Democratic Campaign Winds-Up With A "Hymn Of Hate" By "Crown Prince" Of The Harrington Political Machine Venomously Directed Against Mr. W. Grason Winterbottom, Sr.

Intelligent citizens who waded through the two-column "Hymn of Hate" reeled off in the county newspapers last week from the poisoned pen of Emerson C. Harrington, Jr., crown prince of the Harrington Political Dynasty, must have been both shocked and surprised to observe the bitterness and venom displayed against Mr. W. Grason Winterbottom, Sr., one of the county's most noble and highly esteemed citizens; a man who for nearly fifty years has been a bulwark of the Democratic party and whose staunch, unselfish and loyal support was given Governor Harrington for many years before the writer of this latest two-column inflammatory epistle of personal hatred and bitterness was even of voting age.

Cravenly expressing his complete unwillingness to engage in any proper, fair or dispassionate discussion of the real issues of the campaign, because he knows there is no adequate defense for the proven charges of selfish bossism, machine politics, long continuation in public office, extravagance in the expenditures of the taxpayers' money and the payment of colossal legal fees, Mr. Harrington, Jr., proceeds to roll out sentence after sentence of smoke screen; paragraph after paragraph of camouflage and column after column of verbal barrage, all idle and meaningless vaporings about those who are supposed to "hate" or "dislike" him. And then charges that a campaign of "malice and hatred" is being directed against his father and himself by Mr. Winterbottom.

And yet, in giving voice to this "Hymn of Hate", the crown prince of the Harrington Political Dynasty knows—or should know—that this last minute tirade against Mr. Winterbottom and the local industry of which Mr. Winterbottom was a founder, is still an officer and one of its largest stock holders, will actually fool nobody. The people all know full well where the "Spirit of Hatred" rests in this campaign.

They know that in the judgeship fight, four years ago, there was nothing to arouse the "hatred" or "malice" of Mr. Winterbottom. Because the voters gave the man Mr. Winterbottom supported a glorious victory. Hatred is not born of victory and success. It is an offspring of disillusionment, disappointment and frustration. The type of disillusionment, disappointment and frustration the crown prince experienced when he withdrew from the judgeship fight because he knew if he stayed in the contest he was due to get the same kind of a licking the people gave him when he ran for tSates Attorney.

By some strange and altogether unexplainable process of egotistic reasoning and unsound theorizing, Mr. Harrington seeks to build up the wholly false impression that the entire Anti- Harrington Political Machine fight is "nothing more than a personal fight of Mr. Winterbottom's directed against us."

Mr. Harrington naively pretends to believe that the county wide demand for the overthrow of selfish bossism; that the public clamor for smashing the Harrington Political Machine; that the county-wide demand for long continuation in office to cease; that the stunned amazement of the people over the collection of colossal legal fees, is only the outgrowth of the judgeship fight of four years ago when Mr Harrington was a candidate, and when it was quite apparent to everyone that Judge T. Sangston Insley would be nominated and elected — just as he was nominated and elected.

And yet in face of all these well-known facts, Mr. Harrington attempts to sing his inglorious "Hymn of Hate" against a man so well known in every nook and corner of Dorchester County, that any word or insinuation against him brings forth the most vigorous — the most properly vigorous—resentment.

Mr. Harrington knows how Mr. Winterbottom stands with the people of Dorchester county and yet his own fury and rage over his frustrated ambitions of four years ago, plus his realization that the Harrington Political Machine is doomed in the current campaign, led him to the indiscretion of singing this Hymn of Hate against Mr. Winterbottom in the effort to strike down an important community industry, of which Mr. Winterbottom was one of the founders, continues as an important officer and is one of its largest stock holders.

Mr. Harrington further engages in tearful lament over the lack of "credit" given him for withdrawing from the judgeship fight at a time when everyone well remembered his inability to even be elected States Attorney. So he sounds off with his Hymn of Hate against Mr. Winterbottom — because Mr Winterbottom supported Judge Insley under the honest, courageous and fearless conviction that Judge Insley was — and is the properly qualified man for this most important judicial distinction.

But not content with merely attempting to crucify Mr. Winterbottom on the cross of his personally created hatred and malice, Mr. Harrington permits his bitterness of spirit to lead him into a personal attack on the company of which Mr. Winterbottom was one of the foundrs, is still an active executive and one of its largest stock holders. With irresponsible flippancy and an utter disregard of the welfare of the community and our people, he seeks to drag this industry into the political arena, using this cheap political chicanery to serve the selfish ends of the machine bosses, in the deplorable effort to perpetuate a political dynasty that already is a stench in the nostrils of good citizenship.

The Cambridge Tribune---A fighting Democratic Newspaper that the Bosses can not scare or control---herewith gives a straight from the shoulder answer to the cry baby letter of Emerson C. Harrington, Jr., Crown Prince of the Harrington Dynasty, in his cowardly attack on Mr. W. Grason Winterbottom, Sr., one of Dorchester County's most noble and highly esteemed citizens.

But even here the "Hymn of Hate" finds no pause but rolls and rumbles on in fresh sputterings and outburst of peevish personal prattle. Almost everyone in his own personal family except the cook and laundress is mentioned amid a shower of crocodile tears obviously calculated to win the sympathy of those who are easily cajoled or coaxed into line by such irrelevant, intimate and indelicate vaporings—vaporings borne on the wings of the "Hymn of Hate."

No one by the remotest stretch of imagination has stated or intimated that Mr. Harrington does not have a most charming and attractive wife and two children. His injection of them into this campaign simply indicates the length to which he will go to win political preferment. And it might be well, in passing, to state, quite respectfully but firmly, that Mr. Harrington is by no means the only man in Dorchester County with a delightful and wholesome family consisting of a wife and two children. There are hundreds of workmen, who must earn a livelihood by the sweat of their brows, who have a wife and two children and these workmen do not want to see their opportunity to earn a living for their family wrecked by the selfish whims of a few reckless and scheming politicians.

But even after all these crocodile tears are shed — and excuse us as we pause to brush a tear or two from our misty eyes —the fact remains that Mr. Harrington's "Hymn of Hate" is, after all, only a smoke screen to cover up the complete lack of any constructive issues put forth in this campaign by the Harrington Machine.

In all the two columns of puny piffle penned by the Crown Prince only one real issue is mentioned. That issue is the issue of colossal legal fees obtained by the firm of Harrington & Harrington from the taxpayers of Dorchester county. And in this connection Mr. Harrington's statement, is a "confession" instead of either a "denial" or an "explanation."

In fact, Mr. Harrington goes on to add that instead of merely the one colossal fee he received from the city, he also receiver other large fees in addition. He denies that he received over four thousand, six hundred dollars, as the Cambridge Tribune has charged, but admits that he did receive over four thousand, five hundred dollars. Even though he claims only this trifling difference, the Cambridge Tribune wants to vigorously and emphatically point out that our original statement concerning what he received is absolutely correct. Since Mr. Harrington apparently wants to quibble about the few dollars or pennies difference involved we herewith give him the actual figures shown by the records in the City Hall. And those figures are the exact sum of $4,609.75 and not the forty-five hundred dollar amount he mentions.

This is detailed here, not because it is important, but merely to keep the records straight about the exact amount. Mr. Harrington might well refresh his recollection by visiting the City Hall and comparing the figures we quote, with the figures he quotes. He then perhaps will want to explain to the people that he did not intend to fool or deceive them over the few dollars difference, but that he was simply mistaken or had forgotten. Therefore, the amount of four thousand, six hundred dollars for a single fee still stands, just as the Cambridge Tribune quoted it originally.

At several points in his "much ado about nothing" Mr. Harrington takes occasion to bring into the controversy the name of the Phillips Packing Company, an industry which for many years has operated in this community to the distinct advantage of thousands of our working people, to untold numbers of our farmers, to the great help and advantage of all our citizens. To the best of our knowledge and belief this industry is engaged in the important task of manufacturing food supplies for the nation. It has no place nor part in the current campaign which should be decided upon the clear-cut issues before the electorate.

And yet Mr. Harrington, simply because he wants to appease the Harrington hatred against Mr. Winterbottom, would seek to strike down this industry, because it happens that Mr. Winterbottom is one of its founders, is an important officer of the company and one of its largest stock holders. He completely ignores the fact that by attempting to smear this company, to harass it in its operations or to retard its progress and growth, is a direct offense against the whole people of our county who look to this company to lead us to such prosperity and progress as the community may reasonably expect to enjoy.

Mr. Harrington well knows that any problems affecting the adjustment of inventory taxes between the Phillips Packing Company and our city and county officials were adjusted many months ago. But he completely ignores the fact that the reduced operations of this company today, and a large number of people idle who ordinarily would be at work, are out of employment because of chaotic conditions brought about by the selfish insistence of the Harrington Political Machine to milk this company of taxes that were neither fair nor just and which are not exacted from similar companies in communities throughout the nation.

But the "Hymn of Hate" was in Mr. Harrington's system and doubtless it had to come out.

Mr. Harrington piously sets forth that he is not running for any office. But Mr. Harrington knows that he is only stating half an accuracy. He knows that while he is not seeking an elective office, he is looking forward to picking the same rich legal fee plums that he has picked in the past if the Harrington Political Machine is victorious. He knows that the nomination and election of the Anti-Harrington candidates in the primary on September 12 will sound the death knell for the rich harvest of legal fees he has been accustomed to garner with such amazing regularity over a period of years.

We join with Mr. Harrington in hoping that he will have every opportunity to earn an honest livelihood for his wife and two children, as he so tearfully points out in his letter. But we do hope that it will not be necessary for the remainder of his life that he receive this livelihood out of the taxpayers of the county and city from public funds. There are other lawyers in Dorchester County who earn a livelihood for their wives and children who do not have access to the taxpayers' till, and we have every reason to believe that Mr. Harrington can do this quite as well as they, if he is compelled to do so.

In closing his "Hymn of Hate" against Mr. Winterbottom—one of our most popular and highly esteemed citizens — the Crown Prince takes the occasion to do a little of the "judging" that the people declined to give him opportunity to do four years ago. And this judging based upon the propriety of just how a newspaper shall reach the public. He seems terribly disturbed because the Tribune is passed out to the voters at their homes, in their cars, or wherever this distribution is made in the morning, afternoon, evening or night. He would attempt to lay great stress upon the fact that the Cambridge Tribune is printed in another county. Surely, he must know, that one of the greatest newspaper enterprises in the country is a chain of Hearst newspapers. And he certainly knows that Mr. Hearst cannot possibly live in each of the thirty or forty different cities where he has newspapers being published.

We are, by no stretch of imagination, trying to compare the Tribune with the great chain of Hearst newspapers, but the principle is identical.

Mr. Harrington well knows that the Cambridge Tribune, which the people now enthusiastically refer to as the Fighting Tribune—is not a newspaper born of the current campaign. Nor that has it just been started to participate in this particular primary. Mr. Harrington knows that the Cambridge Tribune has been published regularly for over two years and that during this period it has not hesitated to inject its editorial views and opinions into all the important community problems that have been before the people.

Our conception of a newspaper's duty to the public, is to keep the public fully and adequately informed about all matters affecting their interests. We entered the fight against the Harrington Political Machine in the same spirit that is leading well informed citizens throughout the state to do battle against dozens of other firmly entrenched political machines. And because we know that where polticial machines dominate and control a community, the best interests of the people are never fully served.

When we entered this campaign, we were not suffering under any false impression that we could please all the people by our stand. And certainly we never had even the remote idea that our editorial views or opinions would parallel those of Mr. Harrington. Mr. Harrington's charge that the headlines in our newspaper have been for the purpose of prejudicing the voters and taxpayers against people whom they "dislike" and "hate", is, of course, only another stanza in his "Hymn of Hate" Peculiarly, Mr. Harrington seems to be under the impression that anyone who may have the timerity to oppose him and his machine must necessarily do so because they dislike him intensely or hate him very vigorously. We can assure him that we have neither "dislike" nor "hate" for him. But we do find ourselves completely out of sympathy with his political machine and it is our full purpose to so fully acquaint the taxpayers and citizens of Dorchester County with the facts about how they have misrepresented the people, that the sovereign voters will rise in their might and smash this iniquitous Steam Roller as it reserves to be smashed.

In closing, may we forcibly remind Mr. Harrington, that we hold no resentment because of his attack against the Fighting Tribune. Neither will the people resent the attack.

But the "Hymn of Hate" against Mr. Winterbottom, one of our most highly esteemed and widely respected citizens is quite another matter. By doing this, Mr. Harrington has aroused very bitter and vigorous resentment against not only himself but against the political machine which he represents. While demanding the facts about a campaign, the people inherently desire fair play. And it is not fair play when Mr. Harrington attempts to hurl the well-known "Harrington Hatred" against Mr. Winterbottom and would seek to crucify him, together with the great industry of which he was one of the founders, is now an important executive and one of its largest stock holders.

Let the fountain of tears, which must have been emptied in your last effusion, be speedily replenished, Mr. Harrington. And we shall look forward to a new out-break of weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth at your earliest opportunity

Out Of The POLITICAL PEPPER-BOX

What chance will OTHER worthy and capable Democrats of Dorchester county EVER have to hold public office, if the same Harrington crowd is to be nominated again this year — just as they have been named for years?

George Washington, the "Father of Our Country" early in the history of our nation, laid down the principle that long continuation in public office was a dangerous evil to be studiously avoided and discouraged.

All our great political parties —except the Harrington Machine in Dorchester — have always subscribed fully to the theory that rotation in office is the surest guarantee of faithful and representative government.

Must a select few here in Dorchester county be kept on the public payroll forever? Voters, the issue rests with you. Answer it vigorously and patriotically in next Monday's Democratic primaries by helping roll up a magnificent victory for the Anti-Harrington Ticket—for the candidates who are unbosses and wear no man's collar.

Boss Harrington had to do quite a bit of explaining to the Old State Central Committee Crowd who have pulled his chestnuts out of the fire so regularly and consistently. But finally he made it clear that political expediency demanded that only one member of the old group be retained. The boss was careful, of course, to see that this one member was Charlie Barnett—who could be relied upon to steer the new committee straight if it should be nominated and elected.

Determined to junk the "Cover-Up System" which the Harrington Political Machine has maintained for many years, a method which has kept the taxpayers in the dark about "to whom" and "for what" their money was spent, the Anti-Harrington Group has announced that, beginning as soon as they are elected, the people will be kept fully and adequately informed about every expenditure.

For many years under the Harrington Political Machine regime it has been the custom to simply publish the total sum of weekly expenditures without specifying the amounts of individual bills which would have exposed political favors at the expense of the taxpayers.

The new plan will be to issue weekly statements showing "to whom" and "for what" all bills arepaid. In this way every taxpayer will know exactly how and why each dollar is being spent.

SWAPPED A FERRY BOAT NAME FOR HIS NAME ON A BRIDGE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NAMED FOR OUR WORLD WAR HEROES

For several years hundreds of our citizens, at every opportunity, have not hesitated to express their indignation over how a Political Machine Boss swapped a ferry boat name for his own name on a bridge—a bridge that should have been affectionately, gratefully and patriotically dedicated to the World War heroes of Dorchester and Talbot counties.

Under the terms of the swap, the bridge across the Choptank, which the people will always continue to call the "Choptank River Bridge" was officially named "The Emerson C. Harrington Bridge." And, in return one of the boats of the Harrington Bay Ferry monopoly was grandiously christened the "Governor Harry W. Nice."

The fact that the Choptank River Bridge has no more right to be called the "Emerson C. Harrington Bridge" than it would be to call the blue sky "Emerson C. Harrington Heaven" is the ridiculous angle which has properly incensed so many of our straight-thinking citizens.

The vast majority of our citizens have always felt that this magnificent bridge should have been a structure patriotically dedicated to the heroic young men of Dorchester and Talbot counties, who answered the call of their country and paid the supreme sacrifice fighting in the shell-swept battle-fields of France.

As a matter of fact only a handful of Harrington lieutenants were aware that an agreement had been reached whereby the name of Emerson C. Harrington was to be tacked to the span at the last moment.

It will be recalled that at the time the bridge was dedicated a citizens committee was named to arrange the celebration. But did they know anything about the plan to give it the name of Emerson C. Harrington? They did not. The surprise was sprung for the first time when a Republican Governor, in whose honor one of Harrington ferry boats was named, announced that the public must, henceforth, call the bridge, which had been planned and developed by the interest and work of others, which had been paid for out of the taxpayers' money, should be named for an individual.

Completely overlooked were the many hundreds of brave lads who answered the call to the colors and fought bravely for their country. Completely forgotten were those courageous sons who fell and today lie sleeping in Flanders Field. Completely forgotten were the mothers, fathers and other relatives of these noble sons of Dorchester and Talbot, who laid down their lives for a mighty cause.

And today, though expensive nameplates bought and paid for by the people's money, proclaim the name "Emerson C. Harrington Bridge", nobody takes the time or trouble to use this name—because to all it is still the "Choptank River Bridge."

A noble "swap"—it was. The swap of a ferry boat name for a name on a bridge. But do the people know and understand about it all? They do. And HOW!

Harrington Monopoly Ferry Figures Are Fully Exposed

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"Mr. Spear appeared here today with a chart showing the fiscal reports of the Claiborne-Annapolis Company filed with the Public Service Commission.

"Mr. Spear told the legislators the reason the Claiborne-Annapolis Company wants to sell is that the time now has come when it must replace its equipment and, to meet public demand, provide faster and better service.

"The company, it is reported, wants $1,200,000 for its properties.

"If the State of Maryland takes over this company," he asserted, "it will mean that the taxpayers will have to put out more than $1,000,000 right away for new boats.

"I am president and general manager of the Spear Engineers, Inc., and we built the Claiborne-Annapolis boat, John M. Dennis. We delivered this boat, as is, in 1929 for a total cost of $297,000. According to the records of the Public Service Commission, the ferry company places a valuation of $401,974.39 on it. I say, with nine years' depreciation, it is not worth over $180,000.

"The Company's other serviceable boat, the Albert C. Ritchie, a wooden-hull vessel, was built in 1884. The company's report for 1935 t othe Public Service Commission — the latest available — carries this boat at $266,691.43. Any competent marine appraiser would say it is not worth more than 20,000, and won't see morethan three or four years additional service.

"The Emerson C. Harrington was built in 1871, but the company's valuation as of 1935 was given to the Public Service Commission at 165,037.66. Mr. Albert L. Graham, now chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Authority, is reported to have told the finance committee that all he thought it was worth was its junk value, about $2,500. We'll say it is worth $5,000.

"I happen to know that the Matapeake terminal's contract price was $81,000, yet the company's report put its value at $185,139.98.

"What we still contend is, that the route the Maryland Bay Ferry Company wanted to take from near Sandy Point to Kent Island will have to be adopted by the State, even if it does buy the ferry at the Claiborne-Annapolis company's price, to give the kind of service the people of the State demand."

"NICE MAN" FALLACY HAS BEEN FULLY EXPLODED

The "nice man" theory is again being advanced in this campaign. Some of the Harrington Machine candidates are being frantically referred to as "nice men." We have no foult to find with such declarations. We frankly and sincerely admit that the candidates on both tickets are "nice men". They are men of good and honest intentions. But the taxpayers should want to know something more than whether they are "nice men". They should want to know whether the nominees of their party are going to be controlled by a selfish clique of bosses, or whether their candidates will owe allegiance only to the taxpayers. A lot of red herrings are ebing drawn across the trail these days. Do not be fooled by them. Its nice to have "nice men" in office. But its more important to have men who wear nobody's collar and who, if nominated and elected, will do a real job of giving good government to all the people instead of just to the bosses.

Vote The Anti-Harrington Ticket

TO THE CITIZENS OF DORCHESTER COUNTY

The greatest problem today is employment. Mr. Winterbottom a sympathizer with the Anti-Organization, employs thousands, providing thereby, the money for rent, fuel, clothing and food. But who besides the Harringtons and Charles E. Barnett, a professional agitator, does the Organization employ? And these are paid from your taxes.

Your parents paid taxes tosupport them. You have paid taxes to support them. Must your children also be burdened with them?

Why not efficiency instead of extravagance? Why excessive fees? Why must we be ruled by bosses and machine politics?

Lets put the county back in the hands of the people by supporting the complete Anti-Organization ticket, the ticket composed of your friends, unfettered by bossism and its resultant costs.

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