

OPINIONS BY READERS OF THE NEWS-REVIEW

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Nixon, Lodge Held Best For Cold War Situation

To The Editor:
The United States has been fortunate in having a Republican President in the White House for the past 7 1/2 years. Dwight Eisenhower has demonstrated his leadership and ability to get along with a Democratic controlled Congress. It is gratifying that during his administration there has been no shooting war develop.
The present cold war situation is going to require some real statesmanship like that of Vice President Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge, who are familiar with our national security and international relations that must be handled very diplomatically to avoid a possible hot war.
America's economic conditions brought about by inflation and a heavy debt, created by Democratic leadership that involved us in two World Wars and the Korean War, is causing our nation much rightful concern.
Should Senator Kennedy become President and continue with a predominant Democratic Congress, his administration would extend the new and fair deal policy by extravagant spending of taxpayer money and further a government controlled economy which would increase inflation, cheapen the dollar, and lead us into a Socialist or dictatorial form of government.
In such a crucial era in our nation's history, each American owes it to himself and his family to take a careful look at all the candidates and try to imagine what might happen to him if he had forced upon him the stigma of apathy and lack of initiative. This is what the Democrats propose in their desire to be all things to all people. We can avoid the welfare state but only through continued competent administration such as we have had the past 7 1/2 years. Richard M. Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge are the only men qualified to lead our Nation in this time of unrest.

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Hollywood Reader Says Positions Reversed

To The Editor:
In a recent letter, Lorraine Tate cites the Mountain Meadows Massacre in Utah as an atrocity stemming from religious controversy. It is true, as she states, that members of the Catholic faith were in no way involved, but it appears she has reversed the positions of the other parties.
Following is from the American People's Encyclopedia: "... committed by the Indians against a party of emigrants from Arkansas and Missouri, en route to California. The emigrants, when attacked, defended themselves for several days, but finally surrendered, relying on a promise of protection given by John D. Lee, a Mormon farmer. The emigrants, numbering 30 families and some 137 persons, were immediately murdered in cold blood, only 17 of the youngest children being spared. The Mormons were charged with having instigated the massacre, since Brigham Young had made threats against non-Mormons who settled in Utah. Actually, Young had given instructions to his people that emigrants passing through the state should be furnished with food when necessary and protected from Indians. It appears that the massacre was caused by the insolent behavior of certain lawless members of the emigrant band.
In a larger scope, it was an incident of the strained relations then existing between the Mormon community and the federal government. At the time of the massacre an Army expedition of some 1,500 men was bound for Utah under instructions from President Buchanan to subdue the Mormons because of their refusal to obey federal laws. The next year the Mormons submitted under promise of amnesty. John D. Lee was executed in 1877 for his part in the massacre."

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Reedsport Man Will 'Go Along' With Porter

To The Editor:
It has been rather difficult to find out just what the retired doctor, Mr. Durno, is for and what he is against. In fact, we have yet to find out why he retired, since he is only 15 years beyond the age industry will employ help.
He has been outspoken against the medical plan proposed by the Democrats. The A. M. A. is, also, outspoken against any and all measures to benefit the common man whose earnings during his lifetime has not been sufficient to permit him to save the money that would enable him to have security and comfort in his declining years. It would appear to be ridiculous to expect workers, small businessmen, farmers, and veterans, to vote for a man whose record in the State Legislature is one of being against anything and everything beneficial to him.
He voted against Federal Aid to Education, allowing state agencies to bargain with employees Union, yet he belonged, and no doubt still does, to the union that has the tightest closed shop in the world, the American Medical Association; expanding veterans' loan program; allowing counties to provide medical coverage for their employees. (Isn't it strange that he should be against that and now in his declining years, and as a hobby want the people to elect him to an office where he will, at the tax payers expense, receive such medical attention; providing civil service protection for counties, yet he would have you elect him to an office where a civil service retirement plan is in effect.
He voted for a sales tax, knowing that the people had rejected this many times. He favored requiring insured motorists to have additional coverage to protect themselves from the uninsured driver.
He has yet to tell the people what his stand on public power is.

It is my opinion that the citizens of this Fourth Congressional District must have a man in the office who has vigor, courage and vision, a man who is not living in the past; a man who can face the realities of the present era; a trained and dedicated man, and not one who as a hobby in his declining years would like to enjoy the prestige that the office title would give.
Charles Porter has proven his ability to get things done in behalf of the people he is elected to serve.
Mr. Tugman, former editor of the Port Umpqua Courier, and now on the payroll of the retired doctor stated editorially, October 30, 1958, when Att. Paul Geddes of Roseburg was Porter's opponent: "Charles Porter, Democrat, now finishing his first term in Congress. Graduate of Harvard Law School. Home, Eugene. Porter has kept his name in lights with Trujillo, and other Latin American dictators. He is in the liberal wing which could recognize Red China. He takes credit for Siuslaw Harbor improvements and many other 'plum' for this area. Porter, we have known since he graduated from Eugene High. Geddes we have known at a distance. Although we have a hunch Geddes might give us more stable and consistent representation especially in procuring Umpqua Harbor developments, we will string along with Porter this time in spite of his noisy proclivities. He is a diligent worker, and we happen to think his views on foreign policy a little more realistic than those of Mr. Geddes."

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Feelings On Politics Aired By Local Woman

To The Editor:
After reading so many political views in this column I decided I should use a little space to air my feelings also.
First let me ask about our American prestige abroad. Is it as good as it should be? I think not! This was proven when Mr. Nixon and his party had things thrown at them while on tour some time ago. Our prestige did not improve as President Eisenhower proved by the treatment he received on his last tour.
Second, is our country good in an economic way? People are being laid off all over the United States, not only here in Oregon. Why else are the people in other countries and the big financiers turning in their American money for gold?
Third, are we the strongest nation in the world? I think not! Why, the communists are getting West Germany faster than they can be deported, simply because we do not have enough military police to patrol the area often enough! I think we could and should be much stronger if we want to live in peace.
Fourth, are our elder citizens being taken care of the way they should be? They need help now, not ten years from now!
Fifth, do we need larger schools? If we want our children to get a good education, and we do.
Sixth and last, religion — It seems to me a person living in America is supposed to be able to worship in his own way! This is what I was brought up to believe. This is the reason why our men went to war time and again. America stands for freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of free enterprise. These are our ideals. We can not let them die!
I say the people who listen to all this anti-Catholic talk, and vote against Mr. Kennedy because of his religious faith, are truly voting against everything America stands for. I am a Protestant, but feel that all churches are trying to prepare people for the time when they meet God. I am sure He, the Leader of us all, will open His arms to every religion, not just a select few! So I, for one, will go to the polls on Nov. 8, with no bigotry in my heart. I will be able to hold my head high and say that I am a true American.

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Demo Leaders Quoted On JFK's Qualifications

To The Editor:
Regarding Kennedy's qualifications for the Presidency, let's look at the record of what leaders of his own party have to say.
Mrs. Roosevelt — "He has the desire to be a good public servant."
Sen. Byrd — "He lacks age and experience."
Said Sen. Humphrey, when he switched his electoral vote to Stevenson: "It's concern for my country."
Rep. Rayburn — "It is easy to say 'I can lead a great cause', but we cannot put faith and confidence in hands like that."
Dean Acheson — "Too young and uninformed."
Jas. Byrnes — "The Presidency is no place for an immature or impetuous man."
If you are still unconvinced that he is not the man, here is a clincher from Wayne Morse: "His statements in regard to campaign expenses are further evidence as to his lack of qualifications for the Presidency."

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Local Ministers Voice Opinion On Hate Info

To The Editor:
Many people are receiving mail on the so-called religious issue in the political campaign in Douglas County. Some of it is responsible and restrained; some of it is scurrilous and patently false.
Moved by the principle of the Golden Rule, we feel we must speak out against this hate literature, for it is difficult for our Roman Catholic brethren to defend themselves from a constant barrage of lies from many sources.
Readers should be cautious of any literature obviously intended to arouse passions and fears. They should discount any literature mailed anonymously. The morals and motives of anyone sending literature anonymously can be seriously questioned.
We should also be cautious of any charges made or rumors circulated in the last days of a campaign. They are apt to be false. It is a favorite trick of demagogues to make false charges when there is not time to refute them.
We would point out that Reformation Sunday is a well-established annual anniversary of many years' history, traditionally held on the last Sunday in October. Its purpose is to reaffirm the Reformation principles of salvation by grace alone, the priesthood of all believers, the sole authority of the Scriptures, and the completed work of Christ. This is a religious and not a political observance.
We want to emphasize that we believe there are legitimate questions to be raised regarding a candidate's religion, and real issues that come from it. We believe that "eternal vigilance" is essential in every aspect of government whether it be in regard to religious freedom or any other issue.
However, we believe that the religious denomination of any person should not bar him from serving in any elective office; on the contrary we believe that a strong faith in God is essential to effective service in any public office. It is unfortunate that the legitimate religious issues have been obscured by scurrilous charges.
We are mindful that there are many other important issues to be weighed in this election, which is not our purpose to discuss here. But let us hope that the discussion of the religious issue can be completed in this campaign with Christian reasonableness, and that it will lead to a better understanding of one another. May America's freedom of worship always be preserved!

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Minister Urges Caution On Religious Issue

To The Editor:
I agree in principle with the letter appearing elsewhere from some of the other Roseburg ministers, deploring the introduction of religious bigotry in the current election, especially the use of anonymous literature and false statements.
I believe a candidate's religion or the lack of it, is an important consideration for the voters; but it should be no bar to election so long as it in no way interferes with his fulfillment of his oath of office and his responsibility to our country.
Unfortunately, in the heat of battle, both sides become excited and inclined to say things, or to misinterpret things said by their opponents, that are often wrong and unfair.
I pray that we may all be careful of our own words, cautious about accepting statements about "the other side", and charitable of the opinions of others held in good faith and honor. Our democracy is based on Christianity; the two can never be divorced, nor can there be true freedom without freedom of religion. Nevertheless we must guard against pervasions of either Christianity or Democracy in the effort to gain political advantage. There are ample issues in this election other than that of religion.
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Reader States Views On Garrett's Letter

To The Editor:
I wish to state my views on Charles P. Garrett's letter, published Oct. 24 in The News-Review.
I agree with Mr. Garrett. I am happy to know we have men and women in the U.S.A. who have the love of Christ in them; men and women who will not be dictated to by mongers of hate.
Love is of God, and to be a man of God, His love must be manifested. These preachers of hate are not of God.
He that says he is of God, but who preaches hate, is a false teacher.
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R's Don't Bother This Reader, Either

To The Editor:
Many thanks for publishing the recent letter to the editor entitled "Too Many R's." It helped me decide which presidential candidate to vote for. If I can expect no more serious worries during the next four years than how Mr. Kennedy pronounces Harvard, Virginia, Africa and America, then I shall vote for Mr. Kennedy.
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Riddle High School Club Featured At PTA Meeting

By ERMA BEST
At the recent meeting of the Riddle PTA, the Riddle High School International Relations League conducted a regular business meeting with parliamentary procedure.
Ila Keefe, president of the club, presided. Alice Walker, Sara Preston, Bill Markham and Ila Keefe gave reports on the aims and future plans of the club. It was announced that the Riddle club will represent Costa Rica at the model U.N. to be held at the University of Oregon, Eugene in February. There are 18 active members in the Riddle club.
Mrs. Carl Rose, PTA president, announced that the PTA fund raising dinner will be held Nov. 19, at the high school auditorium.
Supt. Kenneth A. Stuart gave a report on the result of the swimming pool poll, and also reported on the anticipated needs of the school district.
The entertainment program included a flute solo by Kathy Rosser, and a cornet solo by Jack Mahoney, band director, accompanied by Alice Walker at the piano.
Mr. Austin's fifth grade won the room count. Eighth grade mothers were hostesses with members of the high school Girls' League serving.
School Begins Campaign
The annual magazine sales campaign conducted by the Riddle Elementary School began on Tuesday and will continue for 10 days. Patrons of the area are urged to save the subscriptions for the Riddle students as this is the major fund-raising drive of the elementary school each year.

Riddle census takers, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Olsen, PTA chairman, are in the process of completing the annual census taking for the Riddle School District. They are to complete their tabulations by Oct. 31 and turn them in to Mrs. Mildred Vaughn, school clerk, who will then prepare the final report for the County School Superintendent.

PACK TO MEET

Cub Scout Pack 408 of Riverside School will hold its first pack meeting of the fall Friday at Riverside School at 7:30 p.m. Cliff Thrasher, chief of North Roseburg Rural Fire Department, will be guest speaker.

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