

Communications

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A Republican in Doubt

To the Editor: I have been a registered Republican for a long time. However, this year I find myself unable to agree with hardly anything they are saying. My reactions have made me curious to find out how many Republicans might agree with me. The following is a summary of some of the issues and my criticism:

Prosperity: They repeatedly claim honor for our prosperity. I think it is an aftermath of the war based upon supply and demand and neither party had anything to do with it.

Big Business:

It is very necessary to our economy up to a certain point. However, the mergers and acquisitions that have been increasing daily make me stop and think. For instance, an eastern plywood and lumber company is increasing its holdings in Oregon by leaps and bounds. Only yesterday they made another large acquisition in Northern California. A few weeks ago they arbitrarily set their price on plywood at \$5 below the then market value. Is this possible because of a new method of manufacture or distribution, or is it a means of gaining control of the plywood industry? Personally, I go along with the latter.

Peace:

What exactly did Mr. Eisenhower do to establish peace in Korea? When he went to Korea did he cry, "Cease and Desist! I am now President!" Or—and I think this is what happened—the Reds agreed to exchange prisoners, probably without knowing or caring about our newly elected president.

Public vs. Private Power:

They claim the private power companies are in constant competition. If our local power company has any competition it must be the kerosene lamp I saw burning in the window of a farm home on the upper Apple-gate.

They emphasize that private power companies are owned by the public. True, but that same stock-owning public wouldn't care if power was produced using Chinese Coolies on a tread mill if it increased their quarterly dividends.

They ridicule TVA. If it is such a farce, why are so many major companies establishing plants in the TVA area? Why has there been a 16 per cent increase in personal incomes for people working and residing in that area and only 4 per cent increase for people in Oregon from 1932 to 1957?

George Gannon,
323 Mae st.,
Medford, Ore.

Misleading?

To the Editor: In Sunday's morning Mail Tribune of October 21, appeared a profluoridation advertisement stating that fluoridation was low in cost. Then it states, "The Medford Water Commission estimates the cost of installing equipment plus the annual maintenance costs to be under 10 cents per water service per month."

This is a misleading statement. Only last week Mr. Robert Lee, superintendent of the Medford Water Department, stated that the Medford Water Commission had estimated that the cost of installing the equipment to feed sodium fluorides into the water system would be \$29,820, plus a water service charge of 10 cents per month for maintenance.

It seems me that the Better Health Committee headed by Mrs. E. W. Sickles, president, and Mr. Dewey Wilson, vice-president, should be a little more careful and not try to mislead people by misstating facts.

Louis N. Gentner
207 South Orange st.
Medford, Ore.

Says It's Unfair

To the Editor: I am writing about a matter which I think is unjust to the users of city water who do not live within the city limits of Medford.

I learned, while talking with some friends, that only the actual residents of the City of Medford are to be allowed to vote on the fluoridation of the water supply. Since there are hundreds of people who pay for city water the same as do the actual Medford residents, it seems most unfair that they should not be given a chance to voice their wishes in regard to the fluoridation of the water they use and pay for.

Mrs. Tom Robnett
2350 Meadows lane
Medford, Ore.

Why Cut the Timber?

To the Editor: There have been numerous editorials and political speeches about the Al Sarena Mine, better known to the old settlers of Jackson and Josephine counties as the Old Buz-zard Mine.

Here are some of the facts about this mine. I and my partner in the mining game for years, know of the ore in this mine. In the "Medford Mail Tribune" Senators Morse and Neuberger, and hopeful candidate C. O. Porter, intimate there are no metals of value in this old mine. They either know nothing about ore or mining, or they are not seeking for facts.

I have been at this mine several times and my partner, John T. Breeding, worked in the mine in 1943 for Mr. Blair and one of the McDonald brothers. The Government let them operate the mine for the zinc that was in the ore. That was badly needed for the World War II effort. Mr. Breeding worked in the mine stopping ore out of the ledge. This ore was not sorted or cobbled. One carload of the ore, 30 or 40 tons, shipped to Tacoma smelter returned some \$32 per ton of gold, silver, lead and zinc. So I know the mine carries value, and any sample out of the vein would assay. We have a piece of ore from the far end of the 2,000 foot tunnel that will assay \$300 or \$400 per ton in gold, silver, lead and zinc. Can show it to anyone who wishes to see it. It is very high grade specimen.

The development work at this old mine, the now Al Sarena, would cost over 1/2 million dollars. One tunnel is 2,000 feet into the mountain. Neuberger, Morse, and Porter shout "poor man's friend." The McDonalds are just common folks, not rich, and have put all they have ever had into this mine.

Jim Whipple
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Rogue River, Ore.

Would Make Great President

To the Editor: Some serious charges have been leveled at Adlai Stevenson during this campaign, the one used most frequently being that he is "irresponsible." I believe this charge to be unwarranted and indicates incredible irresponsibility on the part of his opponents.

A close scrutiny of his proposals will prove that he has a greater understanding of international and domestic problems and a more sincere desire for peace than any other man of our time.

Control of the hydrogen bomb tests is vital if civilization as we know it is to survive, according to top scientists. The curt dismissal of Mr. Stevenson's plan indicates gross insensitivity to the inevitable consequences of further indiscriminate testing.

Survival is not a matter to be treated lightly. Adlai Stevenson makes no wild promises; he backs up each of his proposals with concrete, practical plans. His unusually brilliant mind enables him to grasp the problems confronting the nation, and to provide the answers, with insight and clarity of thought.

He has frequently been accused of being "too intellectual" and of "speaking over the heads of the people," although most of us are taught that a high intellect is one of the greatest person-

al assets. What, then, are the necessary qualifications for a Presidential candidate? Are they "folksiness" and a pleasant smile? Is a man to be denied the leadership of this country because of his command of the English language?

My reasons for supporting Mr. Stevenson are many, but chief among them is my respect for his intelligence and his ability to think, both important assets in a national leader. He will do much to regain for this country the lost confidence of our neighbors overseas and his personal dignity, broad background and ready wit will win the affection of his countrymen and people the world over.

Adlai Stevenson has the courage of his convictions, illustrated by his refusal to be dictated to by party-bosses at the Democratic convention. As president, he would be a true leader instead of a figurehead.

He has the stature, the wisdom, the background and the courage to make the greatest President in history. We must not lose this opportunity to regain world leadership.

Marjory E. Madden
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Phoenix, Ore.

A Broken Heart

To the Editor: The truth about Carl Wiemer is that he died of a broken heart. I know because he had been a personal friend of mine, having stayed at my home on many occasions. He had worked hard and faithfully as captain and leader of Company A for very small pay; he did not receive any pension.

He was kicked out of there on a deal that he had no control over. If the officers of Camp White are so anxious to help others in the same fix as Carl they can come down to Front st. and I will point them out to them.

I did not think our district attorney would make such a statement as he did, concerning this tragic incident. Some people will do anything to further their political ambitions.

Lloyd Keller, owner,
The Tavern
43 South Front st.
Medford, Ore.

Hillcrest Best

To the Editor: I for one feel you are 100 per cent right about having the new highway bypass Medford. It seems a pity to clutter up a lovely city and cut it up by having a highway through it. It may be bad to use orchard or farm land but it is worse for people who have to give up their homes, (no matter how humble).

Bear Creek highway looks like shortsightedness to me and many friends agree with you, and have made very favorable comments on your editorial in Monday's paper.

It seems to me Hillcrest would be the best.

Mrs. N. F. Crowell
48 South Groveland ave.
Medford, Ore.

Scott for Treasurer

To the Editor: There has been some question as to the qualifications of Anna Scott for Treasurer.

I have known Anna Scott since 1921, when I lived neighbor to her in Hood River, Ore., and we have been close friends ever since.

It is a privilege to say that she has understated her qualifications for the office. It may be unusual for a Democrat to support a Republican, but I feel that we would be getting the best available talent if she were elected County Treasurer.

Frank Root,
323 Chestnut st.,
Medford, Ore.

They Are for Morse

To the Editor: Enclosed you will find an article I would like very much to publish in your paper if you can and would. Have been a subscriber for years to your paper, have a copy of a Tribune published in 1912 that belonged to my mother.

Mrs. Ethel Haselton,
Rout 2, Box 83
Central Point, Ore.

The article, in part, follows:

My name is Frank Chamberlain. I am 37 years old. I'm a member of the Machinists' Union, Local 1506 of Salem, Ore.

I'd like to tell you the story of our union's strike at the Douglas McKay Chevrolet-Cadillac agency in Salem. You might call it a picket's eye view of the strike.

I've been supporting my family (my wife Elise and our four sons, Frank, 10 years old; Michael, 8; Richard, 4, and John, 1) on union strike benefits for all of those 14 months.

Strike benefits have averaged \$60 a week. We wouldn't have been able to live on this, except for the fact that I also receive a small disability pension from wounds received during Army combat service in World War II.

Our union opened negotiations for a new contract with the Douglas McKay company in March of 1954. What were we asking for? We were only asking for wages, hours and conditions of work which were already in effect in union auto dealers' shops in Portland.

What did the Douglas McKay company do? Instead of negotiating in the American spirit of give-and-take, the Douglas McKay company flatly refused our requests and demanded that we give up our union shop, our seniority rights, our established overtime rules, our 40-hour work guarantee, three paid holidays, laundry for our coveralls and other standard benefits which had been an accepted part of our union contract for a long time.

All in all, the McKay demands were equal to a cut in pay of about 25 cents an hour. But the thing we resented most was the McKay demand that we give up the union shop.

We believed this was a deliberate plan to cripple or destroy the union that had given us some measure of security. The suffering of the past two years has proved that we were right.

Wit as a Weapon

To the Editor: I keep reading a lot of Republican rubbish to the effect that Adlai Stevenson did not do a good job as Governor of Illinois, and therefore he wouldn't be a capable President.

I admit that Mr. Stevenson's accomplishments as Governor were not outstanding, but a man of his mental powers needs a larger stage than that afforded by a single state. As President, especially with Senators like Wayne Morse to assist him, Adlai Stevenson will surely prove one of the greatest Presidents of all time. He is the wittiest man in American public life, and since ridicule is, as everybody knows, the greatest of weapons, I predict that his jokes and witty remarks will, when he is President, make complete fools of fellows like Nasser and Bulganin. We have tried long-faced diplomacy on the Reds, now let us bring up our Secret Weapon; namely, Adlai's sharp and clever tongue. He will make the Reds run for cover and hide their heads, mark my word.

E. V. George,
East Highway 66,
Ashland, Ore.

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