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The Perfect Candidate

According to our veteran correspondents the Alsop Brothers—who are very popular and sometimes right—the poor old Democratic donkey is in terrible shape.

Stewart Alsop who has stayed at home while his brother has gone abroad is particularly pessimistic. He has heretofore held Adlai Stevenson in high regard, even termed him the candidate best qualified for the Presidency and one of the few who DID talk sense.

IN FACT Stewart is forced to conclude that Mr. Stevenson is far less popular with the voters while President Eisenhower is more popular, than was the case four years ago. As to Estes Kefauver he is too much of a lightweight to get anywhere and could never unite his party, so could do little against the GOP type of opposition.

As to Senator Symington of Missouri, now often mentioned as the leading "dark-horse," Brother Stewart doesn't even mention him, so, if as is implied Harriman is out because so little known, the Missouri Senator must be staggering along far, far in the rear, for he isn't known at all.

WELL, before allowing the Republicans to win by default, we would suggest the Alsop Brothers snap out of their chronic pessimism for a moment and at least consider the Mail Tribune's new candidate.

We have maintained ever since the campaign started that a "dark horse" would in all likelihood get the coveted brass-ring at the Chicago Merry-Go-Round in August, and after very serious consideration and much research we have found a prospect who is even a darker hue than William Stewart Symington. To come to the point—

HIS name is "Rocky Marciano." Rocky has just retired from his profession with, it is claimed, over a million dollars in the bank, and is looking for a job, less hazardous and demanding and more acceptable to his family than his chosen one.

At first glance one might find little to say in Rocky's favor for the presidency, but after reading US News and World Report for several months we have become convinced that the important point about a proper presidential candidate is not what can be said in his FAVOR, but what CAN'T be said against him.

NO. 1: NOT even Vice President Nixon can accuse "Rocky" of being a communist. In fact even the "leftist smear" couldn't be made to stick. For while our candidate has a left, he depends almost entirely on his "right," and has earned over a million dollars thereby. So being soft on communism and of leftist tendency is out.

NOR could the opposition call him an "intellectual"—that title apparently so fatal to the aspirations of any candidate for the White House these "anti-intelligence" days. They say Rocky hasn't read a book in 20 years.

As for "egg head" if any of the GOP hecklers would hurl that opprobrious barnyard epithet at "Rocky" he would undoubtedly wade out into the audience and squash his traducer's occipital dome like an egg shell. That would end that sort of GOP attack.

The accusation of "isolationist" would not get very far, either. For our latest presidential "find" is not only champion of the USA and ENGLAND but a champion of the whole WORLD. Moreover, unlike Estes Kefauver, he is not a "lightweight" but heavyweight—VERY heavy. (According to one Sporting magazine Rocky now tips the beam at 250, and eats two porterhouse steaks for breakfast). So that charge is cleaned off the slate—as a possible weapon in the campaign.

"ROCKY" doesn't care much for fishing or golf as yet, but once in the White House with its basement swimming pool, and putting greens at the door, he would soon get in shape in that important field no doubt and might even set a new course record at Chevy Chase before his eight years were up.

There we reach another important point in his favor—the man's health and stamina. The president's job is a taxing one, as we are often told, and physical condition promises to be an issue before the campaign ends. Who could make a more impressive showing than our ex-heavyweight champion for the post of chief executive of this great land?

IN ANOTHER vital direction our selection excels namely: hand shaking and baby kissing.

Rocky LIKES to shake hands, not only at the start of the 15th round, but as he enters or departs from the arena. In other words he is excellently conditioned in this respect and while a few of the populace after the News Years reception might have a few fingers requiring first aid, they wouldn't complain—it would be something to remember and tell their grandchildren as they exhibited the digital scars in later life.

As for babies—Rocky dotes on them. He has one, and there are prospects of several more. In HIS swing-around-the-circle we are sure the young mothers wouldn't be disappointed even if some of the babies around the "5 o'clock shadow" time, might be howling bloody murder.

THEN what are we waiting for, Messrs. Alsop? Stop bemoaning the many things that can be said against the Democratic candidates thus far mentioned and pick out the one against whom NOTHING can be said.—R.W.R.

Tito of Yugoslavia Becoming More Popular With All Sides

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

President Tito of Yugoslavia is getting to be an increasingly popular man.

Soviet Russia and its satellites, the Western Allies, and the Asian-African "neutrals" are all seeking his favor.

Tito is in Paris today, on a state visit. He is to go to Moscow next month to return the visit which Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev paid him last May.

It might be good bet that Tito will pay a visit to the United States before Mr. B. and Mr. K. do. That is something for the future.

Tito seems to be quite satisfied with his present situation.

Apparently he has made up his mind to refuse alignment with any of the big blocs.

But it would not be surprising if Tito made another bid soon to form a bloc of his own. This would include Bulgaria to start with, and might be extended to Romania and other Iron Curtain countries.

There are suggestions that Tito may raise this question when he visits Moscow. It seems hardly likely that the Kremlin would be receptive. Its big job at present is to keep its satellites under tight control after the debunking of Josef Stalin and the friendlier Tito gets with any of Russia's satellites, the harder the control job will be.

Back in the years just after World War II there was much talk of what was variously called a South Slav Federation, a Balkan bloc and a Danubian entente.

Tito and the late Georgi Dimitrov, then premier of Bulgaria, were the active promoters of this movement.

Stalin got suspicious and instructed Dimitrov to have no part of it. A few months later, when Tito rebelled against Kremlin domination, he was drummed out of the Communist bloc.

Stalin, and a lot of people in other countries, expected that to finish Tito. Instead, his successful defiance of Stalin strengthened him.

Europe's Leading Red At the moment, it might be argued that Tito is Europe's leading Communist in point of prestige. He has made a lot of friends and no enemies. The visits he has paid to other countries have gone well.

Especially, Tito's visit to Great Britain three years ago was in startling contrast to the recent visit by Mr. B. and Mr. K. Tito's visit was something of a sensation at the time. He was the first big Communist leader to visit Britain.

He materially strengthened his position. Bulganin and Khrushchev will hardly look back on their visit with any self-satisfaction. Whatever the diplomatic results of their visit may turn out to be, it was a personal failure for them.

Just what may develop when Tito goes to Moscow remains to be seen. But Mr. B. and Mr. K. are unlikely to get better than an even break.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

THE SERPENT'S TOOTH Bahrein, Persian Gulf — According to the guide book, this unbanked, sandy little island with its coastal fringe of date palms is "an independent Arab state ruled by his Highness Sheikh Sir Salman bin Hamad al-Khalifa."

As will be seen, the guide book stretched a point in this, its opening sentence. On the other hand, the guidebook's next assertion cannot be challenged. Until the ingenious Mr. Mikimoto put oysters to work in an orderly manner, pearls made the prosperity of Bahrein for something close to 3,000 years.

But now, the island is "better known for its oil field and refinery." For the intelligent sightseer, indeed the most interesting historical monuments in Bahrein are two spy, shrewd and generous hearted Americans who live here in the midst of a vast garden full of magnificent white rose and crimson oleanders. Ed and Irene Skinner were not always bore dwellers. They had inhabited a little hut in the island's blazing desert interior for nearly a year, when they triumphantly brought in Bahrein's first oil well back in 1932.

These grave disorders were the outcome of the agitation of the "Committee of National Unity." The committee is largely composed of bazaar merchants in a small way of business. It is intimately linked with a strongly supported by the Egyptian government of Gamal Abdel Nasser. It is anti-British and determined to wrest power for the people from his Highness the Sheikh and his British advisor.

THE whole power of the committee is based on political consciousness created in Bahrein by the schools the Sheikh and his British advisor have built. Thus, when you talk with these two kindly, well-intentioned men you find yourself constantly remembering the line from "Leah," "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child."

Yet the irony of the situation in Bahrein goes even deeper than this. Sir Charles Belgrave, who is not a British government official, is only the immediate object of attack. The real, eventual aim of the Bahrein nationalists is to drive out Britain from the special position it has occupied here for more than a century. But the British government's representatives here are hard at work trying to obtain concessions to the new Bahrein democracy from the Sheikh. Their greatest problem is the ruling family's desire to deal with the nationalist agitators with a strong, harsh hand.

Altogether, the situation in Bahrein would make good material for the most sardonic sort of political comedy, if the humor were not rather ruined by the fact that the oil which bulks so large in the drama just happens to be the lifeblood of the free world.

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McKay, Hitchcock On Same Platform

Portland—(U.P.)—Douglas McKay and Phil Hitchcock appeared at the same meeting last night at the first of a series of Republican area meetings for candidates.

Both seek the nomination for U.S. senator to oppose Wayne Morse this November.

McKay said the issues between himself and Morse were clear-cut. He said he stood on the record of the administration and because of his experience as a cabinet member he felt he was in good position to meet Morse's challenge.

Hitchcock said he felt because of his liberal record he had a better chance to unseat Morse "as it will take liberal along with Republican votes to defeat him."

Each promised to support his opponent if the latter wins in the primary.

Congressional Quiz

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Q—True or false: Former President Harry S. Truman holds the record for the most vetoes over-ridden by Congress.

A—False. President Andrew Johnson, who had 15 vetoes over-ridden by Congress, holds the record. President Truman had 12 of his vetoes over-ridden, the second highest number of any President.

Q—How many days has the President to make up his mind whether to approve a bill? (a) 7; (b) 10; (c) 14.

A—(b) 10. The Constitution provides that the President shall have 10 days, excluding Sundays, to consider the bill "after it shall have been presented to him." Some time elapses after final passage before an approved copy is in the President's hands.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Public Transportation

To the Editor: The discussion about which I read in the newspaper regarding a public parking area is excellent, as our traffic problem is becoming more complex by the day. However, I feel that the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council should not stand idly by and watch our public transportation system break down.

As the service of the local bus company decreases, an extra burden is put on the traffic system, as more people use their own cars for trips into town and others are forced to buy outside of the shopping district and are even going to outside communities. It would be much cheaper and possibly better to either subsidize or operate a local transportation system than to invest a huge amount in parking areas that may not be used to the fullest extent.

The parking meters produce about \$75,000 annually and this money is largely spent in hiring and equipping police to check parking meters.

My idea is not a new one and has been found to have some merit.

J. C. Collins, 104 West Main st., Medford, Ore.

The Freeway Route

To the Editor: Should we not have the Highway Commission show us in detail what is wrong with this route?

Leave Gold Hill area and follow the present road, through relatively inexpensive territory to the top of the hill north of Jacksonville. Here a logical cut for the freeway would let the Pioneer road overpass. From here the freeway would diagonal across to where Kings highway runs into Pioneer rd. Here another small cut would let Kings highway overpass the freeway giving an access road for Medford traffic destined for the south. From here the freeway would diagonal to the northwest corner of Phoenix where it would follow the west side of the railroad right of way through relatively inexpensive land to Wagner creek at Talent. Here it is 34 feet from the rails to the water level, giving ample room for a natural underpass. From here to a point just north of Jackson Hot Springs the freeway would follow the railroad on the east side. At this point there is a natural formation for the freeway to overpass "99" and Bear creek at the same time. The road would then continue around Ashland and back into "99" as planned.

This would be the shortest route by miles, the best grade, easiest to maintain, would get far better federal backing.

Some skillful advertising will stop more money spending tourists at a peaceful town than any freeway will spill into an already overcrowded, congested place.

More of the valley people will get there instead of being crowded to the outlying districts and the Big Y's.

Please, oh, please, don't tear up and half ruin the beautiful town of Medford with a freeway. L. M. Bates Box 185 Talent, Ore.

Editorial Comment

TO SAVE ROGUE'S FISH RUNS

The Rogue river is a world-famous fishing stream. As such it is a prime tourist attraction.

However, the summer steelhead and spring Chinook salmon runs of the Rogue are being destroyed because the turbine intake at Savage Rapids dam near Grants Pass is not screened. The steelhead decline is estimated at 80 per cent and the salmon loss at 62 per cent since 1942.

A 1947 survey by the Oregon state game commission revealed the death of 124,500 young salmon and steelhead that year. No estimate was possible of the number fatally injured in passing downstream through the turbines. If subsequent losses are less, it is only because fewer fish are there to be destroyed.

The dam was built in 1921 by the Grants Pass Irrigation district. It was rebuilt with reimbursable federal funds in 1953-54.

Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) of the fourth congressional district has asked the house subcommittee on public works of the appropriations committee to include an item of \$208,000 for the installation of screens.

The U.S. fish and wildlife service has called this the most important project in the Northwest.

We are told it would take several fish hatcheries to replace the fish now being lost by the absence of the screens—and at many times the cost.

The sum sought seems trifling in comparison with the value of the resource. It is to be hoped the house subcommittee members can be made to see this project as one of more than statewide significance. The Rogue and its fish runs are a resource which belongs to the nation.

—Oregon Journal, Portland.

Morgan Complains on Pamphlet Distribution

Portland—(U.P.)—Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman, complained today that Republicans were getting voters pamphlets quicker than Democrats.

He said he had received complaints from Democrats in "virtually every county in the state." Morgan sent a letter of complaint to Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

Newbry said the pamphlets were being sent out "as fast as we can" and said "there is no discrimination." Newbry added "I haven't received mine yet and I am a registered Republican."

He said many changes in voter registration and precinct shifting had slowed up mailing.

Gov. Smith Inaugurates Daily News Conferences

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Elmo Smith has inaugurated daily news conferences at 9:15 a.m. every day he is in Salem.

The short conferences are being held at the request of reporters. Previously, reporters had dropped in on the governor informally, but Gov. Smith said he thought the conference system would save time.

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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO May 8, 1948 (It was Wednesday) The Bear Creek Orchard, David and Harry Holmes owners, has started construction of a three-story concrete building adjoining their present plant, to be used entirely in the handling of their peach crop.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: This burg is rapidly filling up with easterners who drive to the coast and, then report they have been to the "shore."

20 YEARS AGO May 8, 1936 (It was Friday) Double counting boards will function in 44 of the 70 voting precincts of Jackson county, on primary election day, Friday, May 15.

A class of six new Elks last night rode the goat into the portals of the Medford lodge, with the usual impressive initiation ceremonies.

30 YEARS AGO May 8, 1926 (It was Saturday) Following the frost point, 32 degrees, orchardists in endangered sections smudged lightly last night.

From Local and Personal column: The regular weekly drill of the fire department was held this forenoon at the fire station with the Stutz pumper in use.

40 YEARS AGO May 8, 1916 (It was Monday) The Woodrow Wilson league of Medford will hold a Woodrow Wilson meeting at the Natatorium at 8 p.m. tonight.

From Local and Personal column: J. C. Pelt, of Meadows, who recently made a considerable gold ledge discovery in that vicinity, is in Medford today on business in connection with the opening of the prospect.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. In this Congress the Republicans control both the Senate and the House, the Senate but not the House, the House but not the Senate, or neither? 2. As the price of wheat fell over the last several years the retail price of bread also fell, or went up, or stayed about the same? 3. The non-White ratio of the population is increasing more rapidly than the White ratio in Boston, New York, Detroit and Chicago; right or wrong? 4. Close relatives of U.S. residents do or don't get preference in being admitted as immigrants? 5. Claret is a red wine from southwestern France, north central France, Rhine valley of Germany, northern Italy or southern Spain? 6. So far this year many more or a few more Chevrolets have been made than Fords, or about the same number of each, or a few more or many more Fords? 7. Which of our recent Presidents had a wife named Grace? The answers: 1. Neither. 2. Went up. 3. Right. 4. Do. 5. Southwestern France. 6. Many more Chevrolets than Fords. 7. Coolidge.

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