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Can We Only Say "Yes"?

Politics is regarded by many as a dangerous preserve upon which the private opinions and prejudices of a citizenry post large and conspicuous signs of "Keep Out!" Yet it is a happy hunting ground because of the importance of the political view.

In every means of communication during the days ahead—until a presidential election is held in the fall of 1948,—readers will be assailed by volleys of voluminous diatribes which will purport to emphasize and prophesy in behalf of different political candidates and political ideas.

Some of these outpourings will be dull and hard to understand. Others may be dramatic and wide-sweeping. It is the duty of a voting public, however, to privately and vigorously assess all the claims and counterclaims made by parties, candidates and their spokesmen.

There is perhaps no single figure on the national scene today who dominates the political picture. Even the great national parties who give rise to the boast that the United States has a system of "two party" politics somehow have lost their incisive identity until, by measurement of prominent figures and basic policies, there seems little to distinguish the Democrat from the Republican party.

True, there is a deal of hubbub and hullabaloo among aspiring personalities of each group. Prominent figures of each party seem to outdo the other in advancing proposals of "salvation." But, in the long range picture, they advocate the same principles, with individual twists as to methods and procedure.

The practice that sprung into popularity in the political struggle between the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the late Wendell L. Wilkie, still persists. As Wilkie's chant of "Me, too!" echoed so determinedly in his protestations, today's clamor of "Let's do it our way!", as put forward by spokesmen for each of the two parties, has almost nostalgic overtones.

The national scene seems to be overrun with political hopefuls who would combine the agility of a jackrabbit with the distance power of a kangaroo, whenever a popular bandwagon hoves into sight.

That there is only one solution to the predicaments of the nation might well be inferred, by the utterances of these spokesmen. Perhaps that conclusion is so inevitable and so stratified that a challenge of its logic, at the very least, will predicate a stream of defamation.

In the months to come, as has already been indicated, the brash claims of the leading third party will have an effect of modification of present political hopefuls in both the Democratic and Republican categories.

The chief standard bearer of the political force known as PCA has already been dubbed by many appellations. "Gideon of the Cornstalks", in one case, is a nickname which spearheads the general attack.

Perhaps more pertinent, as coming events should imply, would be a name "The Needle", to describe this hard-slugging contender for the presidential title. Certainly, there are worried moments in the powwow chambers of both major parties as to third party attacks.

Third party forces draw many invectives probably because of the very fact they don't recognize the current belief that only one solution may be made of the nation's predicaments. Perhaps the dominant political parties find that the fate of their fortunes is questionable enough, without the attempts of a third contender to bull into the fragile china shop.

Too much agreement is sometimes a weakening influence. Every proposal on public problems deserves the most severe scrutiny, the most embarrassing challenges. Few have ever been found who are all wise in all things.

As we enter the arm-waving arena of political promising, let us not believe, too readily.

To those who object to such a viewpoint, our answer will be, "You mean we can only say 'Yes'?"

—W. K.

Sufficient Seed For Pasture Crop Set Says U.S.D.A.

The supply of small seeds for pasture and hay crops that are so important in the conservation program is enough to supply the needs of farmers in this country, the U. S. department of agriculture production summary indicates. Red clover production, at 1,194,800 bushels, is a little more than 80 percent of normal. Both yield and acreage were a little below average. Alsike clover seed production of 366,200 bushels is a little above normal.

The alfalfa seed crop is indicated at 1,699,400 bushels—almost 50 percent more than the average. Above average yields and a fourth greater acreage account for the large seed crop. The Lespedeza seed crop, so important in the South, is just about average with a production of 153,960,000 pounds. The 564,400 bushels of sweet clover seed produced this year is about 65 percent of average. The timothy seed crop, so important as a companion of red clover, is somewhat above average with a total of 1,641,400 bushels.

The 15,900,000 pounds of red top seed is somewhat below average. Sudan grass, important annual pasture and hay crop in the Great Plains and other warm sections of the country, is less than half of average with a production of 20,740,000 pounds.

Vets Get First Call On Surplus Farm Land Sale

World War II veterans interested in the purchase of surplus farm lands as now advertised in the former Camp Adair project near Corvallis have until December 31 to make such declaration in writing. Project Manager Thomas F. Whiteman informed the state department of Veterans' Affairs today.

Veterans have priority, after December 31, on the remainder of 24,000 acres of land presently being offered former owners and tenants.

Those interested should write the project manager, Box 622, Corvallis. They should give their full names and address, state that they claim priority rights as veterans "for purchase of lands as advertised Oct. 2 and Oct. 16, 1947," and request to be notified when information on the property is available so they may have an opportunity to make offer to purchase.

Within 60 or 90 days following the first of the year, these veterans will receive their notices. The project office at that time will be ready to conduct inspection tours of the lands. Whiteman said.

The land will be sold to veterans at a fixed price. Where more than one offer is submitted on any piece of property a drawing will be held to determine the successful purchaser. Veterans' notices will inform them that they must submit 10 percent of the sale price, along with their offer.

They may submit offerings on more than one piece of property, with only one deposit required, but the deposit must be 10 percent of the highest offering. Furthermore, they must be prepared to pay the balance in cash when the sale is completed, Mr. Whiteman said, because no purchase can be made on time payments.

This will mark the fourth such sale of the former Adair Army Camp lands. In the three conducted this year, more than 30 tracts were offered to veterans, ranging in size from 13 acres to 941 acres and in price from \$500 to \$24,000.

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