even-stein. We now can see that the impetus that was bringing Holmes up in the late days of the campaign carried over into the election."

The Astorian-Budget of the governor-elect's home town has this to say about him:

"We are sure virtually all the folk of Clatsop, Republican or Democrat, will join in congratulations and good wishes for Bob Holmes. He is liked and admired by his fellow citizens who have known him during the two decades he has lived in this county. Holmes also is liked and respected by his colleagues during four sessions in the Oregon legislature, even though most of them have been of the opposition party during those four sessions. Holmes' victory is one that confounded many of the political experts, and is particularly surprising in view of the thing that happened to him in the primary election when Low Wallace gave him a close race even though Wallace had formally retired as a candidate."

"Since then Holmes has worked hard, and his victory is in large measure the result of intensive campaigning that has made him known to thousands and thousands of Oregonians who didn't know who he was."

Down in Douglas county, once two to one Republican, now decidedly Democratic, the News-Review ruefully says:

"The Democratic conquest of Oregon appears to be complete. The victory has been so complete and decisive that, unless the Republicans can organize a sensational comeback, which appears doubtful, Oregon may safely be counted in the Democratic camp for the future."

"Political conquest of the Pacific Northwest has been the objective of the socialist section of the Democratic party for many years. During the early days of the second World War, the planners of Americans for Democratic Action, envisioned a river basin empire, the Columbia Valley Authority, as a part of a scheme of power politics. The Pacific Northwest was strongly Republican, but the World War, providing opportunity for improved industrialization of the area, made it possible to start a migration of workers from heavily Democratic centers of the East into the Pacific Northwest. This migration was encouraged. The ADA planted political agents to develop themselves as candidates and also to act as strategists. The plan further was aided by the spread of the timber industry into Southern Oregon, previously a Republican stronghold, with the accompanying migration of workers, chiefly from Democratic states, until, as shown by current registrations, Republicans are outnumbered in virtually all of western Oregon."

Over in eastern Oregon the Republican Baker Democrat-Herald praises Governor-elect Holmes as "a progressive young man... who should make an excellent governor." Noting that Baker county which for many years never even had a congressional candidate has had a congressman for the past four years and will soon have another, says of Albert Ullman who defeated Sam Coon:

"He staged a hard campaign for the second time and was able to capitalize on the acquaintances made in the first two years ago. He is a highly competent, progressive man."

The Republican McMinville News-Register warns both parties of their future problems. To the Democrats it says:

"A good many Democrats may reflect upon their own political future. They have seen the party taken over by organized labor, made a reflection of the thinking of labor leaders. There is a substantial schism between philosophies of New Deal Democrats, Labor Democrats, Southern Conservative Democrats and the old time Jeffersonian Democrat. It will indeed be a feat of magic if leaders of the party can keep all elements united and happy. It will be even greater magic if the congress can put into effect all rash promises made by candidates—those which they anticipate the people will forget with their election."

To Republicans:

"They must find a new philosophy of leadership if they are to survive as a major political power. Labor must be courted and respected. A substantial part of labor is Republican and can be won. But it cannot be treated as a black sheep relative."

"At the same time Republican candidates face a different proposition in their relations with labor. As was proved in the case of Yamhill County Senator Carl Francis, candidate for attorney general, labor cannot provide a winning margin for a labor endorsed candidate—if he is a Republican."

The Bend Bulletin is pessimistic about the G.O.P. future. It says:

"The old Republican party, as Oregon has known it for many years, died Tuesday. The death throes were agonizing and funeral services will not be held for a few days. But the Republicans won only one real contest in the state in Tuesday's balloting."

"The patient's illness was a serious one, so serious that the opposition won the governorship and three of the state's four congressional seats by a landslide."

The Bulletin blames the "Arlington crowd influence" for Republican decline and expresses hope that "modern day Republicans such as Phil Hitchcock may find places on the party's ballots. Make no mistake. . . . The old Republican party is dead. May it rest in peace."

An exception to the Democratic trend occurred in Douglas county where the Grants Pass Courier notes that "Douglas McKay for senator and Harris Elsworth for congress gained margins more than double the Republican registration lead" and all Republican state candidates won majorities except Francis for attorney general.

"McKay's victory in Benton county shares with Marion what everyone has seen is being Oregon's top G.O.P. counties

## NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG No One Knows Where Present Near East Muddle Will Lead

By RAY TUCKER

Every Saturday, Ray Tucker answers readers' questions of general interest on national and international problems and personalities. Questions may be sent to him at 7008 Hillcrest Place, Chevy Chase, Md.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—"What will be the result of the present international muddle?" asks Mrs. G. K. of Bridgeport, Conn. "I refer to the fact that Russia seems to be abandoning her brand of imperialism in central Europe, while Britain and France embark on an aggressive colonial program in the middle east. Where will the United States wind up?"

Answer: Nobody at Washington can answer these questions, not even President Eisenhower or Secretary Dulles. They hope, of course, that when and if the Egypt-Israeli-Anglo-French crisis is resolved, there will be a return to the old order of a re-patched western alliance against Russia. They, of course, do not yet trust Moscow's intentions with respect to full freedom for the satellites.

However, there is an opposing viewpoint, held by prominent officials within the administration and students of foreign affairs. They foresee a breakup of all postwar alignments under which the so-called free nations accepted United States leadership, while the captive states remained under the Kremlin's control.

That was admittedly an unnatural arrangement. Although they needed our postwar aid desperately, Britain and France resented their role as charity recipients. Now that the Russian menace has disappeared, as they believe, they intend to resume and declare their independence of us. Their joint and secret decision to invade Egypt was only the first manifestation of their new status.

Regardless of Russia's plans, the rebellions in Poland and Hungary point toward the end of Moscow's monopoly.

## Economic Ups and Downs Big Factor in Election Result

By DAVID LAWRENCE

WASHINGTON.—The broad thesis that economic factors in the election were the primary ones when favorable, helped the party in power and that emotional issues have to be very strong to overcome unfavorable economic conditions in particular areas, was strikingly confirmed in this week's presidential and congressional elections.

An examination of the election returns shows that sharp declines in the President's vote from 1952 figures occurred in almost all of the states west of the Mississippi river but in these same farm states the Democrats in congress held their gains of 1954 whereas in the eastern states some of the seats won by the Democrats in the recession of 1954 were recovered by the Republicans last Tuesday because of the improvement in economic conditions in certain districts. This happened, for instance, in Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Democrats in the farm states, however, not only held their congressional seats but won additional seats and in some instances elected new governors and state tickets. Mr. Eisenhower himself failed this time to carry one of the congressional districts in the farm states where he and Republican candidates previously had won.

It would have taken a switch of less than 15 seats out of 435 to have given the Republicans control of the House of Representatives. The declining farm prices in the west and the effects of unemployment in certain small areas in the east really prevented a Republican majority.

Unfortunately for the Republican congressmen and senators, they were unable to dramatize the big emotional issue of the campaign—peace and the international crisis—in relation to themselves. Voters as a rule don't think of members of congress as participating in decisions affecting international peace. They do think indignantly about a president, and they decided against change in the White House, just as in 1916, 1940 and 1944—during both world wars.

As for some senatorial contests, personalities played a big part. Thus in Pennsylvania, Joseph Clark, former Democratic mayor of Philadelphia, was a popular figure, whereas Senator Duff had borne the brunt of the resentments due to recent unemployment in certain sections of the state. So far as his Republicanism is concerned, Duff has been a staunch supporter of President Eisenhower throughout.

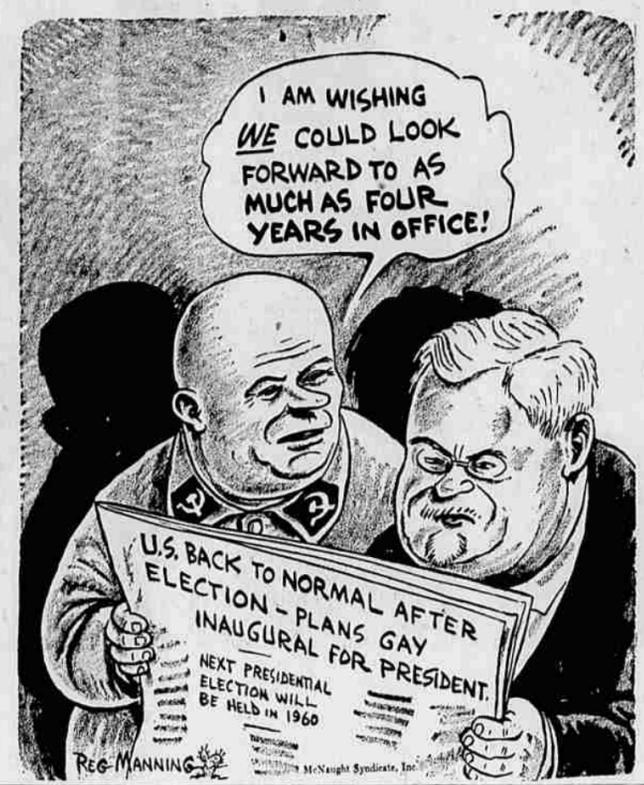
What is surprising about Pennsylvania—and in a sense it's an indication of the lack of knowledge of the voters about the overriding importance of congressional elections—was the fact that more than

the Gazette-Times warns of Republican need to "get new blood into the party and younger men as candidates. A McKay supporter, it sees hope for Senator Morse, saying:

"Maybe this election will make a better senator out of him. He has never had a contest before nor has he had his record out for public inspection before. Maybe now he will do a little work for the people of Oregon instead of working solely in the interests of Wayne Morse."

But Republicans must admit that his efforts "in the interests of Wayne Morse" in recent months were quite effective. Also that something ails the once "grand" old party, even if nobody is quite sure just what it is.

## Envy



## FIRESIDE PULPIT Christ Could Have Saved His Life by Keeping Ideas Secret

By REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Christ would not have been crucified had he kept his ideas to himself. The Christian martyrs could have lived out long and comfortable lives if they had only been content to be good and let it go at that. But Christ and his disciples were not content to be isolationists, but endeavored to influence others to accept their way of life. They lost their lives in the process.

## Salem 45 Yrs. Ago

By BEN MAXWELL  
November 10, 1911  
The Capital Journal's X-rayist had noted, "There is no provision for paying ministers for their services at the asylum for the insane. The secretary of state classifies such services as "amusement expenses" and as such they will be paid."

Gus Huckestein had resigned as aldermanic nominee leaving the field clear for John D. Turner, a popular young lawyer.

Morris' Avenue Grocery had advertised five gallons of kerosene for 65c. "Bring your can."

Barnes Cash Store had advertised India umbrellas "are not freakish—the little umbrella with the big spread."

Passengers on the steamship Alameda had protested the master's action in putting off a 15-year old stow-away on bleak San Juan Island without food or shelter and miles from any habitation.

Pacific Northwest this day 45 years ago had experienced the first general snow storm for this time of year ever recorded in weather bureau history.

## The Family Size Farm

PHILADELPHIA.—Pennsylvania's new senator, Democrat Joseph Sill Clark, took up politics in earnest when, in his words, he found the practice of law "had no spiritual reward."  
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## Nicely Said

Sunday Times, London  
The Soviet Union has always been chary of reporting air, rail or road crashes. These it sees as a capitalist phenomenon. At the recent British Road Federation conference, the Soviet delegate, Dr. A. P. Stramentov, referred to accidents as "unpleasant incidents of conflict between public and transport."

## OPEN FORUM

### Thinks Straight Ticket Voting Remark 'Insult'

To the Editor:  
Being aware of your paper's peculiar frame of reference during the past election campaign I have accepted your partisan editorials in the same spirit which I accept your comic strips.

Your insult to the Democratic voters of Oregon on the day after election was, however, unforgivable. On what possible basis can you claim that "Democrats tended in 'vote 'em straight' for weak candidates and for strong ones." Oregon has a registered Democratic majority. President Eisenhower, Mark Hatfield, and Sig Unander could have scarcely carried the state without Democratic support, but they did win and by large majorities. On the other hand, the Democratic candidates who won were elected by small margins, approximating the ratio of registration.

Who, I ask you then, was voting the straight ticket? I realize editorial writers are not bound by facts, but please, in the future, try to keep your generalizations within reason.

One of the thousands of Oregon Democrats who did not "vote 'em straight,"

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Editor's Note: The writer above is hunting for and finding an "insult" where none was intended or uttered. Our editorial accepted the ability of the Democratic party to deliver a rather uniform vote to its candidates as evidence of strength. It is no sin to be strong. Eisenhower and Morse were special cases. Their vote crossed party lines in a large way. Hatfield got virtually all his majority in Marion county. Unander had only nominal opposition and labor endorsement.

DOESN'T CREATE LOVE  
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## New Penn. Solon an Ex-G.O.P.

'With Passion for Good Govt.'

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## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER European Men Say U. S. Men Spoiling Wives with Worship

By HAL BOYLL

NEW YORK.—What are you doing to glorify your wife? European men often say American men foolishly spoil their ladies, and that husbands here virtually practice wife worship.  
This talk infuriates American wives. Not because it's true (they only wish it were)—but because it isn't. They feel that if any husbands are practicing wife worship in this country it must be a secret vice. They see no public signs of it.

The truth is the complaint the average wife makes most often about her husband is, "He's too inattentive. He takes me for granted, just as he does the furniture. Nobody in America really appreciates what it means to be a housewife—except another housewife."

"The trouble with a husband is that he thinks the courtship ends with the honeymoon," a veteran wife lamented. "After that your day is supposed to be made if he recognizes you and calls you by your first name at breakfast."  
"Romance? A husband's idea of being romantic is to send his wife a get-well card on Valentine's Day."

Well, ladies, that may have been true before. But now husbands are getting more thoughtful. They're not only praising their husbands in public. They're doing it in print—and paying for the privilege!

Last month in Miami Harry Jobson surprised his wife on their anniversary with a 12-by-25-foot billboard poster. It showed him kneeling in humble adoration "to a wonderful wife who has borne with me for 29 years."

Recently Mrs. Carl W. Trantham of Springfield, Mo., while scanning the classified ads of her newspaper, was started to find there a public announcement, paid for by her husband, telling what a great gal she was.

The add, quoting the Biblical proverb, "Who findeth a wife findeth a good thing," said:

"I am responsible for all debts and obligations of my wife, Mildred, both present and future, and am more than happy to provide for such a wife who married me 25 years ago today, who has borne me four happy children, all of whom are Christians, and she has manifested continuously such love, patience, understanding, helpfulness, that these have been the happiest years of my life."

In praising a wife, does it pay to advertise? Trantham, a railroad employe, found it sure paid off in his case.

Mrs. Trantham was more pleased by her husband's public proclamation than she was with the silver anniversary gifts he gave her—a silver bracelet and earrings, silver pen, and a chrome silver food mixer. Even strangers called up to congratulate her.

"I received many compliments," Trantham reported later. "Also a few bawling out from husbands whose wives had read the ad and asked why didn't they ever think of doing something like that."

As a matter of fact other husbands across the country are

putting similar ads in their newspapers. When I reported this trend to my wife, Frances, she said:

"Some women have all the luck."  
"Don't worry, I've got even bigger plans for you," I told her. "On our golden anniversary I am going to rent an airplane and have it skycrime in letters a mile high over Manhattan: 'to Frances, a golden girl.'"

"If I live that long—and if you remember the date," said Frances, unimpressed.

"Silly!" I told her. "That's one date I could never forget."  
A little later Frances looked up from the sock she was darning and asked casually:

"Are we doing anything next Tuesday night?"  
"Yeah, watching the election returns."  
"But you don't have anything special planned?"  
"No, why?"  
"Oh, I sort of thought I'd like to celebrate," said Frances. "It happens to be my 19th wedding anniversary. When's yours?"  
"Even with two people in it a room sometimes can get awfully quiet."

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