

West Finds Political Tricks Largely Unchanged Since 1840

By DICK WEST
 Washington — (UPI) — "One of the most remarkable peculiarities of the present time is that the principal leaders of the political parties are traveling about the country from state to state, and holding forth, like Methodists preachers, hour after hour to the assembled multitudes."

So wrote John Quincy Adams in his diary on Oct. 1, 1840. The Van Buren-Harrison campaign was then in full swing and old J. Q. viewed the proceedings with asperity. I can't say that I blame him. It was from this campaign that much of our present day political foolishness evolved. Adams had due cause for alarm.

I have been steeping myself in American presidential campaign lore at an exhibit of old-time political paraphernalia prepared by the Smithsonian Institution.

Techniques Similar
 Times may have changed since then but campaign techniques, except for the development of the tele-prompter, have remained fairly constant.

William Henry Harrison, who won the election, came from the Virginia aristocracy, was the richest man in Ohio and owned a fine house. It was only natural that his campaign symbol was a log cabin.

One of the charges made against Van Buren was that he had spent \$9,000 of the "people's money" on an imported Brussels carpet for the White House. If that has a contemporary ring to it, let Nixon, Kennedy, Rockefeller, Johnson and Symington make the most of it.

One thing the old campaigners didn't do, however, was to be coy with each other. I wish I could say the same for the current crop of politicians.

Circulate Memorandum
 A couple of months ago, a Democratic group here circulated a memorandum under the heading "Republican 'Payola' records." It attempted to josh about alleged conflict of interest cases in the GOP by tying them in with House disc jockey investigation.

I can give you some idea of its contents by reporting that the song listed after Sherman Adams' name was "Button Up Your Overcoat."

I had no sooner recovered from this when a Republican group put out a "political birdwatcher's guide." It was replete with descriptions of the "big-billed jackanapes (Kennedesis silver spoon)," the "high flying gap jumper (symingtonia missleaneous)," and the "major leader bird (lyndonious johnsonium)."

Employment Topic For TV Program

David H. Cameron, commissioner for Oregon's department of employment, will appear on "Dateline Statehouse" at 10:45 o'clock tonight over KBES-TV, Medford.

He will discuss the various operations and services of the agency, formerly known as the unemployment compensation commission. The name was changed at the last session of the Oregon Legislature to reflect a positive emphasis of job placement in the department's activities.

The program is part of a weekly television series featuring different agencies of Oregon's state government.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

CORNELIA OTIS SKINNER has a well-nursed grievance against "those wretched unknowns who are responsible for American packaging."

She calls them "those wizards of cardboard, waxed paper, cellophane, tape with red tabs saying 'Pull,' red dots saying 'Push,' semi-perforated hyphen lines saying 'Open here,' who are responsible for causing our consumer goods to reach us in boxes, containers, wrappers, and cartons that are not only increasingly hideous, but increasingly unopenable."

Wow! Any member of the packaging fraternity care to rebut the angry Miss Skinner?

Sign outside the clubhouse at a new metropolitan race track: "Don't step on the grass. It may have to be your supper."

A stenog in a Gotham law office says her boss is such a wolf he reminds her of a dry cleaner: he works fast and leaves no ring. © 1960, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate



What Is The Law?

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A tenant cannot change the condition of the landlord's property.

Ted leased a farm from Lyle for five years. The first year he was on the farm Ted did the following: (1) cut down and sold 25 fir trees standing on the farm; (2) razed an old building which had been serving as a chicken house for many years and replaced it with a granary worth three times as much as the old chicken house; (3) failed to repair a leak in the roof of the dwelling on the farm and plaster and wall paper was severely damaged. The lease is silent regarding the rights of the tenant in these matters. Is Ted liable to Lyle as a result of these acts?

Law of 'Waste'
 The answers to the above questions involve the law of "waste." Generally speaking, a tenant must return the premises to the landlord at the end of the lease in substantially the same condition that they were in when the lease commenced "fair wear and tear excepted." If he failed to live up to this requirement he has committed waste.

Ted obviously was out of line when he cut down the trees. A tenant can cut down trees for fire and generally repair and improve the premises, but he cannot otherwise reduce the value of the land by taking from it valuable natural resources. In rare cases, where there has been logging operations in the past and the land is only good for logging, the tenant might be able to sell timber from the land. Of course, if the lease authorizes logging the terms of the lease control.

Difficult Problem
 The razing of the chicken house and construction of the granary creates a more difficult problem. It is hard to accept the fact that Ted might be guilty of committing waste when he has increased the value of the premises. However, Lyle is entitled to have the land returned to him in substantially the same condition that it was in when he turned it over to Ted, and unless Ted can show that his ac-

tions were justified he may have to replace the chicken house. Unless there are unforeseen circumstances a tenant is not permitted to make structural changes in buildings or any substantial change in the physical character of the land even though his activity increases its net worth.

When Ted failed to repair the leaky roof he committed what is called "permissive waste." The "fair wear and tear" allowance does not mean that the tenant can permit the premises to deteriorate faster than is normal and reasonable upkeep is required. If the lease provided that Lyle would keep the premises in good repair Ted would be relieved of all responsibility for the leaky roof when he notified Lyle of the condition.

Girls Arrested on Murder Suspicion
 Pomona, Calif. — (UPI) — Two girls aged 16 and 18, were arrested on suspicion of murder and car theft Sunday when a motorist either was pushed or fell from his car as the girls drove it away.

Detective Lt. Don K. Mooney said Mrs. Elaine Standerfer, 18, and Elsie Diaz, 16, started to drive Donald R. Halley's auto from a service station and he jumped on the front.



RADIOLOGIST — Dr. Clyde A. Stevenson, Spokane, Wash., will speak at the medical lectures on cancer at the Rogue Valley Country club. Now chief radiologist, Sacred Heart hospital, Spokane, he was a former professor of radiology at the University of Texas post-graduate medical school. Physicians and surgeons in southern Oregon and northern California have been invited to attend the two-day program in cancer education June 24 and 25. Other speakers include Dr. Frederic H. Bentley, Portland; Dr. Stuart H. Q. Quan, New York; and Dr. John S. Spratt, St. Louis, Mo.

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

Foreign aid note:
 A House of Representatives subcommittee votes to slice about 800 million dollars from President Eisenhower's original request for \$4,175,000,000 (four billion, 175 million) in foreign aid funds.

WOULD that be good? Or would it be bad? I wouldn't know. But... so far... we haven't had much luck BUYING FRIENDS.

WHAT of the Marshall Plan? The Marshall Plan wasn't designed to buy friends; its purpose was to help bind up the wounds of our allies in World War II who had suffered more grievously than we.

WHAT of this Jap business in Tokyo — in which thousands of screaming, fanatical LEFTISTS mobbed Presidential Secretary James Hagerty in a violent protest against President Eisenhower's forthcoming visit to Japan?

THAT, too, is another story. Charles Smith, UPI's correspondent on the spot, tells it thus:

"The frenzied mob of at least 5,000 shouted 'G-d-Eisenhower' and 'Yankee go home' as it overwhelmed the 2,000 police who rushed to the scene. An additional 15,000 demonstrators milled outside the airport trying to get to Hagerty, and additional thousands besieged the heavily guarded U.S. embassy."

"Fighting broke out between police and the mob and between black-shirted rightists and the extreme left wing students who led the demonstrations. The leftists SANG THE COMMUNIST 'INTERNATIONALE' as they battered HAGERTY's car and tried to turn it over."

WHAT'S the Communist "Internationale?" It is the official song of the Communist party. It is a hate-filled, bone-chilling chant that resembles nothing so much as a savage scalp dance. Even when listened to on a record, it stands one's hair on end.

WHAT was the purpose of the demonstration? Its purpose was to BLUFF IKE OUT OF GOING TO JAPAN.

Will it work? I doubt it. Ike doesn't bluff easily.

Plane With 43 Forced to Land

Chattanooga, Tenn. — (UPI) — A two-engine Eastern Airlines plane with 43 persons aboard made an emergency landing here Sunday night on one engine after a cracked exhaust caused a fire warning.

The plane was landed safely by the pilot, Capt. E. W. Connell of Atlanta, and the 40 passengers and three crew members aboard continued their flight to St. Louis in another craft.

The warning light flashed minutes after the plane took off. Connell cut the questionable engine, put the plane into a steep bank and returned to the airport.

Salem — (UPI) — Mrs. Mark Hatfield, wife of the Oregon governor, said Saturday she has been told to expect her second child about next Tuesday. Mrs. Hatfield did not accompany the governor Saturday as he rode in the Portland Rose Festival parade.

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