

Spend—Spend—Tax—Tax!

One of the several Democrats aspiring to become Michigan's next Governor is a young chap named John E. Swainson. At present he is our Lieut.-Governor. He appears to be over-flowing with generosity—to be paid for, of course, by Michigan taxpayers.

A few days ago we received another of his weekly "publicity releases", each one containing a variety of his plans, policies, ideas, etc. as to what he would try to do, if elected. The latest one assuredly covers a lot of ground... which, if accomplished, would make it easier for many people—with the possible exception of those taxed to support Swainson's proposed Utopia.

Anyway, he certainly makes a majestic bid for the votes of some people. Here is young Swainson's (I think about 35 years old) latest political utterance:

"THE MICHIGAN PROBLEM is much bigger than the problem of creating a climate for business, and it is much more than a party struggle.

"We must put first things first. We must achieve a proper climate for people. Only then will we enjoy a proper climate for business and other groups in our community.

"A climate for people includes older peo-

ple. We must help—through tangible, state-sponsored programs in the fields of housing, recreation, vocational retraining for our older citizens—to supplement what, I hope, will be a soon-enacted federal program to provide a better answer to their medical and hospitalization needs.

"A climate for people includes workers. Many wage and salary workers are haunted by the insecurity bred in automation's unplanned sweep through factory and office. These workers have a right to be retrained for new employment when their jobs are lost to machines, and the right to support their families while training for new jobs, with the help of unemployment compensation.

"A climate for people also includes men, women and children who are deprived of first-class citizenship by group prejudices and discrimination. These barriers must come down throughout our public and institutional life if we are to be true to our democratic claims, and if this nation is to command respect and exert leadership in the world."

(Editor's Note: No where in his remarks does Swainson suggest a desire to cut out the waste and extravagance in State and federal government, so that workers may retain more of their wages for late-in-life security.)

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Appearance of Carl Sandburg at the recent Arts Festival was a distinct achievement... for this white-haired gentleman of Scandinavian ancestry is one of America's great poets and philosophers. His stature is so widely accepted that when he "tells off" one or ten thousand persons he never gets a "boo". For example, when he addressed several thousand young and older men and women at Cranbrook Stadium the closing day of the Festival, and condemned cosmetics, cigarettes and liquor, plus saying a flattering word for Walter P. Reuther, not a murmur of opposition was heard from the audience—though among those present were some who for years have had to contest the demands of the U.A.W., in part, at least.

Few human situations provide the quick change from wide-spread public acceptance to near-oblivion as when top politicians lose or retire from their offices. Perhaps you have observed this in numerous other cases—but the latest is that of Harry S. Truman, a former U.S. President and,

until but a few weeks ago, one of our nation's most influential Democrats. But Harry, who supported Stuart Symington for his party's nomination in Los Angeles, didn't even attend the Convention—he was so strongly certain that "it has been rigged for Senator Kennedy." From now on it will be most interesting to see and hear what H.S.T. does during the remainder of the current political campaign.

Question: If you saw a cartoon of a man with a cigar protruding from his bewildered countenance, who would it likely be? Cuba's Fidel Castro. If you were asked who recently gained power over a small nation and appears to be making it into a Russian satellite, who would it be? Answer: Cuba's Fidel Castro. Question: Who is easily deceived by outward appearances? Our U.S. State Dept. Why? Because it couldn't see through Castro's "revolution" to become aware of the inherent dangers of that young man's rise to power in our nearby island neighbor.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy may be young.

He may be an amateur or at best a semi-pro in politics.

But the way he went after the Democratic presidential nomination, he taught the aging, battle-experienced professional politicians like Harry S. Truman, Lyndon Johnson, Sam Rayburn, Charles DeSapio a bitter lesson:

"Don't underestimate the power of a presidential-minded, Harvard-educated, Massachusetts Catholic named John Fitzgerald Kennedy and his dedicated clan."

CALCULATING KENNEDY had boasted he had the Democratic nomination in his back pocket. Today many people wonder if he already has the White House address printed on his stationery.

Convention delegates and the TV-watching American public cannot recall such a smoothly-working, well-oiled, political organization as belongs to Calculating Kennedy.

Never once in his convention TV appearances did Calculating Kennedy evidence a fear, a doubt but that HE would be the party's presidential candidate.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT Calculating Kennedy did not win the nomination on his

good looks. In politics you seldom get as far as Calculating Kennedy is without greasing the political machinery that is producing the nomination for you.

Today every Republican (for obvious reasons) and every newspaperman (for a news scoop) is digging hard to find out what kind of grease Calculating Kennedy used, where he applied it, and when.

A Kennedy-Johnson ticket will be tough to beat.

IN CHICAGO NEXT WEEK, the Republicans might give serious consideration to whether Richard Nixon, coupled with any other party vice-presidential choice, will appreciably exceed the political appeal which the Democrats have come up with.

An arrogant John Fitzgerald Kennedy just might sweep the Democrats to victory in November over a Republican-led ticket headed by an heir-apparent Richard M. Nixon.

Kennedy hasn't taken a thing for granted in his march to the White House. And look what he's accomplished as of today.

IT WOULD BEHOVE THE Republican party leaders and delegates to take nothing for granted, either.

That's a lesson all politicians are taught, but which most ignore.

Except politicians like Calculating Kennedy.

... And Then There Was One



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

GOP Leadership 'Tyranny' Seen In Investigation

To the Editor:

We wonder if the year-long and continuing post office "investigation" of Michigan political publications will include the Republican precinct organization?

Like the political publications, this independent GOP group was not authorized by the central committee. However, in its hey-day in the early 1940s this rebel organization did solicit Republicans for Republican party funds in true "bribe" style. But the contributors did not even receive advertisements for their money.

Membership in the GOP precinct; maverick group included Arthur E. Summerfield, Fred Kaess, and John Felkens.

THE OLD leadership in the Republican state central committee of the early 1940s didn't launch an "investigation" of the GOP precinct organization because the former's shortcomings didn't include violation of Article I of the Bill of Rights.

The present Michigan GOP leadership has converted the state central committee into a GOP politburo. They decree which Republican publications truly Republican. They decree which GOP office holders are truly Republican. They decree which gubernatorial candidates may run in primary elections. Certainly they have nothing to fear from investigating themselves. It would be like the Kremlin investigating the Kremlin.

BUT AS THIS comedy continues it might be well to ponder the fact that the tyrannical methods of the Michigan GOP leadership have split the Republican party worse this year than ever before in the party's history.

Michigan GOP defeat at the polls this November will be catastrophic. VOLTAIRE Detroit, Mich.

Irked Mother Hits Police

To the Editor:

This is a copy of a letter I sent to the Bloomfield Township Police Dept. and am submitting to your

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

July 22, 1910

"Congressman Charles Townsend of Jackson, who is in the senatorial race, will make an automobile tour of Oakland county on Wednesday, July 27, Townsend will speak in Birmingham at 1:45 p.m."

"Young Buffalo's Wild West and Texas Rangers will show in Pontiac, Tuesday, July 26, in the afternoon and evening. The exhibition will take place on the Callow grounds on Auburn street."

30 YEARS AGO

July 24, 1930

"Attendance at the new Barnum School swimming pool is increasing rapidly. Many new swimming students have been entered in the life saving classes within the past few days. Ernest Engel, director of the school swimming pool announced."

"A resolution asking for an investigation into the Ann street sewer extension to determine its depth for the possible installation of manholes was adopted by the Village Commission Monday night."

15 YEARS AGO

July 19, 1945

"Several committees have been set up through the Veterans Counseling Center at the Birmingham Community House to assist returning war veterans. Dr. John S. Lanke, chairman of the executive committee of the Birmingham Office of Veterans Affairs announced this week."

"Work of the committees will be to assist returning veterans having technical questions such as mental health, legal rights, edu-

national qualifications, and others."

"Objections to the new Berz Airport on East Maple avenue, adjacent to the city limits, were voiced to the City Commission on Monday evening by a group of residents of East Maple Garden Subdivision."

STRICTLY FRESH

We know of few chilling experiences that can rival the slighting of a motorcycle patrolman walking up to the car window pulling his gloves off one finger at a time.

Some politicians have been watching too many TV westerns. They think of everyone in terms of "good guys" and "bad guys."

Next week we all have to get back to work. The boss returns from vacation.



Driving fast in wet weather is like jumping off a roof with a nose around your neck. It's smooth going until the sudden stop at the end.

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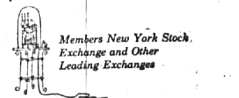
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