

# THE TIMES

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## Editorials

### To Our Men In Service

You've been writing The Times some nice letters from Korea, from England, and from your camps. You're helping keep the morale high at home.

If that sounds funny to you, don't laugh for it isn't intended as a joke. People get discouraged here. They figure there isn't much they can do about the trend in our government. They figure "what's the use?"

Now, we'd be in a fine fix if you fellows figured that way and just let down. But that's what some folks do at home.

When you come home, maybe things will be different. Maybe, just maybe, we can help clean up a mess before you come home. We hope so.

Tomorrow, May 16th, we vote in the primary election. We vote... some of us who remembered to register, do. (You can't draft people to vote!)

We vote on county officials, state officials, federal officials, strictly along party lines, which is rather silly as far as county officials are concerned to say the least - for it's men not party that we care about.

Our county government smells to high heavens!

For more years than some of you have lived, we've kept in office a man who once was a public servant. But, because of his length of "service," he's forgotten his oath. He has grown old in public office. He is nearly 80, and his years have not improved his disposition nor his tolerance of people who haven't large bank accounts. His every pleasantry is toward the Money Bags while his scowls are saved for the Average Man or Woman who has a right to expect equality. We are referring to ailing Judge Coleman.

We have running against him a young man named Bob Brantley. The Times is supporting Brantley because we know that we are way past overdue for a change, a change that will benefit you fellows when you come back from service.

But the Machine is working for Coleman, the Machine that gets the favors - the roads built into their properties, the bridges across streams that halt their trucks.

And, the Machine is powerful!

We are trying - small papers in one small part of the county - to break that machine's hold, so that you and all of the rest of the people may find equality under the law. We hope that if we fail now, you will be back to help us in the future, for The Times shall continue to fight for equality of rights.

In this fight is another office, the district attorney. Running against the incumbent is a young veteran named Walt Nunley. You'd like him. He's one of you. He served 4 years, 3 1/2 years overseas. You'd vote for Walt, and if Walt is elected, we'll go a long way toward cleaning up the county. He'll halt a lot of the monkey-business that is now going on in the courthouse.

But the Machine is working for the incumbent district attorney too, and some of the top Republicans that supposedly are impartial in the primary - we are referring to Republican Central Committeemen and Women - are working openly for the Machine man - Haviland.

Haviland has permitted open gambling on the streets of Medford. We say that without having to pull a punch for we took witnesses with us and visited some of the dives. Walt visited some of them too!

Now, maybe you shoot craps and play a little poker - soldiers frequently do - and we admit that we've sat in many a game and thoroughly enjoyed it, but that's beside the point. The law says - no gambling - and Nunley says he'll follow the law, if he's elected.

There are slot machines in one Medford Main Street establishment - or were a few days ago and still are unless moved out until after the election - and there are slot machines in several private clubs in Medford that we've visited.

Special Favors... Special Favors... Special Favors.....

that is the history of the county courthouse!

It is our contention that if a country club is permitted to run a slot machine, there is no reason why the meanest place in the county can't run them too.

That is what we mean by equality. If Joe Moneybags can operate.... then let Joe Poorman.

We tell you all this because we want you to understand what a job there is to do here at home too. And when you come back, there will be much work to do, to see that we have a true Democracy, that we gain and hold the right men for the right office.

That will be another job that will be tossed to you, when you come home... and we hope that will be soon, fellows, for we need you here too!

Sincerely,  
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If one day the government said: "You can't vote!" you'd raise a tremendous noise and protest.

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