

URGES HIGHER PAY FOR CONGRESSMEN

New Political Groups Seek To Shape Parties' Policies

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The donkey and the elephant are getting jealous, and the Washington Chapter of the SPCPA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Political Animals) is getting a little worried, lest some other new and strange fauna are going to sneak under the tent to steal the old regulars' fodder—and it ain't hay.

Three very active creatures are being heard from in tones so stentorian that they bray and trumpet, familiar sounds in campaign years, are almost drowned out.

The latest performer in the ring is the ROF (Republican Open Forums). Officially the newcomer belongs to the Republican side, as its name implies, but some of the old timers are afraid the colt is getting ready to kick over the party traces.

Although the other two more familiar creatures, the CIO-PAC and the NC (National Citizens)-PAC, are more at home in the Democratic pasture, they frequently get their heads through the rails to browse on the Republican side.

All three are full of ginger, and not too bridle-wise.

Stassen Heads Open Forum

Chairman of the Republican Open forums advisory committee is Harold Stassen, and ROF is considered pretty much his baby. Wayne Morse, Walter Judd, Gov. Raymond Baldwin of Connecticut, and other Republicans not unfriendly to the liberal domestic and expansive international views of Stassen make up the committee.

At ROF headquarters, you are told it is strictly all-Republican, not a one-dark-horse team. However, a broad-minded tolerance prevails which permits Democrats to take part in forums, if they want to.

The forums are compared to town meetings, and are supposed to provide members of the party with the opportunity to form party policy. At that point comes the rub. Old Timers don't want Mr. Stassen's outfit (which its directors insist it isn't) making policy. They feel they have had enough experience in such matters themselves.

Anyhow, ROF is a going concern. As of mid-May, there were already 474 forums in operation in 44 states.

CIO Works to Get Out Favorable Vote

The CIO-PAC we know of old. That outfit is run by Sidney Hillman, and because the CIO fathered it, Mark Sullivan says that the CIO is no longer merely a labor organization, but has acquired the status of a political party. This column described CIO-PAC's dynamic activities, literature, and methods at the time of the last campaign.

Their ostensible object is to get out the vote; the real object is to get out the vote they want. A definite platform for both domestic and foreign policy is stated in detail.

The six points of foreign policy include such controversial subjects as the quarantine of Spain and Argentina, and self-government for colonial nations.

There are 13 points in CIO-PAC's domestic policy, ranging from a minimum wage to OPA, and including price guarantees to farmers, progressive taxation for large incomes, reduction on small incomes. Specific bills are singled out for support or opposition.

CIO-PAC's brother, NC-PAC, is what might be described simply as simon-pure New Deal. Chairman of the policy committee is Dr. Frank Kingdon, with Sydney Hillman as an "honorary," and members including Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Henry Wallace, Hugo Black and so on.

The lead article in their organ, "The National Citizen," whose memorial edition made no single mention of the name, Truman, contained this paragraph:

"Stirred by the rising tide of reaction, and the steady drift away from the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt, more than 2,100 of the late President's most ardent supporters and closest friends gathered . . . to hear speaker after speaker sound the call to political action as the best method to fulfill the Roosevelt domestic and international program."

NC-PAC has a political guide which demands the election of progressive candidates for congress, and lists issues for action which include anti-labor bills, Argentina, British loan, conscription, FEPC, atomic power, and so on. They likewise are sponsoring a "School of Political Action Tech-

niques" here in Washington beginning June 26 which purports to "unveil the intricacies of professional political campaigning to the average voter." The school will be open to anyone; attendance will be limited to 500 students. NC-PAC says "it is believed that the majority of the student body will play an active role in the November congressional elections."

Of course, there are various other organizations, old and new, in the field. The Young Republicans, for example, who endorsed the ROF at a recent national convention; Mr. Ickes' Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions to which James Roosevelt presumably brings a hereditary parental blessing, and others.

And I shouldn't fail to mention the Women's Division of the Democratic National committee, which teaches wives of politicians such fundamentals as platform poise, the right word at the right time, how to overcome fear of public speaking, and so on. Wives of cabinet officers, wives of senators, wives of representatives, wives of members of the little cabinet and wives of top-flight agency heads are exhorted: "Use your feminine charm in the (Democratic) campaign. It helped you get your husband, didn't it? It will also help get votes."

But these are only mother's helpers. The PAC twins, and the ROF are the ones that make the donkey and the elephant nervous when they look over their left flanks.

Congress Needs Salary Boost

Wages are at the top of the inflation list.

But that doesn't mean more pay for congressmen. One of the best arguments for a boost in the congressional payroll comes from a congressman whom I won't name, but whose bitterest rivals mention as one of the smartest members of either chamber. He says:

"The vote against a pay raise comes from the men who know that they couldn't get elected, if congressional salaries were high enough to attract a better class of candidates to oppose them."

Philip Broughton, ex-newspaperman and political scientist who has spent a decade in Washington, says, in his "For a Stronger Congress," that every independent student of congressional reorganization has "recommended a raise to \$15,000 or \$25,000 a year. Certainly, it would seem that the same public which can afford \$500 a week for the writers of Grade B movie scenarios can afford a similar sum for those who set policies that control our national life."

A congressman now gets \$10,000 a year. Anybody who lives in Washington, Broughton points out, knows that that isn't enough. A congressman has to maintain two homes; campaigns cost money. Besides, he has to contribute to "the do-good organizations that claim a root in his constituency," and "secondary expenses and meager railroad mileage do not balance his family budget."

The thing that pains me most as I travel up and down the land is to hear the very people who scream that no congressman is worth even \$10,000 a year, object to paying enough to hire a man with ability.



BOYS TOWN . . . Citizens receive the Mantoux tuberculin test. Left to right: Eugene Karnes, Mrs. Minnie Schaefer, Dr. Paul J. Martin, Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. J. Flanagan, and Walter Gunnell. The test is considered 98 per cent effective in revealing presence of tuberculosis germs in the body.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Country Banks Lend a Billion For Increased Farm Production; Big Cut Made in Federal Debt

LABOR DRAFT: Senate is Opposed

Many senate Republicans, even those who have been calling on President Truman to "settle these strikes," are opposed to the President's appeal for emergency power to draft strikers into the army when they refuse to work at government-seized properties. Senator Taft of Ohio has led the fight against the draft proposal and favors the Case bill instead. (The Case bill provides for permanent, not temporary or emergency, labor restraints.)

Republicans, however, have not agreed on another proposal made by Mr. Truman that profits from businesses taken over and operated by the government during strikes should go into the U. S. treasury.

FRENCH LOAN: Cash and Credit

Bypassing a vote by congress, the United States government extended a \$1,370,000,000 credit to France to help her begin a four-year reconstruction program. The American credit provides a direct loan of \$650,000,000 from the export-import bank, and a line of credit totaling \$720,000,000 which would permit France to settle its lend-lease account and purchase U. S. army and navy surpluses overseas.

Mother Love Wins Out



Mrs. Margaret Ashe of Chicago decided her baby was pretty after all and returned home after abandoning the baby, only 10 days old. Her husband, James T. Ashe, forgave her. Mrs. Ashe was located at Burlington, Iowa.

ARMY GRIPE BOARD Would Abolish Rank and Salute

WASHINGTON. — The army will have less saluting and "officers" will be just soldiers, if recommendations of the army's G.I. gripe board are adopted. The board recommended that the very terms "officer" and "enlisted man" be abolished as one step to narrow the official and social gap between them.

The inquiry board, headed by Lt. Gen. Doolittle, in its report to Secretary of War Patterson, proposed a thorough revision of existing differences in pay, promotion, furloughs and food. It called, too, for new measures aimed at raising the standard of leadership in the army.

Secretary Patterson announced that "some steps already have been taken" to remedy problems set out in the report. He stated that congressional approval and appropriations would be required to carry out a few of the suggestions.

Officers and Saluting. But the big break with tradition came in the proposal that all military personnel be referred to merely as "soldiers."

Abolition of the hand salute except on army posts and in overseas occupied areas, and wiping out any rules or customs which make rank a barrier to social associations, were among other recommendations. "Americans look with disfavor upon any system which grants unearned privileges to a particular class of individuals and find distasteful any tendency to make arbitrary social distinctions between two parts of the army," the group concluded.

"There were irregularities, injustices in handling of enlisted personnel, and abuses of privileges in the recent war to such an extent as to cause widespread and deep-seated criticisms."

Leon Blum, chief French negotiator, signed the agreement with Secretary of State Byrnes and Secretary of Treasury Vinson.

COUNTRY BANKS: Lend a Billion

Some 13,000 of America's country banks are lending more than \$1,000,000 to their farm customers to support agriculture production, the agricultural commission of the American Bankers association has reported.

Non-real-estate agricultural loans held by all insured banks in continental U. S. totaled \$1,009,600,000 at the beginning of 1946, an increase of nearly \$100,000,000 from the January 1, 1945, figure of \$917,400,000. The present outstanding loan volume is nearly double the amount of farm production loans held by the banks in 1937.

The largest increase in the use of non-real-estate bank credit has been in California. The use of bank credit by farmers increased in all states except South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota and Missouri.

FEDERAL DEBT: Cut Ten Billion

A survey by a large New York banking institution discloses that actual and prospective federal debt reduction since March 1, 1946, amounts to more than 10 billion dollars. This is the largest cut ever made in so short a time and is an amount greater than the total debt retirement achieved in an 11-year period following World War I.

The repayment, however, was not made with the proceeds of a budget surplus, since the U. S. is still spending more than it receives from taxes. Excess borrowed funds in possession of the U. S. treasury were returned to reduce the debt, it was explained.

WHEAT STORAGE: Dates are Extended

The government has extended the time for cancellation of uniform wheat storage agreements by elevators and warehouses to 10 days after they get the new agreement. The move was a reversal of original plans and was made after an appeal by the trade.

Clinton P. Anderson, secretary of agriculture, has announced that the government now has enough grain to meet its export commitments and that transportation is the only block to moving 400,000,000 bushels overseas by July 1.

Other specific recommendations

included a system to permit retirement of military personnel after 10, 20 or 30 years of service, or after physical disability. The present system of pay was held inadequate. The board urged government food be distributed to all grades and ranks equally. Clothing should be issued to both enlisted men and officers (officers now buy their own).

It was recommended that enlisted men be given terminal leave pay for unused furlough time; that military personnel should be permitted "normal social patterns comparable to our democratic way of life"; provision for enlisted men to serve on courts-martial, and a system of awards to provide more equitable distribution based on merit but more difficult to obtain as rank increases.

Aside from Doolittle, members of the board included former Lt. Gen. Troy H. Middleton, who is now comptroller of Louisiana State university; Robert Neville, who served on Yank and the Stars and Stripes both as an enlisted man and officer; Adna H. Underhill, wartime paratrooper captain; Jake W. Lindsey, wartime technical sergeant who won the congressional medal of honor, and Meryll H. Frost, Dartmouth football captain.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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TRUMAN AND WHITNEY

WASHINGTON.—Those who have sat in on the hectic closed-door conferences over the railroad strike report that it is hard to say who has been sorest at the prima donna tactics of "Brother" A. F. Whitney, head of the trainmen—government officials or the other brotherhood leaders who are not striking but were thrown out of work by the trainmen and the locomotive engineers.

At one time probably the President of the United States was the most irked at the grandstanding Mr. Whitney. Truman even had difficulty getting Whitney to stay in Washington. He was constantly threatening to stage an opera exit to Cleveland without even bothering to advise the White House.

This brought a sharp tongue-lashing from the President during one of their meetings.

"What do you mean to do—walk out on the President of the United States?" Truman roughly inquired of "Brother" Whitney.

"No, sir," responded Whitney—and his voice lacked its usual brusqueness.

"Well, then you had better stay here until we get this thing settled and try to show a little more co-operation," snapped Truman.

GOP WHITE HOPE

While the East and Middle West are conjuring with the names of Stassen, Bricker and Dewey as Republican presidential candidates in 1948, some strong medicine is brewing in the politically dynamite-laden state of California which may put another name in the limelight. For in next month's primary Earl Warren may win the Democratic nomination for governor, as well as the Republican.

Under California's odd election law, candidates may enter both the Republican and Democratic primaries. And under a clever law passed by the state legislature last year, Warren's name will be printed at the top of both the Republican and Democratic ballots, despite the fact that Warren is a Republican and his rival, Attorney General Bob Kenny, a Democrat.

Today Warren has split Kenny's labor support, has won the backing of the AFL hierarchy and may very well pile up enough Democratic votes to kill all competition in the final election. This would make him a very important presidential candidate.

GOVERNMENT LETTERS

The civil service commission has just issued a fancy pamphlet telling government employees how to write letters.

A section devoted to "What's Wrong With Government Writing?" reads in part: "Are you one of the people who think all government writing must be impersonal and legalistic? . . . What does it profit a man if he writes the long way around—and loses his reader? Why use horse-and-buggy writing in an airplane age?"

"Let's cut long sentences into bites we can swallow," the civil service rhetorician urges government writers. "Shorten your sentences to an average of 17 words."

But here is the payoff: The first sentence of a foreword in the booklet contains 27 words; the second, 18 words; the third, 20 words; the fourth, 22 words, and the fifth, 18 words.

SI-A-YEAR McGRADY

Jovial Ed McGrady, vice president of the Radio Corporation of America and ex-assistant secretary of labor, was asked by a newsman if it were true Labor Secy. L. B. Schwellenbach is "raising his salary" because of his diligent efforts to bring John L. Lewis and the operators together.

McGrady got a chuckle out of the question, for he is being paid nothing for his herculean work in trying to settle the dispute.

The fact is that few men have donated more time to their government than McGrady. After a brilliant record as assistant secretary of labor, he joined the Radio Corporation of America, but during the war was loaned to the war department as a dollar-a-year man. McGrady is one of the men the treasury department cusses out. For his office is covered with framed government checks—all for \$1 and uncashed.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Bob Hannagan is running into trouble with his "task force." His young men's committee, appointed to bolster weak spots in the Truman administration, can't operate without treading on the toes of certain weak administrators—especially John Snyder. Whereupon the cabinet protective society intervenes. Even broad-gauged Secretary of the Treasury Vinson didn't like having his subordinates invade the sacred inner sanctum of John Snyder's duties. More jurisdictional disputes!

Posies for Bathroom From Yard of Chintz

IT IS marvelous what you can do with a yard of flowered chintz. Just try cutting the posies out and spreading around for dramatic effect. Tint a faded bath mat and apply a stunning big rose in one



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Big League Members

The only baseball clubs that have played continuously in the National league since it was founded in 1876 are the Boston Braves and the Chicago Cubs, says Collier's. The only clubs that have played in the American league since it was founded in 1900 are the Chicago White Sox, the Cleveland Indians and the Detroit Tigers.

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