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READER PARTICIPATION

National Security poll on issues

As a reader of this newspaper, you have the opportunity today to participate in the first National Security Issues Poll.

This newspaper joins with the American Security Council in presenting an opportunity for citizens of this area to participate in a national poll of public sentiment on National Security Issues.

When results of this newspaper's part of the Poll have been tabulated, we'll publish them. We'll also send the results to the American Security Council which will combine them with what other participating newspapers and organizations have received and release the totals to President Nixon and the Congress.

Many newspaper readers seek opportunities to express their views on the vital defense and foreign policy issues confronting the nation. In the past, opportunities for expression have been largely limited to letters-to-the-editor and letters to members of Congress and other government officials.

This is the first time that newspapers and organizations across the country have cooperated in a National Security Issues straw poll.

This newspaper is pleased to have a chance to afford its readers an opportunity to register their opinions on basic national security issues confronting the nation. Participation in the poll will give readers a way of "telling it like it is" on the life and death issues of our time - Anti-Ballistic Missile defense, maintenance of U.S. military strength, the war in Southeast Asia, and victory in the cold war.

This newspaper urges its readers to join with other thoughtful citizens around the country in participation in the National Security Issues Poll. In so doing, they will give the President and the Congress a better idea as to the wishes of the public with respect to national defense and foreign affairs.

To participate in the poll, just check the box which most nearly represents your position regarding each of the ten statements below and mail it to the address shown below. Let us have your thinking. Write to the Editor

NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES POLL

- | | agree | disagree | undecided |
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| 1. The Safeguard Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense System (ABM) is necessary for the defense of the United States. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The United States should maintain military strength greater than that of the Soviet Union and Red China. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Communists and other revolutionaries should be permitted to teach in tax-supported educational institutions. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Communists and other revolutionaries should be permitted to hold sensitive positions in defense facilities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. The United States should have a national objective of victory in the Cold War. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. The United States needs a "Freedom Academy" to train leaders for new forms of non-military conflict. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. The United States should help the people of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Cuba and other captive nations in their struggle for freedom. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. The United States should have a national objective of victory in Vietnam. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. The United States should give economic aid to foreign governments even if they are Communist or pro-Communist. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. The United States should extend diplomatic recognition to Red China. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Signature _____

Name (please print) _____

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Please clip out and mail this poll to: The Portland Observer
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A new angle on gangs in Chicago area

Some black leaders in Chicago are obviously getting fed up with black youth gangs which have recently terrorized much of the city's black community. Jesse Jackson widely known as the coordinator of Operation Breadbasket, has spoken out against the gangs, but with an unusual twist. He claims they are being supported by white land grabbers who want to reclaim and rehabilitate land now occupied by blacks in order to rent it to whites for profit.

THE NATIONAL OBSERVER reports two black leaders from Chicago recently asked Senator McClellan of Arkansas to investigate the possibility that white businessmen are behind the gangs. McClellan, they recalled, had enthusiastically investigated the gangs in 1968 with the result that funds for a one million OEO project to rehabilitate gang members were cut off. But when confronted with the latest request from the black leaders, McClellan snapped: "Why do I want to come there (to Chicago) and risk my life? I don't want to get shot at. I don't want to go to the jungle just for the sake of appeasing someone like you."

A Letter of Thanks

Well, our first issue is published.

Many people have read it. Already comments are coming in, most of them favorable. We want to thank all who are responsible for helping to make the first issue of the Portland Observer such a successful venture thus far.

Our many advertisers who placed their ad with confidence in this paper; the many who have committed themselves to future issues.

The many who were patient during interviewing. The many who took their time to write columns for the Observer. This kind of pulling together is team work. Team work which we are hoping will continue for many years to come.

So friends, let us say, "Thank you."

The Editor

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