

Washington Comments

Washington, D. C.—Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson's recent smashing victory in a voting test in Texas put some of his supporters in a presidential candidate frame of mind but Johnson has announced he will not be such a candidate.

This is not an indication that the Texan would not like to be President. But this statement reflects the shrewd judgment of a good politician. Although many Texans feel Johnson never was actually elected in Texas, when he ran against Governor Stevenson and there was a dispute over the final count, they admit he is now a strong political power in the state.

But Johnson is doing all right to be Majority Leader of the Senate. And in that position he doesn't have to run against Dwight Eisenhower. In addition to this Johnson is a Southerner. He has been around long enough to know that the prejudice against the average Southerner, based on civil rights

issues, makes it next to impossible to win the nomination—because the professionals at the convention argue that a Southerner can't win.

Johnson wants to avoid what has happened to Dick Russell of Georgia, who once or twice has convinced himself he had a chance and that the great majority might support him, even though he was honestly conservative on race questions. He is sticking his neck out to be cut off, in other words.

Johnson's Texas victory preceded one by Millard Tydings in Maryland. The former Senator—a bitter foe of Joe McCarthy—won a close primary battle against strong opposition last week and now will meet Senator John Butler, the Republican Senator who won his seat six years ago. Tydings has been waiting for this comeback chance for those six years.

The Tydings primary triumph heartened Democrats, for they think Tydings has an excellent

chance to unseat Butler. Republicans disagree, of course. Nevertheless, it pits a proven Democratic vote-getter against a Republican competing for his first term. May be that partially offsets the loss of another Democratic vote-getter in Kentucky—the late Alben Barkley, where Republicans see their chances better, as a result of Barkley's death.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has reported to President Eisenhower on the recent NATO meeting in Paris. Contrary to earlier, published reports, Dulles told the President the conference was a successful one, and one which opens the way for much greater cooperation between NATO members.

The NATO conference set up a "wise man's committee" of three, on the Foreign Ministers level, composed of the ministers from Canada, Italy and Norway.

They are to devise ways for closer collaboration among NATO members, in spheres other than the military. Dulles believes the recent meeting, then, might have been of historic significance as a turning point in the history of NATO.

Marshal Tito, the greatest strutter on the European stage, pranced through Paris recently, once again telling the West and the East how to get along with each other. Tito is the greatest traveler among the world's rulers. Yet some wonder why he doesn't stay at home more, where much is yet to be done for his people.

In Washington, there has been a cooling toward the Marshal, who has been playing East against the West, successfully, from his standpoint, while openly hostile to many U. S. principles—largely as a result of ignorance.

It may be that the Tito tie will one day snap altogether.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Every garden plant seems to have its special pest and some of them have more than their share of pests. It is not possible to give specific control information in a short column such as this, but certain principles of control may be emphasized. More effective spray materials are being developed each year, but spray materials and labor are expensive and unless used properly and intelligently may be a waste of time and money.

Organic gardeners to the contrary, you must spray your garden crops if you expect to control most insect and disease pests. In order to carry on a successful spray program you must first know or determine what pest you are trying to control. Is it a disease? Is it a chewing insect like a bean beetle? Or a sucking insect like an aphid? And what sort of damage does it do? Know what spray material to use to control the pest and how to apply it to be effective.

For example, it would require a fungicide to control plant diseases and this spray would have no effect on insects. Insect sprays would not control diseases. A spray that will control aphids may not control bean beetles or cucumber beetles. It is often necessary to know how and where to apply the spray. The Mexican bean beetle feeds mostly on the underside of the leaf; therefore, the spray must be directed against the underside of the leaf in order to effectively control it. In order to control aphids the sprays must be applied directly on the insect.

The spray must be applied at the right time. This is very important especially for the control of plant diseases as well as certain insects. A day too late with the spray may mean failure to control the pest. Do a thorough job. Good coverage is necessary for effective control. There are many combination spray materials on the market; that is, materials that will control several different pests, both insects and diseases. These are effective for the control of many pests but are

NEWS ABOUT OUR Servicemen

TRAINING IN GERMANY

Grafenwohr, Germany—Pfc. John R. Hagaman, son of Mrs. Nellie S. Hagaman, Route 1, Zionville, N. C., recently participated in battalion training tests in southern Germany.

Hagaman's battalion took part in a series of day and night firing missions with 105 mm. howitzers. It was tested on accuracy, security and communications.

Hagaman is a truck driver in Battery A of the 10th Infantry Division's 35th Field Artillery Battalion. He entered the Army in January 1955 and arrived in Europe in July of that year. He received basic training at Fort Riley, Kan. Hagaman attended North Carolina State College.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

Washington, D. C.—The Navy Department announced the promotion April 16 of Rex C. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judd C. Barnes of Route 2, Box 43, Boone, N. C., to aviation electronics technician third class, USN, while serving with Airship Development Squadron 11, Key West, Fla.

The promotion followed successful completion of a Navy-wide petty officer examination conducted in February.

Cash receipts from farm marketings in North Carolina amounted to \$936,830,000 during the calendar year of 1955 and exceeded similar receipts for 1954 by about 1 per cent.

JULY DRAFT

The Selective Service will draft 13,000 men during July for the Army. This figure is 1,000 higher than the number requested for May and June. The other services do not intend to draft any men during July.

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FARM YOUTH EXCHANGE

More than 1,200 young farmers from the United States, Latin America, Europe, The Middle and Far East have participated in the International Farm Youth Exchange program, sponsored by the U. N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. In 1955, 119 young U. S. farmers worked on farms abroad. Another 159 farmers from 38 countries also traveled abroad under the farm exchange program. The program is also sponsored by the National 4-H Club Foundation of the United States.

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