

Three P's

PERSONAL AND PRIVATE PROBLEMS

This column was created to answer personal and private problems of individuals who submit their questions to this column. These inquiries to include family and social problems and will cover questions that come up in editing columns to society; economic conditions to include adjustment to hard times and careers. All inquiries and questions should be addressed to "Three P's," care of The Chowan Herald, Edenton, N. C.

Dear Three P's:

The other evening, after lodge meeting, several of us were having coffee and doughnuts and a discussion developed as to the cost of being nominated and elected president. The discussion wandered off into the cost to nominate and elect officials of state and federal office. Some said Congress had limited contributions to parties for the election of federal officials and others stated there was no limitation. The same applies to the election of state officials. Do you have any ideas as to costs in state and federal elections?

—Alwin

Dear Alwin:

No one knows, and estimates and guesses are wide apart as to the actual cost of electing a president and other federal officials. Various estimates have been made, up to thirty million dollars to elect a president and members of Congress on the same ticket. It is true that Congress has passed various acts limiting the amount of individual and corporate contributions to political parties for the national election of their candidates, but this only scratches the surface. Such reports are made each year to Congress. The various states have varying laws on the subject, but they are not sufficient to develop complete reports as to political expenditures.

However, these laws and regulations just about scratch the surface, for they only cover the contributions made to the major parties which receive the funds and make distribution where they think the money will bring the best results. The laws do not cover contributions from labor unions, cooperatives and from private individuals who back certain candidates through the means of creating separate organizations apart from the recognized party activities. Such organizations are known under various names but generally are classified as "booster" clubs which go all out for their special candidates.

The primaries are somewhat different. Here there is individual competition within the parties without the specific backing of the party, and candidates running in the primaries in such states that have primaries, usually spend their own money and that of their friends, and there is no accounting for such money and expenditures. In the Republican Party there is, presumably, no competition to Nixon so that there is little, if any, activity on the part of the Republican Party in the primaries. On the other hand, in the Democratic Party, there are

at least six candidates for the nomination as candidate for the presidency. Not all states have primaries. In such states that do not have primaries, the nomination of a candidate is left to the state delegation to the national convention, but there is a great deal of the behind the scenes activity to win such state delegations. In the several states having primaries, there has been considerable competition and activity. Senator Kennedy won in New Hampshire with little real opposition. In Wisconsin, it is another question. There is competition between Senator Kennedy and Humphrey. Then there will be mid competition in West Virginia and more competition in Oregon and Washington where there are several candidates.

On the part of most of the candidates the activities will be limited due to lack of money. Humphrey will campaign in two states, Symington in two states; there will be no campaigning in California as there has been, presumably, an agreement that Governor Brown will control the first vote of the state delegation and after that the vote will swing over to Senator Kennedy.

On the other hand, the Kennedy organization is almost as strong as the National Democratic Party, for it has been stated that Kennedy has a complete organization working with him in every state. No other candidate has such an organization, nor the money to back it up. Senator Kennedy, himself, has stated that the nine members of his family, including his mother, with husbands and wives, are working for him and, no doubt, contributing the necessary funds. The cost of the Kennedy candidacy cannot be calculated, for there is no reporting of such contributions and expenditures of the many individuals supporting his candidacy. No doubt the wealth of the entire Kennedy family is in back of his candidacy.

Then there are contributions and expenditures made by organizations such as the Farm Cooperatives, which will support candidates in favor of a liberal farm policy. They do not account for such contributions and expenditures; in fact, there is some doubt that they have the authority to spend such money without the consent of the members of the cooperatives, which, apparently is not sought. These organizations back and oppose presidential candidates, as well as Senate and Congressional candidates according to their views on the farm problem.

Then the unions make large contributions and have their own political forces working in favor of and against candidates for all offices. Last year it was reported the unions spent several millions against the right to work laws and certain candidates in California. Hoffa already has an organization, working with several millions in back of them, against certain candidates and it is presumed that the AFL-CIO is organizing on the same basis.

It is impossible to estimate what the total expenditures of the parties and the separate or-

ganizations will amount to, but there is no doubt that the coming election for President, as well as for Senators and Congressmen, is going to be a hot one, with no holds barred and unlimited and unreported funds being expended. As has been stated before, running for office is not a poor man's game unless he has the unqualified support of his party and some financial backers. Your estimate of the cost is as good as that of any one else.

Dear Three P's:

Is it possible to have a fine loving and affectionate husband who at the same time is a miser and who is critical of every cent spent on the children and family? Such is my husband, who has a good income but who holds on to it. What can I do?

—Lumenida

Dear Lumenida:

No doubt you have heard of Ghandi of India and the sit-down strikes. Well, you can follow the same procedure. When your husband comes home for dinner, just have some weak cambric tea with stale toast. Then do not send his laundry out; only have a minimum of lighting so the house appears to be in the dark. When he says anything, just tell him that you do not have enough money to run the house and feed the children; that you are thinking of getting a job so the children will be well fed. Then, when he begins to come around insist on a household budget over which you should have complete control.

Give me the liberty to know, to utter and to agree freely according to conscience, above all liberties.

—John Milton.

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By UNCLE SAM

Squandering Resources

The wealth of any nation may be measured in its natural resources. Some of these resources are soil, water, minerals and climate.

Much of man's living comes from the soil. Through the years man has destroyed much of the fertility of the soil by the way he has treated it. The

resources of timber have been largely destroyed. The soil has been denuded and left to the eroding and destroying forces of air and water. It will take time, money and labor to restore the fertility of the soil which has already been lost.

There is a necessity for all plant and animal life to have a certain amount of water. When the forests are destroyed much moisture is destroyed. The rapidity with which the water runs off carries away much soil. The streams flow less water

than formerly. Once almost all streams furnished water suitable for drinking purposes. Now almost every stream no matter how small is contaminated and unfit for using.

The earth has been forced to give up its oil, its coal, gas and other minerals in a wasteful manner. Through the past man has squandered much of the resources given him by nature. The best of the soils have been depleted, water has been lessened and contaminated to a fearful extent.

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