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EDITORIALS

THE REPUBLICAN UPSURGE

When Mayor Kelly of Chicago was re-elected last April by a record vote, his young Republican opponent also received a record vote, the largest ever given a Republican candidate for the office. Many observers believed that the Republican vote was more significant than that of the Democrat, for it seemed to indicate a definite trend among the voters. And now confirmation of this view comes from a poll of Illinois voters by the Institute of Public Opinion.

To the question, "which party would you like to see win the Presidential election in 1940," 54 per cent of those canvassed said the Republican party, 46 per cent the Democratic. Illinois, it will be remembered, by electing a Democratic, although not a New Deal, senator in 1938 stood out virtually alone among her mid-Western sisters against the Republican tide. This was accomplished largely by the large vote piled up in the Chicago area, while downstate the Republicans increased their delegation in the House from five to nine.

Now, the April mayoralty election, followed by the Gallup poll, indicates that the trend is toward a Republican victory in Illinois next year. Similar recent surveys in New York and Pennsylvania have also recorded a majority desire for a Republican victory. Events in Washington have pointing unmistakably in that direction.

The swing has come as Republicans laid down their kid gloves and went out swinging in the fight against the New Deal and radicalism. It is a tribute to those national Republican leaders who ended the era of "yes, yes" to the New Deal and recognized that the people were tired of such tactics.



FIRE IN THE FOREST

"Be careful of fire in the forest, lest a spark should lay waste the treasure of the generations," says an editorial in the Portland Oregonian. "The time of danger is here again. . . . It is true that not all forest fires are started by careless vacationists—perhaps no more than a minor fraction of them—but were the forests miraculously restored that have been destroyed by vacationists the green area of them would be vast.

"It is best not to smoke as you pass through the friendly forest, but if you must smoke be sure that the match is out, and that the ember of the cigarette is extinguished. Be careful even to what may seem absurdity—for there can be no absurdity in such precautions. . . . Put out your camp fire. With water. To the last spark. You have to be careful of fire in the forest. . . .

"You are only one of us who is seeking the comfort and coolness, the green recreation, of the living and beautiful forest. It is your forest. It is the bequest of happiness and health and healing you should leave to your children's children. How cruel a thing it must seem if your love for the forest is the unwitting instrument that makes of it a pillar of smoke by day, of flame by night. Be very careful of fire in the forest. It is that time of the year again."

That eloquent message should be remembered. And be careful too of fire in the fields, in your home—anywhere you may go. It takes but a little thought, a little effort. And it pays magnificent dividends—to you, to everyone else, and to posterity.

LABOR AND THE LAW

The action of the House in approving a resolution to investigate the National Labor Relations Board deserves commendation—from worker as well as employer. For, rightly or wrongly, this Board, and the Act creating it, has probably done more to damage the interests of legitimate organized labor than any law ever put on the statute books.

The Labor Relations Act was, according to its sponsors, designed to end labor strife. In practice, it has fomented it, and been the direct cause of the bitter warfare between

the CIO and AF of L. It was supposedly designed to put dealings between management and employees on a fair and equitable basis. Instead, it has deprived the employer of vital right and placed almost unlimited authority over industrial policies in the hands of a politically appointed group. It was supposedly going to call a halt to labor racketeering. Instead, it has encouraged it, and gone a long way toward placing the workman at the mercy of too tender mercies of professional labor leaders.

That there are good things in the Act no one will deny. These things can and should be retained, and every protection should be given the worker against the occasional unscrupulous, sweat-shop-minded employer. But this doesn't mean that the lazy and incompetent worker is to be given a life lease on his job—that the workers' rights supersede the rights of everyone else—or that one union should be favored by law at the expense of another. The welfare of the honest workman can never be served by any law that is opposed to the public interest, and to decent and fair industrial relations.

It is unfortunate that Congress has so long delayed needed revision of the Act. The proposed House investigation should lay the groundwork for making necessary and fair changes early next session.

GRANGE NOTES

The Central Point Grange will hold their regular meeting at 8:30 P.M. August 18. The following program will be given:

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While in Hollywood Miss Cope was employed as an assistant to Dr. H. A. Spurch.

Legal Notices

SUMMONS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON
Fred T. Boyd, Plaintiff,
vs.
Rose Boyd, Defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear in the above entitled Court and cause and there answer the complaint on file against you within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed

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for in said complaint, to-wit: for a decree of this Court dissolving the marriage contract of plaintiff and defendant and granting to the plaintiff an absolute divorce, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is published in accordance with an order made and entered in the above entitled Court and cause on August 17th, 1939, which prescribes that this summons be published once a week for four successive and consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this summons is August 17th, 1939.

Kenneth G. Denman
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Address: Medford, Ore.
39—Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7.

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