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A Yen For Yesteryears

State Sen. Edwin Durno, of Medford, Republican candidate for congressional representative from the Fourth District of Oregon, has issued a statement of principles.

It is published in today's World (Page 4-Mail Tribune).
 The statement seems sincere and carefully considered.

Apparently it expresses Sen. Durno's political, social and economic philosophy.
 It would be pleasant, from a tax standpoint, to be able to agree with it.
 For its main tenet seems to be to eliminate any factors that might tend to increase taxes.

AND there is a nostalgic quality about its aims that is strongly reminiscent of pre-World War I days and the pastoral life of those years.

But it is these very qualities that have led political scientists to predict the end of the Republican Party as it is today constituted.

For today is not 1776 or 1901.

It is 1960.
 And we cannot stand still or go backwards any more than the rest of the world is hanging back, longing for the McKinley administration and its concepts.

Those days were idyllic for certain groups. But, for most others, they were plain hell.

And we have learned in the intervening years that man has a social responsibility to others beyond giving them employment at starvation wages.

JUST as the science of medicine has improved (Senator Durno has spent his life as a medical doctor) so have other pursuits of mankind.

And other people in other countries are learning about these improvements.

Some nations have already passed us in their progress toward a better life for their people—the real purpose of government.

The Soviets, still behind us in many material aspects, and apparently not understanding of some advantages of western individualism, are reportedly doing a better job of providing a physical environment for the future welfare of individuals. And they are telling other peoples about them.

Their competition in these areas, as well as in science, makes such platforms as Senator Durno's obsolete in many of its phases, even if one ignores our responsibilities in terms of human values. Senator Durno, for instance, seems opposed to federal aid to education.

THIS, and many of his other counter-proposals to present trends would be justifiable if local agencies would assume their responsibility—and all school districts were financially able to provide adequate education for their people.

But many will not assume their responsibilities, and many others are not able.

And the question arises here as elsewhere in contemplating the kind of representation the Fourth District would get if Senator Durno is elected in November over Democratic Charles O. Porter.

Can we really afford not to utilize the lessons we have learned in advancing human progress?

Can we afford to lose the services of the scientific genius who remains a farm hand because his school district could not afford to provide educational facilities for him?

Can we afford the slums that are being eliminated in other states and nations through urban renewal—slums that are rotting our cities at their cores and making them a tax liability instead of an asset?

Can we afford to have a nation of people whose health is so poor under our present medical system that almost one third of our young men were rejected during World War II because of physical unfitness?

Can we afford to continue to pretend that this is the year 1901 instead of the year 1960?

WE CAN sympathize with Senator Durno and others who are nostalgic for yesteryears. But change is inevitable. We may not like some of the changes others are advocating.

But the only way we can avoid going along the same path as others who are looking for new answers is to come up with some new answers ourselves—and some better ones.

It is to be hoped that Senator Durno has some better answers and plans than an appeal to the long ago past which any realist knows, can never be recaptured. — R.W.L. in Coos Bay World.

Gnashing Ahead

No less authority than the Encyclopedia Britannica reports "The use of chewing gum rises during periods of social tension."

A marked increase was noted during and after World Wars I and II. The New York Times reports per capita consumption rose from 39 sticks per year in 1914 to 89 in 1924 and from 98 in 1939 to 165 in 1953.

With consumption last year climbing to 184 sticks per American, it looks like teeth-gnashing times ahead.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Dennis the Menace



"THE TROUBLE IS ALMOST ALL THAT WATER IS OVER MY HEAD!"

Communications

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Favoritism?

To the Editor: I was astonished to read in Thursday's Mail Tribune that two men had chased five teen-age boys in a car and after several blocks had finally caught them and turned them over to police because they had shot grapes at them. The police promptly arrested one of them and placed the other four in the juvenile detention home.

It seems only right that a person have some means of protecting himself and his property. The reason for my astonishment is that a few months ago, two teen-age boys, who were out driving and drinking, stopped by a mailbox and started banging on it with beer bottles causing damage and a terrific commotion late at night. The occupant of the residence yelled at them and when they drove off, he got in his car and followed, because he was tired of having his mailbox repeatedly damaged. He caught up with them and called the police.

The police came and found out one of the boys was from a prominent family with a very influential relative and the outcome was that the police told the resident he could not legally give chase because the boys were teen-agers, and to emphasize the point they charged him with reckless driving.

Maybe the laws have changed in the last few months, or again maybe the grape throwing youths just weren't lucky enough to have a very influential relative to throw his weight in favor of drunken and disorderly conduct against a law-abiding citizen weary of having his property damaged.
 (Name on file)
 Medford

Good Guide

To the Editor: In the July Reader's Digest there is a one-page article entitled "Do you act or react?" The gist of the article is, do you let someone else's ill-temper guide you to react towards him with the same attitude, or do you act towards him with courtesy and friendliness despite his treatment of you?
 During this time of unrest with Japan, we Americans could well use this way of thinking. Instead of reacting with bitterness to their unfriendliness, we should act with courtesy and friendliness toward them.
 It is also a good guide in our everyday lives.
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Aleutian Island Quake Reported

Mobile, Ala. — (AP) — A "destructive earthquake" in the outer Aleutian Islands was recorded Sunday at seismograph stations at Spring Hill College here, Weston, Mass. College and the University at Berkeley.

The quake registered 7 on the Richter scale at Spring Hill, according to the Rev. Louis J. Eisele, S. J., seismologist at Berkeley, Dr. Don Tocher, head of the seismograph lab, said the quake had a Richter magnitude of 6.75 and was centered 2,800 miles northwest of Berkeley. Both said it lasted two hours.

Weston officials reported the quake was 4,625 miles northwest of Boston between the Kamchatka Peninsula and the Aleutians northeast of Japan. A spokesman said if the quake was on land it "would be very destructive."

Billboard Bill

To the Editor: The anti-outdoor advertising initiative petition which is being circulated is sufficiently important to everyone in Oregon to deserve more clarification than it is receiving.

The bill seems worthy enough by its title — "An act relating to the regulation of advertising signs along interstate highways and throughways." But the title is viley deceptive, for, far from fairly regulating outdoor advertising, it virtually prohibits almost all outdoor advertising along all Oregon's major highways except in cities.

If passed, the bill would require that all advertising along approximately 20 Oregon freeways and throughways (which comprise all the state's important highways) come down forever. The only signs permitted would be those very few smaller signs placed within five miles of the actual roadside they advertise, and even those would not be allowed on U. S. highways 30 and 99.

If all this bill did was put nearly 800 Oregon workers in the outdoor advertising industry out of jobs it would be bad enough. But, incredible as it may seem, this bill actually singles out Oregon's multi-million dollar tourist industry (third largest industry in Oregon) to be hardest hit. The most important single means of commerce, tourist attractions, scenic area associations, hotels, motels and restaurants have of stopping the tourist on his way from California to Washington or Canada is to tell him of the things he can see and do here, and of the wonderful tourist facilities we have.

You can rest assured that California and Washington tourist facilities hope this bill will pass, for it means they can step up their campaign to tourists while we are forced to shut ours down.

The bill provides that, after all taxpaying, regulated free enterprise firms have torn down their signs, the state shall turn around and build an indeterminate number of "Information Sites" costing an estimated \$50,000 each of taxpayers' money. These sites would require the tourist to pull off the road, stop his car and carefully scrutinize a hodgepodge of at least 24 small advertisements crowded together on a single billboard. The state would build the boards, set the advertising rates, and decide who shall be allowed to advertise.

This would mark the first time the state has grabbed and completely monopolized one channel of free communication.

Outdoor advertising is so important to state's economy that it should be regulated, but certainly not outlawed.
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YOUNGSTERS HURT

Baxley, Ga. — (AP) — A small tornado whipped through a recreational area here yesterday, blowing over a shed and seriously injuring two teenagers. The youths were identified as Jackie Dean, 13-year-old state water ski champion, and Danny Sellers, 16, both of Baxley.

TRAITOR TO THE CAUSE

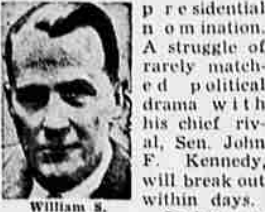
London — (AP) — Actor Michael Medwin formed the British Bachelors' association four months ago, then resigned as its president Saturday. He has become engaged to be married.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

STRUGGLE AHEAD

Washington — Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson is now going all the way for the Democratic



William S. White

pre-identical nomination. A struggle of rarely matched political drama with his chief rival, Sen. John F. Kennedy, will break out within days.

So long as there was some chance of finishing the heavy docket of congressional business before the important preliminaries of the Democratic National Convention—now almost at hand—Johnson was not willing to throw his campaign into urgent activity. He felt that as the Senate Democratic Leader he must put the legislative program first—in his own interest and in the interest of his party generally.

In the meantime, however, it became obvious that Congress could not possibly finish before the convention, which formally opens July 11, without the loss of important bills in the rush. This is why he moved to recess Congress and have it come back after the convention. The curiously mixed resistance to this some from pro-Kennedy Democrats and some from Republicans told its own story. Its effect was to seek to tie Johnson to his job while Kennedy continued to run away with the pre-convention headlines.

JOHNSON, however, will in any event no longer be so tied.

The first Johnson cannonading started Saturday by way of charges—which Former President Truman publicly hurled—that Kennedy's backers have "rigged" the coming Democratic Convention in his favor. This complaint is directed especially at a Kennedy partisan who controls the convention arrangements, Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler.

A second charge will disclose an effort to set up a Johnson presidential ticket on which the vice-presidential nominee would be a Catholic, Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota. This would be designed to break into the heavy support of Catholic Democratic politicians for Kennedy, who is himself a Catholic.

It also would be intended to secure backing for Johnson from McCarthy's fellow Minnesotan, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey. Humphrey until his defeat in the primaries was himself a presidential aspirant. He has great influence over some 60 convention delegate votes—a bloc which could become very important even though 761 are required to nominate.

FOR two years the Kennedy-Johnson contest has proceeded in an atmosphere where Kennedy was ceaselessly on the move and Johnson hardly visibly moving at all. It is now to become a hotly spotlighted contest—on both sides—of an acute and brilliant professionalism not seen in this generation.

The rosters of both forces are studied with seasoned pros. Each candidate is himself a master politician in his own way. Kennedy operates scientifically at every stage—"from a slide rule," as the politicians put it. Johnson operates with what seems to be by guess and by hunch, with a sprawling outward casualness that hides a determination and care no less cool than that of his younger antagonist.

Kennedy's weapons are many; his long head start in the race; his greater acceptability to the liberal forces which will control at least the mechanisms of the convention; his position as the front-runner.

Johnson's own guns, however, though fewer in number, are hardly less formidable in total firepower. His position in the party structure is far greater. And those delegates pledged to him, though fewer than those pledged to Kennedy, are on the whole more unshakably committed.

NOBODY questions that Kennedy is ahead as of now. But even politicians leaning to Kennedy are reserving their freedom of movement. For one thing, any possibility of a serious run for a third contender, Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri, is now regarded as all but nonexistent. This being so, the presently pro-Symington votes must go somewhere. Where they will go is only one of a dozen great questions now hanging over the scene. One point, however, is altogether certain.

Though it may or may not

help on election day in November, the Democratic convention show of July will surely blanket that of the Republican convention which nominated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.
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In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Tokyo:

Japan handed Russia a bristling note which bluntly told the Soviet Union to keep its nose out of Japan's affairs. It flatly rejected Russia's previous three protests against the new U.S.-Japan security treaty and the stationing of U-2 (spy) planes here. It told Russia that it is JAPAN's business whether it should accept the word of the U.S. that the planes were not used to spy on Russia and Communist China.

Russia's protest, the note said, is nothing but undue interference in the affairs of Japan. The note was dramatic reaffirmation that Japan, regardless of leftist influences in the nation, is still firmly on the side of the United States.

HOSE are strong words. They are blunt words.

They constitute an unusual exhibition of diplomatic anger on the part of the Japanese, whose traditional politeness usually carries over into international affairs.

Because of what has happened in the immediate past, these blunt words fall pleasingly on our ears.

WE must remember that this unusually biting response to Russia's recent threats of what might happen to Japan if she persists in her adherence to her alliance with the United States is written by a government that is presumed to be about to resign and call for new elections.

These new elections will tell the tale. Until we know the outcome of them (which will probably be some time this coming fall) we won't know how deeply the Japanese people have been bitten by the bug of neutralism.

THE code of the neutralists was put pretty well by Sam Walter Foss, an American editor and humorist and a writer of light verse, when he said in one of his jingles: "Let me live in my house by the side of the road and be a friend of man." That is an enticing desire.

Poet's Corner: West Allocates Space For Democrat Poesy

By DICK WEST

Washington — (AP) — I guess the intersection of Fourth and July is as good a place as any to set up a poet's corner.
 So if you Republicans will kindly stop popping those firecrackers, I will turn the platform over to some cultural-minded Democrats who desire to recite a few stanzas of political verse.

I hadn't really intended to become a moderator for partisan poetry forums, but last month, when my resistance was low, I quoted some election-year limericks composed by the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee.

Since the GOP rhymes tended to list heavily in Nixon's direction, I deemed it only fair that I should invite contributions from bards of the ballot box on the other side.

I now have enough Democratic doggerel on hand to open a couplet kennel. Some of the less libelous specimens are presented below. A little organ music, professor, if you please.

There was a young fellow from Ripping,
 Who said, "This country is slipping."
 "All that's needed is Jack,
 Not the dough, but the knack."
 "Of keeping those Communists yipping."

South America caught on to Dick's tricks,
 And Japan and Ike didn't mix.
 So our only salvation
 Is Democratization,
 Which I think that Adlai can fix.

Lily white Dick looks pretty slick

Congress Candidate Tells Principles For Election Race

A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE
 By Edwin R. Durno
 (Republican Candidate for Congress, Fourth District, Oregon)

My philosophy of government has already been expressed far better than I can say it by Thomas Jefferson, the writer of America's Declaration of Freedom and Independence, and the third president of the United States, who said: "I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest danger to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our choice between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude. If we can prevent the Government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy."

Never in the history of our country has it been more important for our defenses to remain strong, our people unified in a positive foreign policy.

Our international relations should be an All-American bi-partisan effort, arrived at by combining the skills, wisdom, experience and judgment of the Executive branch of Government and State Department in consultation with the appropriate committees of the Congress.

Nationally, we should join in working for the elimination of the Super-State and its centralization of power in Washington.

We must intensify our struggle to preserve local autonomy, our state rights, the dignity and freedom of the individual and the integrity of the family as the basic political unit.

Inflation must be controlled. Every effort should be made to balance the budget. This can best be done by:

The elimination from the Congress of the high spenders, the socialistic experimenters, No Federal School Aid. Specifically, further Federal aid to education in our elementary and secondary schools must be discouraged. Farm subsidies and support

but it is pretty hard to attain in this world if you have anything worth taking. If we all followed the neutralists' code, the world would very soon indeed fall into the hands of the Communists.

SOLE-MATE SOUGHT

Sheffield, England — (AP) — Margaret Bradwell, 16, and Patricia Padley 17, met Saturday and bought shoes together after Margaret ran the following advertisement in a local newspaper:

"Teen-ager with size five left foot and size four right foot wishes to meet girl in opposite predicament."
 PSYCHIATRIST DIES
 New York — (AP) — Dr. Sol W. Ginsburg, 60, psychiatrist and consultant to the conservation of human resources project at Columbia university, died Saturday.

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