

Insight Elsewhere

Worthy of consideration . . .

by kenneth tabor

This column has tried to maintain some kind of enlightened partisanship which its author hoped would result in some level of insight as opposed to preset bias. Admittedly this aim has not always been achieved. Only the reader can decide whether it has ever been so.

The fact that the state primary election occurs tomorrow has prompted me, however, to depart from this goal to some extent. I should like to call your attention to one of the presidential possibilities hoping to call forth, not votes, but rather some honest critical consideration of merits and demerits.

The man in question is Governor William Scranton of Pennsylvania. He is a "non-candidate" candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

It may seem odd to write about Governor Scranton when most of the news to date has concerned Governor Rockefeller, Senator Goldwater, and some mention of write-in candidate Lodge. Further, with the recent presence of former Vice-president Nixon in the state and the vote that his presence may call forth, the oddity of the topic may seem to be increased.

In explanation then of the choice of writing about Bill Scranton, I will say only that it seems to me fitting to write about any man mentioned as a presidential possibility and that the more the possibility, the more fitting it is.

To me, two things seem presently to fit the facts of the situation regarding both Goldwater and Rockefeller. First of all, whatever the returns of the California primary will show, Governor Rockefeller's campaign is now at an historic low ebb. Secondly, the nature of the strength of the Goldwater forces does not look like it will hold past two ballots at convention, and it does not look at this time like he will have enough delegate strength to carry either of those ballots.

I make these remarks neither to cast disparaging images of either of these candidates nor to predict what will happen at convention. I am writing only about how the situation seems to me.

To supplement these remarks, I will say that I am also of the opinion that Ambassador Lodge does not hold enough sway with the party leaders and that Richard Nixon stated a not-so-private view when he said in Omaha that the party should look for someone who has not run before.

If this view of the situation is correct, and to date I have been given no reason to think that it is not, then Bill Scranton has a very good chance for the Republican nomination indeed. At this point, any further comments as to whether he will in fact receive the nomination seem rather ludicrous.

The first question to come to mind is, however inappropriate it may seem, can the candidate win. In 1960, Scranton was drafted to run for Congress in Pennsylvania's 10th district where the Democrats had a 24,000 registration majority. Scranton beat the Democratic incumbent by nearly 7,000 votes while Nixon lost to JFK by 15,000 votes. In 1962, the Democrats had a statewide voter registration majority of 210,000. The late President Kennedy campaigned personally for the Democratic candidate Richardson Dilworth. Scranton won the election by nearly 500,000 votes, carried all but five of Pennsylvania's 67 counties winning one of his major victories in the industrial center of Pittsburgh.

Another question which is always asked pertains to what has been a candidates

past experience. It should be sufficient to say in this respect that Scranton has served one term in the U.S. Congress, has been Assistant to the Secretary of State, and is now serving as Governor of Pennsylvania. He served in business for 15 years and is a graduate of Yale Law School.

To all sincere voters, the most pertinent question that can be asked of a candidate is "what have been his accomplishments in office?"

To this I offer a brief synopsis of Bill Scranton's career as governor. During his tenure, unemployment has declined in Pennsylvania to the lowest annual level since 1957, more than 1,000 jobs have been eliminated from the state payroll, and 56,000 persons have been taken off relief. During all of this, 700 new or expanded industries have come into the state, \$70,000,000,000 has been committed to public and private colleges while construction has been completed on 2,500 classrooms. In addition to all of this, Scranton has succeeded in balancing the budget of the state of Pennsylvania.

Governor Scranton considers Cuba a threat to our security as a base for Communist infiltration and subversion of Latin America; he was, in the foreign sphere, against the neutralization of Laos and, on the domestic scene, is against deficit spending. Scranton is for the civil rights bill, the tax cut, and a redistribution of the tax revenues of the nation. He favors our participation in the United Nations, but is against the admission of Red China. He feels that the solution to our outflow of gold lies in the control of government spending abroad. The Governor reluctantly favored the Nuclear test ban treaty. He believes a cut in foreign aid possible due to enormous backlogs in accumulated appropriations.

Such are the facts in brief about Governor William Scranton. You will play a role in deciding both whether he will be and whether he should be our President. The question is not which way you decide. The question is whether or not he is worthy of consideration. I believe he is.



"WILL YOU LOVE ME IN DECEMBER LIKE YOU DO IN MAY?"

No Intent To Change

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Mr. Stout on his cheerful and complimentary letter (April 23) concerning my articles. I'm rather surprised that I haven't received more of the same kind. I did note a tone of irritation in Mr. Stout's letter caused mainly by his misinterpretation of my articles.

I'm very sorry Mr. Stout if you felt that the articles were a personal insult to your mode of living. The only person I was intentionally criticizing or trying to help was myself. To everyone else, they were intended only to be of an informative nature. I'm afraid I am not the sterling character you make me out to be.

I'm not proud of my past and I don't make a point to

brag about it, especially in public. Consequently, I reject the implication that I'm some kind of a Bible-thumping abolitionist and guardian of morality.

I had no intention of trying to conform or change anyone. I personally don't care how anyone else lives. As for myself, I do feel that these rules are in my best interest and I do occasionally try to live by them.

I will admit that the very fact they were on the editorial page implied that they were a personal opinion rather than a news report. But one will find when writing on a subject such as morality that it becomes exceedingly hard to include all the various opinions. I originally intended to write

a direct follow up and summation of various magazine articles and personal interviews including both pros and cons on the subject.

However I decided to keep it one-sided hoping that I'd arouse some comment from the other side of the fence, and obviously I did. Although your letter showed a writing ability far exceeding mine, the total thought said nothing exceptional in regards to the defense of your position.

Next time you sit down to write a letter, sir, cool off before you begin. I'm afraid that in your angered and embittered state, your letter sounded more like the raving's of a child who just got his wrists slapped than the mature adult you consider yourself to be.

T. F. Hiner

Tired Of 'Sex' Articles

Dear Editor:

I am tired of articles about Sex on the Campus, and after reading Friday's editorial, I can no longer restrain the desire to protest the warped, sick, morbid, joyless, ignorant, and irreligious attitudes you present constantly.

(1) It is my understanding that sexual promiscuity, according to the statistics, is greater by far among non-students than students in the same age groups.

(2) My sexual behaviour is no business of any school official, legislator, or editor. They have other business.

(3) The "release of sexual standards en masse" is considered by a number of human beings as long overdue and a trace, a sign that unhygienic, idealistic youth may yet arise from the shambles of sexual stagnation and desexed (hence dehumanized) puritanism inherited from the tradition. All your articles have assumed rather than shown the Evil of sex. You have supposed a Billy Graham morbidity, a shame rising from natural desires for physical and psychological union, whereas a healthy, religious view

would encourage students in their search for meaningful relationships.

(4) The only "sin (and even sin is private) involved in the "release of sexual standards" arises out of treating sex as a status symbol rather than finding in it the supreme expression of the noblest gift to man—love.

(5) William Blake wrote in THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN AND HELL: "No pale religious litchery call that virginity that wishes but acts not!"

V. E. Barnett



Where is it?

ERIC SEVAREID—

Only Ike, Lodge Can Fill GOP's Leadership Vacuum.

By Eric Severeid
The political party is perhaps the most amorphous and liquid institution of national scope that America exhibits, and there is no law of man or nature automatically preventing a party's dissolution if it is determined to leak away through the holes and cracks of



Severeid

dissension. Intraparty fights ought to be healthy for a party, but the present disarray in the Republican party looks more and more like the last stages of disease.

This year's quarrel within the Republican party is not healthy because it is abnormal. Among its prospective nominees for President not one has established himself as a masterful politician or as an overriding intellect and personality worthy of the name of statesman. With two months to go before the convention, the party faction with the most dedication to its beliefs—the extreme right wing—is the philosophical faction with the smallest following among American voters at large. The candidate who will go into the convention with the biggest bloc of delegates—Senator Goldwater—is only a poor third in nationwide party popularity among the five possibilities for the nomination. He is also a poor third in the choice of American independent voters, as the opinion polls reveal; and independence of party labels is becoming more and more the style of American voters.

In the polls, which have to be taken seriously these days, Goldwater is ahead of only Rockefeller and Scranton; he enjoys only one-half of Nixon's popular Republican support and not much more than a third of Lodge's. Yet his nomination is conceivable. We would then confront the spectacle of a man enjoying only minority support among Republicans trying to win the White House for a party that is distinctly the minority party in the country. Unless something spectacularly awful happens to President Johnson's prestige in the meantime, because of race riots or something else, it is entirely possible that the Republican party can suffer a November shutout approaching that of 1936 under Alf Landon.

No postconvention magic is going to make Senator Goldwater suddenly popular in the country; no magic is going to unite his party

behind his leadership any more than it would be united behind Governor Rockefeller. Only the most passionate and blinded of partisans can think so. But if a catastrophe happens to the party in November, it will be wrong to blame the Arizona senator; the true fault will lie with the vacuum within the party.

If reason ruled politics, which it doesn't, this vacuum would not be permitted to continue right to the convention itself. If it does, the blood spilling in San Francisco is going to be an awesome sight, leaving the party badly weakened for the fall campaign, no matter who is the nominee.

I can think of only two ways in which the pre-convention vacuum of leadership could be even partially filled and the party's self-mutilation at the convention diminished. One would be the return of Ambassador Lodge and his demonstration, if he can so demonstrate, that he is as well regarded while present and vocal as he is while far away and silent. The other would be if the grand old man of the G.O.P., the only figure around whom party members can rally in spirit, would end his own silence. Mr. Eisenhower has spoken and written a very great deal lately but he has said nothing that changes anything.

He has spoken with the calculated ambiguity of the Delphic Oracle, leaving all petitioners free to interpret his words as they severally choose. The original Delphic Oracle set more than one catastrophe in motion in that manner.

This hope is small. Mr. Eisenhower will very probably continue to endorse all and none of the candidates and after the convention choice, will behave as if the nominee is the one he wanted all along. That is the privilege of a remarkable old man who would like to end his days with the esteem of his people and his party antiseptically unblemished. What is objectionable is perpetuation—chiefly by journalists—of the pretense that Mr. Eisenhower, any day now, is going to commit an act of political leadership and produce some order out of the mess his party is in, before the convention adds bitterness to confusion.

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