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INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — The ashes of defeat may have a bitter taste for GOP Presidential Nominee Thomas E. Dewey's chief rivals — Senator Robert A. Taft, Harold E. Stassen and Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg.

However, with the GOP united after the Dewey blitz and all Republicans agreed that the choice of California's Gov. Earl Warren for vice president is an excellent one, there is a brightening future for Taft, Stassen and Vandenberg.

This is assuming, of course, that Dewey is victorious in November, which virtually all political experts view as a lead pipe cinch.

Taft probably will remain the majority policy leader in the Senate. He will be a real star on the Dewey team. His influence in national affairs, already tremendous, should continue to grow.

Stassen, the virile young man from Minnesota, who touched off the GOP convention's only spontaneous demonstration, is certain to be offered a high post.

There is talk already that Stassen, who had a brilliant record as a World War II naval officer, may get the post of secretary of defense.

Vandenberg, who made good his pledge not to inspire any contrived "draft" for the presidential nomination, has indicated that he prefers to remain as Senate foreign relations chairman while Dewey's long-time adviser, John Foster Lullis, becomes secretary of state.

House GOP Leader Charles Halleck, who was ruled out as a vice presidential nominee, may be offered the postmaster generalship. Other loyal Republicans will be rewarded in kind.

RETURN TO HARMONY? — A Republican landslide this November, sweeping the Dewey-Warren ticket and GOP congressional candidates into office, would treat the nation to a sight not seen since the very early days of the Truman administration — co-operation between the White House and Congress.

Some Washington observers, who are cool toward the GOP, are willing to admit that political accord between the White House and Capitol Hill — even Republican accord — would be better than the present bickering and name calling.

They point out that now is the time for unity, and that a unity which includes some ideas and policies you don't like is better than none at all.

POLICY MAKERS AND DEWEY — Only a few top State department policy makers are worried that a Republican victory in November, will sweep them out.

Most of them would not mind being retired inasmuch as they are working at a financial sacrifice. Men like Undersecretary Robert A. Lovett and Assistant Secretary Will Thorp already have businesses of their own to which they would gladly return.

Those highminded individuals who work for the State department because they believe in present policy are more assured now that both major GOP candidates are advocates of the bi-partisan policy as developed during and since the war.

SECRETARY OF LABOR — Administration sources are frank to admit that one of the most important qualifications for a new secretary of labor is that he be a good political campaigner.

In filing the post made vacant by the death of Labor Secretary Lewis Schwellenbach, President Truman naturally has his eye upon the 1948 political race.

With the creation of an independent Mediation Service and removal of the United States Employment Service from the Labor department, the job of administering that agency has dwindled almost to nothing.

However, the administration wants a man of Cabinet stature who can take to the speaking platforms and stump for the Democratic ticket in the campaign ahead.

The recommendations of the AFL and CIO also have to be heard, thus complicating the task of filling the Labor secretary's position. It is extremely difficult nowadays for the two big union organizations to agree on anything.

oil supply in the world. Every owner of an automobile or oil burning equipment would better appreciate this if he lived in a country where oil is a luxury.

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Selene's exerts an awful toll. You and I pay a terrific price per day for our stress. It is back every problem on which comes a little counselor, minister, priest, rabbi. Cultivated and allowed to grow, many times it develops into mental disease. Here's an illustration:

A man was brought into my study by a friend. He was an alcoholic, and like all alcoholics he was mentally and emotionally ill. This patient was worse than the average case which is brought to us. He was "hearing voices" which is an indication of a mental disorder. In taking a case history on him, we learned that as a boy he had developed a habit of reading aloud to himself. As he



became an adult he continued this practice to the extent of moving his lips when he read. In his mind he was vocalizing what he read. It was but a step from this practice for him to vocalize his thoughts in his mind.

He only heard these voices when he was by himself and alone with his thoughts. He had been hospitalized for mental disease, had taken treatment, but had left the hospital before his course of treatment was complete and had sought refuge in alcohol.

We explained to him that he was mentally ill, needed treatment. He could go to a mental hospital for treatment, or he could take spiritual treatment by himself from his Lord.

When Jesus Christ was on Earth he healed many cases of mental illness. It was called demon possession. Mental illness is of the greatest variety and kinds. Some

of them respond well to spiritual treatment carefully administered.

We told this man that he was nursing the bad thoughts which came into his mind, dwelling on them until they actually became voices speaking to him, shouting at him. We explained to him the method of substituting good thoughts for bad thoughts, of affirming good and denying evil. We've outlined this method before in this Column. Readers who don't have it, may get this reprint by writing the EVERYDAY COUNSELLOR in care of this newspaper enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.

This patient who had been wrestling through sleepless nights, imbibing alcohol, decided to try spiritual treatment. He put his life in his Lord's hands. That night he slept well and nights thereafter. For three months all went well. He was a new man. But he forgot that he was also an alcoholic, that he would be allergic to alcohol as long as he lived. He succumbed to the temptation to celebrate his new victory with a drink. That set in motion again the whole vicious alcoholic cycle. He is now in a

mental hospital, but he could have stayed out if he had left alcohol alone.

Almighty God still heals those who come to Him, trust Him, remain with Him.

WNCA Group To Meet In Hendersonville Friday At 10 A. M.

C. M. Douglas, secretary of Western North Carolina Associated Communities, of Brevard, has announced the quarterly meeting of the members will be held in Hendersonville Friday, July 30, at 10 a. m. at Skyland hotel.

Matters to be discussed include: a review of the industrial survey completed by TVA men who will deliver books for each county; Toll charges on Blue Ridge Parkway and Great Mountains National Park; Fishing and wildlife and other things of interest to the progress of Western North Carolina.

Those expected to attend from Sylva are: Mayor Jack Allison, Felix Picklesimer, T. N. Massie, W. R. Hampton and Harry Ferguson.

HOW IS YOUR HEALTH?

Jackson County now with only three cases of polio has a long way to go before the disease could be considered in epidemic form. Dr. Mary Michal, district health officer, says that based on our population fifty cases would have to develop before it goes into what is considered the epidemic stage.

We doubt that Jackson county will have that many cases. We certainly hope not at any rate. Quite a lot is being written by health officers, giving the public the benefit of what they know about polio and their advice about how to conduct your daily living in order that members of our families may not fall victims to it. The readers of The Herald will find articles each week during this period written by Dr. Michal which will be of much benefit to them if her recommendations are heeded. The article on the front page this week is very informative on the subject and should be read by everyone.

Watch The Herald each week for information on polio while the disease is prevalent in this area, as well as other services offered by the local and district health offices.

ANSWERING PLUSH-SEAT CRITICS

As a nation we have come to expect almost perfection in appliances we use daily — automobiles, electric equipment, transportation, etc. We just don't think of breakdowns. If they occur we are impatient of any delay, giving little thought to the intricate problems involved in providing a near perfect article or service.

What is less exciting to contemplate than a railroad rail? But without it the business of this nation would come to a standstill. Railroads have been subjected to some injurious and unfair criticism for not making more spectacular advances. But underneath a train there has to be rails — good rails.

For twenty years the railroads and steel companies have carried on joint research into cause of rail breakage, with laboratory work conducted at universities and in field test throughout the country. As a result, the strength and service life of rails have been materially increased. Every element of track structure has been under study, with experimental stretches of tracks on many railroads being carefully checked by the most up-to-date electrical stress measuring instruments.

The real test of a railroad system is not primarily the color of the paint on the cars or the plush on the seats, it is the overall performance of the railroad machine. It is the perfection of a thousand and one undramatic things like rails, through constant research such as the railroads carry on, that give uninterrupted performance and permit the hauling of constantly greater loads at higher speeds, thus confounding the superficial critics.

ONE FOR THE BOOK

The oil industry of the United States is breaking all records in supplying our country with petroleum products.

Thirty-four thousand companies are doing the job. Last year 33,098 new wells were drilled and the total production of crude oil reached an all-time high of over 77 billion gallons. This will be exceeded in 1948.

Even in the face of such an output, a proved reserve of a trillion gallons of oil is available in the ground.

But all this does not mean we can afford to waste oil. We should use petroleum products as efficiently as possible, thus doing our part to conserve supplies.

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