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We Asked For It

Middle-Roader Seeks Office In The California Extreme

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
If they gave medals for political campaigns, one should surely give one of them to the late candidate to come forward in the California primary race...

For 25 years more or less, Boddy has written daily columns to be read by 23 years he has expressed himself on practically every subject...

What Boddy is trying to do in California only someone with a bit of pioneering guts and a sense of humor...

But the parallel cannot be pushed too far. Despite certain resemblances in climate and vegetation...

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THE DREARY FEPC DEBATE

THE U. S. Senate follows the schedule set for it by Majority Leader Lucas, the debate on a permanent Fair Employment Practices law will be drawing along by the time this newspaper is distributed.

It is extremely unlikely that the 1950 session will introduce any new ideas or any information on eliminating discrimination in employment.

Admittedly, there is discrimination in employment. It is not all racial discrimination. Handicapped workers are often discriminated against.

Certainly the aim of a Fair Employment Practices law is an admirable one. As a moral principle, discrimination is all wrong.

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tempt by force and coercion to put into effect a pattern in employment which the people are simply not ready to accept.

Most serious students of racial discrimination agree that it cannot be eliminated by arbitrary, compulsory edict. They know it must come through religion and education.

In the process, steady and gradual progress toward equality of opportunity for all people will receive the best possible degree.

Antipathies will be rekindled. Men will become embittered and angry. Americans will be further away from equality of opportunity than they were before.

MUSIC VS. ISSUES

HILIBILLY bands have elected more than one man to public office in the South, and there's no reason why their foot-patting rhythm won't work some magic in North Carolina, too.

Still, we're a little disappointed that Sanford's W. E. Horner has decided to add hillbilly music to his campaign against Congressman C. B. Deane.

Not that we don't like hillbilly music—so long as it's authentic and some of these fancy-cliffed stuff, but because the Horner-Deane battle, up to the point when the fiddles were bowed, had shaped up as a real test of issues.

Mr. Deane is a loyal Fair Dealer. For the past two years, his record of supporting the Administration in party-line votes

has been the highest of any N. C. Congressman.

Mr. Horner, on the other hand, has put himself squarely on record as opposing most of the things Mr. Deane stands for. In a recent New story by State Editor Ashley Smith, Mr. Horner dodged not a question, but told frankly and fully just what he planned to vote for and against if elected.

Both of the candidates have been waging aggressive campaigns. The issues are clear-cut. The people of the Eighth District have a real choice.

Let us hope that Mr. Horner uses his hillbilly band just to get people to gather round and listen to him. For the thing that matters is his forceful exposition of the issues—not the lilt of Turkey in the Straw.

ONE DOWN, THREE TO GO

Now that the regular Democrats in Alabama have taken control of the state executive committee again, the States Rights Democrats are beginning to look somewhat like the United Confederate Veterans. The ranks are thinning, and it is but a question of time until there will be no more.

Alabama voters had no choice two years ago when the States Righters usurped the Democratic organization and kept the Truman-Barkeley electors off the ballot. But they had a choice in last week's election—the choice between letting the Democrats stay in power or restoring the party organization to the Regulars.

They showed their resentment over the arbitrary, unilateral one-state ballot handed them in 1948 by kicking the Democrats out.

The election has been generally interpreted as meaning a return to the regular

Democratic organization. It does not mean that Alabama has accepted the Civil Rights program. It simply means that Senator Lister Hill and others convinced the party that they stand a better chance of defeating Civil Rights without the party than they do from within.

One thing is certain: The States Righters who voted for the Thurmond-Wright ticket last year has thus deserted States Rightism. That leaves South Carolina, where the rebellion still burns brightly, Louisiana and Mississippi. How long those three will stick together is a matter of conjecture. It depends on how long their stubbornness governs their reason.

There is no room for a third party in the American system. There is plenty of room for a two-party system in the South, and, barring that, two factions within the Democratic Party. Alabama has chosen to carry on its fight within the party. It is an eminently sensible decision.

BATTLE OF THE MENUS

THERE is always plenty of sympathy for the city-people folks—from shopkeepers to businessmen—who have to "eat out." The sympathizers, who eat lunch at home every day, invariably declare that it's a dreadful shame that up-towners have to eat "all that is safe food."

It has been our observation that there is plenty of good safe food—well-selected and well-prepared. But, fine as some of the provender offered by restaurants is, there's simply something about the sympathy for the up-town eaters for another reason.

These menus, we mean. One would think, reading the sixth cartoon of a menu in Harry's Creamy Spoon, that he were in no less an eatery than Chicago's Pump Room.

Nothing, for instance, is ever in butter. It's on butter. Not french-fried potatoes, friend, but Idaho potatoes o la francaise. A plain, garden variety pot rook becomes Fenwick pot roast, whether prepared by

a gentleman lately resident in Sanno or an immigrant Lapp.

One of the most common cover-ups is Salisbury steak for that old standby, hamburger. A waffle just like any other waffle becomes Harry's Special Waffle!

The word-business with various sauces is an entire field in itself. One beknichted up-towner confessed to us recently that he was sure the restaurant owners made up the names for their sauces. Sauce Jockey, for instance, which—as far as we know—means absolutely nothing but sounds very French.

There are ordinary menus alike—pre-fabricated every item, with nothing but some other happy accident calling all beef printed. But then there are ingenious varieties of good taste that call for perversities—example, medallion of capon for the lowly chicken paté. Sympathy, yes.

HEADING OFF EISENHOWER BOOM

COULD it be that Harold Stassen is trying to head off the new Eisenhower boom? It is worried because there is so much talk in connection with 1952 about the president of Columbia University and so little about the president of the University of Pennsylvania? And has he decided to do something about this?

Certainly, Mr. Stassen's attack on Harry Truman as the "lowest politician" and "the worst President ever to occupy the White House" was calculated to get Stassen back in the press.

The remark is pure sensationalism. One does not have to be much of a historian to see it as such. And in any event, the decision to run for the Presidency in 1952 is the business of the Chief Executive, Mr.

Truman's forthcoming "non-political" tour is open to criticism even if the Democratic National Committee is paying part of the bill, but he is by no means the first President to interest himself in a congressional campaign. Nor is it improper for him to make a personal appearance at a meeting with his program.

Mr. Stassen's speech was definitely political, even to the extent of offering a preview of the platform on which he would like to run. But it is possible that he thought that the conventions come before the elections. He talked as though he were already running against the President. And so he may have missed his real target.

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People's Platform

Woes Of The GOP

CHARLOTTE
DO YOU suppose Mr. Guy Gabrielsen, the great Republican National Chairman, says "Curry Reese has ever lost a Statesright?" The Bard could well question him on his public statement rejecting at the victory of Senator Charles Pepper...

What intrigues follow him to Republican Headquarters? The Grand Old Party—the good old GOP—the Party of McKinley, Smoot, Knox, Harding and Coolidge—are now sunk to this last measure, with nothing left to cheer their weary old bones except a victory by a Southern Democrat.

Shades of old Madison—in those good old days, the John Secker Watauga, and the Peindlers and the Elihu Rootes could not even name the Southern states. At a Southern Senatorial victory. The poor old souls have had to tie to cheer them in the past seventeen years that they are still accused of becoming somewhat punch-drunk.

Let us hope they cheer many more Democratic victories. —P. L. LINDSEY

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"Can you give me the date of that incident?" continued Clifford. "Now, one other question. Did the investigation of Wall Street come before or after the Senate committee investigation?"

"The Wall Street investigation came first," said Pearson and then added: "One other thing. The incident in which you refer did not occur during a Senate committee meeting. Neither was it a Senate hearing. It was a press conference when the subject was on J. P. Morgan's knee. It occurred before the committee came into the room."

Clifford nodded. Judge Peters sat back up. No FDR background. Any statement covering Washington, or any Government official close to the Roosevelt Administration would have remembered vividly the famous incident in the morning of 1947 when the Senate probe which cleaned up Wall Street and led to the formation of the Securities & Exchange Commission.

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The Kansas City murders have focused attention on "Northwest" at a time when his sailing through the "Southwest" has been his sole investigators into K. C. and deserve credit rather than blame in the Binagone showings. However, most folks don't know the difference between the poor public relations.

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Individual Morals

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THE highest form of democracy is not to legislate. It is to correct people's morals and to forbid, but to educate. They who seek to correct other people's morals, will do best to improve their own, as examples of virtue speak more convincingly than dull precepts prescribed by hypocrites.

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THE GOOD LORD KNOWS I use a enough hangeous English in this column as to make it a little hard for single negatives and a chronic inability to distinguish between the words "to" and "too" are am full stupid to knock sports-writers. I played a piano in a preschool, once, myself.

But I do declare, it seems to me we need more English than we have. We have evolved from the state where a highly to the state where we "color" and "secretly anybody I knew in the racket referred to a three-base hit as a triple. I'm not kidding. We even quit calling first base a "base" and called it a "first" because we are as throwers—and sometimes even as pitchers.

We have before the class today an example of current New York sports writing which I am sure our sanitary brethren will find morrow. If such things be. We quote:

"Besides the Bauer and Barra benches there were three doublets and three triplets. The Rizzuto two-and-three-bagger in three official AB's after four-fourings in three official AB's in Philadelphia, Tuesday."

SEE CODE BOOK 44
I have a code book that Philadelphia is located in the state of Tuesday. It goes on to decipher the code means "to" and "too." Two-and three-bagger in three official AB's after four-fourings in three official AB's in Philadelphia, Tuesday."

The dictionary does not list the verb "to bagger," but does contain "to bag." In the dictionary it means a person who puts things in a bag. It also means either a person who is a member of a club or an official union-member who is a laborer. It also means a person who is a laborer. It also means a person who is a laborer.

"Four-fourings against the A's" also means the field of logic. Since I have been unable to find the e

verb "to four" in the book. What can you four? Does John four Tom? Can Dick four three apples?

"Four-four" was to designate a musical beat. When I was a boy, I used to play the xylophone. I was playing a melody in a certain piece of music and I was told that if I was in Philadelphia, Philadelphia is a town noted for its xylophone players.

We also have with us today the ultra correct form of direct quote, which is "to" and "too." I have been hearing from the mouth of some sorry hillbilly who found second grade in school and in the first grade he had a "to" and "too" in his book, and fled to the family waffle-maker. He was told that the hillbilly soul who had turned off into Kentucky by mistake.

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