

Oregon Looms Large On National Political Slate As Leaders Watch Primary

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON
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The state of Oregon has suddenly assumed a position of considerable importance in the national political scene. It is generally conceded that, if Harold Stassen wins a decided victory in the Oregon primaries May 21, this victory coupled with his recent successes in Wisconsin and Nebraska will indicate a strong current of public opinion running in his favor. On the other hand, should Governor Dewey defeat Stassen in Oregon, it would be taken as an indication of national strength for Dewey.

Dewey Ready

Frankly admitting the importance of the Oregon primary, Dewey has announced that he will personally spend three weeks in a sort of door-to-door campaign in our state. He will speak at breakfast, luncheon and dinner meetings, will endeavor to visit most cities in the state and will meet and greet as many voters as possible. Stassen has made several appearances in Oregon during the last two years. I have not

heard that he will be there again before May 21, but it is pretty certain that a great many of his supporters and workers will be active there.

Judging from conversations I have heard at the luncheon table and in the cloakroom, I believe republicans here are going to be paying very close attention to the election returns from Oregon the night of May 21.

Not long ago, the house un-American activities committee implied that Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the national bureau of standards, was a bad security risk. The committee also intimated that Dr. Condon should be removed from his important responsibility, which involves, among other things, close contact with the work being done by the atomic energy commission. Statements in the press were neither clear nor conclusive, with the result that it seemed as if Dr. Condon were being maliciously and deliberately smeared.

Testimony Heard

The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, of which I am a member, lately had occasion to hear testimony on this subject. The matter was recently debated on the floor of the house. It was stated, and the statements were proven by documents and photostatic copies of documents, that Dr. Condon is a member of the American-Soviet Science society, and is a member of the executive committee of that organization. The American-Soviet Science society is closely affiliated with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., which organization was cited as subversive by Attorney General Clark. The closeness of the affiliation of these two organizations is proven by the fact that they have the same office address in New York and use the same telephone number. A photostat of a cancelled check drawn in favor of the Science society and endorsed by the American-Soviet Friendship organization, was exhibited on the floor of the house.

These facts do not constitute the entire case against Dr. Condon, but I think they are sufficient to indicate that Dr. Condon is indeed a poor security risk and should not, at this time, be employed by our government in a position of trust and in daily contact with our secret scientific military information.

When I visited England in 1944, I had the pleasure of a good visit with Lord Beaverbrook who publishes the London Daily Express. (The Daily Express, by the way, boasts the "World's Largest Daily Net Sale.") Recently I received a clipping of a Daily Express editorial from Lord Beaverbrook. The editorial had to do with the Marshall plan, and after nearly a column praising the generosity and good spirit of America, concluded with the following sentences:

"It is a gesture more striking than any that has gone before. 'Praise the warm feelings of the American nation.' 'Recognize the high endeavor to help the distressed world.' 'Even though the belief must be reiterated that the loan did nothing but injury to Britain and the Empire, and the Marshall aid will have the same result.'"

I quote this merely to show that at least one great British newspaper is not in favor of asking such big favors from us.

June Ending Seen For Congress

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) said Wednesday he sees no reason why congress cannot adjourn in June. He said he believes, unless international problems arise, it can adjourn sine die on June 18.

"There is no important, pressing legislation facing congress now except the defense program and the reciprocal trade agreements and the annual appropriation bills," Cordon said. "We should be able to complete work on those bills in ample time to get away the middle of June."

Students Jam Hospital On Visit

Hillside hospital was filled Wednesday morning but not necessarily with patients.

Members of the Tulake high school senior class, observing "skip day," paid a visit to the hospital where one of their classmates, Frank Jones Jr., 17, was receiving treatment for an injured ankle. Young Jones was admitted at 1:55 a. m. today for what was thought to be a fracture, but X-ray disclosed minor hurts and he was permitted to return home.

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