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Those Who CARE

A subject for endless and fascinating speculation—but one never to be solved; no, not by the most probing psychologist or the most dedicated motivational researcher—is what makes a voter cast his ballot the way he does.

FOR instance: Time after time the legislature has besought the electorate for bigger salaries for its members. They've made an excellent case, too. But only once in recent memory have the voters responded affirmatively—and that time with a measly \$600 per year.

Then, all of a sudden, a measure which will permit the legislators to set their own salaries passes by a substantial margin.

OR on Home Rule: The people of Jackson county in 1958 overwhelmingly approved the principle of home rule. So why did the charter go down to defeat?

PERHAPS it may be because of the kind of adverse reaction voiced in a brief (and unsigned) note which arrived Sunday. It said:

NOR were we depressed that the "removal of the six per cent limitation" failed to pass. In the first place, the vote was NOT on the removal of the six per cent limitation, which shows the level of understanding of our unnamed correspondent.

ALSO, after watching Oregon elections closely for nearly two decades, we know as well as any "where the ultimate power under a system such as ours still rests."

NO, IT has been a long time since we have allowed ourselves the luxury of intense emotional involvement with specific measures and candidates.

WE have, to be sure, supported some and opposed others with fervor and belief. But if nothing else, we have learned that one cannot let either a political defeat or a political victory become so all-important that it blots out the fact that in this nation it is the people who CARE who make the decisions.

Win a few; lose a few. We were pleased about the outcome of some of last Friday's races; disappointed in others.

The important thing is that the decisions were made by those who CARE, and in the long run we can't go too far wrong if we place our political destinies in the hands of people who CARE. They may be wrong today, or tomorrow, but in the long run, the right choices will be made.

Otherwise, the American experiment is going sour. And this we cannot believe.—E.A.



"I DECIDED TO GIVE YA ANOTHER CHANCE."

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible.

A Tribute To the Editor: There is a void in my life these days because a woman has died. Actually, I should be rejoicing, because there is no doubt whatever in my mind that she is now in the presence of God Almighty and she must be very happy.

Thanks Voters To the Editor: And all those fine people who voted for me: I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you fine folks who felt that I was the man of the hour and voted for me.

For Bill To the Editor: This is to William V. Deatherage: Dear Bill: Many thanks for your effort and hard work on behalf of the Democratic party and to the people of Jackson county in justifying their stand.

Buddy Poppies To the Editor: The proud and symbolic product of the unsteady hands of our hospitalized and disabled veterans.

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

1. Would it have been possible for Napoleon Bonaparte and George Washington to have visited each other?

2. Who won the battle of Bunker Hill, the Americans or British?

3. Which arm of the Famous statue, Venus de Milo, is wholly missing?

4. When daylight saving time is changed back into standard time, are the clocks retarded or advanced one hour?

5. In what war did Jeb Stuart gain his fame as a cavalry leader?

6. What was the Clermont?

7. What does the Latin phrase post-mortem mean?

8. Where did the owl and pussy cat go?

9. Name the most used letter in the English alphabet.

Foreign News: Guerrilla Step-Up Seen; German Military Change; Jouhaud Mercy

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

er before the rains set in to seize new territory in Viet Nam.

Since military operations thereafter are hampered by the rains, the Reds use the intervening time to strengthen their control in the new areas and to indoctrinate farmers.

Washington Report By William S. White

SHADOW Washington—This columnist senses the shadow of a new public mood of isolationism—but one based this time on persistent allied refusal to deal sensibly with America.

Strictly Personal By Sydney J. Harris

UNIVAC NOT ENOUGH An official of the General Electric Co. recently told a convention group that within the next decade the "house of tomorrow" will have family-size computers.

NOTWITHSTANDING all disclaimers, Chancellor Adenauer of Germany and President Charles de Gaulle of France are persistently making it harder and harder for the United States to function as the responsible leader of that free world.

THIS being so, why this? Why does General de Gaulle hold yet another press conference to say yet again what he had said over and over about his greater wisdom in the very cold war matters?

Why, in the same circumstances, is it necessary for Adenauer to proclaim his deeply hurt feelings about some sharp little message sent by us to Bonn to protest public leaks in Germany of cold war information given in the highest confidence to Germany?

Why must Adenauer and de Gaulle dream aloud of a new Europe in which Germany and France are to be the super states? Aren't these wonderful visions of Franco-German "grandeur" a little too premature and costly right now to the desperately needed unity of the West?

THESE are not pretty questions. But the moment they begin to be asked widely in this country—as they will be unless these prima donnas in Bonn and Paris get back on the Allied team and at least reserve their gripes for private sessions with the American captain—at that moment the shadow of a new American isolationism may become a thing of substance.

THE President himself will never take that course of his own choice. But it is not inconceivable that the American public will take it for him. What de Gaulle and Adenauer must grasp is that it is not a man named Kennedy they are harassing; it is the United States of America,

and villagers with the Communist line.

Nuclear Change Look for the West Germans quietly to drop their demands that the Bundeswehr be armed with nuclear weapons and switch to a concentration on strengthening their conventional defenses.

Paratroopers The Dutch government is reported extremely bitter about the U.S. attitude in its struggle with Indonesia over the future of West New Guinea.

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And a stable succession to General de Gaulle arranged. Nevertheless, we must not make too much of the political instability of France. It is a completed and territorially satisfied nation.

BUT the instability of Germany has profounder consequences. The retirement of Dr. Adenauer cannot be far off. Under his iron leadership the West Germans have followed his foreign policy, but there is most impressive that there is any successor to Adenauer whom the parties and the factions will follow in the same way.

I say this because I am persuaded that West Germany, which is defeated, divided from the rest of Germany, and is still haunted by the memories of Nazism, has not yet achieved the kind of sovereignty, the kind of self-confidence and self-assurance, which enable it to make its own national policy.

West Germany has made a brilliant economic recovery. But in world politics it is not as yet a principal power. It is the object of the diplomacy of the other powers, and its inner life is pushed and pulled from the outside.

There are also deep but mixed bonds of memory and of emotions which unite the two peoples in the belief that war, which for both of them was a tragedy and a humiliation, must never again come between them.

Dr. Adenauer is much aware that these conflicting external pressures work within Germany and because of them he is insecure and feels that the least risk is to be inflexible and to stand pat.

The "hard line," which is too much General de Gaulle's specialty these days, is designed primarily to keep the Germans from straying away from the Franco-German combination, to keep them from working with the Americans and the British to find an accommodation about Berlin, or even, as is always a possibility for the Germans, or going along with Dr. Kroll towards a larger Russo-German deal.

WE cannot pretend, and we should not try to pretend, that we believe in or would welcome a Franco-German "Europe." We shall not be alone in refusing to applaud it and in promoting a wider community. Opposed to the exclusive and restrictive Europe of General de Gaulle and Dr. Adenauer, there is a liberal party within the whole area of the Common Market.

Its leaders are Jean Monnet himself, M. Spaak, the Foreign Minister of Belgium, Dr. Hallstein, Chairman of the Commission of the European Economic Community, and I should say, the leading spirits of the present Italian coalition. In Germany there belong to this party men like Erhard, who may be Dr. Adenauer's successor, the leading big German industrialists, the Free Democrats on the right and the Social Democrats on the left.

Some of them want a more highly federated Europe than they are likely to get. It is to them that General de Gaulle was referring when he spoke of "Utopian construction." A federated Europe may well be a Utopian idea, but what matters practically is that the men and groups I have named are all of them favorable to British membership and adamant in their support of the Atlantic Alliance.

Salan, his one-time boss in the terrorist secret army organization, taking full blame for all its excesses. A decision by President Charles de Gaulle on Jouhaud's clemency appeal is expected soon after Salan's trial ends.

The betting in Paris is that former Gen. Edmond Jouhaud will escape execution as a result of ex-Gen. Raul.

Today & Tomorrow By Walter Lippmann

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