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Truman Carries the Ball

There is a faint chorus among a minority of newspapers pointing up that on a certain date a certain story gave strong support to the theory that President Harry S. Truman actually stood some sort of chance to be elected to the office for the ensuing four years. Though this might seem to infer some prophetic sense of the newspapers in question, the stark, unadorned fact seems to us that no one, not even candidates Truman, Dewey nor Wallace, actually expected such a complete Democratic victory, across the nation.

Post mortem rehash of the recent campaign and election attempts to explain away Truman's triumph. But the more important truth that should emerge from studies of the political carnival is that the vote of the people flatly laid down the inescapable demand for a liberal government.

There may have been many things in the administration of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt that proved distasteful to a number of citizens. But in the decisions of November 2, a majority of American citizens served full notice of approval for the general concept of liberal governmental principles.

Take the individual cases of individual candidates across the country. Those who campaigned for such realistic issues as better housing, control of inflation, repeal of the Taft-Hartley act, world peace, mass health insurance and hydroelectric development in many cases overcame long odds and romped home to victory.

Whether or not, actually, President Truman will be able or willing to achieve these broad principles, which the people by their votes demanded, remains to be seen. Whether or not, actually, Governor Dewey might have responded to such a voters' ultimatum fully and successfully, will only be guessed at.

But the people, in not only retaining President Truman as chief executive of the nation but in giving him the support of a predominantly Democratic House and Senate, have spoken for a liberal interpretation of government.

By his return to power in the most convincing manner, the president is fully informed as to the wishes of the majority.

From now on, Truman must carry the ball!

"Is Armistice Enough?"

Thirty years ago, on November 11, there came across a war-weary world thrilling words of Armistice and impending Peace. Out of the trenches and dugouts of that war came citizen-soldiers of many nations, clutching in their hearts the simple hope and promise that the bloodshed and sacrifice which went into the holocaust was not waste. That the stern devotion to duty and the whole-hearted answer to a call to arms would be met with a challenging concept of a new world and a new brotherhood between nations was the unspoken prayer on the lips of the fighting men who laid down their guns and returned to civilian pursuits on that day.

The day, November 11, has been faithfully kept with the public ceremonies, the moment of silence, and other outward symbols of observance. Yet, in the councils of diplomacy and statesmanship, has there been any outward acceptance, even, of the meaning of Armistice and impending Peace?

We have endured a second chapter of that war which ended in an armistice of mighty words and rosy promises. Many American boys had poured out their life blood for the cherished ideal of devotion to homeland. Many homes have been shattered by the loss of loved ones. And the mighty words, the rosy promises have somehow failed to fill the vacancy in the hearts of many.

Perhaps, on the occasion of November 11, it is customary to rattle off the empty platitudes of this event or that, during the two years recently passed. But, if honor is rightly to be given the sacrifices made on the field of battle, it would seem more rightly to inquire after the concept of Peace and Brotherhood for which these patriots died.

No matter what twists of logic and persuasion might be used to justify it, there certainly is no Peace today, with a nation-wide selective service system beginning to draft young Americans into the armed forces. Though people of the entire world are weary of war and anxious to see the foundation of a just and lasting peace, in country after country the militarists ride high—on the backs of the tax-paying people.

Everywhere there is a cry for peace and on this November 11, we are reminded that there is only armistice.

Well might the people of the world ask, "Is Armistice enough?"

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ROBIN HOOD RIDES

Through the storied forest of Sherwood, Robin Hood and his band of merry men will ride again, if plans of the Sherwood Kiwanis club bears full fruit.

All the men in the area, reports the VALLEY NEWS, are bid to take active part in a booster group to be known as Robin Hood and his Merry Men. The purpose of the organization is to publicize Sherwood and surrounding communities as well as having an outlet for fun and horse-play.

Another interesting development in Sherwood is the change in format of the NEWS. From a four to six page sheet, it has dropped its size to tabloid of some 12 pages in thickness.

And a line drawing of Robin Hood, with his trusty bow and arrow in shooting position, now adorns Page 1.

PRE-ELECTION RAISE

Because of the well-recognized, basic fact that the cost of living has far outstripped wages and salaries of municipal employees, Oregon City announces pay increases for all of its city employees, with the exception of the city manager and other officials who had previously had an upsurge in take-home pay.

As reported by the BANNER COURIER, these pay boosts will follow a schedule of \$15 for all workers except certain skilled employees who will be raised \$20 per month. Funds to meet these increases will mainly come from punchboard license sales.

The new pay schedules are based on U. S. Department of Labor consumers' price index figures for the Portland area as of July 15. Pay will be further adjusted, from time to time, according to the fluctuation of this index.

Revenue from punchboard licenses during October, reached \$776.

BAD PENNY MADE GOOD

Seems that some bewhiskered sage remarked that a bad penny always comes home. To St. Helens municipal authorities, however, a bad penny was made good in a recent incident.

False representatives, says the SENTINEL MIST, seeking customers for the Oregon police officers' association journal wrote out a \$5 check for city license fee. Upon proper processing, by the designated bank, it was found that the check, though definitely "rubber", wouldn't stretch far enough to cover the amount specified.

Then it was discovered that the two men who had been responsible for the "paper-hanging" were

dastardly bunco artists who had been operating a bogus business in Portland.

St. Helens and Portland police got hot on the trail of these scoundrels, found them in Los Angeles and laid down the law to them.

As a result, the bunco boys coughed up the necessary five spot to make the check good. . . and another bad debt of the city was favorably resolved.

HUNTER'S SWAN SONG

When one of a rare species comes into the ken of a person an attachment springs up that is a real and vivid quantity. So a judge in Gresham found when a hunter was brought before him on complaint of a nearby resident in an episode which resulted in the death of a rare white swan.

The swan, according to the OUTLOOK, had come onto the plaintiff's property quite uninvited but his appearance created a stir of interest. The unusual nature of the bird helped endear it and everything went well on the irrigation pond where it had apparently taken temporary refuge.

Then, one day, the plaintiff heard a gunshot. He rushed to the scene and discovered the graceful pet mortally wounded in the neck. It eventually died.

The defendant, a Portland hunter apprehended on the property, stoutly denied having done in the swan. His "swan song" did him little good.

On a charge of trespassing, the accused swan killer was fined \$25 \$15 of which was suspended.

PRICE OF 10 SECONDS

Reckless driving is, financially, not worth the chances involved. So was the premise illustrated last week in Hillsboro by a member of the Champion 100 mile per hour club.

With the chief of police and mayor, as the ARGUS tells it, the safety demonstrator covered 9/10 of a mile with observance of all traffic laws. It took him 4 minutes, 28 1/10 seconds. Then, the exact route was again followed, but this time 23 traffic offenses were made. Time for this trip took 4 minutes 17 8/10 seconds.

Adding up all the violations, which included pulling away from the curb without signal, failure to heed stop signs, speeding, blocking pedestrian walk, jumping traffic signal, too fast around corners, illegal use of siren, driving through service stations, too much honking of the horn and illegal parking, the total that could be collected amounted to about \$85.

The demonstrator, who started his driving career on Memorial Day, 1927, Indianapolis speedway, declares he feels much safer on a race track than in today's traffic.

VISITING VANDALS

Other cities might contend there was a minimum of vandalism on Halloween but the city of Forest Grove remarks an outbreak by a gang of 75 visiting hoodlums who created the city's worst Halloween disturbance in several years.

Most of the trouble was credited to an invading gang, the NEWS TIMES states, which traveled in cars and seemed to be made up of youths from Hillsboro.

The gang, entering the city late in the evening, first trapped a local peace officer, deflated his tires and continued to molest him until reinforcements arrived, in the nature of county and state police. Although most of them scattered, a few were taken into custody.

Depredations included tearing down a lumber yard fence and stretching it across Main street; shoving a railroad freight car from a siding onto the street; erection of pole and other barricades into the street; piling of concrete building blocks from a church construction project into the street, where they were crashed into by a passing car; pushing the high school "football buck" onto the street, where it, too, was run into by a motorist.

Blue paint and huge "H" markings were daubed on school property. Several barrels of cherries at a canning company, were rolled out and broken into, an estimated loss of \$50.

Glass was smashed in nine downtown meters but no meter heads were broken off. Signs and signposts were knocked over and piled on various porches.

Yes, it was quite a time!

Entries Come in Pac. U.'s Regional Editorial Test

Entries are already beginning to arrive on the Pacific University campus for the 1948-49 high school paper editorial writing contest which was initiated this year in memory of Harvey Scott, great Oregonian editor and editorial writer and first graduate of this university.

Sponsored by the journalism department and Pi Delta Epsilon national journalism honorary the competition is for the purpose of raising the standards of Oregon and Washington high school editorials. High school papers which are published at least twice a

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