

Washington Report

Two Annexation Proposals Will Be On Ballot For City Voters

By William S. White

THE SILVER SPOON

Washington—If a man is born with a silver spoon (gold inlaid) in his mouth, he never gets too far away from the smell of money, the bitter-sweet odor of affluence.

Having a good deal of the ready and the folding probably was determining in all the factors enabling John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts to reach the U.S. Senate. The same circumstance, however, is presently both a curse and a boon to him in the frankly indecible pace he is setting for the 1960 Democratic Presidential nomination.

Probably the net result of it is that Senator Kennedy would be better off just now if he did not have a large and well-advised bank account—and if his father, Joseph P. Kennedy, did not have an even bigger and better one. But it is also true that without these comforting bulges in the family vault Jack Kennedy would not have been in position to have any of his present ambitions.

YOUNG Kennedy—on May 29 he will become a venerable old man of 41—has had a prolonged bath of national publicity. Few politicians—and practically no Democratic politicians—have ever been showered with so much genial ink from so many slick-paper magazines.

Though far short of Richard M. Nixon in this regard, Kennedy still is probably the closest Democratic rival—though only in a relative sense—to the Vice-President in terms of total public build-up.

The fact that almost nothing unpleasant has been spilled upon him in these articles

provides an example of the rhythm of good fortune—bad fortune that accompanies Kennedy's march along the Presidential trail.

For all this has been most helpful in this sense: It has brought him currently before the public more prominently and in a more kindly way than any other Democratic hopeful for 1960.

BUT the very fact that his publicity has generally been uncritical has done him anything but a service with other Democratic politicians and many others. They suspect him, soundly or not, of running a vast public relations stable—or of letting his father run one for him.

At a recent Gridiron Club dinner this view was put succinctly in a skit based upon the song, "My Heart Belongs to Daddy." Of Kennedy it was chanted:

"We send all the bills to Daddy, 'cause Daddy pays them so well."

There is, parenthetically, some irony in this. For Kennedy is by no means the richest member of the Senate. And certain others now prominent in politics—Governor Averell Harriman of New York on the Democratic side and Nelson Rockefeller on the Republican—are not poignantly short of the long green.

The distinction, if any, is that these men spend it with more restraint and decorum—or so it is usually said or presumed.

All the same, Kennedy's richness is peculiarly offensive to some of his critics, whereas Harriman's richness is held to be wholly right and proper. The thought arises that this view is hardly liberal, though many liberals hold it.

THE suspicion is that they don't like Kennedy's having money because (A) they don't think he is really a liberal, or (B) they see some inherent impropriety in it. In other words, a tiny snobbery may have raised its head here: It's all right to be rich if you are a Roosevelt, a Harriman or a Rockefeller, but not if you are a Boston Irishman.

It may be, indeed, that association of the Kennedy name with wealth is as great a handicap to the Senator as the fact that he is a Catholic. Fair-minded persons could not regard this latter fact as properly a disability. But some of the ablest politicians known to this correspondent—and some of them Catholics, too—believe that it is.

Otherwise, this is one observer's balance sheet on Kennedy:

Good points.—An excellent political mind—one of the best, at least academically, in the Senate. A strong sense of fairness and tolerance in public issues.

Bad points.—A somewhat spotty voting record that has looked at times unduly expedient. A personal ambition that perhaps has been rising too high and too soon. An inordinate aura of youthfulness that somehow makes him look younger than he is.

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Area Students Get Labor Scholarships

Portland—Two Jackson county students have been awarded \$500 scholarships by the Oregon State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, James T. Marr, council executive secretary, announced.

Jackson county winners are Sandra Buxton, Medford High school, and David Mack, Crater High school, Central Point. The third winner picked from the six finalists is Shelia Haggerty, Cove High school.

A total of 325 students competed in the contest for scholarships this year.

Miss Buxton plans to enter Oregon state college and major in chemistry or mathematics, and Mack plans to enter either Harvard college or Reed college in Portland, and major in economics or political science.

The students will receive awards at the council's annual convention which will be held in Roseburg in August.

Medford residents will vote on two annexation measures Friday, May 16, which, if approved, will add about 295 acres to the city. The election will be held at the same time primaries are held for both Republican and Democratic parties, and non-partisan posts filled.

Both sections are presently "islands," or areas surrounded on all sides, by the city. Under state statutes annexation is possible for such an "island" if a majority of city residents approve annexation. Voter approval by residents living in the "island" is not required by statute.

One section totals 150 acres and is known as the Phipps ranch. The area is between Bear Creek and Crater Lake ave. on the west and east, McAndrews rd. and the site of the proposed Sears and Roebuck company store on the north and south.

Major Reasons
Zoning and sanitation are the major reasons for having this section annexed to the city, Medford officials said. Several business firms and homes are now being constructed on the property and lots are being sold. It is becoming necessary to zone the area to conform with the surrounding city limits, according to city officials.

The sanitary sewer system now being planned and built for the Grandview-Kenwood and Laurelhurst sections of Medford must run a line across the Phipps section for connection with the trunk line to the disposal plant. This would only be possible if the land is in the city, officials noted.

The other section of land appearing on the ballot for annexation is called the Earhart tract. It consists of three smaller sections totaling an area of about 145 acres. Making up this section are the Earhart tract with 117 acres, Cubby's tract with 16 acres and the Lemery tract with 11.7 acres. All three sections are connected with each other.

Boundaries of Island
The "island" is between Riverside ave. and Bear creek on the west and east and by Earhart st. and an easterly projection of Stewart ave.

The need for zoning in connection with the surrounding city and for sanitation are major reasons why the area should be annexed, city officials noted. The area is rapidly building and needs city zoning for protection of present buildings, they said.

The problem of the septic tanks, cess pools and a correction of a drainage problem are also important, officials explained.

Also to be considered in voting on the two annexation proposals is the extension of city police and fire protection. The areas are presently being served by the rural fire district and, by county and state police, officials said.

Require Little Change
Law enforcement and fire protection by the city would require little change from the present system, according to officials.

Other annexations, which have been considered by the council but will not be on the ballot, include a section of property owned by W. Benton Smith on Murray st., west of Columbus ave. A hearing on this proposed annexation of this section requires a favorable vote by the city council following the public hearing.

Another section of land under consideration for annexation but not on the ballot is a 7.1-acre tract owned by the federal government in the county shops area of the fairgrounds. Under a state statute land owned by the state, county or federal does not have to come into the city. Medford officials hope for consent of the government for the annexation at a later date.

Also being considered for annexation, but not on the ballot, is a 9.6-acre tract of land

BAD HIDING PLACE
Tampa, Fla.—(AP)—William F. Fisher, Johnstown, Pa., told police Saturday that a thief broke into his car and stole \$8,500 he had stashed under an arm rest. He admitted it wasn't a very good hiding place.

between Oregon ave. and Jackson st. on the north and south and by Barneburg rd. and Sunrise ave. on the west and east.

This section of land is presently being studied by the city to check if it is surrounded by the city or is separated by a small opening at the east end of Oregon st. City officials are not sure if the road right-of-way belongs to the city or the county.

A "island" southeast of the Big Y intersection which consists of 45 acres was discussed by the council for annexation at the May 1 meeting. Several council members felt an "un-

derstanding" existed between the city and residents of the area that surrounding the area by the Berrydale annexation was not on purpose. They expressed a view that area residents should be notified before council action on annexation.

Another section being discussed for annexation is south of Dakota st. and west of Columbus ave. and Plum st. A report on this section's annexation will be given at the May 12 planning commission meeting. Several residents of the area have expressed interest in annexation, officials explained.



ARRIVING IN NEW YORK police station, Mr. and Mrs. You Hong Ting are in serious mood after being arrested for possession of \$1,500,000 of heroin found in their gift shop. Under maiden name of Leung Tam Yung, Mrs. Ting once aspired to Hollywood film career. (International)

Logtown Cemetery Group Sets Meeting

The Logtown Cemetery association will hold its annual clean-up day and business meeting at the cemetery near Ruch Sunday, May 18, Marguerite Black, clerk of the association has announced.

Members and friends have been asked to be at the cemetery about 9 a.m. so as much as possible may be done before noon. Lunch will be served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Adams, across the creek from the cemetery, with Mrs. Alec Stevens as co-hostess. Members are asked to bring salads and desserts. The main dish and table service will be furnished.

Directors will be elected, and plans for continued care of the cemetery will be discussed at a business meeting early afternoon.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Antelope 4-H Club
The Antelope 4-H clothing club met at Karen Jossy's home May 3.

The president, Alice Woolfolk, reminded everyone what they were to bring to the Mother's tea May 4.

The next meeting will be a workshop at Paulette Anderson's home May 24th.

Almost all of the mother's were at the tea and everyone had a good time.

Karen Jossy Reporter

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Another Plug for Coroner

To the Editor: It seems that Ada B. Steadman, letter to communications of May 5, should be brought up to date on a number of points concerning the office of county coroner. There can be only one county coroner, not five as Mrs. Steadman stated.

Frank Perl, in seeking that office, has clearly maintained that, if elected, all records and information would be kept in his office and under his jurisdiction, that all families would have complete freedom of choice of their funeral director, the rotation plan would apply only to those who had no family preference, and that deputy coroners only would be appointed in each of the mortuaries in the county.

At the present time all of the deputy coroners are employees of Carlos Morris. Can this kind of situation possibly be fair to all families concerned?

I believe that professional ethics were mentioned. To this I would reply that the professional ethics of Frank Perl are held in the highest regard, not only by the people of Jackson county but also by members of his profession throughout the entire state.

Mrs. C. H. Plainer, 828 Constant St., Central Point.

She Is for Nunley

To the Editor: Several people have told me that some members of the bar association are stating that if Walt Nunley is elected they will refuse to try any type of case in his court. To me, this sounds like a threat to the voters and an attempt to tell them how to vote. I believe the individual the lawyer is representing has a voice in this matter. These courts are paid for by the people and for the benefit of the people.

I have known Walt Nunley for over six years and have watched his career for that period of time. I know him to be honest, sincere, trustworthy and capable. I feel that Jackson county lost a good district attorney when they let the bar association poll influence their voting. I, for one, will not let a bar association poll and veiled threats influence my vote against a man whom I know stands for good, fair government.

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