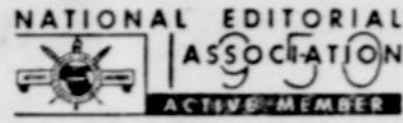


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SHADY STATE PRACTICES?

Oregon, blessed with a continuing resurgence of Democratic party activity, finds the Campaign for November election as governor developing into rather a hot tussle. Perhaps many of the charges made are but shrewd pawns in the game of politics. But contentions have been made which deserve and cry out for explanations before they resolve themselves into major governmental issues.

As to the personality of the two candidates in the running, the Democrat is held up to view as one who followed one course as a state senator and proposes an entirely different philosophy in his role of candidate for the state's highest administrative office.

His opponent, the incumbent Republican, seems to content himself with the not too spectacular record of accomplishment while serving his first term. Most recent in a line of Republican governors, he makes a not too contentious appeal and seems to say "We're doing all right—why change?"

However, among the many representations offered by the Democratic candidate the charge is levelled that the Secretary of State has entered into agreement without public bids for subsidiary state department offices throughout the state. The assumption is that this program had been consummated by collusion and illegality.

It is unquestioned that the Secretary of State has acted to meet a great need among motorists by making more readily available such sub-depots for license purchases and other purposes. Yet, if the charge is true that the public's money has been spent with favoritism and against the prevailing law, it should carry significant weight. And if it is false or only half-true, the people deserve, for their own information, a full and honest explanation of the facts.

Another campaign accusation paints the Public Utilities Commissioner as engaging in open political campaigning for the incumbent, in unashamed disregard for the law which specifically forbids this. As a key figure in state government and one of the highest-paid appointive public servants, the PUC commissioner should confine himself to the tasks laid out for him by statute without asserting his influence in fields where it is sharply restricted.

It is comfortable, with the assurances of Republican party allegiance, to totally disregard these charges. It is easy to sit back and profoundly label them "politics" and "smear tactics". But regardless of the comparable merits of the two candidates, the accusations made deserve honest and frank explanation.

The convenience of a political campaign is no excuse for the covering up of shady state practices, if such exist.

"EASY TO SAVE MONEY"

A measure which draws a lot of interest will be subject to action in the November 7 general election. Ballot numbers are 302 "Yes" and 303 "No", on a constitutional amendment lending state tax credit for higher education buildings.

Interest in this matter is a matter of percentage.

At present these buildings are financed by revenue bonds and it is proposed to re-finance them with general obligation bonds to save an estimated \$1,200,000. Present revenue bonds amount to \$7,260,000 and by having them replaced by bonds which are backed by the credit and resources of the state, the same purposes may be gained, with a sizeable chunk of money not called for.

By voting 303 "Yes", taxpayers will find it's easy to save money on the basis of interest reduction.

PEOPLE WITHOUT RIGHTS

No one condemns himself quite so much as a person who has had a slick trick put over on him.

If the people of the United States should care to wake up and acquaint themselves with the recently passed McCarran bill, which purports to curb "anti-communists", there would surely be a wave of condemnation sweeping the land.

If you remember, this measure was vetoed by President Truman, only to be overwhelmingly passed the second time, in both the House and Senate. Yes, you might even say, with such near-unanimous vote, this must be a good bill reflecting the views of a great portion of the electorate.

We are a robust and vigorous nation, by tradition. We have many divergent views and many dissident voices. We rebel against any imposition of thought control, and abrogation of the right of free speech, religion, assembly, and press.

There are many unsung heroes who have undergone shame, imprisonment and disgrace because they, with unquenchable devotion, demanded—and won—respect for free thought and speech.

Yet, upon the statutes as of the last Congressional session, we now have severe penalties hanging over anyone who dares support any objective also supported by what might be loosely classified as a Communist-front organization.

The preoccupation with the label "Communist", which distinguishes much of American thinking and, in this case, American law-making, reveals a weakness which has its most flagrant evidence in this bill which purports to cut off the insidious threat of Communism. But in a distinctly un-American way, it sets up a definition which offers a wide interpretation as to what is Communist or Communist-front.

It is possible, following the letter of the law, to indict sincere dissenters as guilty of breaking such a fantastic, irresponsible statute. It can set the dangerous precedent of outlawing anyone who challenges or questions the status quo of government philosophy.

The threat which this involves is its attack on a basic constitutional right to disagree with anyone, anywhere. Certainly such a privilege of American citizenship has strengthened our national heritage. We are the losers by any emasculation or limitation of this.

These are troubled times, with the ideals of hopes of many colliding with unyielding practices in high office and low. We are undergoing a transition, it would seem, from a nation of outspoken individualists to a cowering society of collective conformists. And we, too seldom, have the courage and the clarity of vision to recognize the shifts and the maneuverings which might well transform us into a people without the proud rights of traditional American free men.

LEAVE MAIL BOXES ALONE

There's a little bit of hellion in all of us. And it sometimes serves us well to be forewarned before we do something, unthinkingly, which might have far-reaching results.

The traditions of Hallowe'en, among youngsters, slyly wink at some of the requirements of good social behavior. There is a spirit of holiday, of special privilege, which finds expression in pranks and mischief-making.

There is one area of playfulness, however, that had better be left alone. For the special privileges of this night of witches and gremlins do not extend to any even relatively unimportant parts of the United States Post Office Department.

Damage or destruction of mail boxes sometimes occur on Hallowe'en night and this is extremely dangerous. Just how dangerous might be gleaned from reading Section 130.44(a) of Postal Laws and Regulations:

"Destruction of letter boxes or mail. Whoever wilfully or maliciously injures, tears down or destroys any letter box or other receptacle intended or used for the receipt of delivery of mail on any mail route, or breaks open the same or wilfully or maliciously injures, defaces or destroys any mail deposited therein, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned not more than 3 years."

To a great extent, the young generation is showing a much more civilized restraint than their elders. The emphasis on malicious destruction has lessened and in its place has come "trick or treat" demands and various community parties wherein masquerades and costumes compete for designated prizes. And the holiday, thus, passes with much more pleasant memories for everyone concerned.

For those effervescent spirits, however, who are destruction bent, a timely warning is "Leave the mail boxes alone".

EAGLE WILL MOVE OVER

It is an accepted privilege of anyone, high and mighty or common and insignificant to "pop off" about matters of national interest, no matter how right or wrong we might be in our declarations.

The height of the ridiculous, however, is the sweeping accusation made by the commander of the VFW to the effect that an insidious campaign has been loosed by "communists" to replace the American Flag with the emblem of the United Nations.

Basis for this reckless charge is the distribution by the U. S. Department of Agriculture of materials with which a home-made flag of the United Nations might be fashioned by extension units throughout the land for display on October 24, UN Day.

Perhaps this is yet another indication that some of the older generation is not quite hep to the advances of our times. World peace, as a goal of the United Nations, should not be too distasteful to anyone who has undergone combat experience.

If displaying a United Nations symbol will in any way emphasize the basic ideals of anti-aggression, certainly the proud eagle of the United States will gladly move over and share the limelight!

Children's Hospital School Dedicated



The new \$50,000 children's hospital school in Eugene was formally dedicated recently in impressive ceremonies conducted by the A. F. and A. M. The school, operated by the Easter Seal agency, has enrolled 55 children from 21 Oregon counties, which is the present capacity. The building includes speech, occupational and physical therapy rooms as well as special class-rooms, a kitchen and play areas. It is described as one of the finest schools of its kind in the United States. Plans are already being made for its expansion.

Demos of County Hold Pow-Wow, See Vote Victory

As guests of Forest Grove Democrats, party followers and the county central committee participated, October 15, in an old fashioned Democratic rally, held in the chamber of commerce quarters in the Forest Grove city hall. The event combined business of the county committee with presentations by party candidates who are beginning to sense victory at the polls in November.

Reports on registrations indicate a large number of new voters will be eligible to take part in the November 7 election, a substantial number of whom have declared themselves Democrats. Committee members expressed enthusiasm over the interest shown by voters on the precinct level. A large general election vote was forecast by various party workers.

Luis Martine-Lally, chairman of the Roy R. Hewitt for Congress committee, took sharp raps at the Republican incumbent Walter Norblad. He emphasized that, regardless of membership on the House Armed Services committee and a Congress-sponsored tour of the world which included an on-the-spot survey of Korea, Norblad twice voted to prevent aid to Korea and eleven times voted with Vito Marcantonio, of New York, on issues in opposition to the Administration.

Martine-Lally pointed out that while Norblad is not considered a communist, his votes have aligned him with such suspect strategy, in order to harry and obstruct the Democratic Administration.

Howard Morgan, candidate for Labor Commissioner, spoke in behalf of himself and Austin Flegel, candidate for Governor. Morgan charged that Governor Douglas McKay, in his accusations against Flegel, offered a false foundation in fact. He also declared the incumbent governor has failed to specify any comprehensive program of definite objectives, in answer to request for such a statement by the League of Women Voters.

James R. Shiek and Al Bobbitt, candidates for the Oregon House of Representatives from Washington county, urged committee members to further effort toward the goal of seeing the entire Democratic ticket elected, cited as a distinct possibility.

Sid Jarrell, candidate for county commissioner, levelled blasts at deplorable road conditions, and announced he would find other revenues than property taxes to provide funds for road improvement. He believes this is possible.

The executive committee of the Central Committee was authorized to spend such money as they see fit, for advertisements in county newspapers supporting the Democratic candidates.

Candidates invited but unable to appear, were Austin Flegel, for Governor; Roy R. Hewitt, for Congressman from the First Congressional District, and Howard Latour-ette, for United States Senate.

After the meeting, refreshments of coffee and doughnuts were served by a committee of precinct workers headed by Mrs. Ethel Rutz and Annie Johnson.

Farmers Vote PMA Elections For Committee

From October 15 to December 2, farmer-committee elections will be held in 228 farm communities in Oregon. E. Harvey Miller, Chairman of the State PMA Committee, announced today.

The committeemen elected, will help to administer 1951 Production and Marketing Administration Programs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, including the Agricultural Conservation Program, price support, acreage allotments, marketing quotas, the sugar program, and Federal Crop Insurance.

In each community farmers participating in any of the indicated programs will elect three regular and two alternate committeemen and elect delegates to the county convention who will elect the county committee for 1951.

Miller said that although community committeemen officially serve only a few days each year, they are available throughout the year to assist in PMA program operations. They represent local farmers in presenting recommended changes in the Agricultural Conservation Program and they are the connecting link in bringing to their farmer neighbors information which will help them in their participation in all the activities for which PMA is responsible. In the opinion of the chairman,

the elected farmer-committee method of administering farm programs is one of the most democratic and most effective steps in agricultural program development and operation. "It recognizes and uses the basic principle of democracy—allowing people concerned to run their own show."

He urges all farmers who are eligible to keep the date in mind and to get out and vote when elections are held in their com-

munities. "Only by the participation of farmers, are these elections really democratic. The more farmers who come out to vote, the more representative will be the committeemen who are elected and the more effective they will be in carrying out their responsibilities."

Miller defines an eligible voter as any owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper on a farm which is in any program administered by the county PMA committee.



Re-elect Senator WAYNE MORSE

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Comm. H. J. Cox, Ch. E. C. Sampson,
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

You Can't Build A Better Mousetrap!

"They're not the best-looking boarders a man ever had," Hack Turner said one day, "and they've got awful tempers. But I've found it pays to have 'em around."

Hack was talking about a family of barn owls, nesting in his silo this year. Some folks believe those little white-faced screechers kill chickens—and ought to be shot on sight. But Hack disagrees.

"Up at State University they've studied barn owls for years—and never known one to eat a chicken. On the other hand, a daddy owl will clean up around 300 mice a month. Farmers that kill barn owls are throwing away the best mousetraps known to man!"

From where I sit, when someone shows a prejudice against any group of animals or humans—it's usually just based on misunderstanding. For instance, some folks are plumb intolerant about those of us who enjoy an occasional quiet glass of beer. Get to really know us and you're liable to find we're pretty good birds at that!

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