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Presidential Quiz

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

A Californian, Paul Ziffren, Democratic national committee man, has come up with a 10-point check list to measure whether or not a man should become president.

Here are the 10 questions he would have each candidate answer:

1. What is your program for stimulating economic growth without inflation?
2. What is your program for restoring American leadership in space exploration, missile development and atomic research?
3. Do you have program to re-amp tax structure to raise sufficient revenue in a more equitable manner without stifling initiative?
4. How do you propose to provide security for farmers without imposing undue burdens on the taxpayers?
5. How would you implement Supreme Court decisions forbidding segregation in schools and elsewhere?
6. Do you have plan to safeguard labor organizations without tolerating corruption or bossism?
7. How can we cope with the ruthlessly planned societies in the world today without abandoning our essential freedoms?
8. Do you have a foreign aid program which is within our means and which keeps open to the underdeveloped nations the possibility of democratic government?
9. Do you have a program for safeguarding the health of our people?
10. How would you express our present national purpose?

SERIOUSLY, these are excellent questions.

However, equally as seriously, I don't know where you'd find a man on this earth who could answer them for you.

He might give you some political gobbledygook and promise you "pie in the sky," but in the final analysis, Ziffren has hit on just about the 10 most important problems facing this generation of Americans.

How these problems are met over the next decade can well decide whether or not this country will survive.

IF YOU SCAN these 10, you'll note that the majority of them deal with security.

Security for the farmers, security for free enterprise, security for labor organizations, security for people in other countries, security for the nation's health, and, in the final analysis, security for the freedoms which we cherish.

The word "security" could even answer the tenth question, what is our present national purpose? This is an age which is seeking security, and embracing it with a fondness that surpasses its love for liberty and its desire for freedoms.

WE WANT SECURITY in our jobs and are willing to sacrifice our individual initiative to attain it.

We want security in our homes and will burden ourselves with high taxes to provide it.

We want the security of knowing that we have good schools and levy high property taxes to meet the costs.

We want security in our old age and mortgage a portion of today's income to obtain it.

We want security from enemies abroad and pour out taxes to support a tremendous military force. We also pump money to other nations abroad to bolster them so they can help us defend our security.

WHILE OUR FOREFATHERS searched for and fought for liberty, we are willing to sacrifice that same liberty, or portions of it, on the altar of security.

The road to socialism and the road to security run very closely parallel to each other.

The road to socialism leads to eventual complete government control and complete subjugation of people, including the stifling of individual initiative and individual freedoms.

The road to security can lead to the same place.

Women's Job

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The federal census will be taken again in the early months of 1960. Start of the official counting is set for early April and just guess who will be expected to have all the answers?

The homemaker, because she is the one likely to be at home when the census taker comes to the door. Not only will women do most

of the answering; they will do most of the asking, too. The Census Bureau figures that two out of three of its enumerators will be women.

Toward the end of March, every household in the United States will receive an advance census report by mail. Householders will be requested to fill out the forms and have the information ready when the census taker rings the bell.

Census takers will want to know the name, address, sex, race or color, birth date and marital status of every single person in this country. They'll also have several questions about the house you live in.

However, census takers are generally assigned to houses where they do not know the people. Moreover, they are forbidden by law to reveal information to anyone out a sworn employee of the Census Bureau. The law further states that everyone over 18 years of age must answer official census questions.

The law states: "The census report cannot be used for purposes of taxation, investigation or regulation."

A household questionnaire will be left at every fourth house visited by the census taker. These are to be filled out by the family and mailed back within three days.

The Census Bureau expects to find that the U.S. population has increased more in the last 10 years than in any 10-year period in history—because of the sharp rise in the birth rate and continuing low death rate. It expects an unprecedented increase in the number of married couples, because of the trend toward younger marriages; fewer persons in the average household, even though the number of children in the average family has increased. There are more older folks living by themselves instead of their children, because of better economic conditions.

Other expectations include more women working at outside jobs; fewer people living on farms and more private homes, apartments and trailers.

Census takers must be U.S. citizens of at least 18 years of age and able to devote full time to the two weeks or more that the job will take. There is a written test. A driver's license and personal car will be required in rural areas. Good physical stamina is important, as is the ability to read maps and conduct interviews.

Enumerators will be paid on a piecework basis and should be able to earn \$12 to \$13 a day for eight to 10 days and some additional time for transcribing records. All earnings are subject to income tax, too.

Growth Battle

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—One of the bitterest battles of the early new year is forecast today in the economic growth vs. inflation report to a congressional committee.

The special staff of the Senate-Economic Committee says we can hop up the economic growth without also having more inflation.

A lot of persons in and out of Congress say we can't. Another highly vocal group says economic growth—more output, more jobs, more income—is the main thing, inflation or no. Still another says the fight to halt further erosion of the dollar's purchasing power is the No. 1 problem for the nation.

When the Senate-Economic Committee turns in its own report next month the fur should start flying. It is expected the Democratic majority will offer one report and the Republican minority another. Whether either approaches that offered this week by the committee's special staff of economists remains to be seen.

The staff report steps on the toes of both the administration and the Democratic congressional majority. It attacks several of the pet theories and policies of each. And it runs counter to the beliefs of many economists in financial and industrial companies.

The report steps hard on the administration's tight credit and high interest rate program, which it says has kept the economy from growing as it should. Most economists for the banks and other financial institutions disagree with this criticism heartily. They applaud all efforts to contain inflation.

Many in Congress will resent the staff suggestion that taxes be lowered during recessions rather than increasing government spending. The proposal that taxes be raised in good times to build up Treasury surpluses will anger those who want taxes cut the minute the Treasury can get into the black.

And the report will add fuel to the flames bound to rise high anyway in the next session as advocates of ending the ceiling on the public debt and on the amount of interest paid on long-term U.S. bonds try again. The staff economists side with the advocates. But the opponents were strong enough in the last session to side-track it.

GOP Convention

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Republicans' 1960 convention should be one of the dulllest of the century unless they can find a way to jazz it up.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon—as of this minute, with New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller stepping aside—seems certain to get the presidential nomination at the convention which opens in Chicago July 25.

If he gets it without opposition, that will be the first time in this century it has happened except when a president was being re-nominated. It's hardly an exciting way to start a campaign against steamy Democrats.

Rockefeller's ice-cold and dead-end statement removing himself from the race was not the kind to create party harmony. The coldness and the aim were directed squarely at the Republican party bosses.

They gave him the chilly shoulder in big doses on his last Midwestern trip. It was after this trip he decided not to fight Nixon for the nomination.

Mary McGarry in the Washington Star said Tuesday that in Milwaukee party leaders bought blocks of tickets for the luncheon at which Rockefeller spoke and he faced a sea of vacant chairs. If they were dedicated Nixon fans and thus wanted to discourage Rockefeller, they succeeded. But perhaps they and others like them played it a little too cute.

Already some opposition to the bosses is appearing in Republican ranks.

Tuesday the New Hampshire "Draft Rockefeller" committee turned down an invitation to join the Nixon-for-President camp, saying it has "no authority" to commit its members.

In Los Angeles the Californians-for-Rockefeller organization said it intends to start a draft of the New York governor for the Republican nomination.

The group's board of directors issued a statement saying: "We are convinced that the present leadership of the party has its hands tied by political applications and is stifling the true expression of voter preference."

Maybe these signs of discontent will melt away and Nixon will have an unwrinkled red carpet waiting for him at the convention. But Rockefeller's withdrawal

statement contained indications that he may be critical of both the party and the Eisenhower administration between now and convention time. He has been critical in the past few months. He said he would continue to speak with full freedom.

It seems fair to put this interpretation on Rockefeller's statement: He was, in effect, telling rank-and-file Republicans the party bosses had deprived them of a chance to choose between him and Nixon.

He said "The great majority of those who will control the Republican convention stand opposed to any contest for the nomination." He could have said the majority of the convention controllers wanted Nixon.

But by saying they didn't want a contest, as he went on to explain, he showed how the rank-and-file therefore would be deprived of a chance to make their own feelings understood.

The only way left open to him—in trying to overcome the bosses' opposition—was to go into state primaries where, before the convention, the average Republican voter could choose between him and Nixon in a way the bosses could not ignore.

Vets Mail Bag

Congress has liberalized the definition of an "adopted child" of a veteran eligible to receive benefits administered by the Veterans Administration.

If at the time of the veteran's death, the child was living in the veteran's household, and if the child is legally adopted by the veteran's surviving spouse within two years after the veteran's death, he or she is considered to be the veteran's adopted child, the VA explained.

Formerly the adoption proceedings had to be completed before the veteran's death for the child to be eligible for any of the benefits, including compensation, pension, war orphans educational assistance, dependency and indemnity compensation, and accrued benefits.

If at the time of the veteran's death, however, the child was receiving regular contributions toward its support from an individual other than the veteran or his spouse, or from any public or private welfare organization, then the child may not be recognized as the veteran's legally adopted child, the VA explained.

Question of the week:
Q — Is it possible for a disabled "peacetime" veteran to draw VA compensation at wartime rates?

A — Yes — if the disability resulted from extra-hazardous service, as, for example, participation in simulated warfare, the veteran may be eligible for compensation at wartime rates.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Dec. 30, the 364th day of the year, with one more day in 1959.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning star is Venus.

On this day in history:

In 1865, British poet and storyteller Rudyard Kipling was born.

In 1903, a fire broke out at the Iroquois Theater in Chicago, killing 588 men, women and children of the audience.

In 1911, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen was elected first president of China.

In 1927, Japan dedicated the first subway in the Orient with a two-mile track in Tokyo.

In 1936, members of the United Auto Workers Union began a sit-down strike at General Motors in Flint, Michigan, beginning of one of the most bitter labor-management quarrels of the 30's.

In 1947, King Michael of Rumania agreed to abdicate charging the Soviet Union with aiding local communists to force him out.

Quotes

United Press International
PASADENA, Calif.—Dr. Harold Brown, of the University of California's Livermore Laboratory, indicating he would like to analyze more Soviet nuclear blasts before judging the efficiency of underground detection techniques:

"In separating horses from jackasses it would be a good idea to take a look at some jackasses first."

WASHINGTON—Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.), expressing the hope that Congress will not be distracted from 1960's major issues by electioneering:

"I sincerely hope that no attempt will be made to utilize the floor of the Senate or the House of Representatives... as a soap box."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Possible Motive Scanned In Ohio Sniper Slaying

PAINESVILLE, Ohio (AP)—Investigation of the sniper slaying of Charles R. Clark got back today to such basic matters as motive and the possibility of accident.

The love affairs of the victim's beautiful brunette wife, on which police have concentrated since the

Christmas Eve crime, still are due for much probing.

Lois Clark, 30, mother of four, may possibly know "why the shot was fired, or, give some lead as to who did fire the shot," said Edward R. Ostrander, Lake County prosecutor.

Mrs. Clark was questioned for more than two hours Tuesday by Sheriff William B. Evans and two assistant prosecutors.

Ostrander declined to give details, but said Mrs. Clark was "most helpful in giving information which may be pertinent."

He said she would be questioned further, possibly with polygraph testing. She agreed last week to take such tests.

Ostrander made a public plea for information about the slain man, a 35-year-old electrical engineer with a five-figure income.

He raised the possibility Clark may have incurred enmity of someone who did not even know Mrs. Clark.

"We all know Clark has been represented as a model husband, a Boy Scout leader, a pillar of his church and a competent and well-liked business man," Ostrander explained.

"But actually we know nothing of his travels, of his relations at the Reliance Electric & Engineering Co. where he was employed, or of his associates."

Chances appeared slim that the bullet which crashed through the kitchen window of the Clarks' home in nearby Mentor and struck Clark on the temple had been fired by accident.

Helping to rule out the accident theory was the questioning of Carol Clark, 12, by Asst. Prosecutor John F. Clair Jr. The victim's oldest daughter said she was trying to open a can of pumpkin when her father came to help her. She estimated he was at the window only about four seconds when the shot was fired.

This would make it appear, Ostrander said, that the sniper was in position and waiting in the darkness outside for his target to be framed in the lighted window.

Apartment Fire Takes 4 Lives

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Four members of one family perished and another was burned critically in a fire that swept their first-floor apartment today.

Dead were Mr. and Mrs. Huston C. Parker; Ricky Gene Parker, 2, and Barbara Ruth Parker, 1. Parker was 24; Mrs. Parker was 21. Critically burned was Carvis Parker, 4.

Invalid Killed In Florida Fire

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP)—An aged invalid unable to move from his wheel chair, died when the chair caught fire and burned.

Fred S. Scobie, 81, was found by his daughter, Mrs. Claude Ridley told firemen she returned home Tuesday to find Scobie slumped over in the burning wheel chair.

ENDS LONG WAIT

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Mrs. Lena Towne, 75, was granted an interlocutory divorce on the ground of desertion Tuesday when she told the court she hadn't seen her husband since he kissed her goodbye and went off to work—48 years ago.

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Hubby Prefers Dog To Spouse

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Mrs. Nellie Smith, 51, charged in a divorce suit Tuesday that her husband, James, 56, insisted that his dog, "Tipsey Joe," sleep in the same bed with them.

She added that two years ago, her husband decided she was "bothering" the dog and ordered her out of the bed. Since that time, Mrs. Smith said, she has slept in a separate room.

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