

Two Can Play This Game

As is human, natural and traditional, public attention is focused in this Presidential election year on the struggle for the White House. But, while the great mass of voters is being distracted by the big show, the big names and the big noise, contests that could be far more important to our future are now under way in 56 Congressional districts across the nation.

Jimmy Hoffa, labor's bad boy and the monitor-supervised president of the Teamsters Union, has decided now is the time to show our lawmakers that it is very shortsighted to support legislation that Mr. Hoffa doesn't like.

The Hoffa campaign for 1960 is to defeat 56 members of the House of Representatives (including both Democrats and Republicans), "because they voted for the Landrum-Griffin Labor-Management Reform Bill." This political program is outlined in detail in Hoffa's house organ, The International Teamster for November, 1959. The union, it notes, has just organized a "Department of Legislation and Political Education . . . to provide materials and assist in developing these ('Register to Vote' and 'Get out the Vote') campaigns." The article fails to mention how much this will cost and whether the slush fund will be excised from the treasury or provided by assessment of the members. But it does boast that through this plan "Teamster members alone could determine victory or defeat for Congressional members."

And in case you are wondering why the Hoffa vendetta covers only 56 of the 229 Congressmen who voted for the original Landrum-Griffin measure, the prescribed 56 represent "marginal" districts in which the culprit who "voted against labor" won election by five per cent or less. Thus, Mr. Hoffa is hand picking what look to him like the easy ones first; expecting, no doubt, that a sweeping victory in this area will enable him to keep his political vendetta hot and ever expanding.

But the 56 are not curling up at the Hoffa threats. Instead they have formed a bi-partisan national committee to work for the reelection of all under the immediate direction of Rep. William H. Ayres of Ohio and Rep. Carroll D. Kearns of Pennsylvania. "It would be a serious blow to democratic government," says Spokesman Ayres, "if this arrogant labor boss succeeded in carrying out his threats. We must not let him be victorious."

Now that Mr. Hoffa has raised this issue, the whole electorate, for whose protection the labor-management control law was passed, should see to it that every representative who voted for a good labor control bill is returned to office.

Two Flags Are Too Many

The House of Representatives has hinted to the President via resolution that he should not authorize display of the Panamanian flag in the Canal Zone which was bought and paid for by American taxpayers more than half a century ago, and which, through construction and operation of the Canal, has virtually supported the Panamanian economy ever since.

Latest comment from the President is that he would have known the answer if he had been asked when he was serving in the Zone in the 20's. We presume, in those days, with "US" on his tunic, he would have thought one flag enough.

The Panamanians evidently have forgotten that it was the United States, with President Theodore Roosevelt waving his "big stick" that gave them their independence in the first place.

Triumph Of A Busy Man

If you feel you are overburdened, that the odds against you are too much, you may find hope and encouragement in "The Story of George Romney," a biography of the American Motors man by Tom Mahoney just published in Harper's. It is an inspiring narrative containing material for a year's sermons.

Barely three years ago the company Romney headed was losing money at the rate of two million dollars a month and he was building a house and a church. He also took on a project to rehabilitate the Detroit schools which were in a serious plight.

He worried and prayed. He aroused meetings with the Sigmund Romberg song, "Stouthearted Men." He won the confidence of his employees and executives and made

salesmen of all of them. He economized even to the extent of emptying waste baskets only every other day. He was not discouraged by rivals who termed him "an insufferable optimist." He fended off Wall Street "raiders."

What happened? The house and church were built. The schools were rescued from their difficulties. And the company! Last year American Motors made 400,000 cars and \$60,000,000!

Romney's career, as the book points out, is proof that it is still possible for the old-fashioned virtues to succeed spectacularly in American business, that a corporation head need not be a character from "Executive Suite," and that Leo Durocher's baseball dictum that "nice guys finish last" is not to be accepted as a universal truth.

He asked no help from the government. It was a triumph of private enterprise. Our country and its institutions will survive, life will go forward, we will not need to worry about rockets to the moon as long as we have singing and praying men with the energy and enterprise of George Romney.

Riverside, Calif., Record: "A foreigner was quite proud of the fact that he had learned the English language. But I had to read an awful lot of comic books to do it," he said."

Babson Discusses America's Most Wonderful Machines

Babson Park, Mass., Feb. 11.—When I was in Moscow, getting statistics relating to its public school system, I was asked what we are doing to teach science to our teenagers. By "science" the Moscow school authorities mean mathematics, physics, and chemistry.

WHAT ARE SCIENCE FAIRS? For definite information I could think only of the work of William Guild of St. Petersburg, Fla., in developing Science Fairs, Science Clubs, and Previews-for-Teachers. This work especially interests me as it discovers young people with exceptional natural talents. Any of these might easily become an Edison or a Steinmetz or some other great inventor if given individual attention when young.

Since my return, I have mailed back to Moscow clippings from newspapers describing this work. I have also mentioned the work of the Osborn Creative Educational Foundation of Buffalo, N. Y., which is endeavoring to awaken the creative possibilities in all people. Both of these are non-profit institutions supported by gifts from interested donors.

WHAT MAKES GRASS GREEN? Guild's theory is that the true scientist is the one whose curiosity has led him to inquire into everything that 99% of the people take for granted. At an exhibit given by youngsters at Tampa, Fla., I noticed a boy with four saucers on his desk. One had green peas, another yellow carrots, a third red beans, and a fourth white corn. When I asked the boy why they were on his desk, he replied: "To make me curious why the different colors from the same soil, same water, and same sunshine." He is much unlike a U. S. Secretary of Defense who is reported to have said: "I'm not interested in why the grass is green."

The primary interest of these Science Fairs is to stimulate a youngster's native curiosity into a lively desire to find out the reason for things. If he "catches fire" and his imagination is stirred, he is on the way to becoming a great scientist. Russia makes her selections in a rough and heartless manner; but Mr. Guild does it on a voluntary basis—lets the youth, instead of Mr. K, decide his future.

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA COMPARED

Yet I am happy to say that this voluntary American program is already being used in fifty-one cities of Florida alone, and I do not know how many are starting in other states; while the Moscow system is hunting for prospects in over 1,000 Russian cities. This is something that our Defense Department should take seriously. I would like to see the Guild Science Center given each year for this work the cost of one missile experiment. It would save our country a billion dollars a year as well as perhaps prevent World War II.

I hope this story will cause the superintendents of schools in wide-awake cities to send for further information. There is no cost to any city for putting on a "Science Fair." It interests the teachers and parents greatly. In fact, these "Fairs" could help in selecting new teachers; the more useful teachers like to be in a city which operates a Science Fair once each year, and the kids certainly love it all.

WORLD'S MOST MARVELOUS MACHINE —THE HUMAN BRAIN

Once at a dinner in London I was so fortunate as to sit next to George Bernard Shaw. Among other questions he put to me was this: "Why is it that the most marvelous of all machines, possessed by everyone, is so seldom used and why does this especially apply to you Americans?" When I asked him the name of this most marvelous machine, he replied, "The human brain, used to less than 5% of capacity."

I then asked him how the use of the brain could be increased, and he replied: "By developing people's curiosity . . . 95% of what you Americans read or hear actually goes in one ear and out the other. It is only when something heard or seen develops one's curiosity that this marvelous brain works for a few minutes." This is what the Science Center is trying to do. I wish William Guild would not be content to apply the work only to youngsters. Bankers and investors are especially guilty of acting upon "tips" instead of thinking about and studying the valuable facts which are available.

MEET THE PC FACULTY

Meet The PC Faculty



JOHN W. STEVENSON

Dr. John Weamer Stevenson, chairman of the English Department, in serving his ninth year on the Presbyterian College faculty.

He possesses a strong urge to inquire which is characteristic of the naturally scholarly mind, and he communicates to students his own sense of the importance of academic pursuits.

His main interest centers around literary criticism, and Dr. Stevenson has had a number of articles published in journals of this field. He has given particular attention to the poetry of A. E. Housman, having done research on this project under a Southern Fellowship last summer.

John Stevenson joined the Presbyterian College faculty in 1950, immediately after receiving his Master's degree from Vanderbilt University. He earned his doctorate from that institution in 1954. Undergraduate work was done at Wofford College, from which he received his BA in 1948.

Although this session is the tenth since Dr. Stevenson first came to PC, his tenure here was interrupted for one year when he spent the 1957-58 session as a member of the Millsaps College faculty. He returned to Presbyterian in September, 1958.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Stevenson served for more than four years in the army during World War II. He is married to the former Russell Allen, of Spartanburg, and they have one son.

Baptist Young People Of County To Meet Tonight At First Baptist

Laurens County Baptist young people will hold their monthly meeting this evening (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church here. Every young person is invited to attend and those attending are asked to bring peanuts and cakes.

At the last meeting at Calvary Church the young people of Harmony Baptist Church was winner of the banner for the third time.

Officers are: Marvin Deitz, president; Leonard Chumley, vice-president; Linda Ward, secretary; Barbara Brazill, song leader; Janice Goss, pianist. Miss Nellie Osborne is director of the young people's meeting.

Miss Glenn Achieves High Scholastic Rating

Miss Sara Willard Glenn of Clinton, a freshman at King College, Bristol, Tenn., is named on the honor roll of the college for the first semester.

The honor roll is composed of those students who have made A in all their courses. Only two students at King achieved this distinction; sixty-four were listed on the dean's list, having averaged B in their academic work.

Miss Glenn is a 1959 graduate of Clinton High School, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Glenn of Rt. 2, Clinton.

Dr. Gettys Will Speak At Gettysville Feb. 15

Dr. J. M. Gettys, associate professor of Bible at Presbyterian College, will speak to the Caltese Cross Subdistrict MYF when it meets at Saint James Methodist Church, Wattsville, on Monday, Feb. 15. The meeting will begin at 7:30. Dr. Gettys will talk on the subject, "Is the Bible Practical?"

Court Docket

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Floyd Cumming, murder; George Elbert Neely, non-support; Ernest Ray Coker, murder; Charles L. Weathers, four counts of forgery; Charles L. Weathers and forgery;

Anna Alma Gene Young, aiding and abetting in a felony; David Ray, housebreaking and grand larceny; Richard C. Bundrick, bad check; Calvin McDaniel, obtaining money under false pretenses; Mattie Lee Owens, housebreaking and grand larceny.

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WITH HALLMARK CORP.

Horace S. Cannon, formerly of High Point, N. C., is now connected with the Hallmark Shirt Corporation as an engineer.

Mr. Cannon is a graduate of High Point College, receiving a degree in business administration. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon and their nine-month-old son, Rodney Dale, are residing at 212 Cleveland Street.

GOLF ASSO. LUNCHEON

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