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Mrs. FDR & HST

To the Editor: "Is Senator Kennedy too young and inexperienced to be President?" Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, said he was. That was before the Los Angeles Democratic convention when she was pulling for Stevenson.

Shortly after Kennedy's nomination, he made a flying pilgrimage to Hyde Park to see her. After a love-fest he made his peace with her and now she is singing his praises from the house top.

Before the convention Harry Truman, former President, also said Senator Kennedy was too young and inexperienced for the presidency. That was when he was boosting for Symington. He was emphatic about Kennedy, claiming that too much money was being spent on the Wisconsin and West Virginia primaries in his behalf, and that the convention was being rigged for him. He was so angry about it he announced he would not attend the convention, although he was a delegate from Missouri. After boycotting the convention, Governor Blair of Missouri pleaded with him to reconsider the decision, but he stood pat and didn't go near Los Angeles.

Then on Aug. 20 Senator Kennedy made another flying trip, this time to Independence, Mo., to see Mr. Truman. There they met privately in the Truman library, "kissed and made up," and now Harry is for him 100 per cent.

Why all these sudden changes? How can they conscientiously endorse Senator Kennedy's candidacy today after branding him immature and inexperienced for the presidency?

It is evident they are out to elect a Democrat for President regardless of his qualifications.

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Slave Off the Inevitable

To the Editor: What is Bob Duncan doing to us? He is handing us over to the Union Bosses. If you don't believe it look at the way they "graded" him for the last session of the legislature. He voted "right" 27 times and "wrong" only 2 times.

He is their "boy" and if you send him back again it will just tighten their grip on our throats that much more. For he is an "ambitious man."

I have come to the conclusion that the only one that does not have a personal ax to grind and can withstand the powerful lobbies and pressure groups is Eve Nye.

She is the only bright spot in this whole sorry mess. What grade did the Union Bosses give her? They said she voted "right" only 5 times and "wrong" 22 times.

Eve did an excellent job for us last session so let's send her back again. And as we continue to send her back she will gain authority through seniority until she can make her influence felt for us here at home. She says she needs Dellenback to help her. He

is a young lawyer and as senior member of the team she would be the Boss. So let's send him too.

Many serious thinking people say this is the last free election the American people are going to have. I believe it. It is already too late for the Democrats. Their convention was "rigged." Truman told them so.

Did you know that the U.S. is 60 per cent controlled by the Communists? Fifty per cent is said to be the "deadline," and we went over the hump this year. Neither the Democrats or Republicans can stop it but the Republicans seem to be dragging their feet a little more, so let's vote a straight Republican ticket this time and save off the inevitable a little longer.

Perhaps the good Lord in his infinite mercy will come to our rescue.

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Street-side Incident

To the Editor: "How are the mighty fallen in the midst of battle?" waited King David, and all Israel. That was when their best "wire-service" of long ago, a sweating panting runner, brought fateful word of their idolized counselor-warrior Jonathan fallen in battle.

Somehow, that Bible-told tragic wailing comes to mind when studying the increasingly rare news pictures of the Lincoln-like, sad-faced veteran Lyndon Johnson, playing second fiddle to the youthful and so obviously inexperienced John Kennedy, contender for the presidency of the U.S.A. For that idolized and trusted counselor-warrior of the Lone Star state is now a fallen and lost hero there.

Sure is, it testifies of a traveler from that big hunk of land is universal. We were stopped at that rights-of-others street - crossing red light.

"Lyndon sure did double-cross us," the lanky Texan bitterly remarked to my tentative feeling out for other's thinking. "Dun, sole us down the river. But he sure do regret hit nau. That's why he has that air apologetic, hang-dawg look y'all jes ask we about. An hit's why that young head-man Kennedy is complainin' of Lyndon's draggin' his feet."

But the man's 'what's the use?' manner made a sudden change when asked what kind of pressure was brought onto Johnson to coerce him into taking second place. The swarthy, grim-faced Lone-Star-stater wheeled with clenched fists and blazing eyes as if to give me a fast one-two. Instead he gritted out, "Y'all tell me, and Ah'll tell ten-thousand and mo' back home."

Then, more to himself than me, he trailed off. "Hit mightn jes be that they boy Kennedy an a lot of other schemin' polittickers dun convinced Lyndon that that-air church-thing was buried in the hills of ol' Virginy. But hit weren't."

Added emphasis was given when turning away for the third green-light, his hand was seen to flick eyeward. What wonderment-lifting it would be for someone to go to his loved illa-hee and do an Alsop house-to-house and get it right.

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Even our aborigines, in a manner of speaking, felt it was only proper that some evidence of respect for the dead should be offered, even though it might be but a trinket, a knife, or perhaps a bowl.

With all the great resources of our land, the Veterans Administration itself, veterans' organization or a church group, someone, somewhere, I firmly believe should have observed our customs and not sent him on his way friendless and alone.

Are we all so engrossed in caring for the millions of others in foreign lands that we forget our very own?

I do know this, had I but known he was going in such a way something would have been arranged.

What is happening to us?
A. Reader
(Name on file)
White City, Ore.

He Grew Wings

To the Editor: On a recent very windy morning two chaps were putting up campaign posters, when suddenly a terrific gust of wind picked up a poster, tore it into several pieces and carried it high in the air, right in the path of a flock of ducks headed for the river.

All but one dodged the pieces, but one poor duck and the portion with the candidate's picture met head on, running its head and neck through where the nose was.

Thus handicapped, he was several moments behind the others and as he came in for a landing one of them spotted him. "Take off fellows, take off," he quacked frantically. "Here comes that pill man, and dang if he hasn't grown wings!"

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For What Purpose?

To the Editor: I doubt if your gradually increasing fervor for Mr. Kennedy has surprised anyone very much. Certainly his policies would more nearly conform with your socialistic ideology than would those of our vice president.

Personally, I find most of his statements ridiculous. He says we must have greater production. For what purpose? Surpluses are our number one economic problem already. What are we to do with this flood of goods he proposes to produce? He insists we must work harder to stay ahead of the international "Joneses" while the struggle to keep with the individual "Joneses" has forced vast numbers of our mothers to abandon their homes and children and work out.

Of course, we could give our surplus goods to the people of other countries who have no desire to work as hard as we do. Personally, I have little sympathy for the so-called "dependent" or "undeveloped" countries. Surely, none of them is more primitive than was our own when settled by a largely uneducated but energetic people. Perhaps they envy our high standard of living but not enough to want to put forth the necessary effort to attain it for themselves.

As to the Forand Bill, why is it so important that the cost of medical care for the aged be born by a tax on the first \$4,800 in income of our working people rather than by the graduated income

tax which taxes according to the ability to pay?
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Pungling and Bungling
To the Editor: Der morning Oregonian says: "Canada pungles up foreign aid."
Vell; Ve do der same ting in America, only Ve call it, "Bungles up."

Everett Acklin,
Ashland, Ore.

Porter and the Dunes
To the Editor: In connection with your editorial entitled "Porter vs. Durno," we would like to make the following comment, concerning in particular the Oregon Dunes Seashore issue.

You state that Porter supports the proposal and has worked actively to obtain a workable, fair bill which would "set aside this magnificent area for the benefit of Oregonians and their visitors." These are, of course, Porter's own words, used to divert the layman's attention from the fact that it is wholly unnecessary to promote something that already exists at a very high cost to the U.S. taxpayer.

He completely ignores the fact that many handsome developments in the area are already in progress to accommodate the increasing population; that recreation in this area is extremely flexible and varied and is commended by all who visit the area; that present recreational development is in no way harming the beauty; that the combined efforts of the State of Oregon, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Lane county and private developments are carried forward in a beautifully coordinated program conceived in multiple use and protecting the multi-purpose economy of the area.

Dr. Durno's decision to oppose this foolish legislation was not made in haste. He took considerable time visiting the area and viewing its facilities before reaching his conclusion. This conclusion has also been reached by the Lane County Chamber of Commerce (composed of nine cities in Lane county), several Isaac Walton League chapters, many Granges, many of the primary candidates, both Republican and Democratic, opposed.

Our group, the Valley Voters Association, which is an opinion group concerned solely with this issue and strictly non-partisan, has something over 4,000 members from all over the State of Oregon and grows daily. We have found in talking to many people that those who favor this idea either don't know the area or don't know the facts.

We would welcome correspondence from any of your readers who would like to know the facts. They'll never get them from Mr. Porter.

Valley Voters Association of Oregon
Leonard D. Jacobson,
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He Was Sorry
To the Editor: Let's have a little change of topic and talk about the x-ray unit that was in our city last Thursday.

I can remember when the machine used to park on the street, an attendant would stop people on the street as they passed by, and ask them to come in and have an x-ray. It is quite a different thing now.

the man was tired, he had been on the job since 11 a.m., but we were tired too. We had been there since 7:30.

I know I can go to the Sacred Heart Hospital in Medford on Thursdays, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m., and for \$1.75 I can have a chest x-ray. For this I am very grateful.

One thing is very consoling to me and that is - He said he was sorry.

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Bury the Dead
To the Editor: Your daily feature writer, H. J. Jr. of Ashland, sounds like quite a preacher. Wonder what kind of Bible he uses.

Long ago someone said, "Let the dead bury the dead: But go thou and preach the Kingdom of God." If H. J. Jr. came out of Egypt and Sodom, why does he walk backwards? We each will be so busy trying to make ourselves fit enough to live God's way that we won't have time to figure out what is wrong with everyone else, or we will still be trying to show how perfect we are when in hell with them.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A LITTLE GIRL in the second grade of an Ohio school, reports Howard Smith, was studying enunciation and voice inflection. She and her classmates were being told how to make use of punctuation marks in their reading to get desired effects.

"How are you doing?" read the girl dutifully, but it came out flat, demonstrative instead of interrogative.

"No, Hilda," said the teacher. "See that mark at the end of the sentence? You must include it in the way you read. Now try it again."

So this time, Hilda read, "How are you doing, little buttonhook?"

Mrs. V. H. Patrick writes that one afternoon she misplaced her wrist watch. "Maybe it's upstairs," volunteered her 5-year-old son Roger. "Now how would a watch get up there?" she scoffed. Roger thought a bit, then said, "Maybe it walked up on its hands."

Last Thursday I packed fruit for nine hours down at S.O.S. I knew the x-ray machine would only be here until 6 p.m. but if we quit at 5:30 I would still have time to make it. As it happened, Thursday was the day we finished up and it took a little longer. My girl friend and I practically broke all speed records getting down here.

As we drove into the Elk's parking lot it was 6:05 but the machine was still there, lights on and door open. We said, "Oh boy, we made it anyway." But as we drove up a man quickly turned out the lights and SLAMMED the door. My friend opened the door and pleaded with them to just take two more. She told them we had packed fruit for nine hours, and broken all records getting down here and were only five minutes late. He said, "No; no more, that's all, sorry."

We were quite perturbed, to say the least. He acted as though he owned the whole thing when actually it belonged just as much to us, and we were being denied the right to use it. In the first place, why wasn't the machine kept until 8 or 9 that evening? Many more people would have had an opportunity to have x-rays that couldn't get here between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Maybe



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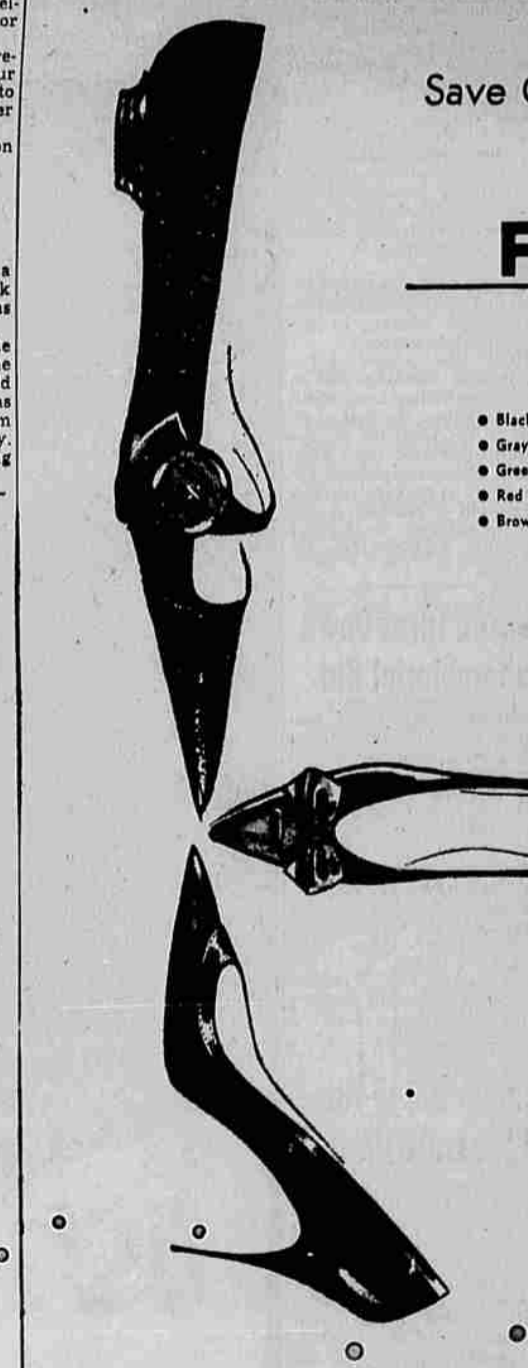


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