

Gard's Recount Petition Seen Cause of Change in Methods Of Choosing GOP Committeeman

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Salem — (U.P.) — The furor caused when Jess Gard, Republican national committeeman from Oregon, requested a recount in the Neuberger-Cordon senatorial race brought talk among legislators and others actively interested in politics today about making the office of national committeeman chosen by the state central committee rather than elected at the primary.

Interim committees brought several legislators—most of them Republicans—to the capitol here Friday, the day Gard petitioned the elections subcommittee of the Senate Rules Committee in Washington, D. C., for a recount of the vote that sent Democrat Richard L. Neuberger to the Senate and ousted Sen. Guy Cordon, Republican.

And they were virtually as one in expressing exasperation with Gard for making the move, which they said put the Republican party in Oregon in a bad light.

Gard-Boehnke Differ

Gove. Paul L. Patterson, Republican, said the request put by Gard in the national capital, which apparently caught Republicans here at home off guard, said the request "doesn't come from Oregon and doesn't come from the Republican party."

Those here at the capitol were quick to note that Gard has been

at cross purposes with Ed G. Boehnke, chairman of the State Republican Central committee. On the other side of the fence, Monroe Sweetland, Democratic

Man Still Finds Tree Climbing Fun

Schenectady, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Joe Mack liked to climb trees better than anything else when he was a boy.

Today, many years and trees later, he still does. As head of the City Forest Department, he also has plenty of trees to climb.

Mack has charge of cutting down diseased trees, raising trees in two city nurseries and spraying to control insects.

Since 1937 he's been injured twice. But he believes that "if a fellow really knows what he's doing, he stands little chance of getting injured."

Insurance companies disagree. Rates for tree-climbers are the same as for steeplejacks.

The biggest part of Mack's job is destroying diseased trees. But he'd rather raise them.

In one nursery, he has 40 to 50 varieties of trees for later planting in city parks. In another, he has 1,300 trees.

A pound of cotton can be spun into about 70 yards of fabric or can be made into about 200 miles of yarn.

national committee from Oregon, on occasion has been at cross purposes with Howard Morgan, chairman of the State Democratic Central committee.

And this prompted talk over the week end of changing the Oregon system to selection of the national committeeman of each party by the state central committee of that party, as is done in other states. One legislator here, who said he did not wish to be named at this time, said he was considering that the matter of making the change be referred to the voters.

Post Important

Those talking of this change say that in this way, the national committeeman of each party would be more apt to work harmoniously with the state committee and keep more closely in touch with its chairman before making a statement or request that could affect the policy of the party in the state.

One Republican observer here, who was among those discussing the change and who said he believed he would favor it, pointed to the other side of the picture.

He said grouping all the party jobs in one basket might tend to make for formation of a political machine. He balanced this off by saying that in other states with which he was familiar, no such machine had developed, and so far as he knows, Oregon is the only state in which the parties choose their national committeeman at the polls instead of by the party committee.

And he made this added point. The political facts of life are that comparatively few voters attach much significance to election of the national committeeman at a time when they are concerned with nomination for president of the United States and other high offices, and many vote for Mr. A, B, or C because their names come first on the ballot. Yet for the party itself, the choice of national committeemen is of prime importance.



SCORING for prosecution, Mary Cowan, laboratory technician, tells of identifying blood spots in house where Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard was slain, during trial of Dr. Sam Sheppard at Cleveland, O. (International)

Sen. Kefauver Coy In Candidacy Talk; Likes Toy Trains

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Washington — (U.P.) — I said to the Senator, why don't we talk politics and about who's going to be in the White House if Ike doesn't run.

Estes Kefauver, whose name has been mentioned as a possible candidate on the Democratic ticket, was, as always, coy.

He forked his salad, looked over his eye-glasses and said:

"Let's talk about electric trains and how to fix 'em."

It was a lunch break and the Senate was fixing to adjourn until the 84th comes along.

Talks Toy Trains

"David," said the Senator, "I'm afraid I'll never grow up to be an engineer. He's too careless with his trains. And here I am about to have some free time, and what do I face? A repair job on diesels, cabooses, switches, rails and to Pullman porters which are supposed to jump in and out of the cars, lugging luggage. They don't lug any luggage because some connection is busted. And who has to fix things around my house? Me!"

The gentleman from Tennessee said that some unthinking reporter once wrote a little piece for the papers suggesting that Kefauver was one-third senator, one-third lawyer and one-third mechanic.

"Linda, my 13-year-old read that to her two sisters, Diane and Gail, and David, who is eight," the Senator said, "and now I not only have to fix electric trains, but mechanical dolls and other things as well. It can wear on a man who has his head set on a bit of 'coon shooting.'"

So that's what the Senator will be doing with his free holiday time. Fixin' and some more fixin'. Not only trains and busted doll houses, but the repairing of bike tires, plumbing around his house here, and taping up some of the wiring around the place.

"I could write a companion piece to that hit song called 'This Old House,'" Sen. Kefauver said.

And when the Senator gets finished with repair jobs for the kids and his lovely wife, Nancy, he like as not will get some calls for help from some of his neighbors.

Charlie A. Halleck, a Republican from Indiana, may well have a leaky faucet. Or perhaps Lister Hill, the Senior Senator from Alabama, will come up with faulty wiring. Or another neighbor, Sen. John J. Sparkman, of Alabama, the Democratic candidate for Vice-President in the last election, might need some advice on how to write up an electric train.

To P.T.A.

And after he has his pinkies worn to the nub, he'll have to take paint and grease off his hands, dress up and go with Nancy to a Parent-Teachers meeting.

The Senator doesn't mind. He has an interest in his children and is popular as an ordinary stand-upper at the P.T.A. sessions.

"All I do is raise my hand at these small gatherings," the Senator said. "Then I get up and say my little piece. Sometimes I make my point. A few times I have been shouted down. Like the time — well, never mind."

It's worth a half hour of your time to walk down the halls of the capitol with Sen. Kefauver. He shakes every hand that is extended. Asks about the kids. Just like he was in the middle of a campaign — which he isn't. Yet.

Young Beagle Named For Bridge Expert

Louisville, Ky. — (U.P.) — Firemen here have given the name Ely Culbertson to a young beagle they rescued recently — because he's a bridge hound.

The firemen found the dog perched on a narrow bridge pier on the Clark Memorial Bridge over the Ohio River. A 40-foot extension ladder had to be used to rescue the stranded dog.

The beagle apparently was washed through a large storm sewer drain near the bridge during a down-pour.

Racial Problem Threatens To Boil Into Violence in South Africa

Editor's Note: South Africa has a racial problem of such magnitude that one of these days it may boil over into violence that will encompass the entire "Dark Continent." Here is a picture of conditions there.

Johannesburg, South Africa — (U.P.) — The word is "apartheid." It means "apartness" or segregation of races.

In the United States there are 10 Whites for every Negro. In the Union of South Africa there are four non-White for every White. The Whites are the descendants of the Dutch and English settlers. This most advanced and Western of the African nations has a new premier. His name is Johannes Gerhardus Strydom. He succeeds the veteran Dr. Daniel F. Malan. Malan believes firmly in apartheid. Strydom is far more extreme.

Many Degrees

Unlike the United States where segregation is understood as affecting Negro and White, South Africa has a degree of definition.

Whites are generally known as Europeans.

Natives (Negroes) are referred to as non-Europeans. They also are called Bantu. They themselves like to be known as Africans. A term resolutely opposed by the Dutch-descended Afrikaners.

Colored are not Negroes but half-castes.

Indians and Chinese are grouped under the terms Asiatics.

In this country today, natives and colored work as domestic servants in homes of Whites, as farm, factory and mine laborers.

They cannot except in the Capetown area where liberal tradition is stronger, ride on European transport. Instead they have their own buses and street-cars distinguished by colored bands.

Trains have separate com-

partments for Europeans and non-Europeans. White hotels do not admit natives, colored or Asiatics.

Natives cannot buy liquor except for Kaffir beer but colored, Indians and Chinese may.

There are separate benches for Whites and non-Whites in public parks, railway stations and bus stops. Separate entrances have been built for race groups at all main railway stations.

At coastal resorts the best beaches are reserved for Europeans. There is no mixing of races in public schools. They are entirely separate for White, colored, native and Asiatic.

There is a university for natives only at Fort Hare. In virtually the only common ground for races in South Africa, a small number of each race group is accepted at leading White universities.

By law, natives and Asiatics are forbidden to vote. Colored may vote only in the Cape.

Should a non-European become a doctor or lawyer, his practice is limited to non-Europeans. Recently an Indian doctor was refused permission to admit

his patients to Pretoria General hospital because it would be difficult for European nurses to take his instructions.

Non-Whites cannot become members of Parliament. Natives and colored are represented by Whites.

GUNMAN GETS \$11,000
Paramount, Calif. — (U.P.) — A gunman held up a market early Saturday and escaped with \$11,000 in cash and checks after locking the owner's wife in an icebox, police reported.

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