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MUST WE REGISTER GOP?

As far as Washington county is concerned, the Democratic party is on trial, with only a week to go before the verdict is indicated. This concerns the filing of candidacy for offices subject to the primary election of May 19, and particularly the county offices.

To be elected are the following: county treasurer, county surveyor, county coroner, county judge and county commissioner, all terms for four years except the judge, who will serve six years. Likewise, a committeeman and a committeewoman will be named for every precinct within Washington county.

This is no appeal for candidates to oppose any of the Republican incumbents. It is rather a look into the matter of two-party government and whether it is a reality or a farce.

The Democratic party in Washington county purports to represent 11,582 voters as compared to 14,808 on the Republican side of the picture. They hold meetings, have quite a to-do over what they are "going to do" and, on primary election day they sometimes come up with one candidate for most of the county offices, meanwhile prattling on about "two party government" and trying to pressure loyal Democrats into supporting the party "ticket."

The county Democratic organization, if the present trend continues, might as well fold up their tents and move camp. By any span of the imagination, they can hardly be credited with doing anything to practically sponsor two party government. Without multiple candidates, there is no choice. Without choice, there is nothing.

May 10 is the last day for candidates to file for the primary election. If the past holds up, there will be a deadline dash of party stalwarts on the Democratic side to file for various county offices—if no one else has already made a bid.

Maybe there is great economy in the county Democratic practice of filing only one candidate in the primaries. If so, it is a penny wise and pound foolish course for effective politicking.

True, if there is but one candidate for the primaries, a place on the general election ballot is assured. Yet, Republican candidates to the contrary have had to wage a primary campaign, with the successful bidder going into the general election.

The advantage of two campaigns, it seems to prove out, is the opportunity it gives a party and the successful candidates to come before the people and bring to focus the basis upon which they seek the responsibility of public office.

Does it pay off? The Democrats, once they get that penny-counting glint from their eyes, might recognize which party it is that runs the county.

There are 22,683 registered voters in Washington county, according to a compilation of February 21. Almost half of these have registered a preference for the Democratic label. Does the county organization feel it is giving them a fair deal, an honest shake, when they are totally incapable of mustering candidates for the primary election? Not one candidate, mind you, but two or more!

There can be no election, in the democratic sense, without a choice between two or more candidates or issues.

Without the necessity of making a choice, there is no reasonable justification to participate in an election. Without participation, there is no representative government, other than one-party domination.

Democrats who have a stubborn faith in the party label must personally feel the inadequacies of their county organization. Do they indicate a preference for the Democratic designation for old time's sake or because they seek the type of government which the Democratic party program publicizes?

Unless there is a little more activity among prospective Democratic candidates within the county, it seems there will be only one logical answer to the question: Must we register GOP in order to make a choice in county government?

POLITE PRESSURE FAILS

Whether or not it is possible to effectively force a community or state to adopt practices of tolerance toward fellow men of other races or color is a vital question which will come to a practical test starting less than 30 days from now.

Portland, which to large degree might well measure as Oregon, has done a courageous bit of legislating through its city council. This passage of a nondiscriminating ordinance puts the city in a unique position on the Pacific Coast.

Portland, which to a large degree might well racial and color frictions, with discrimination against minorities, none have had the utter courage and straightforwardness to lay the law down, flatly, and say "You shall not discriminate!"

Excuses by other city administrations is that tolerance is a virtue which must come from within. "It must result from a Chris-

tian-like philosophy. It can't be enforced," it is said.

On the strength of the ordinance passed by unanimous vote in Portland, it seems debatable that tolerance can't be enforced. There is no basis of city, state or national law which is particularly voluntary of enforcement. Behind all laws and regulations which are successfully enforced, stands the uniform figure of the city, state or federal government ready to apply the forces of fine or imprisonment upon violators.

On the outset, it might logically be stated that bans on discrimination are wrongfully required of a nation which has a vigorous Bill of Rights and a constitutional foundation which recognizes the equality of all its citizens. But the evil is not the law. The evil is the short-sighted bigotry that gives comfort to the narrow, defamatory attitudes which breed prejudice and discrimination.

It is not surprising to have backers of the ordinance sweepingly condemned as "radicals," by those who have been held up to the light as sponsors of discrimination against minorities, in public or semi-public places. For certainly this is an original, fundamental attack on a festering social ill. (Radical—pertaining to the root or origin; fundamental; original; underived; extreme.)

Certainly no alternative is offered anyone for accomplishing tolerance. Ministers may preach till their blue in the face and their tongues hang down to their knees. The non-compliance of their listeners, who agree with the sermons but refuse to alter attitudes, profit little.

Books, editorials and essays can vigorously put forward the idea of brotherhood. But while there is a hard core of resistance to such ideas in those businesses dealing closely with the public, discrimination will yet flourish.

The one thing that demands respect, however, is an enforced law, with its threatening penalties of fines and imprisonment. This applies in embezzling, running through a stop sign and all of the big or little violations with which we are faced in the life of Society. And while the threat of punishment doesn't always deter the first commission of law-breaking, conviction will act as a brake on flagrant disregard in the future.

In the United States House of Representatives, a measure has passed under sponsorship of the Republican-Dixie Democrat coalition, which offers the "other way" to battle discrimination.

Rather than compulsion, it would set up a five-man commission to make studies and recommendations and try to curb racial, religious and other discriminations through persuasion and conciliation. Certainly this ought to please the portion of the public which finds secret delight to discrimination, regardless of the "face" they outwardly exhibit.

But the pitiful thing of such a measure, should it ever be enacted into law, is that it proposes to do something about an admitted evil, without the force the situation requires.

It is lamentable and contrary to the high spirit of human brotherhood that a city, a state or a nation must force the majority, against its will, to do that which is right and proper. That it is necessary needs little defense, once you have witnessed some of the petty acts and thinking which spell out discrimination against any minority.

Moral suasion and polite pressure have accomplished much, as evidenced by the Human Relations award given Portland by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. But without the means of enforcing non-discrimination, this achievement is recognized as not quite enough.

RIGHT OF WAY BY LAW

One of the aggravations of highway travel, which has bothered more than one motorist, is the practice of vehicles stopping at an intersection leading to an arterial highway and then blissfully pulling into the stream of traffic, totally unmindful of onrushing cars.

According to information from the office of the secretary of State, Oregon law backs up these mopers of the highway. And the common highway courtesy, as outlined by law, applies to oncoming cars, rather than the one about to enter the arterial highway.

The rule of the road states that a vehicle which stops before entering an arterial highway must only be concerned with such other vehicles as are in the intersection or approaching closely enough to be an immediate hazard. In other words, if there is a string of cars lined up, the driver coming onto the highway must only wait until cars 4 or 500 feet away at the time of his stopping have passed. Then he has full right of way.

There are instances of smashups occurring because of this law, to say nothing of the gnashed teeth and torn hair that do not make the casualty figures list. And the sad awakening comes with recital of the law which grants to the car entering the highway full right of way.

Hang on to your hat and watch your blood pressure, next time it happens. The other guy deserves the "common courtesy," particularly when he has the right of way, by law.

READERS SAY

PASS BUCK TO COVER UP BLAME FOR EVILS

Editor:

Permit a word on what appears to be a rising tide of bombastic criticism, that is, the tendency to unburden churlish and disgruntled attitudes by taking it out on some bugbear or scapegoat.

One need only listen to the lament that this attitude engenders. The common scapegoats and bugbears are known to nearly all of us but for sake of a reminder here are a few: capitalism; Truman, who by the way is coming under some fierce scurrilous vituperation as Hoover was a few years ago; the politicians, bad lawyers, rotten congress, Jews, Catholics, Negroes, etc. The reader could easily continue this catalogue of scapegoats.

Now what is wrong about this kind of shifting and evasion? Obviously, it is the shirking of personal responsibilities. Emerson was one of America's greatest minds and said he "Don't run amuck against the world. Your true quarrel is with the state of man." "The roots of all things are in man."

Everybody ought to read his essay on Napoleon whom he considers the symbol of modernity. Napoleon was possible because he incarnated the ideals and dreams of the common people.

"Precisely what is agreeable to the heart of every man in the 19th century,—this powerful man possessed. Bonaparte was the idol of common men, because he had in transcendent degree the qualities and powers of common men. If Napoleon is Europe, it is because the people whom he sways are little Napoleons." Same could be said of Hitler, Stalin, etc.

The point of this whole thought is that the real source for our evils lies with us, the people. To pass the buck is but a cover-up for personal blame and the insurance of existing evils.

"Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? The external world is after all but a reflection or working out of our internal worlds, which are out of joint at the point of self-love."

Sincerely yours,
Paul Brinkman, Jr.,
1027 S.E. 57th Ave.,
Portland 15, Oregon.

Do You Want To Cut Your Federal Taxes?

Road To The Poorhouse

America's most popular toy this year is called the "crasher truck." It is a mechanical gadget which falls apart when it hits anything. Faced with expenses that may hit \$52 billion dollars during 1950, our government could fall apart like the crasher truck unless you, as a citizen, apply the brake.

Three years ago, Congress created a bi-partisan, twelve-man Commission to study the waste and duplication of effort in the agencies and bureaus in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. This Commission, approved by President Truman and headed by former President Hoover, has turned in a report which would cut our tax bill three to four billion dollars annually—if the recommendations are enacted into law. This means that it would save you one dollar out of every ten you pay in taxes. Whether you realize it or not, every family in the United States pays yearly, on the average, in direct and hidden taxes, more than \$1,000.00 each to support the Federal Government alone.

Congress has already authorized \$15,000,000,000 for construction of major projects, and another \$80,000,000,000 authorization is planned.

The Commission has recommended, (1) Creation of an impartial Board of Analysis for engineering and architectural projects, (2) Long-range planning of projects to meet the ebb and flow of economic cycles, and (3) Coordination of all public works. Such prudence might well save the nation from collapse.

If you think this march down the road to the poorhouse should be halted, wire your Congressman. Write to the Citizens Committee for Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Government, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania, for further information. Tell your friends and neighbors! You must act before it is too late!

RED CROSS ASKS FOR FAVORING EDITORIAL

Dear Editor:

There is a great deal of adverse comment circulating about the poor work done by the Red Cross during the war and most of this is done by a few men who had personal conflicts with the Red Cross or have heard of instances of such troubles.

The magnitude of good done by the Red Cross more than covers the few mistakes that always happen when a project as large as that of the Red Cross is being handled. We have in our Active club almost 100 per cent veterans and they all feel the Red Cross did a fine job despite the few mistakes.

I would like to have you, as editor, write an editorial concerning this belief that is being put in the minds of people who do not know the truth of the matter. For statistics on this matter please call Mrs. Manley at the Red Cross office in Hillsboro.

Thank you,
Ernie Martz, Hillsboro,
Publicity Director,
Red Cross fund campaign

EDITOR'S NOTE:

For an editorial on the subject, we respectfully refer you to the issue of February 17, wherein a word of advice was given.

We would appreciate explanation of the question of where does the Red Cross job begin...and end!

FOREIGN STUDENTS REQUEST "OPEN DOOR"

A number of foreign students, of various nationalities but speaking English, can contrive working passage here if we could offer each one a day or two of hospitality en route (perhaps once in two or three months) only one at a time, as they work their way across the U. S. from group to group of Peace-builders here.

Their equipment would be such that no laundry, even a sheet, would be required of their hosts, and they would be quite willing to sleep on the floor or even in the barn. It is the experience they want, personal contacts, wider horizons.

All over the world small groups are trying to find common ground by cooperating, their team work could encircle the world—a dynamic course of inspiration and achievement. We all need to get closer together, friendships outlast national barriers.

Recently a letter and folder to this end were sent all cooperatives and hundreds of homes. Many responded. But there are not yet nearly enough "open doors" to make a continuous chain from coast to coast.

Of particular note is the fact that no money is, or will be, asked of anyone—only an "open door." For further information write to: Peace-builders Working Committee, 1109 Sterling Ave., Berkeley 8, California.

Joe Had What?

By George N. Taylor

Portland, Oregon

THE DALLES, Ore.—Joe the track hand picked up the scrap of paper, read it through and lost it. But in it was one verse he wanted back and so he began at the first page of a Bible and read on and on until at last

he came to the verse. Years later, dying of an incurable disease, his face all aglow, Joe told us. The verse said that all Joe's sins had been settled for. The great God, in the Person of Christ his Son, had died for him. Geo. N. Taylor had come from death and the grave to indwell him with new life. There in the cabin beside the track that day, Joe's pal broke out with "Joe, you got something. You got new life. Your face tells it."

Now years later, on his death bed, his face all peaceful, Joe told us. Yes, God so loved you and me and Joe that he gave his only-born Son that if we should believe on Him we should not perish but have eternal life. See John. 3:16—Bible.

May you also possess Christ as Saviour and Lord. Then live by the Bible and prayer and grow up.

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