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### Optimistic Signs

Maybe it is a state of euphoria induced by the recent glorious weather, but it certainly seems to us there have been a lot of items in the news that could be classed as "good news" lately.

Work has started on the big shopping center off Jackson street. Workmen were busy doing last-minute levelling there yesterday, and completing a big construction shack. Actual construction will get under way soon.

Start of Rogue Valley Manor, the \$5 1/2 million retirement home on top of Barneburg hill, is due shortly after the first of the year. Core drilling, to determine sub-foundation formations, was being done yesterday.

THE Civil Aeronautics Board announced that, tentatively, it plans to grant long-sought additions to the routes of both West Coast and Pacific Airways, which will make Medford just that much more readily accessible from north, south and east. This will be a major "break" in adding to the transportation facilities of the Rogue valley.

The "Make Medford Beautiful" committee reports strong and favorable response to its campaign to make Medford a sightlier, pleasanter place in which to live.

The Senior Activity Center, which will offer to older people a place to go, a place to do things, and a more active role in the community, opened over the week end.

EMPLOYMENT is up. The lumber market is going great guns, at the moment, with a few ups and downs, but generally is far above what it was a year, or even six months, ago.

It was a pretty good pear crop this year, too, and while there was considerable hail damage, it wasn't as serious as some early estimates suggested.

And, while it was a long, hot, dry summer, the forest fire record in this part of the state was good. (Let's keep our fingers crossed—we still need rain to end the fire danger.)

There are still a few fly-specks on the body politic and economic, but generally speaking, the future looks better than it has for a long time, hereabouts. The optimistic signs outnumber the gloomy ones, 10 to 1. — E. A.

### Leave Religion Out of It

"All men shall be secured in the natural right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences. No law shall in any case whatever control the free exercise and enjoyment of religious opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience. No religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office of trust or profit."

These are the second, third and fourth sections of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

They are good, sound, sensible proscriptions, and fully in the American tradition of separation of church and state. Not only do they set the course for the ship of state to sail in its official capacity; they also set what should be the tenor of office-seekers within the state.

UNHAPPILY, people being what they are, these Constitutional provisions set up an ideal which is not always followed during political campaigns. We have seen instances, right here in Jackson county and not too long ago, either, of a man's religion being dragged into politics.

We feel that such action is in the worst possible taste, that it is violative of the spirit of the constitution, and that it is a curt denial of a philosophy which has been hundreds of years abiding.

People who bring a man's religion into a campaign should be ashamed. Some of them are—at least to the extent of dissimulating such action.

ALL of which is by way of deploring the fact that, intentionally or inadvertently, a religious issue was shoved into the gubernatorial campaign upstate last week.

The details are neither edifying nor particularly pertinent, so we'll skip them here, and we have a suspicion that the religious note was struck sort of by accident, and by misapprehension on the part of workers in the campaign—not by the principals themselves.

But, as Editor Charles A. Sprague of the Oregon Statesman points out:

"Perhaps it is for lack of really significant issues in the gubernatorial campaign that it has become more than usually personal. Better get back to politics and leave religion out."

Amen. We repeat, the Silly Season is upon us. — E. A.

### Report Those Events!

Ernie Hood, the hard-working county chairman for the Jackson county Centennial observance, has issued a "last call" to people in the county who are interested in having community events and celebrations properly promoted for the Centennial year.

Anything which might be a tourist attraction—from a rodeo to a Roster Crow to a hillbilly Jamboree to a Catfish Derby—should take its place on the list of Oregon events to be publicized nation-wide during the coming year.

They should be. But unless they are reported, and included on the "master calendar" of events, the won't be.

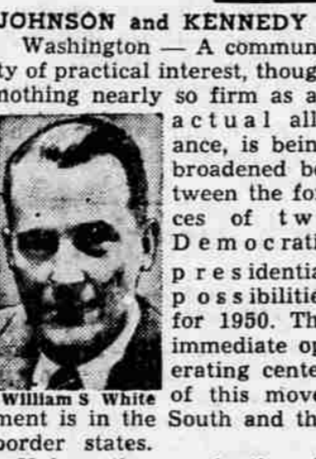
Ernie can be reached at Spring 3-2059. —E.A.



"I GOT A BIG RANCH IN TEXAS! WITH SIXTEEN MILLION COWS 'N HORSES! AN' TWO WHITE RATS."

### Washington Report

By William S. White



William S. White

Johnson and KENNEDY Washington—A community of practical interest, though nothing nearly so firm as an actual alliance, is being broadened between the forces of two Democratic presidential possibilities for 1960. The immediate operating center of this movement is in the South and the border states.

Unless the nomination is to go to an advanced liberal—as well it might—the focus of convention power is likely to fall somewhere between Senators Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Johnson is prospectively the convention's dominant figure in the area running from the center to the right of the party—but not the far right. Kennedy is prospectively its most important figure in the area running left of center to the left—but not to the far left.

IT NOW looks not impossible that from these situations their followers might merge to dominate the convention. Indeed, it is not inconceivable that these situations will go so far as to produce nominees—Johnson for President and Kennedy for Vice-President—though it is most unlikely.

Johnson is a liberal Southerner but still a Southerner by geography—and being any kind of Southerner has been bad news at any Democratic convention for many years. It will no doubt be even worse news in 1960, barring the small though real possibility that the Democrats might decide they could not usefully compete all the way with Richard M. Nixon, the probable Republican presidential nominee, for the massive Negro voting bloc on the civil rights issue.

Johnson had a heart attack in 1955, and though there has been no recurrence, this is a political liability. Perhaps worst of all, as a Texan he is identified by many with fat oil and gas "barons" and all that. Finally, there is a genuine continuing doubt that he would "go" for the nomination anyhow.

All the same, he is the most powerful single man in the Democratic party today—as well as its ablest politician, measured on actual performance. Such facts do not necessarily enchant political conventions; but they never do a man any harm and sometimes they do him some good.

KENNEDY, too, has certain inherent liabilities. There is his religion—both parties have been afraid to nominate a Roman Catholic since the defeat of Alfred E. Smith in 1928. And there is his youth—he will be only 43 in 1960.

Nevertheless, these two politicians—both victims of circumstances for which they are not responsible but with which they must reckon—are being progressively drawn closer together. More exactly, their supporters are being so drawn.

in the South this is basically a hidden pro-Johnson movement. That is, the Southern hope it will be Johnson at the end but are maneuvering not to the left without any alternative position to a Mennen Williams, say, if it turns out that Johnson will not seek the nomination or cannot get it.

SOME of the most realistic of non-Southern Democratic politicians, too, are now privately talking up a Johnson-Kennedy ticket. In part, their motive is completely serious; in part, they are sending up small trial balloons to test public reaction.

The net of it is that Johnson and Kennedy are increasingly being presented as leaders of party groups between which there need be no irreconcilable conflict. One reason is that Kennedy has always had much Southern goodwill—as was spectacularly shown in 1956 when, under Northern leadership, he very nearly took the Vice-Presidential nomination away from Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

But the rock-bottom reason for it all is this: Kennedy, though a Northern liberal, is no extremist on the race question, though he has a good voting record from the Negroes' viewpoint. And Johnson is very far from an extremist Southerner. He is, in fact, the principal reason why the first civil rights bill in eight decades got through the Senate in 1957, unsatisfactory though it was to the all-out civil rights advocates.

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### Editorial Comment

POLITICS—AND RELIGION

The gubernatorial race seems to have involved not only the candidates but their press agents. When Marguerite Wright, press representative for the Holmes campaign, prepared a press release on the Governor's speech at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, she put in by way of preface the clause: "Evidently, in answer to reports that Secretary of State Mark Hatfield had used his identification with church activities to get votes..." This touched off Travis Cross, press representative for Hatfield, who promptly cried "character assassination" and labeled the attack "vicious and vindictive."

In his own speech in his comments on political morality, Holmes had made no mention of his Republican opponent. But his denunciation of such campaign techniques as "identifying Almighty God with my political party" and his self-exculpation of any such indulgence himself were so strong as to seem to point directly at his opposition. If his press agent drew that inference it is not surprising. Whether Hatfield has been cultivating the "church angle" we cannot say—reporters haven't picked it up.

Both candidates declare that one's religion should not be a factor in the political campaign, but their press agents accuse the other side of employing it. Religion is always an ugly subject to be injected into politics—and one often hard to keep out. In this instance it adds nothing by way of enlightening voters on the political issues between the candidates.

Perhaps it is for lack of really significant issues in the gubernatorial campaign that it has become more than usually personal. Better get back to politics and leave religion out.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

### Bitter National Debate in Japan Over Stronger Police-Powers Bill

By DAY INOSHITA UPI Correspondent  
Tokyo—(UPI)—A bitter national debate is shaping up over changes that Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi is trying to turn back the clock and revive the notorious wartime "thought police" in Japan.

Proceedings in the Diet have been brought to a halt over the Kishi government's controversial police duties law revision bill.

The Communist-led Zengakuren National Students Federation has ordered nationwide demonstrations and protest rallies on Oct. 23 and 28.

A group of leading scholars and intellectuals in Tokyo and Kyoto have launched their own independent campaign against the government reform.

### Oregon Congressmen Maintain Above-Average Vote Records

Washington—(CQ)—Only seven of the Senate's 96 members said "yea" or "nay" to each one of the 200 roll calls of the 1958 session.

House Members did somewhat better—47 of the 428 Representatives (seven seats were vacant) posted perfect scores for the 93 roll calls recorded in their chamber in 1958.

Most of their colleagues were not far behind, however. Congressional Quarterly's annual study of voting participation shows that the average members of Congress voted on 87 per cent of the session's roll calls—slightly less often than each of the three previous years, when the average score was 88 per cent.

House Records  
In the House, Rep. Paul Brown (D-Ga.) maintained his record as the member with the longest unbroken record of 100 per cent voting participation, begun in 1951.

Even if a Member is unable to be present for a roll call, he can go on the record by pairing with another absent member, announcing his stand or answering the Congressional Quarterly poll, so that his constituents may know his position.

In 1958, the average member was on the record 94 per cent of the time, either by voting "yea" or "nay" or by declaring his stand on the roll calls he missed. A total of 38 Senators (eight more than in 1957) scored 100 per cent on the record in 1958. In the House, 114 Representatives (almost twice as many as the 60 in 1957) made their stands known on every roll call.

Local Scores  
In Oregon, Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D) had a voting participation score for "yea" and "nay" votes in 1958 of 93 per cent.

These votes, together with his declared stands on the roll calls he missed, put him on the Record 100 per cent of the time.

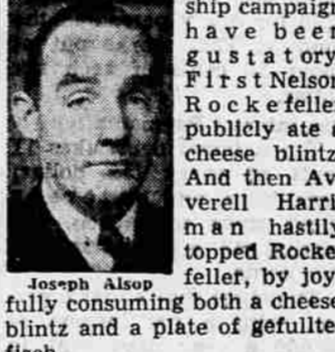
Sen. Richard L. Newberger (D) voted "yea" or "nay" on 200 roll calls in 1958.

### Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

THE BLINTZ ELECTION  
New York—By any practical test, the biggest moment in the New York Governorship campaign have been Gustatory.

First Nelson Rockefeller publicly ate a cheese blintz. And then Averell Harriman hastily topped Rockefeller, by joyfully consuming both a cheese blintz and a plate of gefulte-fisch.

Maybe it sounds cynical to take this competitive public ingestion of Jewish delicacies as the symbol of this crucial fight for the Governorship of the most populous state in the union. After all, the incumbent, Harriman, is a seasoned public servant and a great figure among the Democrats. And the challenger, Rockefeller, is literally the only really promising new contender that the Republican party has produced in this rather critical election year.



Joseph Alsop

Both candidates have certainly made the conventional speeches about the issues. But the issues have thus far made less impression than the candidates' indefatigable blintz-eating, pizza-munching and street-corner handshaking.

So the candidate sets off down Lexington Avenue, surrounded by a tight knot of children, adult admirers, professional organizers and photographers. There are enough children at the knot's center, struggling to hold Rockefeller's hand, to make him seem a bit like the pied piper caught in a mob scene. But with extraordinary agility, he continuously escapes from this perambulating encirclement to shake hands with street-corner gossips, grocery-store patrons and owners, barbers and customers for haircuts, and anyone else who may happen to be on Lexington Avenue on this bright autumn morning.

AT ONE point, he stops to patronize one of the countless shoeshine boys who swarm on these Lexington Avenue sidewalks. Getting a shoeshine is probably the next best thing to eating a yam or some Puerto Rican delicacy, which is impossible because the Puerto Rican restaurants are not open yet. At any rate, the gesture is greeted with immense enthusiasm, and another period of bedlam results. There is bedlam again for a short set speech at the corner of 111th Street. There is super bedlam in the market under the railroad tracks on Park Avenue. And so it goes, for a full three exhausting hours, which altogether fail to exhaust Rockefeller, however. The last hand at Lexington Avenue and 125th street, is shaken with the same enthusiasm as the first.

It is all very unlike the Lincoln-Douglas debates of Gladstone's Midlothian campaign. It is very much like the same performance, when put on by Averell Harriman. And odd as it may seem, the spectacle has considerable warmth and charm.

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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  
Oct. 14, 1948 (Thursday)  
Medford's fire department plans a training program.

20 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 14, 1938 (Friday)  
A district Boy Scout rally is scheduled here tonight.

30 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 14, 1928 (Sunday)  
County Engineer Paul Rynning reports completion of construction and improvement of two miles of Dead Indian rd.

40 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 14, 1918 (Monday)  
A special city election on charter amendments is scheduled tomorrow.

What's Your I.Q.?  
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Do houseflies bite?
- 2. Complete the following saying, "I would rather be right than..."
- 3. When an individual eats more starch than is needed by the body, the excess is stored in the body as what?
- 4. Chopped apple, celery, nuts, with mayonnaise, served on lettuce is called a... salad?
- 5. Which President of the U. S. owned an estate near Nashville, Tenn., named "The Hermitage"?
- 6. The Yangtze River is in Siberia; true or false?
- 7. Was John Cabot an English, or an Italian, navigator?
- 8. Washington, D.C., is located north, or south, of the Mason-Dixon Line?
- 9. Aboard a yacht, would meals be prepared in the gallery or the galley?
- 10. How many major league baseball clubs are there in the American and National Leagues?

Answers: 1. No. 2. "President." 3. Fat. 4. Waldorf. 5. Andrew Jackson. 6. False. (China) 7. Italian. (Sailing in British employ.) 8. South. 9. Galley. 10. Sixteen.

Mountbatten Praised For Film Cooperation  
Hollywood—UPI—Lord Louis Mountbatten, Britain's first sea lord, was praised Monday by 20th Century-Fox Studio chief Spyros Skouras for his cooperation with the American film industry in production of films with Royal British Navy settings.

Some political observers predict the fight could grow serious enough to rock the 10-year-old conservative rule in Japan for the first time.

The center of the controversy is a bill presented to the Diet last month by the Kishi government. This measure greatly strengthens police authority as outlined in the police duties law enacted in 1948 under the Allied occupation when emphasis was upon removing forever the danger of another "police state."

Among the controversial points are stipulations empowering police officers to take juveniles and drunks in their "protective custody," and take measures to prevent crimes or the development of "dangerous situations" including entering homes and crossing private property without warrants.

Government spokesmen say the revisions are necessary to enable police to deal with a rising juvenile crime wave, the increase of gangsterism in postwar Japan, and extreme actions by Communists and Radical Unionists.

Critics point to Kishi's record as a minister in the wartime Tojo cabinet and his longtime record as a bureaucrat, and claim he is trying to centralize more power in the government so he can stifle the labor movement in Japan and strangle the opposition.

They claim that police can invoke these powers to break up opposition rallies, revive "thought police" check-ups in the home and hotels, and bypass the constitution to take political enemies out of circulation.

The general view is that many of the measures are needed, that this is a case where left-wing extremism has bred extremism in the opposite direction, that Kishi has no purpose in mind except to clamp down on gangsterism and left-wing hoodlumism, but he may be going too far in his reform.

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### Dean of Army Pilots Dies

Dayton, Ohio—(UPI)—Col. Stanley M. Umstead, 62, once known as the dean of all Army pilots, died Monday night at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base hospital after a five-month illness.

Umstead, who retired to a farm near here in 1951, logged more than 13,000 hours flying time during his 32 years in the service. He flew 350 different models and types of experimental aircraft, including everything from Jennies, the first U. S. military trainer, to the B19, world's biggest military aircraft in the late 1930s. He was test pilot for the first B19.

Umstead began his military career in 1917 when he was graduated from the first Air Corps officer training course. He was chief of the flying branch at Wright field from 1937 to 1942.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; three daughters; a son, Capt. Stanley M. Umstead Jr., a jet fighter and interceptor pilot at McGuire Air Force Base, N. J.; three brothers and eight grandchildren.

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