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These Days



By

Sokolsky

Party Bolt: Old Demo Florida Paper Finally Gets Enough

After supporting the Democratic Party for 62 years the Orlando (Florida), Morning Sentinel has come out for Eisenhower for President.

The switch is understandable. The Democratic Party, which the Orlando paper supported so loyally for so many years, has become a different kind of a party.

It has taken unto itself a bunch of wild-eyed galeos who have made capital in the slum-jungles of the North for almost twenty years by abusing the South and by advocating a set of repulsive laws which if enacted would reduce the South to a state of federal vassalage comparable to that which existed in the unspeakable terror of Reconstruction Days.

There are those of us who have swallowed our pride and gone along with the party for the memories of things that used to be.

But there are others, like the Orlando people, who finally have had enough, who just can't stomach any more.

The decision of the normally Democratic voters in the South must make in the approaching election is whether or not there is the possibility of once again attaining the Democratic Party of decent policies toward the South.

If after looking at the record and examining his conscience he comes to the decision that there is a hope that the Democratic Party one day will cease to use the South as a whipping boy, then said normally Democratic voter can cast his vote for Mr. Stevenson with good conscience.

But if he decides that the party is irretrievably committed to a policy of federal dictatorship to the Southern States, then his best bet is to put a vote in the box for Eisenhower. —From the Fayetteville Observer.

Are Profits Sinful

Writing in U. S. News & World Report, David Lawrence said: "Judging by some of the statements recently broadcast by labor-union spokesmen . . . corporation profits are somehow an evidence of personal greed or illegitimate gain."

Mr. Lawrence briefly defined what profits are and what they do, and continued: "To assail profits as sinful, or tainted with some sort of wrongdoing, is to undermine the jobs of every American workman and the future jobs of their children."

"For jobs are created by enterprising individuals who put their own money, or borrow the savings of others, to create new enterprises."

"If profits are destroyed—as the case under Communism, Fascism, or state socialism—then government takes charge of labor unions, too. Liberty disappears all around."

Another fact we tend to overlook is that profits are what keep government itself going. Much of its huge revenues comes from taxing the money business has left after paying wages, material costs, and the other expenses. And, with most corporations, the money paid out in taxes is far greater than the money paid out to the shareholders who make the existence of the business possible.

Profits are essential to a free nation.

Frederick OTHMAN

CONVENTION HALL, Chicago, July 25—I am trying to write this in the middle of a mess of bare feet, with bunion plasters on the floor who were growing frightened over the almost riotous proportions and the whoopla. This was my first time in with me. Two girls took to small lady by arms and legs and tossed her way. She missed, but she came so close I still smell of carnation cologne.

Came then similar whingeros for a long succession of "men, who." Particularly did I like the nomination speech for Sen. Brien McMahon by his pal, Sen. Bill Benton. Sen. Bill nominated him for nearly half an hour, then announced that since Sen. Brien was flat on his back in the hospital, he wasn't going to run. The Democrats demonstrated for that, too.

Comparing the Republican and Democratic conventions, it is possible to reach the conclusion that a party out of power for a prolonged period, in this country, loses the art of political management.

The Democrats have had the same kind of a row as the Republicans and it gave every appearance of being deeper and of greater permanence. The dismissal from his candidacy of Vice President Alben Barkley by Jack Kroll of the C. I. O.-P. A. C.; the attempt of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Senators Blair Moody and Hubert Humphrey to purge the Southern states; the fight on FEPC and states rights could have produced a bolt. But such political operators as Sam Rayburn, Leslie Biffle, Jim Farley, Chairman of the National Committee Frank E. McKinney, determined that the party would not be split. To an astonishing degree, in view of the complex problems they faced, they succeeded.

The Republicans had no such mature leadership. It is true that the ovation for Herbert Hoover brought tears of joy and sympathy to many an eye, but nothing that he or General MacArthur said made any difference at all. Every effort that was initiated to keep the bitter quarrels off the convention floor was vetoed by Tom Dewey and Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., long before the Republican Convention opened. Herbert Hoover warned both sides of the dangers of fratricidal warfare in front of television cameras; yet it was impossible to consider any form of compromise.

This is immature leadership, as after all, the main business of a party is to elect its candidate and if events are permitted to occur on the convention floor which produce dissension and ill-will, the election is imperilled. The Republicans acted as though nothing mattered but the nomination; the Democratic leadership fought to preserve the party as was evidenced by the brilliant tactics of keeping Virginia, Louisiana and South Carolina seated.

Again, I contrast the two keynote speeches. General MacArthur's speech was his own views. Governor Dewey's keynote speech was a party document which laid down the line for the campaign.

Through all this, the State Department has continued to smile, a little stiffly it's true, and to maintain that the Peron regime was merely trying to divert domestic attention away from the sad plight of Argentine economy by taking it out on the U. S. A.

However, with the bombing of the Abraham Lincoln Library and the arrival of new U. S. Ambassador Albert F. Nufer, a stiffer policy is being adopted.

Three months will be given the new Ambassador to work out a more reasonable Argentine attitude toward the U. S. A. If he does not succeed, it is more than likely that he will be recalled altogether.

NOTE—The death of Evita Peron may change the Argentine situation radically. With the end of her tremendous hold over labor and with the Argentine economic situation worse than ever before, there is almost certain to be a clash between labor and the military.

KANSAS CITY TAX COLLECTOR
Sen. John Williams of Delaware, the man who keeps the Internal Revenue Bureau continually on the buzz saw, is going to probe further into the interesting fact that Harold A. Lockhart, the Collector of Internal Revenue in President Truman's home town and former attorney for the president, suddenly turned up with \$39,400 in cash.

Mr. Lockhart carried his large bundle of cash in 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100-dollar bills down to the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City on Nov. 8, 1951, just a few days



"But, Mommy, you know Daddy always says Dr. Klotz-rumble is the biggest robber in town . . .!"

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

BY DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON — Shortly before Evita Peron died, U. S. relations with Argentina had reached such an all-time low that eventual withdrawal of the American Ambassador was under consideration. The low point occurred July 10, with the bombing of the Abraham Lincoln Library in Buenos Aires, an official U. S. Library operated by the State Department's cultural division.

The American public, engrossed in political conventions, knew almost nothing about this incident. And the Argentine police appeared to know and care even less. Though the explosion injured two U. S. employees and did \$150,000 worth of damage, the Argentine government merely shrugged its shoulders over the official protest of Chare D'Alfaires Lester Mallory. In fact, the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not even answer his protest for a matter of three days.

Even in Moscow, American officials got more courteous treatment than the rude haughtiness handed out to U. S. diplomats in Argentina. Nor does the Moscow press go any further than the Argentine press in labeling Americans as "Wall Street Imperialists," "Yanqui Barbarians," and "Warmongers."

However, Lockhart, when questioned by Senator Williams, could not remember changing safe-deposit boxes. The Senator also asked him why none of the bills he turned in where large-size currency. At the time the government changed the size of the bills he would have had to turn in his currency, yet Lockhart could not remember doing so. Nor could he remember changing gold certificates when the government called them in.

Later it was disclosed that Lockhart had an active bank account all during the time he claimed he was afraid to make bank deposits. Finally, Lockhart was chairman of a three-state war-bond drive in 1942, during which he was asking people to convert cash into government bonds.

Only on Nov. 8, 1951, just before he was called upon to fill out a government questionnaire on his assets and his income did he bring in \$39,400 in cash and convert it into \$24,400 in series G bonds and \$15,000 in series E bonds.

The Internal Revenue Bureau has been asked for an explanation of the matter, but has made no reply.

Lockhart was formerly President Truman's attorney when the latter was Jackson County Judge, and was the first caller upon the president this week when he arrived in Kansas City from Chicago.

PROFESSIONAL ISSUES
The Democratic leaders who put Adlai Stevenson across at Chicago had a genuinely difficult time get-



"She's mentioned indirectly in his will. It says if his son ever marries her, he won't receive one red cent."

Walter Winchell

In New York

Stairway to the Stars: Patricia Wheel, one of the capables, has the starring role in the newest soapera, "The Dr's Wife" (NBC). It's Quilmas in July for Peter Arnall. Just been named CBS consultant to all panel and audience-participation programs, poor fellow. . . . Ethel Smith played to standing room only most of the fortnight's booking in Paree. They loved her songs, which she delivered in French. . . . Bernice Park's new record clik, "Walking My Baby Back Home," got her the Versailles booking starting Wed. . . . One of the networks has banned L. Hampton's waffle of "Jelly Roll." Claim the disc is too risque. . . . RCA's Dave Kapp is on the coast to record Betty Hutton's songs in "Somebody Loves You," her next film and her first album. . . . Don Walsh's "New Acts" essay on that Puerto Rican (at the convention) in Variety is good history. . . . On "Please" Mr. Fadings started Wed. . . . That M. Twain said: "I see no use in spelling words correctly." What Mr. Twain ackchely said, my dear faylo was: "I have no respect for a man who can spell a word only one way." (Wattami Getting Excited?)

The Press-Pox: Columnist Lippmann wisely cautioned all White House aspirants "not to let his ambition destroy his judgment." He means—more important than promising the voters the moon—is protecting the 48 stars. . . . The Democratic hopefuls seem to be dark horses. There's a scarcity of thoroughbreds. . . . Ambass. O'Dwyer finally admitted (to the N. Y. Times) that our story was accurate: That he is considering staying in Mexico, etc. . . . (A Herald Tribber fell for the denial. That makes three by the same denier-believer—which were confirmed anyhow). . . . Aside to the Weather Man who predicted a cool wave: The heat got you, too, pal? . . . Those 1948 Chicago Tribunes which headlined "Dewey Defeats Truman" are selling for \$2.50 each. That's what an advert in the Fair Deal. . . . After all, looka what it did for Vaughan! . . . "Nazi Marshal Kesselring III." (Wuzzmatia Wouldn't 20th Century-Fox film his life story?). . . . From Variety's headline: "Jones New Pop Head in East." (Hi, Pophead!)

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The Worry Clinic

By Dr. GEORGE W. CRANE

ENTER PRIZE CONTESTS. FOR THEY TURN YOUR THOUGHTS TO THE FUTURE AND THEY KEEP YOU YOUNG. THEY HELP WELD HUSBAND AND WIFE TOGETHER IN A HOBBY THAT IS GREAT FUN, AND YOU ALWAYS HAVE A CHANCE AT GOOD CASH AWARDS. TOO, THEY ARE DANDY TONIC FOR CONVALESCING SOLDIERS.

CASE E-319: Mrs. Julia Holcombe reads this column in the famous Jacksonville Journal, in Florida. She lives nearby at Neptune Beach.

"Dr. Crane, I owe you a vote of thanks," she graciously wrote me recently.

"For you described how to win prize contests in your bulletin on 'How to Write Salable Copy.' 'So I entered a Jingle Contest and was awarded 3rd prize! This was my first attempt! 'And now I'd like to try some more. But I notice that many contests require the use of an application blank, to be obtained from the local store.

"But I find that the stores don't always handle these blanks, so what can one do?"

CONTESTING IS FUN
Mrs. Crane and I tried prize contesting the first year we were married and had a lot of fun.

Besides, we won several prizes, including two of \$1,000 apiece. In fact, we paid the hospital and medical bill for our firstborn child with part of the \$1,000 prize we won in a Hearst newspaper contest.

Contesting is mentally stimulating. It is also a dandy hobby to help weld husband and wife together in mutual recreation. Even the children can help, too, if they are of school age.

Don't think you will win the big prizes at the very start, however, for some contests attract 1,000,000 entries.

You must thus play the batting averages. At our best, Mrs. Crane and I never won more than one

prize per 8 to 10 entries. But the contests are honest and ably judged. Ideas are what count most, so you don't need a college education to win. Many of the top prizes are won by housewives who don't even hold a high school diploma.

But your entry must abide by the rules. If these call for a 100-word letter, don't run yours to 101 words, or you are disqualified, regardless of your brilliant ideas.

And don't misspell words. If the rules demand "one sentence," then don't have but one period. Use semi-colons, commas or colons to punctuate your 100 words.

A little color as a background certainly adds eye appeal to your entry too, even if the rules say color and neatness do NOT count.

MENTAL GYMNASTICS
Contests are good for your mind as mental gymnastics. They stimulate you to read the encyclopedia and other source books for facts.

And they point your thinking forward, for after an entry has been submitted you keep looking to the future.

But work contests systematically and keep many entries in the mail. Then your morale is not so seriously deflated when the awards are published and you don't win.

For you can console yourself by thinking, "Well, I have some more entries in another contest to be announced next week, so maybe I'll win then."

If your local stores do not carry the entry blanks, drop a request to the sponsor for some. Or use blank paper, since most contest rules permit you to use either the official entry blank or plain paper.

For further helpful advice, send for my bulletin "How to Write Salable Copy," enclosing a stamped, return envelope, plus a dime.

A Columbus, Ohio, woman won a new automobile by using these ideas, and another woman recently wrote she had won a \$2,000 cash prize, so try contesting both for its mental stimulation as well as possible cash awards.

Mary Haworth's Mail

By America's Foremost Personal Affairs Counselor

WHEN LIEUTENANT SETTLED ON ARMY CAREER, FIANCEE BROKE ENGAGEMENT, AS SHE DISLIKED MILITARY LIFE.

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I don't know whether I could change; or if I want to; or if life would seem worthwhile if I did. What kind of a wife should a military man have? Do I sound like the type?
F. D.

WANT TO BE AN ECCENTRIC?
DEAR F. D.: It is to be hoped that you aren't looking forward to an inborn life of being a lady eccentric. This could be the logical sequence of your opinionated, self-willed behavior in childhood and adolescence. If you don't embrace self-discipline in time. Yours is an anti-social performance thus far, whether motivated by ill humor or show off vanity; and even if you do shine by contrast with the crowd in so doing, calling attention to such special abilities or graces as you may possess.

The hallmark of civilized intelligence, indeed the distinguishing characteristic of mental health, is the capacity to work smoothly with any aggregation or unit of individuals, abiding by the ethical rules and customs that shape and direct the specific cooperative endeavor. The person who assertively insists on being "different" from others, on claiming rights and prerogatives that they've forfeited on behalf of group synthesis, is really getting nowhere. He or she is advertising maladjustment that progressively interferes with the pursuit of happiness.

Therefore don't boast of nonconformity simply for the sake of being "independent." Rather bear in mind St. Paul's insight, "We are all members one of another," and try to fit your cranny of the human scene, without leaving any rough edges.

OUR CONCEPT OF ARMY LIFE
What kind of wife should a military man have? Any good wife will do. His needs are little (if any) different from those of men in other professions. She should be self-reliant, for handling responsibility in his absence; also an interesting self-confident hostess, with a flair for winning women's liking—from the general's lady down through the ranks to cook and laundress—because women will occupy much of her time. But as for helping the soldier advance, she has at most only a slight, indirect influence there. In general, army men rise by their own bootstraps, by virtue of being "a man amongst men"—or stick in the mud for personal lack of "what it takes."

Do you sound like the successful army wife type? I think you'd do very well, if your heart were in the job; and I believe the occupation affords enough change, challenge, risk and adventure to keep it from being dull, ever.

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