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EDITORIALS

HIGH SPOTS IN CONGRESS
J. E. Jones

Washington, D.C., May—Editor Vandenberg took off his Senatorial gloves back home in Michigan a few days ago, and talked to his neighbors in the language of ye editor. Senator Vandenberg is regarded as a possible choice for President of these United States; but some of us oldsters in the Washington newspaper game would feel very sorry to have him step down from the editorial heights. When he talked to his homefolks the other day he stuck an editorial pen into Stalin's ribs, and told him that "we shall not surrender to Communist conspiracy in the United States." He added a solid warning to Americans:

"We are suicidal fools if we do not root out and destroy any treason at home which may bring a World revolution to the United States." He asserted with the force of a double-fisted editor that "we do not propose to be isolated in a World that has been Communized by conquest. We do not shut our eyes to the cold, hard facts that there are those in the World who respect nothing else but force." Senator Vandenberg emphasizes the conviction that peace house Governor Dewey leads in party

must include both justice and honor. BUTTER AND MARGARINE met in what is likely to be a death battle in Congress at the very end of April, when the House moved the margarine measure to the floor for a debate in which Southern Democrats led the fight for a showdown on the repeal of oleomargarine taxes. A hundred and thirty Democrats voted for repeal and only nine Democrats against it. Ninety-four Republicans favored repeal as against one hundred and twelve. The Democrats mixed the issue with a move to stop-up the markets for Southern cotton, which plays an important part in the oleomargarine industry.

The Republicans evidently voted to continue to take their butter straight from boassle's milk-bag.

The big power in this battle of the bread-spread is the American housewife, who has given margarine a fair trial on account of the high cost of all foods. Ask Mother—and she will tell you that the Department of Agriculture and the medical societies agreed that margarine is just as healthful a food as butter.

Of course, everybody knows that margarine has been a victim of politics for more than a half a century. But when the women of our American homes made up their minds to fight this issue to a finish it was only a question of time before political issues and arbitrary and unreasonable taxation of an article of good food would win its rights.

HIGH SPOTS in Congress are topped by the excitement over the approaching political conventions of the Republican and Democrat parties. The best prophets in the newspaper World of Washington are reporting that President Truman will be nominated. On the other side of the opinion in the National Capital with Senator Taft as second choice.

The Iron Curtain seems to have been dropped on Stassen as the Republican choice. Henry Wallace is running in reverse—backwards. It won't be long now before the country will know all about it. Vandenberg does not seem to "choose to run."

GUEST EDITORIAL

The following is a reprint of a recent editorial which appeared in the Oregon Statesman, Salem, under the heading—

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Senator Douglas McKay is to be congratulated on ending the shadow boxing in the current gubernatorial race and getting down to cases. The republican primary contest ought not to be an Alphonse-Gaston act of noblesse oblige. The race lies between the incumbent, John H. Hall and Senator McKay. There are sharp differences between the two which the public is entitled to know about. McKay opened up the subject in his radio talk of Monday night and discussed frankly the divergence of views on issues of public morals between him and Governor Hall.

McKay put his finger squarely on the issue of this campaign: "a drift toward a wide open state." Two of his opponents favor liberalizing the sale of alcoholic liquors, which means virtually the return of the saloon. Gov. Hall makes no such pronouncement in his platform but his legislative record closely identifies him with the liquor-slot machine-bookie gambling interests. McKay while no reformer has consistently stood for measures to conserve public morals against the greed of commercial interests.

This personalizing of the campaign involves no element of "smearing." Instead it presents the records of the candidates for the careful appraisal of the voters whose favor they seek.

On his record Hall is particularly vulnerable. In his first term in the legislature (1933) he lined up to fight the liquor control measure designed by the Knox commission as a substitute for the lately-repealed prohibition. Hall assailed the plan as impractical, denounced the proposal to establish state stores for sale of spiritous liquors and predicted they would fail and cost the state large sums of money. Hall supported the effort of some druggists who wanted the business as vendors of hard li-

quors. His fight on the bill failed and his prophecies of loss and disaster came to naught. But subsequently in legislative sessions Hall has been the champion of those elements, that would weaken the control act and in 1943 fought hard against recommendations of the liquor commission of bills to strengthen its enforcement machinery.

Hall has also been on the "liberal" side when voting on bills respecting gambling. In the 1947 session HB 312, as amended, would have repealed the law giving a loser in gambling, games double recovery. Former Governor Os West exposed the menace of this bill, how it served the purpose of the professional gamblers, so it was badly defeated in the house. But Hall was one of the five who voted for it.

Another bill desired by the gambling fraternity was the bookie bit which would have legalized bookie establishments or placing bets on out-state races. Hall voted for the bill every time it came up; McKay voted against it. Only the veto of the late Governor Snell prevented it from becoming law.

A governor takes an oath to en-

force the laws and I do not imply that Hall as governor does or will violate his oath and encourage lax law enforcement. But his legislative record shows such consistent sympathy with the elements which degrade public morals that one cannot expect him to reverse his field and carry the ball in the opposite direction; or to strike down, as Governor Snell did, the efforts of liquor and gambling interests to relax laws and regulations.

McKay's phrase "a drift to a wide open state" is the signal for the battle in this campaign. That drift is

not merely local; it is general over the country. So great is the stake in the slot and pinball machine business and in racetrack betting that syndicates flourish which rub out rivals, corrupt police and afford a favorable seedbed for criminal elements. McKay's election as governor puts a man on guard whose record shows that he will resist the drives to break down those controls which protect youth and preserve standards of civic decency.

Mr. Sprague is ex-Governor of Oregon.

IT'S TIME TO CHANGE

It has been an established custom for voters of this county to choose one of Medford's two funeral directors as County Coroner, because of the central location of this community in the county and the adequate facilities available here.

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