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One Man to Defeat

One name on next Tuesday's ballot deserves the profound repugnance of the voters.

Persons living in the Second Supervisorial District will find the name William C. Taylor as an opponent to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn when they go to the polls Tuesday.

Mr. Taylor is a Communist, a self-proclaimed spokesman for the Communist party, and lists his employer as the Communist party of Southern California.

Kenny Hahn needs no apologists and it is hardly neces-

sary to point out here the service this veteran supervisor has performed for his County. He has been among the most effective representatives for his district in the long line of representatives.

For whatever reason Communist Taylor decided to enter the contest for the nonpartisan office-and we assume it is merely for the exposure—we pray that he will be rejected soundly. If Taylor ends up only with his own vote those of the few Communist functionaries such as Dorothy Healey and others who signed his petition, that

Mr. Hahn would deserve a strong endorsement against formidable odds. Against the Communist party, it should not be a contest.

Torrance's other representative on the Board of Supervisors is seeking re-election without opposition. Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who has represented Torrance for more than a decade, deserves a vote of confidence from those voters living in the Fourth District. The way to do that is to put your "X" where it counts-behind his name.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is squarely in the American tradition. More than that, it is a reflection of the American character.

We are a sentimental people. And that, most certainly, is nothing to be ashamed of. It is a source of kindness, of consideration for others, of the compassion that distinguishes us from the lower animals.

And Memorial Day represents a special and wholly admirable form of sentiment. When we place our flowers on graves, in sadness and in pride, there is an uplifting of the spirit. We are expressing love. And we are paying tribute to the virtues and dearness of those who passed on before us. And, even if we do not visit a cemetery, we remember, and in that way the dead take on a form of new life.

One cannot conceive of a year in which there would be no Memorial Day. For it is the privilege of the living to honor those who are gone.

NEWS SPARKS by James Dorais

For the basic shortcomings of polls once more have been demonstrated. When properly

conducted and objectively structured, they are useful to reveal trends and opinions on issues. But in attempting to

measure the relative stand-ings of candidates, polls can-not weigh the degree of com-mitment of the people inter-

And despite the protesta-tions of professional pollsters that accurate results cans be projected from very small samplings, it is reasonable to doubt that the opinion of, say, just one person in a county reflects the majority

opinion of all voters in that county. To hold the margin of error to a minimum re-

quires polling on a scale that is too expensive to be at-tempted very frequently.

the sports pages.

Morning Report:

knows what the primary results mean.

Oregon, which hasn't been important in a national election since getting into the Union in 1859, is suddenly

the big talk in Republican circles. Big because nobody

feller still couldn't get the GOP nomination. And the Rockefeller people indicate that even if Goldwater stays

ing. Pollsters George Gallup and Lou Harris picked Lodge

to win. But they shouldn't worry too much. After all, very

few horses pay much attention to the handicappers on

Goldwater says that even if he dropped dead Rocke-

Two fellows, not even on the ballot, took a bad lick-

Voters Ignore Polls, Pundits

The Oregon Republican presidential primary victory of New York's Governor Nelson Rockefeller had the immediate and obvious result of placing Rockefeller firmly back in the ball game—particularly the inning being played in California on Tuesday.

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Ever since Ambassador Ever since Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge won the primary election in tiny New Hampshire, he has received a fabulous buildup from com-mentators and national maga-zines as the "real" choice of Republican voters. Pollsters predicted he would win in Oregon hands down.

Only Samuel Lubell, who doesn't conduct "scientific" polls, but merely wanders around talking to people, be-gan to copper his prediction of a Lodge victory shortly be-fore the Oregon election. Newsweek published a Lou Harris poll just before the voting showing Lodge in a firm first place, with Nixon, Rockefeller and Goldwater badly trailing, in that order.

Actually, next to Harold Stassen, Lodge, by any objec-tive criteria, would appear to be the most unlikely candi-date the Republican party could choose. A demonstratedly lackluster campaigner, Lodge served as a U.S. Sena-tor from Massachusetts but was defeated for re-election by the late John F. Kennedy. As Richard Nixon's vice-presidential running mate in 1960, he may have defeated the ticket by unfortunate, off-the-cuff remarks.

By accepting a Democratic administration assignment as troubleshooter in Viet-Nam where the situation notably worsened—he has made it difficult for the Republicans



HERE AND THERE by Royce Brier

Mr. Moses and Critics Are Building Fair Gate

There was naturally no uniformity among masters of sculptor, Greek to Renaissance as to how they wanted their works displayed.

The Greeks used immense temple settings when they could, and sometimes the outdoor light. We presume, but cannot prove, that Phidias's colossal Zeus reigned over the large central room of the Parthenon.

Parthenon.
The Renaissance sculptors were not so particular. Their works often reposed in small, obscure churches in indifferent light. This is the case of Michelangelo's celebrated Night-Day pediments and the Moses. His Pieta stood just inside the entrance to St. Peter's basilica, and the white marble was subdued to a soft yellowish tone.

This status in which the

This statue, in which the dead Jesus is held in the lap of a mourning Mary, is now in the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

The other day it was unveiled with ceremony, and as was to be expected, instant controversy arose.

It is perhaps a mark of our time that when an important relic is shown to the people, it must be "staged." The Sphinx is now in floodlights, and if they aren't already, the Pyramids soon will be.

For the Pieta a Broadway stage designer was hired, and he chose to "stage" it in wavering blue lights. This was a technique the sculptor and church fathers did not command when the statue was placed, and it is as well.

Many viewers have complained and said it was more appropriate to a Broadway musical extravaganza than to one of the greatest of all religious objects. Some also deplored a transparent plastic curtain between the viewer and the statue, saying it picked up distracting highlights.

Over this controversy, Rob-

ert Moses, fair director and a regular character to New Yorkers, spread a few char-acteristic remarks: He grumbled that "self-ap-pointed guardians" didn't want the Pieta shipped to the fair, anyway, and added: "Throughout the fair in all our trials the critics have kent

"Throughout the fair in all our trials the critics have kept up their incessant yapping. Critics build nothing."

To prove it—or something—an art critic of the 'New York Times' did a chilly little piece about the blue lighting. He called the setting a "well-intentioned indignity," an d said the statue "looks somehow helpless and cold, as if being subjected to refrigeration."

with all this despite his crotchety remarks, Mr. Moses is not likely to be furious. He wants people at his fair, and he is the last one to be unaware a few salty lamentations help the gate. Perhaps this, too, is a mark of our time.

BOOKS by William Hogan

Rounded Corners, Snuff Help to Sell Paperbacks

Frank E. Taylor is a tall, graying energetic publishershownman who runs the sec-ond largest line in the industry, Avon Books. We ran into Taylor during the recent Na-tional Association of College tional Association of College Stores convention. Along with copies of Brendan Behan's "Borstal Boy," Nathanael West's "Miss Lonely-hearts" and other Avon titles, Frank Taylor's exhibit was stacked with packets of Dean Swift Snuff — each equipped with an instruction book and an outsized Mexican handkerchief.

Snuff has literary connotations. Taylor reminded us. so its distribution at a publish-er's exhibit is legitimate enough. The gesture is in-dicative of Taylor's showman-ship in the literary market-place. Another is the rounded

Abe Mellinkoff

major functional change" in paperbacks. It takes imaginapaperbacks. It takes imagina-tion to survive in the over-crowded paperback mass market. Nothing wrong with rounded corners. Showman-ship, yes, but functional; these are easier to slip into pockets or purses. Also they attract the interest of ous-distributors and eyes of cusdistributors and eyes of cus-

Contents of a round-corner book is important. A publish-er for 20 years, Taylor is a "quality" man. He inaugu-rated the famous Laurel Edirated the famous Laurel Editions of classics when he was with Dell a few years back. This launched a profitable trend in low-priced classics. Right now his Avon "Hamlet," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Richard III," designed for highest best week. ing" and "Richard III." de-signed for high school use, are printed in proper-sized type plus stage directions. Physically, these are better books than other paperback Shakespeare titles, Taylor seeks to push Avon into the No. 1 spot in the industry

The Old Timer

There are two ways to ac-

through sustained quality. Even if it takes Dean Swift Snuff or round corners to create this image.

Taylor refuses to bid outraylor reruses to bid out-ragously on reprint rights to best-selling titles. This has become an insane business in a tightly competitive market. Recently a hard-cover pub-lisher asked for a bid, to open at \$250,000, on the new novel by Harold Robbins ("The Carpetbaggers"). Trou-("The Carpetbaggers"). Trouble is, there was only an outline—Robbins hasn't written the book as yet. However, one of Taylor's competitors bought the paperback rights his nonexistent book for

\$350,000. * * * A veteran film producer as well as publisher, Taylor's last Hollywood effort was "The Misfits," with the late Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable, directed by John Huston, Taylor took leave from publishing to produce it because his old friend, Arthur Miller, who wrote the scrint Miller, who wrote the script, asked him to.

asked him to.

Any other film projects in sight? Taylor invests most of his energies in Avon Books at the moment. In the back of his mind for some time has been a movie based on "The Canterbury Tales." But who—Geoffrey Chaucer being unavailable—would prepare the screen play? John Osborne? Truman Capote? The proper writer is essential here. Some with rounded corners, as it were—but with corners, as it were-but with substance and imagination in-

Jordan River May Trigger New Strife in Near-East

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA—On my recent newstrip through the Near East I sat with the foreign minister of Jordan while waiting to address the Jerusalem Rotary Club. We had covered every conceivable angle of the Arab-Israel dispute, any of which could explode into war.

"But the war against Israel will come," the foreign minister said, "when the Jews provoke us by a major incident. This incident could be their scheme to divert the Jordan River this summer near the Sea of Galilee on

Jordan River this summer near the Sea of Galilee on their border."
From Baghdad to Casablanca, the entire Arab Near East is inflamed over the Jordan River issue. It is the hottest flame since the seizure of the Suez Canal by Nasser

Jordan King Hussein's re-

Jordan King Hussein's recent emergency visit toWashington was to inform
President Johnson of the
threat of war in the Near
East, which would make his
country a battlefield.

The youthful monarch told
the President that even the
\$200 million U. S. aid for a
"Near East TVA," under discussion for years, is too late.
The 13-nation Arab League
reluctantly considered the
plan repeatedly since 1955,
but finally rejected it in their
last meeting a few months
ago when we were in Cairo.

As all other Arab League
meetings, enmity to Israel
was the rallying point of the
1964 Cairo Arab Conference.
Friends, as well as enemies,
of Nasser attended. Even
King Hussein, whom Nasser
formerly tagged a "British
puppet," was bear-hugged by
the Egyptian president.

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King Hassan II of Morocco was there, even though he ac-cused Nasser of conspiracy in helping Algeria in its bor-der war with Morocco when we were in Casablanca last fall.

Even Tunisia President Bourgiba, who claimed last year that Nasser was conspir-ing to have him killed, joined the banquet toasting. Among the assembled lead-ers were feudal monarchs who are frantically opposed to Nasser's aggressive Arab-socialism.

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But on the subject of Israel they are united and here is where the threat to Near East peace lies.

The Arab League's festering sore (which they do little or nothing about) is the 1.3 million Palestinian Arab refugees enduring a tragic exist-ence in the Near East des-

erts.

The humiliating defeat the Arabs suffered when they attacked a much smaller State of Israel 15 years ago. Israel 15 years ago. of Israel 15 years ago. Israel's reluctance to major Arab refugees repatriation, contending with good reason, the danger of the emergence of a subversive Arab fifth-column inside Israel. And now comes the Israel Arab crisis over the Jordan River

Israel proposes to divert 40 per cent of the water from the Jordan next summer near its borders on the Sea of Gal-ilee . . . and pipe this water south through Israel to the Negev Desert.

The Arab League Confer-ence ratified President Nas-ser's plan of upstream diver-sion in Lebanon and Syria

ce Israel's supply of dan water 25 per cent of the present normal flow and re-sult in disaster to its agricul-

The Arab water-pinching



scheme of course is designed to stop Israel's growth and halt its present plans to bring an additional 25,000 new Jewish settlers, pending irrigation of the now arid Negev.

Negev.
The Arab League charges that irrigation of the Negev would allow Israel to settle a

million refugees in the re-gion (a greatly exaggerated figure), which would change the political balance of the

Near East.
The Jordan River, a symbol of Christian inspiration, is now the center of the most dangerous power-play in to-day's explosive Near East.

OUR MAN by Arthur Hoppe

All Election Bets Are Off

It is a high time to assess the key Republican primaries thus far and to ask ourselves what effect they will have on next month's crucial California primary. Which, as you know, is crucial.

Any analysis of the situation must, of course, begin with the key New Hampshire primary. There, as you recall, Mr. Lodge scored a stunning upset, catapulting himself into the lead and destroying all chances for either Mr. Goldwater or Mr. Rockefeller to capture the nomina-

These two defeated candidates, however, continued going through the motions, ringing up a desultory Pyrrhic victory here and there in key primaries, while Mr. Lodge rode high. At last the three met head-on once again in the key Oregon primary. There, history has written when Mr. Rockefeller, who hasn't a hope, scored a stunning upset over Mr. Lodge, thus killing his hopes. Mr. Goldwater said these results increased his hopes. He ran a poor third.

With this in mind, let us turn to the crucial California primary between Mr. Rockefeller, who can't win, and Mr. Goldwater, who can't win.

This analysis of their chances is confirmed by all the polls. They show that for every California Republican who will vote for Mr. Rockefeller, two say they never would because of the marriage issue. On the other hand, for every California Republican who will vote for Mr. Goldwater, two say they never would because of the issues

This proves that both will be defeated in California by approximately a two-to-one margin. And as they are the only two candidates in the race, we have every indication of an extremely close outcome.

Confusing this otherwise simple situation, unfortunately, is the fact that Mr. Lodge, now that he can't win, has thrown his weight in California behind Mr. Rockefeller, who can't win, in hopes their combined lack of support will stop Mr. Goldwater, who can't win either.

In a desperate gamble to counter this threat, however, Mr. Goldwater has boldly suggested the possibility of he, himself dropping dead. "If I dropped dead today," he mused to reporters after the Oregon primary, "Rockefeller couldn't win the nomination."

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Mr. Goldwater's supporters, of course, are hoping there will be no need for their candidate to carry a stop-Rockefeller drive to such extremes. Yet there does seem to be widespread grass-roots support for such a dramatic move. Call it a grandstand play, if you will, but it would definitely be a crowd-pleaser.

The widely respected Louie F. Hegenberger Poll reports that in answer to the question, "If the California primary were being held tomorrow, which candidate would you like to see drop dead?" Mr. Goldwater commanded a clear lead of two points, the results being: "Goldwater, 33.6; Rockefeller, 31.3; Undecided; 16.1; Den't Kore, 14.7; and Den't Gives Denne 10.2; Don't Know, 14.7; and Don't Give a Damn, 19.3."

Thus, it's clear from any analysis of the mood in California that the outcome of this crucial primary hinges on the key necrophiliac vote. But while every expert agrees that much depends on which candidate loses less disastrously in the primaries, I say none can be written off. After all, by convention time, the Republicans will have to dig up somebody.

Opinions of Others

We would like to urge every voter to be doubly careful sion in Lebanon and Syria
... and at the Yarmuk River
in Jordan which flows into
the Sea of Galilee.

This diversion would re
(Tex.) Sun.

The one great solution for all passion, emotionalism and intolerance is the broad knowledge that none of us knows he is right.—Carmel (N.Y.) Putnam County Courier.

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Intelligence is the product of hard work rather than the exhibition of inspiration.-New Oxford (Pa.) Item. *

It may be possible to by-pass all of America when the Federal Interstate Highway System is completed-Greencastle (Ind.) Putnam County Graphic.

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The best way to become fond of a person is to brag about them; you will start believing in them yourself .-Rolling Fork (Miss.) Deer Creek Pilot.

You do not have to lower yourself to become immersed in politics .- Grove City (Ohio) Record.