

Communications

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"Raid" Protested
To the Editor: I want to express emphatic protest against the latest grab of portions of the Phoenix School district by the School Reorganization committee. The Reorganization committee is supposed to be a Jackson

county committee, not a sub-committee of the Medford school board.

This is the third raid on our district since September, 1958. The first raid was to cover the "unknown" purchase of a school site within the Phoenix School district's boundaries by the Medford School district. The second raid was to "straighten" the boundary line between the two districts. At this time, a gentlemen's agreement was reached to the effect that no further raids would be made.

Now, in less than two years and regardless of the "gentlemen's" agreement, another raid has been nearly completed — as far as the reorganization committee is concerned, it is completed. With what kind of gentlemen is Phoenix dealing? Assessed value of these three steals will amount to nearly \$800,000 — not to mention further potential taxable value.

According to the attorney for the transferred area, this last raid is based on the need to get 63 children out of a district composed of "militant aliens" (foreigners) who are not socially equal to the 63 children. I wonder by what strange undemocratic reasoning this self-appointed expert on the caste system determines that the residents of Phoenix are "aliens" and dangerous to the social well-being of these 63 children.

Little is mentioned about whether the children are getting a good education in Phoenix. This is very probably because, according to Southern Oregon college students coming from Phoenix get better grades than those from Medford.

We cannot expand because we are now surrounded by Ashland and Medford. It is time, it is past time, for stopping the piecemeal digestion of the Phoenix School district, which this same Reorganization committee presumably established as a permanent district.

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We Can Take Heart
To the Editor: Since expressing my preference for John F. Kennedy for president, because of, rather than despite, the fact that he is a Catholic, I have received a surprising amount of mail from Medford residents who take violent exception to my remarks.

I do not feel that we need fear having a Catholic as president, especially Kennedy who, I am confident, would make a good American president. His chief advisers, by the way, are Adlai Stevenson and Chester Bowles, both non-Catholics.

The Catholics are a minority in this country and it is extremely unlikely that they will dominate Congress or the Supreme Court. Since foreign affairs are among our chief problems, Kennedy's election would have a terrific impact for good on our South American counsils. It would also be a stunning blow to Communist propagandists everywhere.

When a predominantly Protestant state like West Virginia gives Catholic Kennedy an overwhelming majority in



WHOSE HANDS?—Can you match the hands with the faces? The faces (from left) are Vice President Richard Nixon, U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Democratic Presidential nominee Sen. John F. Kennedy and his running mate, Sen. Lyndon Johnson. The hands are enlargements from photos taken during CBS television appearances by the four men. Give up? The hands belong to Lodge (top left), Kennedy (top right), Johnson (bottom left) and Nixon (bottom right). (UPI Telephoto)

the Democratic primary election we can all take heart at the progress being made in our country in reducing religious prejudice.

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In fact I'm all for it. What I objected to was the way in which it was being administered. The kids were starting to think it was a big joke and were working real hard for those laps.

I sympathize with Mrs. Fitzsimmons though. I know it must have been terribly difficult to show her troop of Girl Scouts the finer points of swimming with all of the other kids in the pool and Mrs. Fraser that got dunked three times. (For what its worth, my son tells me they only dunk the pretty ones.)

Mrs. B. J. Wyatt
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Principal Enemy
To the Editor: As I see it, and no doubt as every intelligent human in the free world sees it, the most powerful and

devastating enemy we need to eliminate is the devil, and his hunger for greed and lust, his destruction of the fine American homes. Communism and its kindred ambitions are weak and of no significance whatsoever, in comparison.

The enemy within our hearts is the only serious tragedy, as of now. Only we, here in this great America, can fully appreciate how very serious is this danger. And if we aren't on the alert, and soon, then we have already been "took."

It is later than we think. The most powerful and influential Man the world has ever known, who used as His only weapon Faith and eternal love for His fellow man, is the Humble Christ. We would do well to stop and remember His accomplishments and conduct ourselves accordingly.

Mrs. Mary Williams,
Central Point, Ore.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

IN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, "More Than Meets the Eye," Photographer Carl Mydans tells of a day in 1940, when a shrieking, hysterical Chinese woman in Chungking begged him for a coin or two as she held aloft her dead infant, waving it by one foot, "like a butcher with a plucked chicken."



Mydans gave her a little money, and a few hours later, unable to get the tragic picture out of his mind, returned to the spot where he had seen her. There she sat, a bowl of rice at her side, happily feeding her infant—very much alive and contented. "Then," writes Mydans, "I understood: when people are starving, any ruse is a fair one that adds a few more days to life."

Two Hollywood starlets stopped to admire a display of maternity dresses in a Wilshire Boulevard window. "Amy," decided one starlet suddenly, "if these dresses get one bit cuter, I'm going to have another baby!"

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In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics:
Nelson Rockefeller and Richard Nixon "meet in secret" at Mr. Rockefeller's home in New York City. The only other person present, reportedly, was Mr. Rockefeller's press secretary, Robert McManus. Mr. Nixon flew in from Washington for the meeting and the talks began at 7:30 Friday evening and lasted until 3:20 a.m. on Saturday. As the two men talked, over the hours, they consulted from time to time with members of the Republican platform committee.

At the conclusion of the talks, Mr. Nixon flew back to Washington.

IN A statement issued after the meeting, Rockefeller announced he and Nixon had ACHIEVED AGREEMENT on issues ranging from foreign policy and defense to the national economy, farm policies, education and a program for civil rights.

He added: "These constitute the basic positions for which I have been fighting. If they are embodied in the Republican platform as adopted by the convention, they will constitute a platform that I can support with pride and vigor."

INTERESTING question: Who took the initiative in calling the meeting? Was it Mr. Rockefeller? Or was it Mr. Nixon?

BY WAY of answer, a dispatch from New York by AP's Gerald Miller on Saturday morning reports that it was Rockefeller's protest on Friday that preliminary platform plans on such key issues as foreign policy and defense, the national economy, farm policies, education and civil rights were lacking in strength that reportedly moved Nixon to try for an eleventh hour meeting of minds.

Anyway—Agreement on the party platform seems to have been

reached by Nixon and Rockefeller.

In that event, all that remains for the Chicago convention to do is to write a platform embodying the agreement that has been reached and name the Republican candidates for President and vice president.

THAT leaves this question: Will Mr. Rockefeller accept the vice presidential nomination... or will he refuse it?

AS TO THAT, Saturday morning's dispatches report that on Friday many Republicans felt that if the two men could come to a general agreement on the platform it would pave the way for a Nixon-Rockefeller ticket.

But at a hastily summoned pre-dawn conference (after the private talks between the two men) Rockefeller's press secretary told the newsmen that the New York governor had repeated his stand that he would NOT run in second

place. Asked if Nixon had asked the governor point-blank to do so, McManus replied: "No comment."

WELL, we'll see what we'll see.

At the beginning of the Republican national convention, who would have supposed that Lyndon Johnson would accept (apparently happily) the Democratic nomination for vice president? Many strange things happen in politics.

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GOP AIDS DEMOCRATS

Jackson, Miss.—(UPI)—Republicans here offered free "survival kits" today to Democrats recently returned from their national convention. The kits contain "aspirin for headaches, sleeping pills to ease consciences and tranquilizers to calm jangled nerves."

Sheriff Checks Drive-In Riot

Portland—(UPI)—Multnomah county Sheriff Francis Lambert said Monday that an investigation conducted by his office has shown no improper conduct by county officers in the July 15 near-riot at the "Jim Dandy Drive-In" restaurant here.

Lambert made the investigation on complaints by the five persons arrested and charged with inciting a riot at the restaurant.

The five charged are Eugene Rosling, 23; his wife, Jean, 20; Gary Lloyd Griffiths, 21; Dale E. Watis, 23, and Jack R. Bowlands, 20, all of Portland. The case comes up in Circuit Court in September.

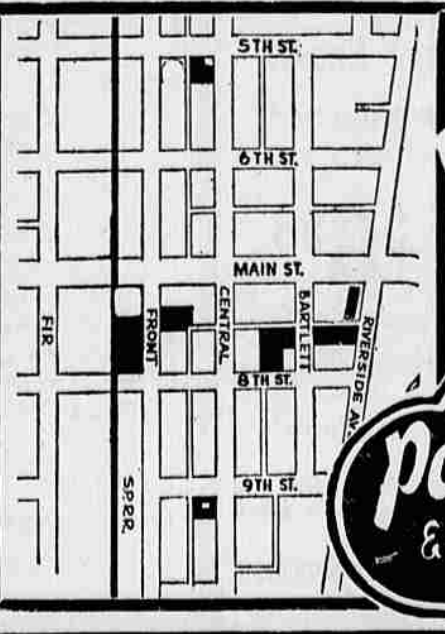
Lambert's office said there was a crowd of more than 100 persons at the drive-in restaurant when officers arrived.

Arson Suspected In \$10,000 Fire

Silverton—(UPI)—Arson is being explored as the cause of a blaze which destroyed the abandoned B & R sawmill here early Monday.

Fire Chief Larry Carpenter estimated replacement value at \$10,000.

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