

Instrument of Power

The Write-in, Relatively Neglected, Makes Voters Ballot Box Virtuosos

By DICK WEST

Washington — (UPI) — When my wife and I voted for the first time in our lives last Tuesday, it opened up whole new worlds for us. We didn't realize what we had been missing.

It is true that the ballot in our district was rather skimpy. We only had two congressional candidates and three amendments to vote for or against. But if a voter is energetic enough, he doesn't have to confine himself to what is on the ballot. He has at his disposal a relatively neglected instrument of political power — the write-in.

The write-in can make every voter a ballot box virtuoso, enabling him to expand not only the field of candidates but the range of offices as well.

Originally, my wife and I only intended to write in names for President. We were torn between Tom

Dewey and William Jennings Bryan.

But as we were driving to the polls, my wife remarked that the governor's race in California was more interesting than our local contest for Congress.

"Why don't we vote in that one, too?" she suggested.

"Good idea," I said. Then we fell to musing over the fact that people are always saying they wouldn't vote for so-and-so for dogcatcher.

We decided it would be a nice switch to draw up a list of son-and-so's that we would vote for dogcatcher. You would be surprised how many qualified dogcatchers you can name if you put your mind to it.

We believe that in a democracy a voter should feel free to vote for dogcatcher whether it is on the ballot or not.

"While I'm at it," I told my wife, "I think I'll write in a vote for Soviet premier. I've always felt that it should be an elective position."

"Splendid," my wife said.

I've always regretted that I was born too late to vote for Elbridge Gerry for vice president in 1812. I think I'll write that in."

These little extras helped to make our first ballot a memorable one. And yet, when we left the polls, neither of us had a sense of complete fulfillment.

I felt an emptiness over not getting to vote to admit "Shoeless Joe" Jackson to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

My wife was discontent over not voting an Academy Award for Nelson Eddy for his performance in "Girl of the Golden West."

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Shower Curtain Industry Sees No Business Slump

New York — (UPI) — How much does it cost the American housewife to keep the shower from flooding the bathroom floor?

If one eliminates the homes where a glass door keeps the water in and the breezes out, about \$40 million a year, according to an estimate by Noel Levine, executive vice president of Hygiene Industries, Inc., of New York.

Levine says the exact size of the industry which provides shower curtains is difficult to estimate; there are about 40 manufacturers with a primary interest in producing shower curtains and kindred fittings for the bathroom, but manufacturers of other fabric materials often have a single line of shower curtains.

Color Takes Over

For many years even in the best of homes of the shower curtain was a plain thing of white duck or canvas. But about the period of the late 1930s color coated materials began to come into vogue, and plastics came gradually into use, until they have become almost universal. Today most shower curtains are decorated with vinyls or decorated fabrics laminated to vinyl.

The decorative possibilities of the water shield have been developed in recent years to the point where it is now a common practice to match shower curtains with towels, bath mats, waste paper baskets in the bathroom.

More than 100 different patterns are offered by Levine's firm, and seven color combinations.

So long as bathing remains popular, and housewives have the urge to "change things around," Levine has no worries for the future of the industry.

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Education Week Offers Chance To Learn About School

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The spotlight will be on education next week, offering parents a good opportunity to compare the quality of their schools.

The nation will observe American Education Week Nov. 11-17 with the theme linked to our changing times "Education Meets the Challenge of Change."

There is no other time of the year when the nation's efforts will be so concentrated on creating interest and understanding in education.

Backbone of Society

Why is so much time, money and concern directed towards education? Our nation has grown to recognize that our education system is the backbone of our society. No other area has so much to offer in terms of maintaining and improving our position at home and abroad.

Education week is an opportunity to initiate and develop public relations programs. Schools in each community are directly affected by the desires of that community. This fact places a major responsibility upon the schools and educators. The public should be aware of the purposes and needs of the schools. The community can only make intelligent decisions when it is well informed.

Naturally, you would not expect to learn all about education and your school system in one week. Take the time to participate in one or more of the school programs. Find answers to the many questions you may have. Begin a personal plan to find out the comparative quality of your schools.

This could lead to disappointment. This doesn't mean you should begin a destructive attack, but rather expand your efforts to improve the situation. Lack of community participation has permitted some school systems to deteriorate. The quality of education is, to a great extent, the result of public support.

Important Part

Parent cooperation is an important part of a complete school program. Financial support is only one area of community participation. The recommendations of citizen committees and the involvement of local resources and talent are valuable to a school's program.

A student's educational and social growth is dependent upon his total environment which includes the school, home and community.

13 Pilots for Eastern Air Lines To Pay Penalties

Washington — (UPI) — The Federal Aviation Agency has announced it has fined 13 Eastern Air Lines pilots from \$300 to \$600 for such violations as sleeping at the controls, reading magazines in the cockpit and letting stewardesses fly their planes.

The action resulted from photographs taken by Eastern flight engineers on 15 flights dating from May 20, 1959, to July 30, 1961. The FAA said nine captains and four copilots were involved — two of the captains being charged with more than one violation.

The maximum penalty for inattention to duty in an airline cockpit is \$1,000. FFA, in letters to the 13 pilots, said the fines were compromise penalties. It said they could accept the compromise fines which is not an admission of guilt, or ask for a hearing on the charges.

The FAA said that pilots refusing to pay the fines will face prosecution by the Justice Department.

Eastern announced earlier this week it had grounded three pilots for unannounced periods, believed to range from 10 days to two weeks. Such grounding would cost a pilot between \$600 and \$800 in pay. Eastern's disciplinary action was separate from that of FAA, which meant that pilots may be paying as much as \$1,400 for their violations.

The FAA declined to reveal the names of the pilots fined because until they accept or reject the compromise penalties, their cases will be considered still open.

Must Submit Measures

Simultaneously with the letters to the crew members, the agency ordered Eastern to submit within 30 days a program indicating "what measures have been taken to correct such a situation and for assuring constant vigilance in the cockpit."

The FAA still is investigating about 300 photographs taken by a Trans World Airlines flight engineer aboard various TWA planes, as well as questioning 45 TWA engineers reported to have taken other pictures. An FAA spokesman said it could be assumed similar action would be taken against any TWA crew members found guilty after an investigation of the authenticity of the pictures and positive identification of the pilots involved.

SARNOFF SATISFACTORY

New York — (UPI) — Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff was reported in "satisfactory" condition at Roosevelt Hospital today. The 71-year-old board chairman of the Radio Corporation of America underwent surgery Thursday for removal of his gall bladder.

Industry Changes Increase Demand For Metal Salvage

New York — (UPI) — It has been just over 11 months since the U.S. Treasury stopped selling silver from its "free" stocks and in that time the price climbed from 91 cents to above \$1.20.

It was quoted earlier this month in New York at \$1.30 1/2 cents a fine ounce and the steady climb of nearly a year explains why he has been a busy man in that time, Jack Kaplan explained.

Kaplan is president of Spira Metal Co., Inc., South Amboy, N. J., one of the few firms which works at smelting and refining precious metal industrial scrap.

Place in Industry

As has often been explained during the activity in the international markets for the white metal recently silver holds a place in the industrial world. Electronics goods manufacturers; some makers of aerospace equipment; chemi-

cal firms, producers of house appliances, all have their uses for it.

As a result of all this demand, Kaplan said, industry has been devoting more thought to reclaiming scrap. The amount of silverbearing scrap offered to his firm for conversion and return has doubled within the past six months, he said. The owner of the scrap pays a refining and fabricating price for the reclaimed silver, less whatever Kaplan may pay him for residue base metals.

Popularity Changes

He said that not long ago silver was regarded popularly as a jeweler's metal — aside from its monetary uses — with some demand from chemistry, medicine and dentistry. But this is no longer the case. Instead, the use of it and other precious or rare metals in modern technologies has kept demand high — and increased the demand for precious metal salvage.

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"A lot of scrap we buy today used to be thrown away," said Kaplan, "but many companies are now finding it profitable to sell the metallic scrap."

Hatfield Notes Death Of Eleanor Roosevelt

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said Thursday the death of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was an "immense loss to all mankind."

"Mrs. Roosevelt was a great humanitarian who contributed much to world understanding," Hatfield said.

TRIMS CHURCH SERVICE
Spalding, England — (UPI) — The Rev. Graham J. Jekel said today attendance at his church has picked up marvelously since he did a little modernizing. He streamlined his service from 80 to 67 minutes.

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