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Today's Roundup

YESTERDAY'S local political announcements, discussing the intentions of two of the major "potential candidates," should touch off a flock of denunciations for nominations for the unusually large number of offices to be open this year.



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Phil Hitchcock's announcement as a republican aspirant for the senate seat filled for two terms by the late Marshall E. Cornett hints a strong candidacy. Hitchcock, now of Klamath, lived for a long time in Deschutes county, second largest (in population) county in the five-county 17th senatorial district, and he has a considerable acquaintanceship in the other counties.

Henry Semon resisted considerable urging to run for the senate post. A 14-year veteran in the house, he evidently decided he would prefer to remain in familiar surroundings if the voters of the county will send him back to them.

The Herald and News is anxious to receive political news as fast as it develops, and all candidates are invited to make contact with the newspaper staff as soon as they are ready with their public declarations.

Houghtiness On The Telephone NEWS note from Salem to the effect that the state employees are going to be shown in an "educational movie" how to use a telephone brings up a question that has often bothered me.

Occasionally, when I call an office and ask for the "big shot" the girl who answers the telephone says: "Who is this speaking, please?"

Up to this writing, my answer to that question always brought me a connection with my party. But I am waiting for the day when the gal says: "Oh, Mr. Blank won't speak with you."

There must be some reason for the question, which certainly infers that Mr. Blank is not in to some people. It excites in me an angry resentment.

I imagine that state employees, whose bosses are politicians of various sorts, will want to avoid this haughty telephone procedure, which could make enemies and lose votes.

Briefs From The Pocket

SAN FRANCISCO'S new police chief says the Bay City is going to be "tightened up" . . . If "tightening up" means in San Francisco what it means elsewhere, the permanent effects aren't going to be very tight . . . Yreka has the planning bug and the mayor over there has appointed a commission to map out the city's "business and residential expansion" . . . Our congratulations to Jim Stilwell for a well-deserved award by the Junior Chamber for outstanding civic work in 1947 . . . I had occasion in 1947 to ask Jim for help on a project or two, and he came through in style . . . That's the sort of thing that won him the award . . . The Salem Statesman carries an editorial praising the Southern Pacific for providing special passenger service in the mid-valley area during the flood emergency . . . The poor old S. P., so accustomed to vigorous editorial spankings from our journalistic brothers on the old Shasta line, will surely fear the Salem squib and hang it in the president's office . . . There is talk of getting Deschutes county into the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association, the interstate tourist promotion and development organization . . . Ed Pauley, who has been a consistent embarrassment to the Truman

administration since he entered government service, says he will quit as soon as he finishes his present job, but not because he is under fire . . . It might be worth lending a hand to Mr. Pauley to assure an early finish to whatever his job is . . . Errol Flynn's household has been attacked by virus X, which has put the butler, the maid and the cook in bed as well as (but not with) the Flynn's themselves.

These Days

THE spirit of man is not yet dead if men will give their lives for liberty. In spite of every betrayal and the beastly persecution of a police state, the Polish underground, that worked so effectively during the war, is being reassembled. It is not as efficient as the wartime body because the German was never as brutal as the Russian—but the Polish underground exists and it speaks to the Polish people and stirs their imaginations and their hopes.

These Poles risk more than we can imagine, but in many ways not more than the Jews in Palestine who pit their little strength against so many countries, against Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Yemen, even against Pakistan, the newly liberated country that begins its career with oppression. Those Jews are upsetting many apple-carts but they are willing to die for what they believe is a just cause. They are making unbelievable sacrifices for a life of freedom. They reject enslavement and accept poverty, daring, hardship, hunger and even death for freedom.

Nationalism Gains In China IN China, the very desperation of the nationalist government has given men pause to weigh in the balance the danger of a foreign foe. Chinese who toyed with little politics and personal careers are beginning to ask whether the worst they can say about the Kuomintang is not better than subjection to a foreign country. There will be a resurrection of nationalism in China and it will come with the spring.

For a moment, time, as it were, stood still and there was much talk of one world. Nationalism became curiously unpopular. During the war, in this country, there were no nationalistic demonstrations, no new patriotic songs, no emotions aroused by poetry or oratory for love of country. The idea was that sovereignty would be limited and that ultimately great countries would be reduced to mere provinces of a union of countries. That passed like a wind on a desert.

For it did not take us long to discover that one world really meant an enslaved world, a vetoed world, a dominated world. It did not take us long to learn that the nations that had lost their nationalities during and after the war had lost the liberties of their people. They became shackled to the wheels of the great conqueror, the satrap of mankind. And those who dared to raise their voices for liberty were crushed or killed, or exiled first and then crushed. Whichever way it went, freedom disappeared and death stalked the earth more after the war than during the days of battle. The war itself lost all meaning in the criminal betrayal of liberty and hope at Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam.

AND so, the flag of the nation took on new meaning, so full a meaning that many who had married abroad and had become citizens of other countries, sought to restore their American citizenship. It was not only a question of security but even more of liberty. An increasingly large number of all sorts of refugees and exiles from numerous alien lands sought American citizenship that their liberties could be protected. Some of the leading lights of those countries have found in American citizenship the only sanctuary for a continuance of their life work in freedom.

Among these latter ones are some who still practice about internationalism. And if you were to ask the internationalists whether they would prefer a United Nations or a one world certificate of citizenship to the little piece of paper that makes them Americans, they would, I am sure, recall their danger—the danger to their liberties—and wave the flag even more wildly than you or I.

Nationalism is an optimistic portend. It is a constructive association. For more than a decade, those who placed love of country highest upon the list of their ideals were called isolationists, nationalists, reactionaries. Today they are the Americans. For the cycle has changed and one world has been recognized as the slogan of those who, for one reason or another, dared not glory in their own.

That day is passed. Today nationalism again drives men and women to heroic deeds of patriotism; it stirs men to give their blood for liberty.

SIDE GLANCES



"I'd better talk to the boss again about a raise, dear—next thing he'll be wanting is a sports convertible!"

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

India is witnessing the beginning of an amazing spiritual drama and one which may have far-reaching effects. For Mohandas Gandhi has begun another of his fasts—perhaps unto death—in an effort to bring peace to the vast Indian peninsula which is dangerously near war because of the bitter differences between the new dominions of India (largely Hindu), and Pakistan, (mostly Moslem).

To the western world such tactics seem strange and perhaps futile. But "East is East and West is West" and the action of the aged and frail little mahatmas already has shocked and sobered millions of his countrymen who never and even worship him as a holy man. We see striking proof of this in the fact that trading was suspended in the markets of the great cities of Calcutta, Bombay and Madras as he proclaimed the beginning of his fast with the declaration: "You must prefer Gandhi or lawlessness; you can't have both."

It would take a very saintly man indeed to shock Wall Street or "the city" of London into closing down. In India, however, Gandhi has greater influence than that of any other individual, and that influence isn't restricted to his own people—the Hindus. Just before he began his fast he received delegations of Hindus, Sikhs and Moslems, who begged him to give the people another 15 days to restore peace before he refrained from food, but he shook his head and said that life had no value or attraction without peace and love. Many of those in the garden with him wept.

So Gandhi, who has done more for any other individual to bring about India's independence, has taken his life in his hands again, and this may be the last time, for he is ill and weak. And it's important to note that in the prayer service which he held for friends he read selections from the Mohammedan Koran, the Christian Bible and the Hindu Vedas. There we have the real Gandhi, who finds good in all these religions, and who has confided to me that the greatest influence in his life has been Christ's sermon on the mount.

live and carry on who has this affliction? —Mrs. J. P. ANSWER: The most serious type of thyroid trouble is toxic goiter. If this is diagnosed and treated early enough, however, its symptoms can be greatly relieved, and the majority of patients can live comfortably for the usual span of life.

WAKE UP YOUR LIVER BILE

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LION'S CLUB GRID AWARDS ON PELICANA TONIGHT BY DIRECT WIRE OVER KJFI FROM WILLARD HOTEL. 8:30 P. M.

Busses Keep Basin Route

Heavy busses and trucks continued to be routed through Klamath Falls north and south bound from Portland and San Francisco. The state highway department advised this morning that a detour continues around the South Umpqua river bridge which buckled 10 days ago during high water and no trailers of any kind were permitted on the detour.

Greyhound reported this morning that busses are being stubbed north only as far as Myrtle Creek and from Portland south to Roseburg. It will be another week before busses or trucks can use the bridge. Trucks bound from Portland to Medford were coming through here by way of Eugene, the Willamette pass and the Greensprings.

Southern Pacific reported this morning that mopping up operations have been completed in the Castle Crags sector south of Dunsmuir where high waters of the Sacramento river washed out a bridge and considerable track a week ago. Crews were called on the emergency job from Klamath Falls, Eugene and Sacramento. All operations are on a normal basis at this time.

Weatherman Says More Sun Coming

The weatherman lived up to his forecast of "clear and bright" but sent the mercury to a shivery 21 degrees between 6:30 and 7:30 a. m. today. Maximum temperature for the past 24 hours was reported at 42 degrees.

Franklin Hearing Slated Thursday

A preliminary hearing for Homer Franklin, charged with first degree murder, is slated to be held in justice court Thursday at 11 a. m. Franklin is accused of murdering his wife, 43-year-old Marie Franklin, at their farmhouse home November 30. He is represented by Attorneys U. S. Balestine and E. E. Driscoll, and is held in the county jail without bail.

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Tonight's best listening bet—we think—is the Barbershop quartet at 7 p. m. over KJFI. Of course this is Bing's Day and most everyone likes Bing, but we like local programs best.

Mac Epley got another letter on use for old radio cabinets and we'll pass it on to you. Art Anderson of 2235 Radcliffe says you can make a swell end table or coffee table of a cabinet with legs, using a heavy glass top. The glass should be cut with an overhang, that is bigger than the frame. Have corner bolers bored in the glass and screw it to the frame.

For those of you who went to see "Gone With The Wind" and thought your eyes were going back on you—don't you believe it. Chuck Cecil was interested enough to find the explanation, and here's what Walter Eschebeck says: The picture film is kept in a solution when not in use and some of this solution sticks when it is washed, leaving a film of spots on the film.

Groucho Marx' show comes on tonight, Billy Rose pitches horseshoes as usual, there's Mayor of the Town, Abbott and Costello and of course The Chaco Kid and The Lone Ranger. Your radio schedule will tell you where to tune in.

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The Gallup Poll Public Sentiment Veers Toward Tax Cuts

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 14.—In reversing his last year's stand against tax relief, President Truman is reflecting a changed attitude on the part of the nation's voters toward income taxes.

Last June, when the president twice turned thumbs down on republican tax slashing proposals, 63 per cent of the nation's voters polled by the Institute felt that the public debt should be reduced before the taxes were lowered only 38 per cent voted for tax cuts.

Today, with the tax question destined to be a hot issue in the presidential campaign, the situation is almost exactly reversed. Now slightly more than half the voters feel individual citizens should receive "cost of living" cuts in tax loads despite the urgent need to aid Europe and reduce the public debt. However, the preponderance of sentiment for tax cuts is still not overwhelming.

A nationwide survey of representative voters just completed by the institute asked this question: "Some people say we should reduce income taxes now because of the high cost of living. Others say we should not reduce taxes now because we must give food and other aid to Europe and reduce our national debt first. What is your opinion on this—do you think income taxes should or should not be reduced now?"

Should not 51% Should 36% No opinion 13% A similar question asked last spring brought this response: Should reduce taxes 38% Should not 53% No opinion 9%

Taxpayers are feeling the pinch of payments to the government, as living costs rise weekly to new heights. An institute poll reported earlier this month showed more than half now think their income taxes are too high.

In recent years—particularly the war years—the majority of Americans showed a willingness to pay high taxes when the need was clearly demonstrated. The price squeeze evidently has helped change the majority outlook; at any rate the argument most respondents give for tax reduction is that high living costs make it necessary for individuals to have relief.

Politically speaking, the desire for tax reduction is proportionately greater among republicans than democrats. Of the former, 57 per cent want taxes lowered, while only 46 per cent of democrats vote that way.

The public debt today is around 256 billion dollars, or three billion less than a year ago. The peak was reached at the end of February last year when it hit 278 billion dollars. Last year individuals paid 18.7 billion dollars in taxes to the federal government and corporations 31.2 billion.

Under President Truman's proposal individual taxes on 1948 incomes would be cut \$40 across the board plus a \$40 credit for each dependent. The resulting reduction in government revenues of 3.2 billion dollars, he said, might be raised by higher levies on corporations.

Harold Knutson, republican congressman from Minnesota, and chairman of the house ways and means committee, has introduced a bill to reduce taxes by 3.6 billion dollars.

On Business—Harold C. Clapp, general manager of World Wide Travel Bureau, recently opened in this city, left Tuesday night for Redmond on business with the travel office there. He is expected back Friday morning.

Improving—Joe Reading of Wood's Drug is now able to receive a few visitors at Hillside hospital where he has been a patient for the past 19 days. His condition is reported improved.

Major Surgery—Mrs. Floyd Bennett, 2041 Applegate, is recovering from major surgery at Hillside hospital. Bennett is with Link River Motors.

In South—Mr. and Mrs. Chester Berman, 223 N. 6th, are spending a two weeks' vacation in Southern California visiting in Los Angeles and at Palm Springs. Berman is manager of Anita's.

A dentist specializing in child patients in Los Angeles keeps his tools out of sight in a tiny doll house.

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