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The G. O. P. "Pitch" for Labor

We note from the Oregonian that "G.O.P. politicians" are making a pitch for the labor vote in Oregon.

One of their associate editors attending the A.F.L.-C.I.O. convention in Klamath Falls declares Secretary of State Mark Hatfield set the tone for this drive when he urged the delegates to beware of "a closed-shop mind on politics and support candidates on the basis of ability rather than party affiliation."

THIS "pitch" which dates back roughly to the "full dinner pail" days of William McKinley and Mark Hanna we fear will not change many votes in the A.F.L.-C.I.O.

It is a perfectly sound doctrine and one this paper has followed, to the best of its ability, for a great many years.

But the trouble is, as the Oregonian well knows, when it comes to election time, by some strange coincidence, the most "able" candidates invariably carry the G.O.P. label.

THIS was particularly true in the 1956 election. As usual the Oregonian went down the line practically 100% for the Grand Old Party, but in the state the Democrats scored a sweeping victory.

As a result the Portland paper had to eat crow, as the saying goes, and in answer to the Democratic "cat calls and horse laughs" it countered with dignity and magnanimity, in part, as follows:

One gathers from reading the letters from victorious Democrats "to the editor"—ranging in tone from gleeful to abusive—that there exists some misapprehension as to editorial policy of this newspaper.

It is not our intent, as in betting on a horse race, to try to pick the winner in advance, so as to cash in on the victory. Our intention is to approve and assist those candidates we think to be BEST QUALIFIED, in the light of our own belief in government principles and policies. It so happens that we lean toward the Republican party and the Eisenhower administration, though differing on specific issues as the need seems apparent to us.

IT WOULD be interesting to have the Oregonian point out just WHEN AND WHERE, during the last presidential campaign or since, it differed with the Eisenhower administration, in any single important particular.

It would also be interesting if the paper would document its claim that regardless of the party label it hews steadily to the line of approving only those candidates it thinks to be best QUALIFIED for the offices they seek.

WE FEEL quite sure no such evidence will be offered, for having been a fairly steady reader of the Oregonian for many years we fail to recall a presidential election when the Oregonian did not find ALL the "qualified" national candidates on one side of the party line, and ALL the unqualified and disqualified ones on the other.—R.W.R.

Let's Have More Light

Somewhere in the Bible it is said: "Love of money is the root of all evil." In other words it is not money per se, that is evil, but the lust for it. It is not the money one may have, but the use made of it, or the extremes one may go to get it.

WE WERE reminded of this quotation—which like many other quotations contains a germ of truth but takes in too much territory—when perusing an interesting report of "lobbying" compiled by the ever reliable "Congressional Quarterly Inc."

In the first half of 1957 it seems sums paid by lobbyists in Washington—and REPORTED—totalled slightly less than \$2,000,000 or approximately \$4,000,000 a year, or an average of over \$6000 a year for each member of the House and Senate.

NOW as this department has often pointed out, there is nothing any more INHERENTLY wrong with lobbying than there is with money.

It is the way, in both cases, the money is used. As far as is known there are no registered lobbyists in Medford, but there are several people who frequently visit Washington and do what they can to facilitate legislation which they believe desirable for their business and/or for the community.

We can't speak from exact knowledge, but our strong conviction is they are given generous expense accounts, but there isn't a dime paid out that is not perfectly proper.

Such lobbying in fact is not only a legitimate but an essential factor in a free democracy.

BUT when it comes to the "Big Business groups" we are not so sure. According to this report, for example, these "Business is Business" corporations account for an expenditure of \$867,925 out of the total of \$1,800,000 for only 6 months.

That seems to us quite a lot of dough for legitimate expense accounts and merely presenting facts for the consideration of our lawmakers.

However there may not be a tainted penny in it. We don't KNOW.

And that is the point we wish to stress. We think we—and the people of the country—SHOULD know.

LET there be light. Forcing the lobbyists to register and publicize their total expenditures was a big step in advance, but until the people know not only how much money was spent but HOW it was spent, the lobbying picture from the good government standpoint, remains an obscure, suspected and questionable one.—R.W.R.



"BOY! HAVE I GOT SOMETHING TO TELL DAD WHEN HE'S IN A GOOD MOOD!"

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

PITY THE POOR PRESIDENT

Washington—As a result of his newly acquired habit of staging public debates with himself on a whole series of issues—the budget, disarmament, the school bill, and civil rights bill—the President is being increasingly accused of these days of being unable to make up his own mind. And yet, if you consider the dknfoi merciless pullings and haulings the President is daily subjected to, on an infinite variety of complex issues, you can understand and sympathize with his position.

Take, as a vivid example, the background story of the release by the House Appropriations Committee of certain closed sessions testimony by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson. If the English language means what it says (which Mr. Wilson has now denied) Wilson told the committee that an Administration bill for a drastic change in budget procedures "might endanger the national security."

The bill, as Wilson of course knew, had the full, unequivocal, public support of the President. The testimony released by the House committee placed Wilson in direct opposition to the President—a position from which Wilson has rather hastily backed down. Now consider the background story of this latest Presidential trouble.

THE bill embodies a Hoover Commission proposal obliging Congress to appropriate money ahead only a year at a time, instead of making appropriations to be spent over a number of years, as at present. The idea is that the new system would force a yearly re-examination of all expenditures, and thus restore to Congress the control of over spending, especially defense spending, which it has largely lost.

Hoover Commission publicists have claimed that this simple reform would save \$3 billion a year. The claim is almost certainly wildly inflated. But it much impressed the President, who is no expert on fiscal matters. He accordingly came out strongly for the bill, and the Senate passed it unanimously.

Then the bill ran into the fierce opposition of two powerful old men—Chairman Clarence Cannon of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Committee's senior Republican, Rep. John Taber. Cannon and Taber unquestionably know their way around the fiscal jungle, and they both concluded that the Hoover proposal was bad legislation and bad fiscal policy. As a result, the bill was stalled in the House.

THEREFORE, ex-President Hoover, who has a passionate pride in his handiwork, called on the President, to persuade him to give the bill a big Presidential push. The President, who has an almost filial respect for his predecessor, amiably agreed, and a strong letter to the House supporting the bill was prepared for the President's signature.

When Taber learned of this planned Presidential intervention, he asked for an appointment with the President, and got it. Crusty old Taber argued fiercely against the bill. His main point was that, far from saving money, it would have precisely the opposite effect. Because the first year's installment on some costly project might be small, Congress would approve it. Then the country would ultimately be stuck with the cost of the whole project. Besides, Taber said, the procedure was unworkable.

The President was much impressed, and allowed that what Taber had said was "an entirely new point of view" to him. Soon thereafter, Rep. Clarence Brown, a sponsor of the bill and a member of the original Hoover Commission, got a White House call. The chances were that the President would not send his

Communications

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Asks Better Response

To the Editor: This letter is an attempt to bring attention to a situation which seems to me to be of public concern.

We are all very grateful to the American Legion for its work in sponsoring baseball teams all over the country. The local posts in this valley are to be commended for the backing they have given youngsters in this community in participating in the great American sport. However, why can't the individual members of the Legion be more responsive in giving recognition to these boys? Last week when a banquet was held in honor of the local Junior American Legion baseball team there were only five Legion members present. Does it not seem reasonable that there should have been a greater response on the part of the Legionnaires?

Even though this team was defeated by Roseburg, during the regular season its performance was very creditable. We should all be proud of these boys and those who assisted them to have a very successful baseball season. I am sure that the individual members of the Legion are very happy to have had some part in making it possible for boys to participate in a good, clean sport during the summer months. These men could have actively expressed their interest in the wholesome development of better citizens if they would have taken the time to attend the banquet given in honor of this year's team.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A big story—told in black headlines in print and repeated summaries over the air—

Mr. Eisenhower (known affectionately to all of us as Mammie) was operated on at Walter Reed hospital in Washington. The White House says the operation was performed for what it termed a "benign condition." That is to say, it wasn't cancerous.

Asked by newsmen about the precise nature of Mrs. Eisenhower's ailment, White House press secretary Hagerty pointed out that the surgeon who did the operation is a gynecologist. A gynecologist, he added, specializes in women's ailments.

He said the operation involved "nothing serious and was not an emergency"—that the surgery had been under consideration for some time. He reported that it disclosed "nothing malignant" and that the 60-year-old First Lady of the Land is in good condition.

AH, the fierce white light that beats upon the great of the world! For them there is no such thing as privacy.

It is pleasant to be able to report that in this particular case it isn't mere morbid curiosity that prompts our intense interest. It is deep and abiding affection.

Mammie Eisenhower is more than respected. She is BE-LOVED.

IT'S-a-strange-world-note:

In the heart of Miami, one of the nation's great metropolitan cities, a father saved his small son's life by wrenching a savage ocelot (an ocelot is a member of the jaguar family) off the child's back and wounding the big cat with a rifle.

The father found his 18-month-old son sprawled on his face in their back yard with the big South American jungle cat on the boy's back. He tore the cat loose with his bare hands... carried his son to safety... and chased the cat to the bank of a nearby canal. He shot at it and beat it with a pick ax and it fell dead in the canal.

The authorities said the ocelot wore a collar and apparently was a pet. The police were unable to locate its owner.

IT'S a weird story. What isn't weird is the qual-

Bankers See Housing Stimulus In New Mortgage Regulations

By CLYDE H. FARNSWORTH United Press Financial Writer

New York—Uncle Sam's new mortgage regulations will pep up the housing industry by bringing new funds into the market, bankers said today.

However, they noted that instead of pouring out of the big eastern financial houses, the money will rise mainly from the local level and from small pension and welfare funds.

The big financial houses still are just about where they were before the string of recent changes.

Last Monday the FHA lowered down payments and raised the interest rate from 5 to 5 1/4 per cent on agency-insured mortgages. But the move also set discount limits on mortgages backed by the FHA and Veterans Administration.

Discounts essentially are premiums paid for mortgages. Before Monday neither the FHA nor the VA programs had limits on discounts and they ranged as high as 8 points for some paper on the West Coast.

The new FHA ruling placed maximum discounts at 2 1/2 points for government-backed mortgages.

So in effect there is not enough change in the actual interest rate to attract the big financial houses who can get higher yields on other investments.

However, the flow of funds for local banks into local mortgage market should be stimulated, the bankers say. The big reason for this is that the 1/2 per cent service charge that the big lenders have to pay for out of town mortgages usually can be absorbed by the local financial unit.

Wednesday the FHA announced a change in its regulations designed to open the way for investment of the resources of pension and other funds into the government-insured program.

The change permits owners of the FHA-insured mortgages to sell a partial interest in them by issuance of notes or certificates backed by the mortgages.

Bankers say the new regulation will widen participation in the government program by allowing small trusts, which previously couldn't afford to buy mortgages, now to buy debentures secured by government-backed mortgages.

These debentures, they point out, will be similar to equipment trust certificates in the railroad industry. Instead of being backed by a locomotive they are secured by a mortgage on a home.

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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

Aug. 8, 1947 (Friday)

A contest to determine a slogan for the Medford Safety Council inaugurated today. From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Po Column: "Spitach shines like an emerald in macaroni ring." (Newspaper headline—Even so the kiddies don't like it.)

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 8, 1927 (Sunday)

Improvement of the west side road at Lake of the Woods starts. Kiwanis International president to address meeting in Portland, local Kiwanis club is notified.

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 8, 1927 (Monday)

Fire of undetermined origin destroys Freeman and Wiley warehouse and freight car. Earle Emlay or E. R. L. Productions to photograph pear industry.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 8, 1911 (Wednesday)

Eggs and salt used by miner for rattlesnake bite. Jackson County Fire Patrol association considers possibility of closing woods to early hunting season due to forest fire danger.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. In 1832 hosiery was first manufactured in the U.S. by waterpower. Did this occur in N.Y., N.Y. or Mass.?

2. How many Secretaries of State have been awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace?

3. Bible: To whom did Pilate refer to when he said "I find no fault with this man"?

4. What unit of measure denotes 12 dozen?

5. Who wrote the novel "Kidnapped"?

6. In which State is the famous "Painted Desert" of the Southwest?

7. Is a gibbon a galloway?

8. Are chocolate and cocoa obtained from the stalks, beans, leaves, or tree sap of the cacao tree?

9. Does flair or flare mean an outburst of flame?

10. "If you would not a doctor pay Leave your flannels off in May." "Change not a clout Till May is out." Both maxims have the same meaning: has "clout" the same meaning as "flannel"?

Answers: 1. New York (Cohoes). 2. Three. (Cordell Hull, Frank B. Kellogg and Elihu Root). 3. Jesus. 4. Gross. 5. Robert Louis Stevenson. 6. Arizona. 7. No. (it is an anthropoid ape). 8. Bean. 9. Flare. 10. No.

Formosa Students See American City

Portland — A group of 21 Chinese students from Formosa saw their first American city Wednesday when they arrived on the vessel Chungking Victory after a 14-day trip.

The students departed for various part of the United States for studies. Two will remain in Oregon, one going to Oregon State and the other to University of Oregon.

Attending Oregon State will be William Hsu, who has a brother there. Rosalie S. A. Yang will attend Oregon.