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"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam

You Be the Judge

Humbly we refresh our readers' memory on the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States, which reads:

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America."

Now we submit a letter from the Multnomah Chapter of the Oregon Republican Club, which reads:

"The Republican Party has slumbered too long under the defeatism of New Deal relay-race elections and now, like a groggy shipwrecked gulliver, awakens suddenly to find itself bound hand and foot by the ever-increasing swarm of six-inch calibre bureaucrats who, by their over-powering numbers, appear to impress with utter helplessness, any effort to shake off their network of controls, their gutter-type political methods and their socialistic practices.

"The time has come for us to end this role of 'His Majesty's most loyal opposition' and start an old fashioned slugging match for survival; not only as Republicans, but as Americans. The only way we see to accomplish this is to shake the very foundations of our organization by some old fashioned rally or torch-light parade in the style that made this country great; to give more than lip-service to the courageous leaders who are making what may be our last free fight for American traditions, if we lose this opportunity.

"We are going to be blunt—we need your support, your ideas, and right now we need your money to back up this support. Our first step must be a bold one; that's the reason we chose a courageous speaker, Senator Joseph R. McCarthy from Wisconsin, whose basic loyalty to America has never been questioned, who has consented to make Portland his first speaking assignment in the West. We are paying his expenses only. We are asking something in addition to financial support; an unheard of action in these times; we want you to even go so far as to do a little campaigning to see that your employees get a chance to hear Senator McCarthy as he functions in the Senate; not as the reports misstate so often.

"The date is August 26th at the Republican Picnic at Jantzen Beach Park, sponsored by the Multnomah County Chapter of the Oregon Republican Club. Tickets are \$1.00 which all goes for the very excellent food, barbecue-style, supplied by Waddle's. We want delegations from all over the State of Oregon and from our neighboring State of Washington to participate in this big Rally.

"Several heads of business firms and some individuals have already bought a hundred tickets. Will YOU take a hundred—fifty—twenty-five—or even ten? We need to know ahead in order that we may plan on adequate food. We are counting on your support to help some very willing leaders make a start toward a rip-roaring 1952 CLEAN UP AMERICA CAMPAIGN; Yours Sincerely, LOUISE GRONNERT, Chairman of the Ticket Committee."

And now a statement:

"Let us stand together as Americans. And let us stand together with all men everywhere who believe in human liberty."  
—President Truman, January 8, 1951.

And finally:

"To the Allied victories in World War I and World War II each American contributed. On the battlefield and on the home front each played his part. We made whatever sacrifice was demanded of us gladly and willingly.

"The present national emergency again demands that we put security, strength, and peace ahead of our personal desires. In the mutual security effort each has a part to play.

"The impact on our civilian way of life of the present world situation is just beginning to be felt. It will become more serious in the months ahead. Many of our jobs will demand longer hours. There will be shortages in certain civilian goods—particularly goods made from metal.

"In World War II the people of the United States accepted whatever sacrifices they were called upon to make in the conviction that the goal was worth whatever it cost.

"The goal we seek today is peace. We are fighting for it just as surely as we fought for it 6 years ago. And again, the free nations of the world are fighting and working beside us.

"Once our goal—peace—has been attained, we, the free peoples of the world, can get on with the job of building a progressive and productive society of nations.

"Democracy," said President Truman, 'can supply the vitalizing force to stir the peoples of the world into triumphant action not only against their human oppressors, but also against their ancient enemies—hunger, misery and despair.'

"The United States, in its strength and well-being, stands as proof of the truth of this statement. With that strength and well-being, however, have come responsibilities. The test of our democracy lies in how wisely we handle them."—U.S.A. Department of State publication 4210.



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Editorial Comments:

IMPROVING THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM

Thoughtful students of government are again voicing concern over the workings of representative government in the United States. They point to the unprecedented resort of Congress to stopgap appropriation bills, to the failure to enact new taxes and other strong curbs on inflation, and to the confusion over foreign policy, with resulting weakness of America's voice abroad. They declare that the two-party system is failing to provide responsible and effective government.

Manifestly, with the new position of the United States as a world leader and amid recurrent crises, it is no longer safe to "muddle through." No wonder that thought is turning to the possibility of improving the operation of the two-party system.

Many theoretical reformers and superficial critics of American politics should take more account of the success with which American political genius has adapted the party system to a vast and diverse nation. Yet Americans might well question self-satisfied comparisons of their two-party system with the multiple or splinter parties prevailing in many countries. For the arrangement in the United States might more accurately be called a two-coalition or four-party system.

Everyone knows that for years Congress has been controlled in domestic legislation by a coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats. It has successfully opposed President Truman's efforts to carry through his Fair Deal program. At the same time on foreign affairs a coalition of Democrats and liberal Republicans has prevailed. The existence of these four "parties" can be more easily recognized in the names of four rep-

resentative senators: Morse and Jenner, George and Humphrey. The first two are called Republicans, the second pair Democrats. But each represents a definite view, and on a majority of issues each finds it easier to join with the senator of the other party than with his fellow Republican or Democrat.

Lord Bryce said the two parties are like "two bottles, both empty, but bearing different labels." This is too near the truth. How many voters can state doctrines on which Democrats unite nationally as against Republicans or vice versa? Party platforms have become almost meaningless.

The basic objective of reform is to give the ordinary voter a better opportunity to choose between alternative national programs and to have his mandate carried out by a responsible party organization. Developing greater cohesiveness and discipline within the parties is not a simple thing and will require both patient experimentation and steadfast popular insistence. Reforms will be achieved less by drastic legislation than by gradual changes of thinking and practice within the parties.

Some months ago the American Political Science Association set a distinguished committee to work studying the possibilities. It came up with a comprehensive report which deserves more attention and discussion. Chief among its proposals are smaller national conventions exerting more positive leadership in each party; clearer party programs; tighter discipline; more effective leadership in Congress; four-year terms for representatives; and a national council to coordinate party factions and provide leadership.

Others have proposed presidential primaries and the appointment of more congressmen to Cabinet positions as useful steps in achieving more responsible party leadership. Specific proposals are debatable and need careful examination. But the need for improving the two-party system is not debatable. The crises of our times render action imperative.—From Christian Science Monitor



MR. D.A.'S CRIME CALENDAR

AUGUST is The Month For . . .

**CAR THEFTS:** Nothing suggests the open road more than sunshine and pleasant weather. Consequently we grow careless when driving—and parking! The urge to get up and go applies, too, to others—even if they have to steal a car to make it. In an average day, crime statistics show, more than 440 cars are stolen in the U. S. You as a driver can contribute to this crime. When you park, don't leave your keys in the ignition. It's an invitation to steal. It's far better—and far cheaper on the taxpayer—to prevent a crime than to punish a criminal.

**MEDICAL QUACKS:** Watch out for that phoney "doctor" with his bag full of "cures" for everything. He pops up this time of year, sometimes with travelling carnivals, sometimes with his own show. He peddles his wares to the unwary in small towns and resort areas mostly. The "medicines" he has promise relief for any ailment; his "drugs" are more harmful than good. The reliable doc is the one you've known for years.

**ASSAULT BY MOONLIGHT:** This is a warning for spooners. The situations involved cover a variety of crimes. The shady lane, that road, beach, or park-side rendezvous, may prove as dangerous as it is delightful. Watch out for prowlers. They are the lowest of criminals at best.

Watch For "Mr. D.A.'s" Calendar For Crime in September!

Mr. District Attorney heard Wednesday on NBC

Fox Valley

Mrs. Clair Humphreys and family of Myrtle Creek are visiting the Jack and Hugh Johnston families.

Kenneth Sandner, a cousin of Leland Humphreys, was here Sunday. Kenneth is spending the summer with his grandparents on a farm between Stayton and Scio. He works for his uncle Delbert Sandner.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Rodich and Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Rodich were among those who attended the rodeo at Prineville, Sunday.

The Don Shepherd family of Baker visited at the George Clippell home the past week.

Fax Thayer of Portland was a Fox Valley business caller Monday. His sister, Freda Thayer, of Scio has bought a small home on the highway west of Mill City and Fax was helping put in a septic tank at the house. Miss Thayer has accepted a position in the Mill City high school.

DETROIT

By MRS. OPAL WHITE

Dorothy Stalley down from Coffin Mt. is visiting Mrs. Carrie Clester. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wiggins left for a two-week vacation in Spokane, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker had a picnic Sunday at White Water.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. White left Friday for Santa Ana, California, where they will visit their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon White.

Mr. Fry's mother from Vancouver, Washington, is visiting them.

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