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What Are the Issues?

Religion, it is now pretty well agreed by observers in all sections of the nation, will be an issue in the coming presidential campaign.

As remarked before, it probably was too too much hope for that it wouldn't be — that American voters would base their voting judgment on the record, ability, character and personality of the candidates, and on the great issues which are facing the nation.

AND what are the issues? They are many, and important. There is the health of the nation's economy, and how much the federal government should use its vast fiscal authority to stimulate economic well-being.

There is the vital question of how much America is going to invest in the education of its young people, and how this can best be done. There is the national defense.

THERE is, indeed, the whole question of the role of the federal government in the conduct of public affairs, and how far it should go in encouraging scientific research and exploration, in protecting the health of the nation, in aiding the well-being of the elderly and the incompetent, in developing and protecting our national resources of minerals, soil and water.

Does the federal government really have a part to play in seeing that constitutional guarantees of equality before the law should be enforced?

Should it police the nation's air mass and its streams to prevent pollution from rendering them unfit for human use? These are some of the overriding questions which must be decided, at least in part, as America's voters make their choices in November.

AND it does us no credit to permit the campaign to descend to the "petty and personal" level of whether a man is rich or poor, what church he attends, or how he cuts his hair.

On the religious question, we like the calm words of Ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague, writing in his Oregon Statesman:

"Surely we should not condemn the great number of American Catholics to permanent inelegibility to serve as President. Senator Kennedy has made frank and honest, and in my judgment very satisfactory, answers to the question of performance in office if elected. The decision on the presidential candidates should be based, not on their church membership, but on a comparison of their qualifications, their training, experience, character, capacity."

The "religious issue" is a false one, based on fear and suspicion, and, aside from the constitutional question involved (which Senator Kennedy has answered, we believe honestly) does little credit to those who belabor it.—E.A.

Ol' Earl's Success

On the face of it, the election of "Ol' Earl" Long to congress seems a sort of travesty on the democratic process.

Ol' Earl, the brother and one of the political heirs of the late Huey "Kingfish" Long, is the former governor of Louisiana, barred from reelection, who upset the entire state by his antics last year, seeking to get around the reelection ban.

He was in and out of mental hospitals, consorted with strip-teasers, ranted and raved, and generally conducted himself like an oafish medieval baron.

THIS was the picture which was broadcast to the American public by the mass media—newspapers (and their wire services), radio and television.

As far as it went, it undoubtedly was a true picture. But in a tour de force of reporting, a writer for the New Yorker magazine, A. J. Leibling, ventured into Louisiana, spent some time with knowing observers on the scene, visited with Ol' Earl himself, and came up with a deeper and more penetrating picture of the old rascal than the superficial aspects of daily reporting make possible.

Ol' Earl, the reporter concluded, is just about everything he has been called—raffish, unmannerly, sly, opportunistic, perhaps even somewhat unbalanced mentally.

But, beyond this, he found him to be crazy like a fox, and the stoutest—and perhaps subtlest—defender of human rights in the state.

LOUISIANA has never been distinguished by the purity of its politics, and the crowds against which Ol' Earl was fighting—first for the governorship, and when that failed, for Congress—were, by and large, fairly smelly characters.

But Ol' Earl Long, political robber baron that he is and has been, still is a believer in an elemental human dignity of spirit, in a sort of rough-hewn equality of opportunity, in a break for the "niggers" and "po' white trash" of the bayous and piney woods.

That, anyway, is what this sensitive inquiring reporter concluded. And it made us feel a bit better to recall his report when we read that Ol' Earl is now going to Congress, and still is a live political force in the jungles of Louisiana.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"DOES HE SNORE LIKE THAT AT HOME?"

Communications

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The Dog Problem

To the Editor: Everyone knows that a dog running around without a collar means that a license has not been paid, and it should be turned over to the dog control officer.

Every time I go anywhere in town, or passing through, I see several dogs without collars.

Seems to me it is useless to make any different laws when the present one is not fulfilled.

Many people that keep their dogs up in the day turn them out in the small hours of the morning, which is not much better than having no laws at all.

Those that voted out of prejudice for country dogs to be tied will be sorry that they voted that way when they are taxed for extra help and trucks to take care of this. Everybody has to pay their part toward any county expenses.

It was reported in the papers this spring that over 2,000 dog licenses had been sold.

I wouldn't be afraid to bet that there are at least another 1,000 without a license. That is just too much dog.

I know people become attached to their pets; especially if they have raised them from puppyhood.

We, like everyone else thought our dog was the smartest and best ever.

But everyone should be willing to do their part to restrict the dog population.

It never will be done that way, though, as long as the price is \$20. Male puppies could be taken care of as easily as the farmer controls his stock. That wouldn't be done either unless there was a fine imposed for not doing

so. If this was all done thoroughly dogs just as well all run at the owners' will, provided they paid a license. And I would make it so high that no one would want to keep more than one dog.

High license and cheap veterinary service is definitely the only way to finally have less dog population.

Mary E. Atkins 1634 Orchard Home dr. Medford.

The Constitution To the Editor: In reply to the letter by Mr. A. E. (Earl) Gildewell of Hermiston, Ore., in the M.T. Aug. 26.

I find no flaw with this gentleman's quotations from the Constitution of the United States, but his interpretation, application, and obvious omissions lend the thought that he is trying, as so many do, to construe its meaning to fit personal affairs, or that he has not given sufficient thought and study to its full intent and purpose.

Firstly, he mentions regulations and regimentation of businesses exclusively within sovereign states. If my dictionary be correct, we have no sovereign states in the United States. My dictionary defines sovereign as "having supreme rank, power or authority."

Article 4, Sec. 2 states plainly that "any law made under the authority of the United States shall be the supreme law of the land" to quote in part.

Therein it is specifically stated that each and all states are subordinate to the United States.

Were it not so, we would not be the United States, but only 50 states very much disunited, in which a state of chaos, similar to that in the

Dutch-Indonesian Warfare Seen Unlikely Despite West Irian Territorial Dispute

By RUSSELL E. DYBVIK Jakarta—UPI—Is Indonesia prepared to start a war with Holland over the 160,000 square miles of jungle known as West New Guinea?

That seems unlikely, despite heated declarations from the Indonesians calling for the overthrow of the Dutch colonial regime in the sparsely populated land.

For more than 10 years, Indonesia has fought a hot and cold war of words with Holland over the area which lies just a few miles beyond the eastern boundary of Indonesian-held territory.

Just two weeks ago, President Sukarno unexpectedly slashed all diplomatic ties with the Netherlands and vowed to "liberate" West Irian "in a revolutionary manner."

Earlier this summer, 2,500 new Dutch troops were added to the token force of 1,000 soldiers with which The Hague government manned its last colonial outpost. Twenty-four Dutch fighter planes were carried more than half way around the world to give Dutch New Guinea an Air Force.

Congo at the present time, could easily exist.

To further establish the authority of the Federal Government may I quote the first seven words of the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States: "We, the people of the United States."

I conclude by expressing confidence in the integrity of our elected representatives to Congress to safeguard the Constitution by demanding that any changes be made by proper amendment.

If the laws be incorrectly construed, it is the duty of the Supreme Court to decide.

I heartily endorse Mr. Gildewell's interest in the government affairs. We need more of it.

C. R. Burrill, 122 Vilas rd., W., Central Point, Ore.

4-H Fair Coverage

To the Editor: I couldn't help noticing during all your items and pictures of the 4-H fair, every prize winner was mentioned in all types of club work except there was never one thing mentioned about the Kaper Kids, a dairy goat club.

During my several visits to the fair I was very much impressed but the fine exhibit they had and how much work had been put forth by the children who seemed to be mostly younger children.

It seemed to be a very well organized club, someone was always on barn duty eager to answer any questions asked them. Their part of the barn just shone, it was kept so clean.

They also seemed to be ahead with blue cards for the herdsmanship for each day of the fair.

Surely this must be an oversight on the part of your reporters. I would hate to think adults could be so prejudiced as to just ignore the club.

I believe this same sort of thing happened last year, as I read nothing of their awards last year and they had an exhibit.

How about giving these children some recognition too?

B. J. Richardson 185 North Pioneer Ashland, Ore.

Editor's Note: In the Mail Tribune's coverage of the 4-H, FFA fair, no one was sighted knowingly, and the newspaper has run, to the best of its knowledge, all the results provided by the 4-H office and fair officials—which has run to dozens of columns of type, too much to print in any single issue, in addition to a score or so of pictures. In this volume of material, a few mistakes were undoubtedly made, unintentionally. But we were glad to note in yesterday's paper that Kaper Kids won the herdsmanship rosette for dairy goats. Congratulations!

He'll Vote "Against" To the Editor: The health bill for the aged passed by the House of Representatives, is prophetic but not pleasant. It is an ill omen but true in nature. It reveals the attitude of the majority toward that minor and helpless segment of our society who have served their purpose in life and are now relegated to that social station in our society comparative to a pariah.

It is a sad commentary, but a true picture of the thought processes held toward the stable citizens of yesteryears. It is a hideous picture of the mental process of the majority of those members of the House that participated in the voting. It is an illustration of that warped moral outlook of that majority. That vote smacks of moral decay, an obscene revelation of a moral and social trend. It is robbing the senior citizens of the dignity of social security

This, fiercely nationalistic Indonesia claimed, was tantamount to aggression. Sukarno's government was further provoked when the Dutch said the move was prompted by "aggressive elements" in Indonesian foreign policy.

When Indonesia gained her independence in 1949, the Netherlands agreed to turn over West Irian to Indonesia following proper negotiations.

But these talks were broken off in 1960, and have never been resumed. Indonesian appeals to the United Nations have brought no results.

The Hague announced recently that West New Guinea would be given independence "within 10 years."

Australia, only a few hundred miles to the south, holds the eastern portion of New Guinea. Since Holland announced its aircraft carrier, the Karel Doorman, would conduct a "flag showing cruise" to West New Guinea in order to deliver the planes and troops, Indonesia has quietly built up her military strength in the bordering areas.

Needless to say, Indonesia could easily overrun the token Dutch force in an outright invasion. But such an invasion is extremely unlikely.

COPE's Record in Kefauver's Election Forecast for Fall

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—UPI—AFL-CIO endorsement of the Kennedy-Johnson presidential ticket represents a massive commitment of men, women and money to the Democratic cause.

This massive commitment could make for Sen. John F. Kennedy and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson the margin of difference between victory and defeat on Nov. 8. The men and women thus committed are not mere voters ordered by platoons, regiments and brigades to the polls to cast their ballots for the choices of labor leaders.

These men and women are more important than mere voters. They are campaign workers at the precinct level and higher. These workers are

and intellectual independence, and making them wards of a bureau to be badgered and insulted.

Death, where is thy sting? Suicide, where is thy horror? Decency, where is thy wrath? Humanity, where is thy pride? Justice, where is thy shame?

As there is nothing to vote FOR in the coming election, this writer is going to vote AGAINST something. He is going to vote against that inhuman gesture, that bulldozer manipulated by the Republicans and southern Democrats. He is voting in protest of inhuman treatment. He is voting in protest of vile slander and cruel insult. He is voting for a principle. He is voting for hope and home. He is voting for Smiling Jack Kennedy.

He may look like a "rube" but not like a ruffian. He may look like a hick and a hay seed or a local yokel, but so did Lincoln. This writer is not a Catholic.

Walter Reese Galice Rd. Merlin, Ore.

Funny Humans To the Editor: Here is a United Press report from Paris, France, March 23, 1910, in a mid-west paper:

"Lieutenant Briequet, with an aeroplane, carried eleven soldiers three miles in four minutes. The soldiers weighed 1,500 pounds and the feat established a new world's record and shows the use of the aeroplane in war, in carrying scouting parties."

Nothing was said in the way of a new mode of transportation in a peaceful world or of the future prospects of carrying mail or being used as an ambulance in case of general disaster, like Mercy Flights.

Now the plane is indispensable to explorers, scientists, farmers and just about the entire field of useful occupations of commerce.

Did you ever think, if it had not been for the ingenuity of inventions before Christopher Columbus' time, we may have never been born in "a new world" of America to read history, either ancient or of a modern version? No wonder the human creature has been termed "funny."

Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman st. Medford.

Best Week For Albacore Reported Astoria—UPI—Packers here this week reported the best loads of albacore tuna of the season.

The largest load was 15 tons. Fishermen said most of the boats were finding fish in an area about 40 miles west of the Columbia River. Some boats were reported heading for the area from as far south as San Pedro, Calif.

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In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

Nelson Reed, Al Hattan, Laurence Shaw and the writer of this piece have just returned from Washington. Our purpose in going to the national capital was to convince the Forest Service, if possible, that a new National Forest, with headquarters in the Klamath Basin, should be created out of the Klamath Indian forest lands that are now in the process of being added to the National Forest area as a result of the liquidation of the Klamath Indian Reservation.

Full-Seals Operation "The job was started in May of 1959, when the executive committee of the state AFL-CIO endorsed a broad education and registration program. It was agreed that full time COPE people will be assigned to four major cities, and that central card files would be set up in each. The card file was the key. Without it, there would have been, no checking of union registration, no extensive mailings, no telephone campaigns. It (the card file) kept 200 members of the COPE Women's Activities Division, (WAD) and some men, busy for weeks.

"In Nashville, WAD members typed 15,000 names on cards, checked them with the city directory, telephone book and voter lists. A COPE precinct organization was set up, lists of nonregistered voters were sent to precinct captains and a registration drive conducted.

Massive Card File "In Chattanooga the WAD produced a card file of 10,000 names. Fifty women volunteers addressed 40,000 mailings, made 15,000 phone calls on election day, loaned their services, also, to Volunteers for Kefauver."

Kelly ended his piece with a quote from a COPE report: "The Tennessee campaign was a clear example of what COPE can achieve."

There is no doubt about that. Not much doubt, either, that COPE could elect the Kennedy-Johnson ticket if it goes all out nationally now as it did statewide for Kefauver.

Republican strategists must answer this question: How can we match massive political operations of big labor's men, women and money?

make no difference which federal pocket the cost of administering these lands comes out of. That it is merely a case of providing the best possible administration. Over in the Klamath Basin, they feel strongly that LOCAL administration will be better for everybody concerned.

That is about the long and the short of the Klamath request for a new National Forest, with headquarters in the Klamath Basin, to be created out of the Klamath Indian Reservation lands that are soon to pass into the hands of the Forest Service.

Perry Mason Visits Bar Association; Lawyers Envious

By DICK WEST

Washington—UPI—The American Bar Association is meeting here this week and the town is teeming with 15,000 lawyers and Perry Mason fans.

As conventions go, this one is unusually decorous. The business sessions are well attended and the delegates generally pay attention to the speakers.

But you ought to see the way that heads turn whenever an ambulance goes by.

With so many visiting attorneys around, I thought this would be a good time to pick up some free legal advice. Unfortunately, however, nobody is suing me at the moment so the opportunity was wasted.

Turned To Perry Mason That being the case, I did the next best thing and cadged a consultation, as well as a cup of coffee, from Raymond Burr, a Hollywood actor who plays the role of attorney Perry Mason on television.

Burr has hung out his shingle here long enough to make a speech before one of the bar association groups and to participate in a panel discussion.

I consulted him in his hotel room where he was sipping coffee and working on his speech. He acted so much like

a real lawyer, I was afraid he would charge me a fee.

Since he began playing in the Perry Mason series, Burr has been getting about 5,000 letters a week, mostly from TV fans who are looking for a good attorney.

However tempted he might be to handle some of the cases himself, he always turns them over to the Legal Aid Society or some other such group.

Not only has his acting been convincing to the TV audience, but the legal profession also has tended to accept him as one of its own.

Already this year, he has been invited to 52 bar meetings, which is more than most practicing attorneys attend in their entire careers.

Why the Popularity? I asked Burr how he accounted for his popularity among lawyers. After all, the medical profession never exactly went overboard for Lew Ayres when he was playing young Dr. Kildare.

Burr said he thought it was because he admired the legal profession and felt a responsibility to present it in a favorable light on his shows. Often, he pointed out, criminal lawyers have been represented in books and plays as shysters or sharpies.

This may be so, but I suspect the real reason why lawyers like to identify themselves with Burr is because Perry Mason never loses a case.



Dick West

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