

URGES HIGHER PAY FOR CONGRESSMEN

New Political Groups Seek To Shape Parties' Policies

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The donkey and the elephant are getting jealous, and the Washington Chapter of the SPCPA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Political Animals) is getting a little worried, lest some other new and strange fauna are going to sneak under the tent to steal the old regulars' fodder—and it ain't hay.



Three very active creatures are being heard from in tones so stentorian that the bray and the trumpet, familiar sounds in campaign years, are almost drowned out.

The latest performer in the ring is the ROF (Republican Open Forums). Officially the newcomer belongs to the Republican stable, as its name implies, but some of the old timers are afraid the colt is getting ready to kick over the party tracks.

Although the other two more familiar creatures, the CIO-PAC and the NC (National Citizens)-PAC, are more at home in the Democratic pasture, they frequently get their heads through the rails to browse on the Republican side.

All three are full of ginger, and not too brittle-wise.

Stassen Heads Open Forum

Chairman of the Republican Open forums advisory committee is Harold Stassen, and ROF is considered pretty much his baby. Wayne Morse, Walter Judd, Gov. Raymond Baldwin of Connecticut, and other Republicans not unfriendly to the liberal domestic and expansive international views of Stassen make up the committee.

At ROF headquarters, you are told it is strictly all-Republican, not a one-dark-horse team. However, a broad-minded tolerance prevails which permits Democrats to take part in forums, if they want to.

The forums are compared to town meetings, and are supposed to provide members of the party with the opportunity to form party policy. At that point comes the rub. Old timers don't want Mr. Stassen's outfit (which its directors insist it isn't) making policy. They feel they have had enough experience in such matters themselves.

Anyhow, ROF is a going concern. As of mid-May, there were already 474 forums in operation in 44 states.

CIO Works to Get Out Favorable Vote

The CIO-PAC we know of old. That outfit is run by Sidney Hillman, and because the CIO fathered it, Mark Sullivan says that the CIO is no longer merely a labor organization, but has acquired the status of a political party. This column described CIO-PAC's dynamic activities, literature, and methods at the time of the last campaign.

Their ostensible object is to get out the vote; the real object is to get out the vote they want. A definite platform for both domestic and foreign policy is stated in detail.

The six points of foreign policy include such controversial subjects as the quarantine of Spain and Argentina, and self-government for colonial nations.

There are 13 points in CIO-PAC's domestic policy, ranging from a minimum wage to OPA, and including price guarantees to farmers, progressive taxation for large incomes, reduction on small incomes. Specific bills are singled out for support or opposition.

CIO-PAC's brother, NC-PAC, is what might be described simply as a simon-pure New Deal. Chairman of the policy committee is Dr. Frank Kingdon, with Sydney Hillman as an "honorary," and members including Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Henry Wallace, Hugo Black and so on.

The lead article in their organ, "The National Citizen," whose memorial edition made no single mention of the name, Truman, contained this paragraph:

"Stirred by the rising tide of reaction, and the steady drift away from the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt, more than 2,100 of the late President's most ardent supporters and closest friends gathered to hear speaker after speaker sound the call to political action as the best method to fulfill the Roosevelt domestic and international program.

NC-PAC has a political guide which demands the election of progressive candidates for congress, and lists issues for action which include anti-labor bills, Argentina, British loan, conscription, FEPC, atomic power, and so on. They likewise are sponsoring a "School of Political Action Tech-

niques" here in Washington beginning June 26 which purports to "unveil the intricacies of professional political campaigning to the average voter." The school will be open to anyone; attendance will be limited to 500 students. NC-PAC says "it is believed that the majority of the student body will play an active role in the November congressional elections."

Of course, there are various other organizations, old and new, in the field. The Young Republicans, for example, who endorsed the ROF at a recent national convention; Mr. Ickes' Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions to which James Roosevelt presumably brings a hereditary parental blessing, and others.

And I shouldn't fail to mention the Women's Division of the Democratic National committee, which teaches wives of politicians such fundamentals as platform poise, the right word at the right time, how to overcome fear of public speaking, and so on. Wives of cabinet officers, wives of senators, wives of representatives, wives of members of the little cabinet and wives of top-flight agency heads are exhorted: "Use your feminine charm in the (Democratic) campaign. It helped you get your husband, didn't it? It will also help get votes."

But these are only mother's helpers. The PAC twins, and the ROF are the ones that make the donkey and the elephant nervous when they look over their left flanks.

Congress Needs Salary Boost

Wages are at the top of the inflation list.

But that doesn't mean more pay for congressmen. One of the best arguments for a boost in the congressional payroll comes from a congressman whom I won't name, but whose bitterest rivals mention as one of the smartest members of either chamber. He says:

"The vote against a pay raise comes from the men who know that they couldn't get elected, if congressional salaries were high enough to attract a better class of candidates to oppose them."

Philip Broughton, ex-newspaperman and political scientist who has spent a decade in Washington, says, in his "For a Stronger Congress," that every independent student of congressional reorganization has "recommended a raise to \$15,000 or \$25,000 a year. Certainly, it would seem that the same public which can afford \$500 a week for the writers of Grade B movie scenarios can afford a similar sum for those who set policies that control our national life."

A congressman now gets \$10,000 a year. Anybody who lives in Washington, Broughton points out, knows that that isn't enough. A congressman has to maintain two homes; campaigns cost money. Besides, he has to contribute to "the do-good organizations that claim a root in his constituency," and "secretarial expenses and meager railroad mileage do not balance his family budget."

The thing that pains me most as I travel up and down the land is to hear the very people who scream that no congressman is worth even \$10,000 a year, object to paying enough to hire a man with ability.



BOYS TOWN . . . Citizens receive the Mantoux tuberculin test. Left to right: Eugene Karnes, Mrs. Minnie Schaefer, Dr. Paul J. Martin, Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. J. Flanagan, and Walter Gunnell. The test is considered 98 per cent effective in revealing presence of tuberculosis germs in the body.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Country Banks Lend a Billion For Increased Farm Production; Big Cut Made in Federal Debt

LABOR DRAFT: Senate is Opposed

Many senate Republicans, even those who have been calling on President Truman to "settle these strikes," are opposed to the President's appeal for emergency power to draft strikers into the army when they refuse to work at government-seized properties. Senator Taft of Ohio has led the fight against the draft proposal and favors the Case bill instead. (The Case bill provides for permanent, not temporary or emergency, labor restraints.)

Republicans, however, have not agreed on another proposal made by Mr. Truman that profits from businesses taken over and operated by the government during strikes should go into the U. S. treasury.

FRENCH LOAN: Cash and Credit

Bypassing a vote by congress, the United States government extended a \$1,370,000,000 credit to France to help her begin a four-year reconstruction program. The American credit provides a direct loan of \$650,000,000 from the export-import bank, and a line of credit totaling \$720,000,000 which would permit France to settle its lend-lease account and purchase U. S. army and navy surpluses overseas.

Mother Love Wins Out



Mrs. Margaret Ashe of Chicago decided her baby was pretty after all and returned home after abandoning the baby, only 10 days old. Her husband, James, 27, forgave her. Mrs. Ashe was located at Burlington, Iowa.

Leon Blum, chief French negotiator, signed the agreement with Secretary of State Byrnes and Secretary of Treasury Vinson.

COUNTRY BANKS: Lend a Billion

Some 13,000 of America's country banks are lending more than \$1,000,000,000 to their farm customers to support agriculture production, the agricultural commission of the American Bankers association has reported.

Non-real-estate agricultural loans held by all insured banks in continental U. S. totaled \$1,009,600,000 at the beginning of 1946, an increase of nearly \$100,000,000 from the January 1, 1945, figure of \$917,400,000. The present outstanding loan volume is nearly double the amount of farm production loans held by the banks in 1937.

The largest increase in the use of non-real-estate bank credit has been in California. The use of bank credit by farmers increased in all states except South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota and Missouri.

FEDERAL DEBT: Cut Ten Billion

A survey by a large New York banking institution discloses that actual and prospective federal debt reduction since March 1, 1946, amounts to more than 10 billion dollars. This is the largest cut ever made in so short a time and is an amount greater than the total debt retirement achieved in an 11-year period following World War I.

WHEAT STORAGE: Dates are Extended

The government has extended the time for cancellation of uniform wheat storage agreements by elevators and warehouses to 10 days after they get the new agreement. The move was a reversal of original plans and was made after an appeal by the trade.

Clinton P. Anderson, secretary of agriculture, has announced that the government now has enough grain to meet its export commitments and that transportation is the only block to moving 400,000,000 bushels overseas by July 1.

ARMY GRIPE BOARD

Would Abolish Rank and Salute

WASHINGTON. — The army will have less saluting and "officers" will be just soldiers, if recommendations of the army's G.I. gripe board are adopted. The board recommended that the very terms "officer" and "enlisted man" be abolished as one step to narrow the official and social gap between them.

The inquiry board, headed by Lt. Gen. Doolittle, in its report to Secretary of War Patterson, proposed a thorough revision of existing differences in pay, promotion, furloughs and food. It called, too, for new measures aimed at raising the standard of leadership in the army.

Secretary Patterson announced that "some steps already have been taken" to remedy problems set out in the report. He stated that congressional approval and appropriations would be required to carry out a few of the suggestions.

Officers and Saluting. But the big break with tradition came in the proposal that all military personnel be referred to merely as "soldiers."

Abolition of the hand salute except on army posts and in overseas occupied areas, and wiping out any rules or customs which make rank a barrier to social associations, were among other recommendations. "Americans look with disfavor

upon any system which grants unearned privileges to a particular class of individuals and find distasteful any tendency to make arbitrary social distinctions between two parts of the army," the group concluded.

"There were irregularities, injustices in handling of enlisted personnel, and abuses of privileges in the recent war to such an extent as to cause widespread and deep-seated criticisms."

Poor Leadership Blamed. The six-man board, which was named by Patterson in March, ascribed poor relationships between commissioned and enlisted personnel to "undeniably poor leadership on the part of a small percentage" of officers and the system "that permits and encourages a wide official and social gap" between officers and men.

To improve officer leadership, the board recommended specifically that previous military training—preferably one year in the ranks—be required of all appointees except technicians not placed in command positions. Proposing a complete review of the army's system of promoting officers, the board urged that it be on a merit basis rather than on seniority and be coupled with pro-

vision for demotions. Other specific recommendations included a system to permit retirement of military personnel after 10, 20 or 30 years of service, or after physical disability. The present system of pay was held inadequate. The board urged government food be distributed to all grades and ranks equally. Clothing should be issued to both enlisted men and officers (officers now buy their own). It was recommended that enlisted men be given terminal leave pay for unused furlough time; that military personnel should be permitted "normal social patterns comparable to our democratic way of life"; provision for enlisted men to serve on courts-martial, and a system of awards to provide more equitable distribution based on merit but more difficult to obtain as rank increases.

Aside from Doolittle, members of the board included former Lt. Gen. Troy H. Middleton, who is now comptroller of Louisiana State university; Robert Neville, who served on Yank and the Stars and Stripes both as an enlisted man and officer; Adna H. Underhill, wartime paratrooper captain; Jake W. Lindsey, wartime technical sergeant who won the congressional medal of honor; and Mervyl H. Frost, Dartmouth football captain.



Baked meat loaf is simple to prepare and easy to serve for affairs where guests are numerous. Bake the loaf in either small or large loaves.

Supper Plans Given As Aid in Planning To Serve Fifty

Social calendars get very active during the summer months because vacations and weather offer such a grand opportunity for getting together a big party. Perhaps the Sunday school picnic is just around the corner, or perhaps the ladies' aid is planning a big treat for their husbands soon.

Whatever the occasion, you'll surely want to put forth your very best cookery and serve everyone amply. This will call for some careful planning, and also, large quantity recipes.

If the church has a kitchen fitted with large quantity cooking utensils, plan to make generous use of it. Meats and vegetables can best be prepared there. Some member may wish to contribute enough individual salads and perhaps cakes and pies to make up for the rest of the meal.

Good planning which takes into consideration every angle will make the affair a successful one. Recruit plenty of help so that no two or three women are tied to the kitchen range all the time. Everyone will have a better time, if all have some leisure.

***Ham Loaf (Serves 50)**
5 pounds lean pork, ground
5 pounds smoked ham, ground
2 1/2 quarts bread or cracker crumbs
1 1/4 teaspoons pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
3 eggs
2 1/2 pints milk

Mix together all ingredients. Mold into loaves and bake 1 to 2 hours in a moderate (350-degree) oven depending on size of loaves. This makes 5 small loaves, or about three large.

Horseradish Sauce (Serves 50)
1 1/2 cups sour cream
1/4 cup boiled salad dressing
1/2 cup horseradish
Blend ingredients thoroughly and serve with ham loaf.

An alternate dish to serve, if ham or pork is difficult to obtain would be frankfurters prepared in a mild-spiced sauce:

Creole Wienies (Serves 50)
5 pounds bacon
30 cups finely chopped onions (7 1/2 quarts)
10 No. 2 cans tomatoes
7 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
10 pounds wieners
80 to 100 buns

Cut bacon into 1/2 inch squares and broil over low heat until par-

Lynn Says:

Let's serve eggs: There's variety and appetite appeal in eggs if you'll serve them in the following ways:

Use these fillings for omelets: creamed tuna fish or seafood; minced cooked ham, cooked pork sausage or deviled ham; sauteed mushrooms, creamed peas, asparagus or other vegetables; grated cheese, creamed chicken and mushrooms, jelly, jam or marmalade; fried onions; or broiled bacon.

When you poach eggs, serve them in corned beef hash nests, spinach nests, potato nests or french toast made of stale bread. Scramble eggs with bits of diced American cheese, fried bacon, shredded ham, or fold in some leftover vegetables. Bake eggs with bacon, sausage or some of the cold meat cuts and serve as a main dish for supper with salad and dessert.

Fry eggs slowly and serve with quickly broiled cold cuts or waffles, pancakes or toast.

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENUS

Church Supper.
*Ham Loaf
with Horseradish Sauce
*Scalloped Potatoes
Green Peas *Sunshine Salad
Bread or Rolls
Coffee and Milk
*Berry Cobbler
*Recipes given.

tially done. Drain off most of fat. Fry onions and bacon together until golden brown, stirring frequently. Add tomatoes, salt and pepper. Place wieners on top and simmer for 45 minutes. Place a wiener and a spoonful of the sauce on each hot buttered bun and serve, allowing two for each person.

***Scalloped Potatoes (Serves 50)**
1 1/2 pounds potatoes
2 tablespoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup flour
1 1/2 cups butter or substitute
2 quarts milk

Wash, pare and cut potatoes in thin slices. Place a layer of potatoes in greased baking pan, sprinkle with salt, pepper, flour and dot with butter. Repeat until pans are almost full. Pour over enough hot milk to cover top and bake in a moderately slow (325-degree) oven until potatoes are tender. The time will depend upon the size and quantity in pans—about 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

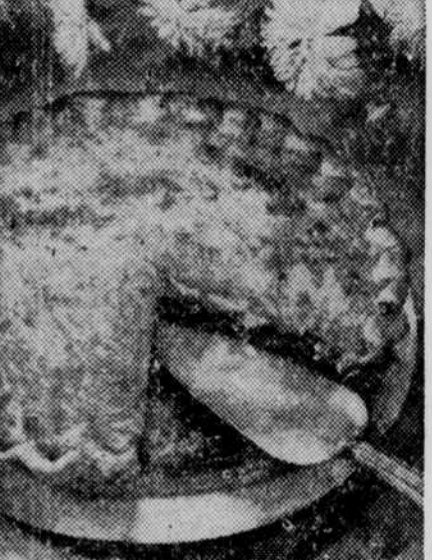
If you want to prepare green beans, you will need six quarts to serve 50 people. Boil the beans, after washing and cutting, in the minimum of water, then season with 1 cup bacon drippings, 4 tablespoons salt and 4 tablespoons paprika. If you want to serve green peas you will need 16 pounds or 1 gallon of shelled peas.

***Sunshine Salad (Serves 50)**
5 packages lemon flavored gelatin
7 cups grated carrots
5 pounds grapefruit, cut in sections

Make gelatin according to directions. When mixture begins to thicken, add carrots and grapefruit and allow to chill until firm. Serve in squares with mayonnaise dressing.

Cabbage and Carrot Salad (Serves 50)
4 1/2 quarts finely shredded cabbage
2 pounds carrots, grated, raw
1 quart diced celery
1 quart boiled salad dressing

Blend all ingredients together with salad dressing. Since the berry season will be in full swing shortly, you might like to serve a berry-in-season cobbler with fresh cream.



Pastry for the party will probably be furnished by individual members. If this is not possible, make a delectable fruit cobbler and serve with cream or ice cream.

***Fruit or Berry Cobbler (Serves 50)**
5 quarts fruit or berries
Sugar to sweeten
1/2 cup cornstarch
Biscuit dough

Heat canned fruit or berries and water, or fresh fruit and water to a boiling point (1 1/2 quarts water to 24 cups fruit or berries). Sweeten to taste. Dissolve cornstarch in small amount of cold water and add to fruit or berry mixture. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Pour into shallow baking dish and drop biscuit dough on top. Bake in a moderately hot (425-degree) oven for 30 minutes.

Coffee (Makes 100 cups)
3 pounds coffee
6 1/2 gallons water

The coffee in thick cheesecloth bag, leaving plenty of room for coffee to swell. The coffee may also be mixed with a small amount of egg and cold water, if clear coffee is desired. Drop bags in boiling water and boil 3 minutes. Remove bags and keep coffee hot. For this amount of coffee you will need 1 1/2 quarts of cream (for 2 tablespoons to each cup) and 3/4 pound sugar (counting 2 teaspoons per cup).

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