

Up To Now

BY BILL THOMAS

The most nearly ideal set-up for one of the less obvious types of political maneuver is one in which it is possible to set up a "straw man" as an ostensible objective. The set-up becomes even more nearly ideal if the "straw man" can be a cause to which almost everyone pays lip service. Under these conditions, the maneuver can be an apparent success, even if the true objective, screened by the straw man, is not achieved.

We think that THE CHICAGO SUN engineered just such a maneuver in its recent "anti-gambling-in-Lake-County drive." We think so for these reasons:

1. We don't think THE SUN is violently opposed to gambling. (Witness the space it devotes to race results and predictions and the absence of a sustained drive against the hundreds of Chicago handbooks—many of them located in Chicago's Loop).
2. We think that THE SUN obviously "saved" the campaign until an election was near. (THE SUN, after taking an active part in a publicity campaign that drove the book out of Highwood into western Lake County, ran only enough publicity on activities at its new location to serve as valuable advertising for the enterprise.)

We concede that the maneuver was a shrewd one for the following reasons:

1. No one can criticize THE SUN, or any other publication or group for attempting to suppress illegal gambling.
2. No one can condone the existence of open, un-suppressed gambling. (In Lake County OR Chicago).
3. Almost everyone lends lip service to the proposition that gambling should be suppressed, although no one—publications, service clubs, civic groups or individual citizens—is really interested enough in its suppression to initiate action to cause such suppression. (The handbook wasn't driven out of Highwood, where extra transportation was openly provided to care for the heavy traffic to and from Chicago, until sustained publicity convinced civic groups that the presence of a gambling establishment so close to Fort Sheridan and local schools, constituted a hazard to the morals of servicemen and school children. Actually, neither men in uniform nor school children were admitted; but that reason served as well as any other, in view of the fact that no reason, other than the illegality of the enterprise, was important).

Thus, even if THE SUN fails in what we think was its real objective—the discrediting of Lake County Republican leadership—it can claim success for the drive because gambling in Lake County has been halted.

We think that the real motivation in THE SUN's drive was a desire to discredit present leadership so that a split vote, which might be achieved either by the entry of two strong sets of Republican candidates, or enough protest votes, cast by nominal Republicans, might bring political advantage to THE SUN's party, or to members of that party.

We think that THE SUN knows that gambling and like enterprises exist only where public opinion is indifferent to them, and that under such conditions, they exist regardless of the political label worn by the party in power. We think that THE SUN realizes that an indifferent public bears equal responsibility with indifferent office holders for the existence of such enterprises.

Because we know that this editorial may be misconstrued by those who have their own reasons for so doing, we should now like to state, specifically, what we HAVE and HAVE NOT said.

We HAVE NOT said that we favor gambling. We don't.

We HAVE NOT said that THE SUN should not have printed the "expose."

We HAVE said that we think their reason was not that they oppose gambling. Maybe they do, but we don't think that was their reason.

We HAVE said that we think they did it for political reasons.

We HAVE NOT said that we think that present office holders were blameless in allowing gambling to exist.

We HAVE said that we think them no more to blame than the public at large.

WE ARE SAYING that we think that THE SUN pulled off a very astute political maneuver. We shall watch the election returns with interest to see if it works.

Christmas Work Shops For Children and Adults

The children's Christmas Work Shop will be held at the Community Center each Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. Miss Ella Rasmussen, the Director of craft activities, will be in charge. This is your chance to make some your Christmas presents. Bring along your ideas and talk them over with the Director.

The Adult Christmas Work Shop will be held each Tuesday evening, beginning November 25th, at the Community Center from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.

If you are interested in making shell ear rings, plastic novelties, some particular Christmas gift, the Work Shop is at your disposal with an experienced director to assist with your planning. The cost to you will be for materials used only. Come and bring your husband.



Advance Visit From Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus

The annual visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus to Highland Park will take place Saturday morning, November 22, at the Northwestern depot, when they will arrive on the 8:30 A.M. train for a half-hour chat on the platform with their young friends.

The jolly guests want to meet as many children as possible, and have hinted that they have a treat for each child present.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa will take the 9:00 train for Evanston, following their visit with Highland Park children, where a big parade is planned for them.

Judge Dady Orders Lake County Gambling Quizz

Signers and circulators of petitions asking an investigation of gambling in Lake County, as well as newspaper reporters who published stories charging that gambling flourishes here, will be served with subpoenas requiring them to testify before the December grand jury at Waukegan, it was announced this week.

Judge Ralph J. Dady, Lake County Circuit Court Judge, ordered State's Attorney Harry A. Hall yesterday, to issue the subpoenas for the newspaper reporters. Subpoenas for the petitioners will also be issued under his orders, it was stated.

Judge Dady stated yesterday that he would order the December grand jury to make a full-scale investigation of the situation. He denied a motion by Hall to have the October jury make the investigation. He pointed out that the October jury's tenure ends November 30, which would give it insufficient time to make the study.

No opinion was expressed as to how much evidence of a concrete nature might be obtained from the testimony of those who have requested the investigation.

To Speak At Union Thanksgiving Service

Rev. John F. Schaefer, of Elgin, Illinois is slated to bring the message at the Union Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the local Ministerial Association. The service will be held on Wednesday evening Nov. 26, at 8 p. m. instead of the usual Thursday morning hour, by request of a number of people



interested. The committee hopes that this change will increase the attendance at this important community service, which will be held this year in the Bethany Church at the corner of McGovern and Laurel Avenues.

Rev. Lester Laubenstein, pastor of Bethany Church will preside at the service, and several of the other ministers of the community will participate. An invitation is extended to the entire community to take part in this service of Thanksgiving.

Rev. John F. Schaefer, the speaker, is pastor of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Elgin, and is a graduate of the North Central College and the Evangelical Theological Seminary at Naperville, Illinois. He has also studied in New York City and Tuebingen, Germany, and is, at present, Material Aids Director of his denomination, which acquaints him with the general work of relief and rehabilitation in various countries of the world.

The annual Thanksgiving offering will be received for the Discretionary Fund of the Family Service Society of the community.

Immaculate Conception Parishioners To Offer Thanksgiving Mass

At a Solemn High Mass offered at 10:00 A. M. on Thanksgiving Day the parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Church will render thanks for all blessings received during the past year. The Immaculate Conception School Children's Choir under the direction of the Sisters of Loretto will sing the Mass. The Solemn Mass will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. P. Morrison with Rev. E. Skoner as Deacon and Rev. J. O'Connell as Subdeacon.

STASSEN TO SPEAK FRIDAY NIGHT

Capacity Attendance Expected As Presidential Aspirant Discusses International Affairs

By WHITT N. SCHULTZ

Harold E. Stassen, 40-year-old Presidential candidate, will speak before a capacity audience of Highland Parkers tomorrow evening in the high school auditorium.

Stassen's visit is sponsored by the Deerfield Township and the Highland Park Men's Republican Clubs. He is the first of perhaps 10 widely-known speakers slated to appear on the "Men of the Hour" series.



Born on a small farm near St. Paul, Minn., Stassen's parents were pioneers. Young Harold, it is reported, lived the life of a typical farm boy.

Attending first a country school and completing high school at 16, Stassen missed a year of school when he managed his parents' farm during his father's illness.

He entered the University of Minnesota late in his 16th year and worked his way through, getting jobs as a grease boy in a bakery and finishing his college working tour as a sleeping car conductor. He was also active in school affairs.

After leaving school, he practiced law, later became county attorney and was re-elected to that post.

Friends suggested he seek the Republican nomination for governor in 1938. He did and whipped seasoned opponents by a 291,000 plurality.

He took office at 31 and started improving the state's administration. His greatest achievement as thricerelected governor, it appears, was a conciliation law, passed on his recommendation. The law requires a waiting period before a strike or walkout can go into effect. As a result, labor loss percentages dropped 70 per cent during a period when strikes were on the upgrade across the nation.

Deciding to doff his political clothes and don Navy officer's gear, Stassen joined the staff of Adm. W. F. "Bull" Halsey. The young politician's war record was exemplary and he won citations and medals. He also was promoted with extraordinary rapidity and ended up a captain.

Before released from active service, Stassen was selected by President Roosevelt to be one of the American delegates to the United Nations conference at San Francisco where he unhesitatingly began putting forth his ideas on peace and internationalism. Press correspondents picked him as one of the two outstanding delegates at the conference.

Resuming active fleet duty, Stassen's last naval mission was to help lead detachments sent out to rescue American prisoners of war held at Jap camps.

Since released from active duty, Stassen has toured 16,000 miles through 16 countries interviewing Stalin (among others), writing articles, and generally warming up for the heated Presidential race ahead.

Book Fair To Be Held By IM. Conception Parish

The members of Immaculate Conception Parish are sponsoring a Book Fair to be held in the Rectory Club rooms from Saturday, November 29 through Tuesday, December 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Numerous books of fiction and on fiction for adults and children will be sold, also subscriptions to magazines taken.

On Monday evening, December 1, Father Thomas Hosty of Chicago, author of Small Talks For Small People and Straight From The Shoulder will discuss and autograph these books.

Proceeds of the Fair will be used to enlarge the school library. Mrs. J. M. Maxwell is chairman of the Book Fair and Mrs. T. P. Clark is co-chairman.

Library To Close On Fridays

Beginning Friday, November 21, the Highland Park Public Library will be closed Fridays all day. This is necessary because it has been impossible to secure the necessary trained help. The Library will also close the Wednesday before Thanksgiving at 6 o'clock.

Kiwanis Club To Feature Debate

The program on Ladies' night at the Kiwanis club, Monday, November 24, at the Sunset Valley club, will feature a debate by Lake Forest college students, under the direction of Prof. Robert C. Martin: The subject of the debate will be: Resolved . . . That a Federal World Government Should Be Established. The affirmative side of the debate will be taken by Kenneth Warren and Barbara Hahn, and the negative by James Kelly and Eleanor Clark.

Alcyon Announces Presales Of Sat. Matinee Tickets

With cold winds and snow in the offing, Mr. William Pearl of The Alcyon Theatre, this week announced a presale of tickets policy for the kiddies.

So that the children will not have to stand in a long line Saturday afternoon, the Theatre will sell tickets in advance for the children's Saturday afternoon show. Parents or children may now purchase their tickets ahead of time for what has proven to be a popular feature of the Alcyon's program.