

Washington Report

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THE ISSUES CHANGE

Washington—There are clear signs that next year's Presidential struggle is going to be fought out over a battle train totally different from what both parties had confidently expected only short months ago.

It is now probable, indeed, that "statesman issues," meaning how to deal with the cold war, will overshadow "gut issues," meaning jobs and business conditions, as they have rarely done.

The campaign's pre-conditions are shifting rapidly because of the rising strength of the national economy and a great and progressive national gain against unemployment.

Only last year the issue of joblessness was the most powerful weapon in the arsenal of the Democrats. Primarily with that weapon they gave the Republicans a tremendous beating in the congressional elections of November.

IT HAD seemed to all realistic politicians in both parties that 1960, too, would be a year of economic unrest. The Democrats, in the old phrase, were widely preparing "to run against Herbert Hoover," whom they have long used as a symbol for depression and unemployment.

Now, however, two of the most authentic pro-Democratic liberal economists have confidentially warned leading party men—specifically certain liberal Democratic Presidential aspirants—that 1960 is much more likely to be a good year for business and jobs. This correspondent knows from the participants themselves that this message has been passed, though he is not free to name names.

One effect has been a fundamental alteration in approach by all Democratic Presidential candidates and "available." The accent now is being heavily put not upon plans to save the domestic economy but on plans to save the world.

The immediate consequence is to improve the prospects of three aspirants and at least slightly to darken the prospects of two others. Those being promoted are Adlai E. Stevenson, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and, in a less clear-cut way, Sen. Herbert H. Humphrey of Minnesota.

STEVENSON and Johnson are helped, first of all, simply because they are not open seekers of the nomination and thus are in positions of comparatively greater dignity. And both are being presented as men less interested in comparatively small domestic questions than in the vast issues of peace or war.

Stevenson is being put forward in this posture because of his world travels and his long-demonstrated interest in foreign policy. Johnson's basic claims heretofore have lain in his negotiating skill in keeping the Democratic Senate prima donnas in operating unity.

Heretofore, in deference to the senior members of his party on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he has allowed other Democrats to speak first and loudest on world affairs. Now he is moving strongly to establish his own competence in that field. This was one of the purposes of his recent public call for a summit meeting of all non-Communist nations. All over the country, Johnson men are saying this: Lyndon is the only Democrat who is a negotiator tough enough and able enough to meet Soviet boss

Pigeons Can Cover 500 Miles Per Day in Good Conditions

All the 500-mile classics aren't held in Indianapolis, according to Jesse Calvert of the Grants Pass Racing Pigeon club.

While they might not keep abreast of the roadsters on the famous Speedway, fleet-footed racing pigeons move along at a smart clip—as fast as ordinary motorists anyway. Calvert, a Grants Pass attorney, said pigeons under good flying conditions can cover 500 miles—the average for long-distance races—between dawn and dark. They attain an air speed of 50 miles per hour, he said.

Calvert described the sport of "poor man's horse racing" Monday at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce round table luncheon. He said he was hoping to interest people here in becoming pigeon fanciers.

Pigeon racing, he explained, requires an intricate system of control lest someone steal a march on the field. This system includes secret numbers on slips of paper attached to the birds' legs and time clocks into which these slips, or countermarks, are put when the birds reach home.

In addition, he continued, special surveys are required to establish the exact distance from the starting point to each home loft. Logarithm tables are used to arrive at the bird's speed in yards per minute.

Placed in crates The birds, he said, are placed in a sealed crate and shipped by truck or air express to the starting point. The shipping agent there is instructed to open the crate, release the birds, and then telephone ahead to report the release time.



BIRDS IN HAND—Paul Hoff (left) and Jesse Calvert of the Grants Pass Racing Pigeon club display two feathered speedsters at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce round table luncheon.

known as "landmarks and training." This, he explained, involves a bird's familiarity with the terrain over which it must fly through knowledge gained in training flights. But it does not explain cases in which birds have found their way over utterly unfamiliar country.

Calvert reported that a German experiment proved practically all birds when released found their course from the starting point within 2 or 3 degrees. It followed that those who did not reach home must have given out along the way.

Revised Maps of County Available Revised maps of the Jackson county general highway and transportation series are now available from the State Highway department in Salem.

and train their birds especially for flying over the rough, mountainous Oregon terrain. "I'm the first to say I don't know how a pigeon gets home," Calvert admitted. One factor he said is important is love for nest and family.

A young lady pigeon brought from California for mating to a Grants Pass bird didn't take to her selected spouse, Calvert reported, and flew "home to mother" over country she had never set eyes upon.

WIMER School Banquet Held By MARJORIE BAKER Wimer - The annual banquet for the graduating class of the Evans Valley Union school was held in the annex of Wimer Community church Monday evening, May 11.

Permit Issued for Underground Work at Copco

A permit for constructing underground facilities valued at \$38,000 for California Oregon Power company on South Grape st. north of Stewart ave. was issued Tuesday by the Medford building department.

The permit was issued to M. C. Lininger and Sons, Medford contractor. A permit Wednesday was issued to the Texas company for a \$30,000 service station on the northwest corner of East Main st. and Hawthorne ave. replacing the Texaco facilities now at that location.

Three permits for constructing residences were issued Wednesday to Douglas L. Pickell. The three are to be situated at 1680 Roberts rd., 325 Stanley ave. and 2741 Ruth dr., and are valued respectively at \$11,000, \$14,000 and \$14,000.

Residence Permit Caulkins Construction company was issued a permit Tuesday for erecting a residence at 2217 Woodlawn dr.

Permits issued for other residences last week include one Monday to D. A. Parker for a \$17,000 structure at 888 Olympic ave., one Wednesday to Oral W. Tucker for a \$13,000 structure at 748 Ellendale dr. and one Thursday to Jordan Construction company for a \$12,000 structure at 2408 Obispo dr.

concerned with helping children in unfortunate circumstances. Mrs. Neily Sund has expressed thanks to her friends for the cards and letter she received from them while she was undergoing treatment in the University of California hospital.

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

The Shrimp Measures Up: Important to Man, Fish It is unfortunate that the trite synonym for insignificance is the word "shrimp," for this marine animal plays an important part in the lives of both men and fish.

Man has sought and eaten shrimp for many centuries; fish have been eating them for millions of years. The crude likeness of this crustacean was engraved on the wall of Egyptian temples, and was used on Grecian coins several hundred years ago.

Aristotle, one of the earliest naturalists, wrote about this interesting denizen of the shallow seas. His observations have been substantiated by recent discoveries, proving that the old gent was a keen observer.

The female shrimp, during the span of her short life, lays about a half million eggs. From this great number, probably not over a single pair ever reach maturity. The other thousands of eggs and young go to feed other hungry creatures of the sea. Small shrimp comprise a great percentage of the plankton of the ocean.

Spawning in Spring Spawning occurs in early spring. The newly hatched young move immediately toward shallow water. They are prey to countless predators. It is a delicate balance that Nature maintains, whereby she continues to support the right proportions of fish and of shrimp. If more than a single pair should survive, from each female, and their offspring did likewise, the oceans of the world would become so full of shrimp that no other life could find a place to swim.

Subdivision Bill Reviewed by Group Medford Attorney Robert Boyer explained the new county subdivision ordinance at a meeting of the Medford Realty board recently at the Rogue Valley Country club. It was suggested that a Realty board member attend each planning commission meeting.

Yet, if that single pair failed to live, the seas might become "shrimplless" in a very short time. This natural balance becomes more complicated when we realize the average life span of the shrimp is so short it gives the shrimp industry a vulnerability unique in fishing. Too severe seining program could easily upset the balance, and "shrimping" could almost become a "hobby" instead of the major industry it is today.

Scientists Handicapped Scientists are handicapped in their studies of the life history of the shrimp. The only way, so far found, is observation in the open sea. The shrimp is of a roving nature. Pen him up and he dies. Restrict his movements and he fails to respond. The actual hatching of shrimp can be done successfully, but from then on the little fellows must have the freedom of the seas. In this vast laboratory they are difficult to observe.

The lowly shrimp is delectable; of this every connoisseur of seafood is agreed. But of his life history and intimate habits very little is known. Behind his black, beady little eyes, and sensitive feelers are unsolved mysteries as profound as the enigma of life and death.

24 TROOPERS HURT Ft. Bragg, N. C.—(UPI)—Twenty-four paratroopers were injured this week in a mass air drop during Army-Air Force maneuvers staged by 20,000 regular and reserve servicemen. Army officers described the parachute drop of some 1,500 men as "good" but said 17 of the 24 injured were hospitalized with injuries ranging from sprains to simple fractures.

Lumber Price Index In Slight Uptrend

Portland - Crow's Lumber Price Index for the two week period ending May 28 continued to show a slight uptrend, despite leveling off in green coast Fir dimension prices. Most of the market strength came from kiln-dried Fir and Hemlock dimension, which has advanced in the past two weeks, and from cargo dimension, according to Crow's Lumber Market News Service.

Plywood prices held to the \$85 index level for sanded stock, despite a noticeable slowdown in sales. Rough plywood sheathing lost some ground, with 3/4 inch CD off \$2 in straight cars.



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Sensitivity to magnetic fields is still another theory, Calvert reported. But, he noted, his radio transmitter antenna does not appear to affect birds returning to his home.

Nor does the polarized light theory advanced in other quarters appear to be a fully satisfactory answer, Calvert said.

Still another hypothesis is Khrushchev face to face and get away with it."

HUMPHREY, too, is increasingly emphasizing his foreign affairs interests—and with modified success. That this is only such a partial success is due to this circumstance: he has been associated, unlike Johnson or Stevenson, with past Democratic clamors for extreme Federal expenditures to cure a recession that now appears to be curing itself.

The two net-if not yet dramatic-losers in the Democratic Presidential field in this changed pre-1960 situation are Senators John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Stuart Symington of Missouri. Kennedy's appeal by necessity has been mainly domestic, specifically on labor and allied questions. He is not a member of the foreign policy leadership of his party and has had to make-do with the issues open to him. The same is true of Symington. His big issue has been military preparations—missiles and the like—but this is not and cannot be foreign policy as such.

Conventions Leave Millions in Chicago

Chicago—(UPI)—The Chicago Convention Bureau estimates that 200 million dollars are pumped into the city's economy each year by conventions held here.

The Bureau figured out that the average convention-goer spend \$160, with hotels getting about 30 per cent, restaurants almost as much, retail stores 16 per cent, night clubs and sports events almost seven per cent and beverages more than six per cent.

Transportation, sightseeing and auto expenses account for the rest of the money spent by the 1,150,000 convention-goers who visit Chicago each year.

SF Policemen Don Plain Clothes

San Francisco—(UPI)—On two unannounced nights a week, 50 specially selected San Francisco policemen don plain clothes, pair off in unmarked squad cars and tour the city's trouble spots looking for "crime before it starts."

They are members of the police department's "Operation S," inaugurated last Oct. 24 by Police Chief Thomas Cahill who says that major crime in San Francisco has since shown a marked decline, 15.9 per cent in January, 1959, alone.

The "S" in "Operation S" stands for selected officers and the selected areas they tour, according to Deputy Chief Al Nelder, who is in charge of the program. The men are picked for their experience, quick judgment and their ability to question people without antagonizing them, he explained.

"The primary function of 'Operation S' is to stop street crimes," Nelder said. "They're not out to sweep vagrants off the streets or to harass citizens. But they can—and have—stopped crime in the making."

INEXPENSIVE CAMPAIGN Indianapolis, Miss.—(UPI)—John Hough, a candidate for Sunflower county's seat in the Legislature, tossed some campaign literature into the air on balloons with the promise of "\$1 reward" to anyone returning the balloon. He got just one reply—from another county.

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