

1952 Election Campaign Top Hollywood Interest

By BOB THOMAS
(First of two articles on Hollywood's part in the presidential race today. The campaign for Eisenhower.)

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—As in the rest of the nation, the main topic of conversation in Hollywood today is politics.

No previous campaign has evoked so much interest and activity as the 1952 race. To report Hollywood's part in the election, I visited the local headquarters of both sides and talked to some of the campaigners. First, alphabetically, came the Eisenhower group.

Hollywood's drive for Ike is directed by the Entertainment Industry Joint Committee for Eisenhower-Nixon. The nature of this group was explained by Mieke

Ries, who is in charge of the office.

"The committee was formed in August," she remarked. "It is composed of two groups—the Hollywood Republican Committee, which was formed in 1947, and the independent Eisenhower Committee, which was organized last spring to promote Eisenhower's nomination. Since the latter comprises many former Democrats and independents, it was felt a new group should be formed apart from the Republican committee."

The GOP group lists such officials as George Murphy, Robert Montgomery, Walt Disney, Ginger Rogers, Adolphe Menjou and Leo McCarey. The volunteers are headed by powerful studio heads J. L. Warner, Samuel Goldwyn and Darryl Zanuck. Members include Fred Astaire, Irving Berlin and Clifton Webb.

The Republicans boast other well-known supporters such as Estelle Williams, who sports a diamond-studded "I like Ike" pin. Jeanine Gram has done the first political campaigning of her life, speaking at a women's meet called "Coffee Hour for Eisenhower," along with Hedda Hopper.

The purpose of the joint committee, it was reported, is (1) to raise money; (2) to provide legal and financial programs. Sample assignments are Irene Dunne to a women's rally in Long Beach; Dennis Morgan to a fund-raising drive in Beverly Hills. Also active are Lucille Ball, Dick Powell, June Allyson and Hoagy Carmichael.

Head of the Republican group in Hollywood is hard-working ex-hooper George Murphy. He managed the campaign sendoff for Richard Nixon in Pomona and last week introduced Gov. John Lodge of Connecticut in San Diego and El Centro, Calif.

"We are now working on plans for the Eisenhower speech here on Oct. 9," Murphy told me. "Producers Mervyn Leroy, Joe Pasternak and Arthur Freed are putting on the show. It will be a typical Republican rally because the present Hollywood, USA, it's no longer Hollywood, Calif."

The Republican committee sends stars wherever they are needed to whom up spirit and raise money. Stars are also set for some radio and television appearances. Most stars under contract to studios are barred from TV, but there are indications they will be allowed to appear on TV for political purposes. The argument is that such appearances involve their rights as citizens in contrast to their restrictions as performers.

School TV Supported

PORTLAND (AP)—Commercial operation of television stations by colleges was supported here Saturday at a meeting of the Association of Governing Boards of State Universities.

Lester E. Cox of Springfield, Mo., a radio station owner, suggested that colleges, which he said could not afford the high costs, should refuse educational channels allocated by the Federal Communications Commission for non-commercial stations and seek, instead, stations permitting commercial operation.

Dr. Charles E. Fritley, president of Iowa State College, which operates the only college-owned TV station in the U. S., said his station is a success. It is run as a commercial venture and the profits are used for production of educational programs, he said.

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education has recommended that consideration be given to opening a TV station in conjunction with KOAC, a non-commercial radio station that Oregon State College.

Estimated cost of the station is \$61,000, with an annual operating cost of \$166,000.

Dull Receives Ford Fellowship

NEW YORK (AP)—Paul S. Dull of Eugene, Ore., has received a Ford Foundation Fellowship to study one year in Japan, the Foundation's Board of Overseas Training and Research reported Sunday. Dull is an associate professor at the University of Oregon.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

KOBE, Japan (AP)—Six thousand bales of cotton from the United States were destroyed in a wharf warehouse fire last night. The loss was estimated at one million dollars.



GETTING AN EARFUL — Ruth Pierce, Queen of the Los Angeles County Fair, is interested as Mrs. Grand Champion Guernsey, left, moos to Mr. Grand Champion Guernsey.

Underseas Canyon Found

NEW YORK (AP)—Scientists have discovered a vast new submarine canyon, possibly part of an underseas channel system comparable in extent to the Mississippi River and its tributaries, on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean.

Dr. W. Maurice Ewing, an oceanographer and professor of geology at Columbia University, announced this finding Sunday after he and a party of scientists and students returned from a 10,000-mile research voyage on the sea-going tug, Kevin Moran.

Ewing told newsmen who met the tug that the canyon was discovered by echo soundings. He said it appeared to be 250 to 300 feet deep and one to two miles wide. The canyon was located 800 miles off and a little north of Boston at a depth of three miles.

It ran generally north and south, cutting through an otherwise level plain under the sea. The scientists traced it 80 miles without picking up either of its extremities.

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Korean Raider Patrols Best In Night Fighting

By GEORGE MEARTHUR

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA (AP)—They call it an outfit that doesn't look its best until life is at its worst.

It's a raider platoon, specializing in night patrols. When it is in action it does more than half the patrolling of no man's land for the 1st battalion of the U. S. 38th Regiment, 2nd Division.

In one 14-day period, men of the raiders made 20 patrols. Only three were wounded. Two were shot in the legs. Another was creased by a slug from a Red burp gun.

"They do it mainly by aggressive action," says the battalion executive officer, Maj. Jack Dunlap of Charleston, S. C. He organized the raiders.

Here's how they work: One dark night recently a patrol from the raiders went through a Chinese position with all guns firing. The surprised Reds lost about 12 men. The patrol went on to its objective, then came back unharmed.

"They just barreled through," said Dunlap. The big reason the platoon gets through is because of the men themselves. All are volunteers.

It has men like Pfc. Dale Hunter, a 19-year-old red-haired kid from Los Angeles who is on his second Korean combat tour. He was wounded in the Chinese Red

offensive of May, 1951. After six months in a hospital at home, he volunteered to come back.

There is Pvt. George Henderson of Brooklyn, N. Y. He says he doesn't want to be anything but a private. When he comes off patrol he returns to the front to take pot shots at the Chinese.

The platoon leader, Lt. George A. Hoyem, Missoula, Mont., was selected because the battalion executive officer "liked his attitude."

Despite a blonde mustache, he's sometimes known as "Babyface."

"He knows what he's doing," said the executive officer. Hoyem had

never been in combat before he took the platoon. "We buddy up," explained Sgt. Thomas Briggs of Lebo, Kan. "When we go out in small groups together. From then on it was each group does a good job."

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