

# Evidence Continues That Voters Should Seek Presidential Health Certificates

Washington—(U.P.)—Evidence continues to accumulate that the voters should demand a certificate of reasonably good health of their presidents and from those who aspire to that office. A question which still fascinates this political center is: Who would be president of the United States today if the Republicans in 1952 had nominated and elected Robert A. Taft?

Taft died six months after President Eisenhower was inaugurated. Franklin D. Roosevelt served less than three months of his fourth term, and just missed leaving the White House to Henry A. Wallace.

## Johnson's Illness Eyed

The question of the health of those individuals with a real chance of obtaining a major party presidential nomination has been raised again by the heart condition which has bedded Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson. Johnson is 46 years old. He was stricken just as what had seemed to be a hopeless gleam in the eyes of his friends had developed into a substantial presidential boom.

If Johnson had missed or avoided next year's Democratic nomination, when his Republican opponent likely would be Mr. Eisenhower, he still would be young enough to have his eye on 1960. He may yet achieve it. But the voters will have to be told now, before they go for Johnson, that he could carry the White House load.

## Would Persuade Few

Johnson's friends would not persuade many, nor would the profoundly optimistic findings of a physician have much weight with the citizens. They had all of that in 1944.

There is no evidence nor, apparently suspicion that Taft knew when he sought the 1952 Republican nomination that he was a doomed man. It is not likely that FDR honestly could measure his own weakness when he offered himself for a fourth term in 1944.

But some men around Mr. Roosevelt knew how his health

was and what they were about. They've written books to prove it. Mr. Roosevelt was failing, mentally and physically in 1944. Edward J. Flynn, Democratic leader of New York state, is authority for that statement. You will find it on page 181 of Flynn's book "You're the Boss," published in 1947.

Flynn had been FDR's Democratic National Committee chairman and must be counted among his close and loyal friends. Some books and years later the story was about complete. Mr. Roosevelt was in no condition during the latter months of his third term to aspire to a fourth.

## 'Ugly' Rumors Denied

There were rumors scorned as

"ugly" during the 1944 campaign about Mr. Roosevelt's health. Democrats beat them down. The White House denied them. But, that Mr. Roosevelt was a dying man when he set out for a fourth term and that some of his associates knew it, is set out firmly in "The Man From Independence," a biography of former President Truman by Jonathan Daniels. The shockingly bald revelations of Daniels' book are supported by earlier reports on FDR.

FDR's personal secretary, Grace Tully, wrote in her book of being "seriously alarmed" by the President's condition.

Robert Sherwood, a worshipful biographer of "Roosevelt

and Harry Hopkins" relates that "I was shocked by his appearance" when he saw FDR in the last campaign year. After election and the Yalta conference, Admiral Ernest J. King, then chief of naval operations, noted "serious deterioration" in FDR.

Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull found the president vague and likely to lose the thread of conversation. All of this adds up to substantial proof that the voters were ignorant of the true state of Mr. Roosevelt's health when they returned him to a triumphant fourth term in 1944. And that some of the promoters of his candidacy were fully aware of his condition.



**REUNITED**—A tender kiss is placed on badly burned lips of Navy Ordnanceman Martin E. Berg, Alameda, Cal., by Mrs. Berg as he arrived at Alameda Naval Air Station from Alaska with six other crewmen of the Navy Neptune plane which was shot down by Russian MIGs over Bering Sea.

## Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—(U.P.)—A pretty blonde singer came up today with an inspiration to improve

American TV commercials—she wants to hire an English nobleman to deliver the pitch. Vicki Benet seriously announced she will audition English lords and sirs for her new filmed musical TV show when she visits London on a singing tour next week.

"I can't stand some of the pressure methods used by American announcers on commercials," she said. "The so-called 'hard sell' actually is an anti-sell that defeats its purpose. Blue Bloods Only

"I want a true lord, a personable man who speaks well. He must come from a good family, be listed in Burke's Peerage and appear cultured. He'll act as master-of-ceremonies and do the commercials for my new show."

Vicki revealed this plan to give tone to American TV as she packed her bags in her luxurious apartment. The producer of her program, Jack Elliot of Benell Productions, paced after her to confirm he wanted the English nobleman to "give prestige to her show." He admits he was impressed by the bearded Englishman who poses for gin-and-tonic ads in the American press.

"It's a different type of program, created for the discriminating, and we think he will add dignity," he said. Worth \$1,000 Week

"The average American is impressed with a British accent and title and the savoir faire that goes with it. We're not going to make a fool of this chap," he added. "We also produce filmed commercials for various companies and if he will do those he can earn \$1,000 a week."

Paris-born Vicki, who began her career only two years ago here in nightclubs, will conduct the auditions for her titled announcer during her engagement at the Savoy hotel in London.

"I'm told some nobility have opened their homes to tourists and one duchess is running a tea shop on her terrace, so I don't think it will be hard to find someone interested in TV," the shapely singer said.

How an English nobleman might do as an American TV pitchman was demonstrated last week on Steve Allen's "Tonight" show on NBC-TV. Peter Lawford played the role in striped trousers and tails for a skit. He softly called the audience "dear friends" and apologized for the intrusion. He apologized also for the sponsor. He wound up, in fact, suggesting that perhaps the product wasn't so good after all.

## General Motors Plans To Triple Shares of Stock

New York—(U.P.)—General Motors Corp. made plans today to triple its shares of common stock in a move which reflected new growth and expansion of the nation's largest manufacturing concern.

Plans for the three-for-one stock split were announced Tuesday night shortly after the close of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock soared to a new high of \$114 a share before the announcement Tuesday, and rose as high as \$121 a share on West Coast exchanges after the announcement.

## Holdings Get Three Shares

The split would boost the number of common shares in the automobile manufacturing concern to 50,000,000, the largest number of shares authorized by any American Company. The firm retains some 60,000,000 of the shares authorized. The remaining 90,000,000 shares are owned by some 500,000 stockholders.

Under the split plan each of these stockholders would receive three shares for each one held as of Aug. 8. Stockholders will vote on the split at a special meeting Sept. 23, in Wilmington, Del. The split shares would be issued about Oct. 10.

The stock split plan comes in a year of high production and financial activity for GM.

## New Capital Raised

The company sold 4,380,430 shares of stock last February to raise \$325,000,000 in new capital for expansion. It was the largest financing ever undertaken by an American industrial firm.

Another expansion and modernization program costing \$500,000,000 was announced several weeks ago.

Harlow H. Curtice, General Motors president, announced earlier this year he expected 1955 to be the biggest sales and production year in the firm's history.

## DELEGATIONS EXCHANGED

Berlin—(U.P.)—Poland and East Germany exchanged government delegations to mark the fifth anniversary today of the Communist ceding of the Oder-Nisse territory to Poland, the East German Radio reported. The Western Allies and West Germany do not recognize the treaty by which the territory was given to Poland.

## SINGAPORE STRIKE ENDS

Singapore—(U.P.)—Agreement was reached Tuesday on three outstanding points blocking settlement of the 66-day-old dock strike. Agreement came in the final meeting between the Singapore Harbor Board and representatives of 1,300 monthly-rated workers. Details of the settlement were not released.

## Reconsideration Asked in Fong Trial

Portland—(U.P.)—Multnomah County District Attorney William Langley yesterday filed a motion with Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson, asking him to reconsider his order of a new trial of Wey Him and Sherry Fong.

A Circuit Court jury had convicted the Fongs of the first degree murder of 16-year-old Diane Hank.

Langley's office asked Judge Dobson to clarify two points:

1. Did the court determine that there was insufficient evidence of defendants' guilt of homicide in any degree, thus requiring dismissal of the action against the defendants?

2. Or did the court determine that there was insufficient evidence of expressed malice and premeditation so as to preclude a verdict of murder in the second degree or of manslaughter and for that reason ordered a new trial?

Judge Dobson ordered a new trial last week.

He ordered hearing on the request for reconsideration postponed.

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## Soviets Lift Tass Reporter in Capital

Washington—(U.P.)—Removal of congressional reporter Jean Montgomery from its payrolls today left the Soviet news agency Tass without an accredited American correspondent in Washington.

Miss Montgomery had covered Congress for Tass for 10 years.

First news of the action came when Georgi N. Bolshakov, chief of Tass' Washington bureau, wrote a letter to the standing committee of correspondents, governing body of the congressional press galleries. The letter asked that Miss Montgomery be dropped from the list of correspondents. It said her credentials were being returned.

## Ex-Navy Man Starts To College at 51

Des Moines—(U.P.)—Eugene T. Seaward, 51, who retired from the Navy last July 1 as a "tombstone rear admiral," now is working for a law degree at Drake university.

Seaward spent 30 years in the Navy, most of the time at sea, and commanded the destroyer Farenholt in support of the aircraft carrier Wasp in the invasion of Guadalcanal in World War II.

"I like the study of law, and I wanted to get my law degree, so after I retired I started in here at Drake last September," he said.

Seaward calls himself a "tombstone rear admiral" because "that's what they call those promoted in retirement."

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

## Briton Warns Against Relaxation at Geneva

Strasbourg, France—(U.P.)—British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan warned today against any "premature relaxation" by the West during the Big Four talks in Geneva.

MacMillan said in a major policy address to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe that the Western powers should not fear any new ideas as long as the broad purposes of the Western Alliance are maintained.

"But," he warned, "what we must guard against is premature relaxation. This is vital."

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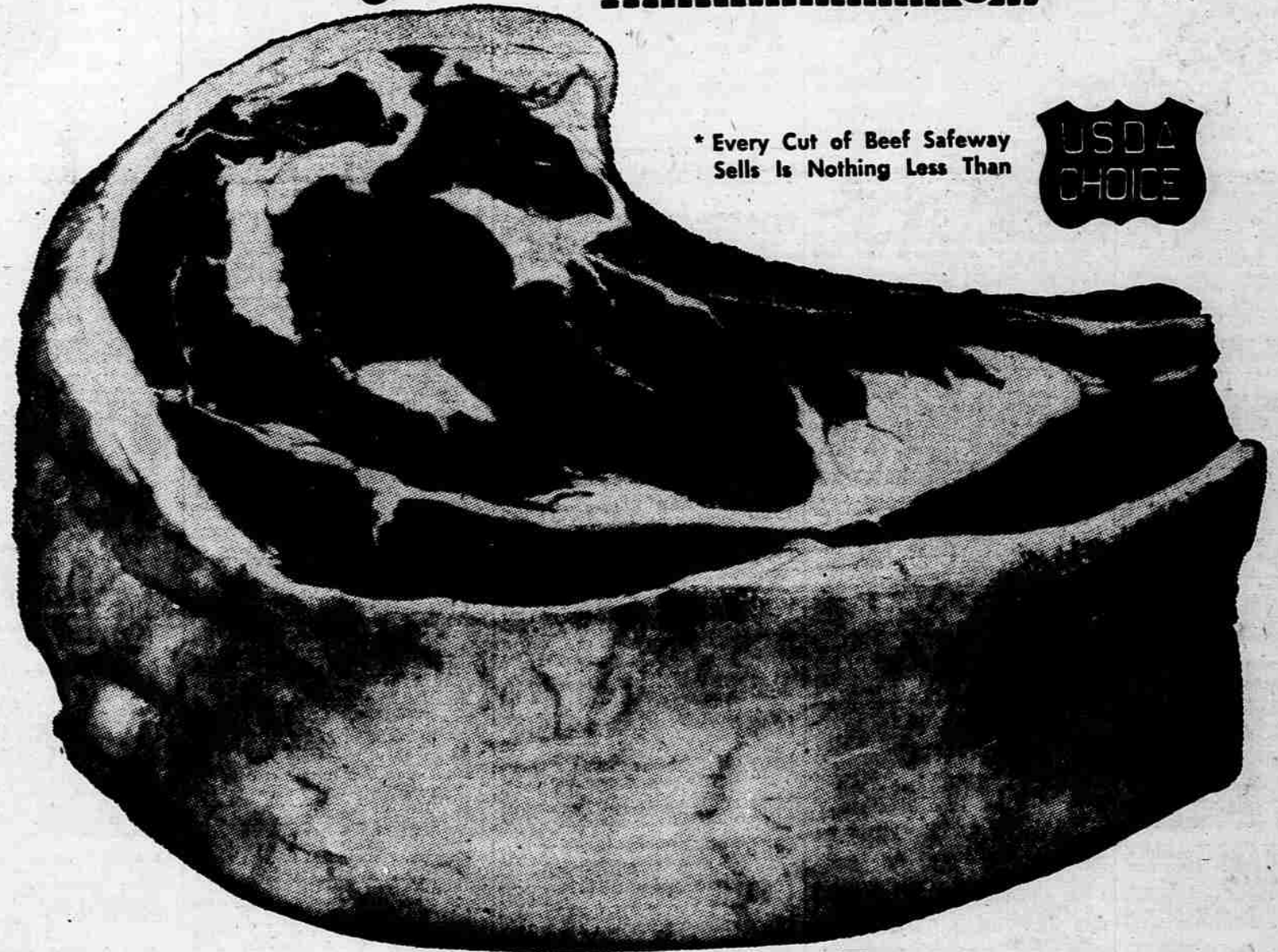
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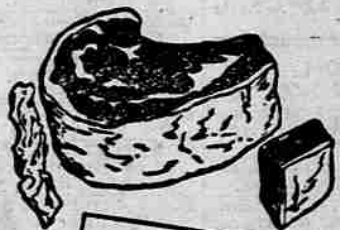
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