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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Oct. 20, 1950 (Friday)

The Jackson street bridge will reopen to traffic sometime this week, City Councilman Elmer Childers said today.

A member of the interstate commerce commission will visit Medford this week end to get first-hand information on the cause and effect of the severe freight car shortage in southern Oregon.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 20, 1940 (Sunday)

Ft. Lewis, Wash., officers and construction crews rushed preparations today for arrival next month of the first wave of Pacific northwest conscripts.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "GOP nominee Willkie has invited the President to share the platform with him at Baltimore October 30, and take chances with him of getting hit by an egg, wastebasket or tomato."

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 20, 1930 (Monday)

Medford will meet Klamath Falls at Klamath Falls in a football contest for the second time this season.

The county budget committee has boosted funds to provide for road oiling in rural areas next year.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 20, 1920 (Wednesday)

Most wood sidewalks in the city are now being replaced with cement ones.

Jackson county now leads the state in total pear acreage.

50 YEARS AGO
Oct. 20, 1910 (Thursday)

The special water committee appointed by the city council three years ago, was discharged last night by the council with an expression of gratitude; the committee saw the successful completion last month of the city's new $500,000 water supply system.

Southern Pacific railroad has announced that it will make the area surrounding its new $50,000 passenger depot into a park and will also provide for maintenance of the property.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Is the knot a unit of speed or of distance?
2. What is the name of the song whose chorus begins, "Just a song at twilight . . ."?
3. In baseball, what is the keystone sack?
4. From whom did the United States purchase Alaska?
5. How many dozen in a gross?
6. Name the author of "Crusade in Europe."
7. Who was the last Czar of Russia?
8. What is the "spice of life"?
9. For how many days were the banks closed during Roosevelt's bank holiday in 1933?
10. What measurement of time is reckoned by the length of time it takes the earth to circle the sun?

Answers: 1. Speed; 2. "Love's Old Sweet Song"; 3. Second base; 4. Russia; 5. Twelve dozen; 6. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower; 7. Nicholas II; 8. Variety; 9. Three days; 10. The year.

The Two Men

Last Friday Mr. Nixon made a speech at Beverly Hills on "The Gravest Problem Confronting America," which is how to "win the struggle for peace and freedom."

But there is not one word in the speech saying what Mr. Nixon intends to do to win the struggle. The whole speech is devoted to describing the machinery by which Mr. Nixon hopes to find out how to win the struggle.

The machinery consists of a series of committees and conferences, and of two individuals, Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Lodge.

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THERE is to be first of all a committee in the Defense Department consisting of all the Secretaries and the Chiefs of Staff who will tell him, presumably unanimously, what he should do about defense. No mention is made of the fact that what the defense establishment and the country need most of all is not another conference and more investigation, but decisions by the President, decisions about how much to spend, decisions about which of the services is to do what.

This proposal to sit back and hope to be told by the Secretaries and the Chiefs of Staff is a promise that we are going to have more of the very same executive passivity and weakness which we are now suffering from.

This passivity pervades all the rest of Mr. Nixon's proposals. He wants to have Mr. Lodge, not the President himself, act as Supreme Commander in all the non-military aspects of the cold war. Between the President and the Secretary of State, between the President and the Secretary of the Treasury, there is to be Mr. Lodge. He will have no legal authority whatsoever to conduct the foreign policy of the United States. This is a recipe for building into the Administration jealousy and confusion.

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NEXT, Mr. Nixon would convene an "extended meeting with perhaps a hundred men and women representing a cross section of American life." This mass meeting would be supposed to review and survey and assess the nation's foreign policy which, says Mr. Nixon, "would have a significant impact on the global struggle!"

Next, with an insatiable appetite for committees and conferences, he would have a series of regional conferences of all the free nations of Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Their task would be to strengthen the United Nations and the free nations "politically, economically, socially, and militarily."

Next, he would ask the NATO states to strengthen NATO and to coordinate and direct aid to the under-developed countries.

Next, he would have a conference of the heads of government of the American republics.

Next, he would have a conference with the heads of the new African states.

Next, he would have a conference with the heads of the Asian states.

To make all this fruitful and constructive and devastating to our adversaries, he and Mr. Lodge would participate in all these conferences, and so, too, would Governor Rockefeller if he can find the time.

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THIS is the way Mr. Nixon proposes to find out what his foreign policies ought to be.

It is a bad way. For committees and conferences do not propose policy. At best, they produce the proposals, the issues, the choices, among which the genuine executive makes his decisions.

It is highly significant that never once does Mr. Nixon face the fact that the foreign policy of the United States is formed by the decisions of the President.

This extraordinary array of committees and conferences is a device for postponing and evading the real task of the President which is to judge and decide. The oldest and most hackneyed device of a weak government is to appoint a committee and call a conference.

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THIS revealing speech confirms the impression that has grown stronger since the TV debates began. It is that Mr. Nixon is an indecisive man who lacks that inner conviction and self-confidence which are the mark of the natural leader and governor of men.

This has appeared most clearly in the Quemoy-Matsu affair.

Mr. Nixon has exhibited a lack of knowledge of the facts of a great question of war and peace, about which he is supposed to have had first hand knowledge. In the second debate he did not know what the Eisenhower policy was, and he had to be re-educated for the third debate.

This is most significant because it reveals such a weak, infirm, inaccurate grasp of a great issue.

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THE CONTRAST with Mr. Kennedy has become very sharp.

It has been truly impressive to see the precision of Mr. Kennedy's mind, his immense command of the facts, his instinct for the crucial point, his singular lack of demagoguery and slogan-eering, his intense concern and interest in the subject itself, the stability and steadfastness of his nerves and his coolness and his courage.

And through it all have transpired the recognizable marks of the man who, besides being highly trained, is a natural leader, organizer, and ruler of men.

—Walter Lippmann.

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Dennis the Menace

"I KNOW I LOOK TERRIBLE. BUT THAT'S THE WAY YA GOTTA LOOK WHEN YOU GO VISIT PEOPLE!"

Assassination of Japanese Leader Keeps Treaty With U.S. in Political Forefront

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

A Samurai sword in the hands of a fanatic, 18-year-boy has changed the complexion of Japan's current political campaign, with possible far-reaching and unfortunate effects on the defense treaty between Japan and the United States.

PHIL NEWSOM

The sword took the life of Japanese Socialist leader Inejiro Asanuma, who had been a vociferous opponent of the treaty and a strong supporter of demands for closer relations between Japan and Red China.

The ruling Liberal-Democrats had hoped the treaty now was a dead or at least dormant issue.

But instead, when young Otaya Yamaguchi ran screaming across a speaker's platform in Hibiya Hall and plunged the foot-long sword into Asanuma's chest, he gave the Japanese left wing a martyr and restored the treaty as a central issue in Japanese politics.

Japanese elections are expected to take place late next month. Premier Hayato Ikeda and the Liberal-Domocrats had hoped to maintain or even increase their strength in the Diet where they now hold 286 of the 467 seats.

In the last general election, Japanese voters overwhelmingly demonstrated their preference for close ties with the United States.

Even as riots against the new defense treaty erupted throughout Tokyo and in other Japanese cities last spring and summer and Premier Nobusuke Kishi's government fell, it was felt that the vast majority of Japanese either supported the treaty or recognized it as a necessity.

But there is in Japan a strong feeling of neutralism and the recent swift turn of events has given the neutralists and the left wing a rallying cry.

The treaty signed and ratified by both governments, would be in no immediate danger even at the hands of an anti-treaty majority in the Japanese Parliament.

It has, however, covering clauses which are subject to modification. These clauses deal with privileges accorded to American military forces based in Japan. They could be modified to the point of making them unworkable.

Japanese who favor the treaty do so both because of the flow of U.S. dollars brought by the American forces there and because they feel that a militarily weak Japan cannot afford to stand alone.

It remains to be seen how much recent events have caused their numbers to dwindle, if at all.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

IN SUNRISE TOWNSHIP

Sunrise Township, Minn.—You would have to go a very long way to find another stretch of countryside more glorious than Sunrise Township, in Chicago county, on a fine, bright-aired autumn day.

JOSEPH ALSOP

This a gently rolling land, with broad fields, and many wood lots full of pheasants, and small white farm houses with big red barns. In autumn, this land borrows the colors of its own cock pheasants — the bronzes and red browns and sharp reds of the oaks and other hardwoods marvelously mingling with the tender greens of the feathery pines. So much beauty, you feel, must bring with it a good life.

Except for the most industrious and the most fortunate, this land is not providing a good life. You do not notice it at first, because the houses and barns have not had time to fall into decay; but a good many of the Sunrise Township farms have actually been abandoned in recent years. To many more farms, the farm families can only cling by taking city jobs to swell their incomes. Behind Sunrise Township's surface loveliness, in truth, there is the widespread tragedy of the American family-sized farm.

"We used to get by pretty well," the people tell you, over and over again. "But everything we have to buy costs more now, and everything we have to sell brings less. So there ain't many that get by anymore."

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THE friendly Sunrise Township people are also pretty bitter; and the bitterness is all the more impressive because most of these people are visibly tough and self-reliant. But in Sunrise Township, the pull of religion is at least as strong as the pressure of economic circumstance. This is a region of stern, church-going Protestantism. The farmers' resentments are not being converted into anti-Republican votes, because of Sen. John F. Kennedy's Catholic faith.

"I can't vote Republican because I'm a farmer. I can't vote for Kennedy because I'm a Protestant. So I'm just not going to vote at all," says wiry Harold Olson, a Democratic member of the Township Board, who gave his vote to Adlai Stevenson in 1956.

There were others like Olson among the Stevenson voters. And among the Eisenhower voters, there were parallel cases—farmers too disgusted with conditions to vote for the Republicans another time, but unwilling to vote for Kennedy because of his faith.

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OVER all, Eugene Newhall and Eugene Malott of the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch, and this reporter, talked to 39 Sunrise Township farmers and farm wives in the course of a long day's driving along the Township's sandy roads. In 1956, these people had given 18 votes to Eisenhower and 17 to Stevenson, with four not voting. In 1958, they had cast 16 votes for Gov. Orville Freeman and only 13 for his Republican opponent. They now gave 16 votes to Vice President Nixon and 16 to Sen. Kennedy, with the rest undecided or actually determined not to vote for President this time. Even if you passed over the rock-ribbed Republicans, who were voting first for their party and only secondarily against a Catholic, the votes of very nearly a quarter of all the people we questioned were in some measure influenced by religious feeling.

A good indicator of the influence was the high vote for Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, who ran a mile ahead of his Republican opponent among the people we talked to. As most of the religiously influenced farmers also said they liked Kennedy as a man and preferred the Democratic farm program, Kennedy would probably be getting a Humphrey-size vote if he were not a Catholic. At the same time, resentment of existing conditions was badly hurting Gov. Orville Freeman, although he is a Democrat. Where Humphrey ran well ahead of Kennedy, Freeman ran well behind.

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THE peace issue, which the Republicans have allegedly patented, had little apparent importance in Sunrise Township. To be sure, there was old Victor Ranberg, who declared belligerently: "I'm voting Republican like I always do, because I went for that Wilson in 1916, when he promised to keep us out of war; and he had me in uniform before I knew what had hit me."

But the main Sunrise Township drama was the conflict between economic discontent and religious feeling. It is both preventing the big gains the Democrats might have made from the farmers' plight, and limiting the Republican gain from dislike of Kennedy's Catholicism.

Judging by the reports of expert local observers, this conflict is producing much the same sort of result all over Minnesota's predominantly Protestant farm areas. President Eisenhower's Minnesota majority in 1956 was by no means enormous. The Republicans can still lose this state, if Kennedy does much better than Adlai Stevenson in the big cities and in the German Catholic farm counties. These other voting groups will give the final answer in Minnesota, if Sunrise Township is at all indicative.

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The City's Airport

To the Editor: In reply to Mr. McLeod Maurice's remark that "it looks as if Medford just went out and bought the property without consulting the county" (Mail Tribune, Tuesday, 10/18/60), I would like to say if the city had not provided us with an airport, our air transportation facilities would be as non-existent as our railroad service.

Back in 1952 our airport facilities were sub-standard, and the landing strips were almost obsolete with the coming of the Convairs and other large, four engine craft, but when government funds were available on a 60 per cent - 40 per cent (the city's portion) basis, a farsighted city council could not sit around and wait for the county to decide whether it would help with our airport needs.

Thanks to the late Mayor Diamond Flynn and Councilmen Dwight Houghton, John Snider, Harold Fry, Stanley Jones, Earl Miller, Frank Runtz, Paul Selby and the late Elmer Childers, our airport facilities were modernized and functional.

Now with the advent of jet airliners, our air strips again face the problem of obsolescence, and again the city (or county) will be called upon to improve it. I do not know whether the city will solicit county aid, but certainly the county should be considering the problem and should have an answer if it is called upon.

Being now better informed, perhaps Mr. Maurice will do some "missionary" work.

Marina Gardiner
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Medford

The Word Is Out

To the Editor: Republicans' expectations have been reduced to the desperate hope that they can win only one statewide office in Oregon this year — secretary of state. The word is out that State Senator Monroe Sweetland, the Democratic nominee for secretary of state, is their number one target.

The voters of Oregon should prepare themselves for a barrage of campaign advertising — billboards, TV, radio, newspaper ads — for Howell Appling Jr., the Republican candidate. Some of it is already evident.

No Democratic candidate can hope to match the high spending Republican advertising campaign which will be waged against Monroe Sweetland. The only thing to do is to put voters on notice that they can expect to see every Madison Avenue advertising trick in the trade used to defeat Senator Sweetland.

This desperate effort should be recognized for what it is — an attempt to buy a public office with a big advertising and promotion budget.

I don't think the voters of Oregon will be fooled. They know the sorry record of the appointed secretary of state whose operation of the office has caused more confusion and waste of taxpayers' money than any administration in recent memory. And they know, too, that Senator Sweetland is an experienced public official whose distinguished record of public service in Oregon makes him uniquely qualified to be Secretary of State.

C. Girard Davidson
Democratic National Committeeman for Oregon
Portland, Ore.

Catholic for Nixon

To the Editor: The papers and magazines are full of talk how people are just voting their religions in this election. Especially a lot of articles are that Catholics are backing Kennedy.

I am a Catholic and proud to be, and I am 100 per cent back of Richard Nixon. Many other Catholics feel the way I do but do not speak out openly, but there are some who do so.

One of Vice President Nixon's earliest backers in Oregon was Secretary of State Howell Appling, and also Nixon's campaign manager, who is a state senator, Anthony Yturri of Vale, Ore. I am sure there are many, many others who are also Catholics who would be proud to be counted in back of the Republican candidate.

Maybe some others will write your newspaper when they read this letter.

Peter F. Connally
Route 3
Grants Pass, Ore.

What's He Hunting?

To the Editor: Mr. Wirth's letter, Monday, Oct. 17.

Mr. Wirth, you seem to have an uncanny insight into affairs with which you have apparently had little experience (i.e. hunting). I'm one of the "favored few" who indulges in the sport.

The woods are literally strewn with bodies. Those who are not dead are dead drunk. Ghastly, isn't it? So far however, due to poor marksmanship, I've missed every one of my enemies.

And the number of children who are destitute because we hunters deprive them for our own selfish pleasures is heartbreaking.

No, Mr. W., don't go hunting. It would be a sheer waste of your valuable writing time. Besides, your mind is obviously too full to be able to absorb the vast beauty and tranquility that the forests have to offer.

Next year, as I huddle in my protective foxhole watching a glorious sunrise, I'll think about you whose pen is more vicious than any rifle manufactured. As I chick the safety catch on my own weapon, I'll be hoping that someone shut off your ammunition too.

Five dollars is a meagre price to pay for a few days of relaxation, deer or no. And the clean, healthy atmosphere surrounding sportsmen surely beats the "foible hunters" at home.

For what are you hunting besides gripes, Mr. W. — a medal?

G. Farfan
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Thornton Cites Record

To the Editor: Your recent editorial leaves the impression that the overall record of the attorney general's office in the supreme court during my administration is highly unsatisfactory.

This is erroneous. Actually, this office has been upheld in better than two out of every three cases referred to the supreme court in the 7½ years that I have been attorney general. This is a slightly better average than the combined average of the circuit judges of the state. The fact that we won is rarely mentioned in the press. The reversals are well publicized by my political opponents.

Our reversals have come mainly in the cases "with political overtones," as ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague, respected editor and publisher of the Salem Statesman, aptly expressed it Friday. For example, we were reversed in the Elmo Smith case where the question was whether Mr. Smith had filed his Voters' Pamphlet material within the time allowed by law.

In this case the Supreme Court split 4 to 3, with three justices agreeing with our interpretation of the law. Yet I hear no loud hue and cry from the governor that these three justices who agreed with me are "incompetent," (although he said I was in this case) or that the circuit judges are "incompetent" whenever they are reversed. It would indeed be a sorry day for Oregon if the attorney general and the judges of the state were to be intimidated by this type of name-calling by Governor Hatfield over decisions he did not happen to like.

These systematic attacks are all part of an organized plan by an unscrupulous little group of power-minded young men in the state house. Their plan is to "purge" any Democratic officeholder who stands between them and complete control of the executive branch of Oregon's government. The governor has already appointed the occupants of three top state elective offices and 12 circuit judges. Only the attorney general stands in the way.

This is the real issue here. It is not just a matter of Republicans versus Democrats, or Democrats versus Republicans, but an attempt by this little group to take over lock, stock and barrel.

I do not think the people of Oregon want one-man control of their government, and I do not think they will buy these smear tactics.

Robert Y. Thornton
Attorney General

No Time Confusion

To the Editor: This is my first time with a letter to the editor and it concerns daylight saving time.

I was raised in Butte, Montana. In Montana every year they opened businesses, held organization meetings and church services one hour earlier starting in the spring, and returned to the other time in the fall. There was no changing of clocks whatever and no confusion in time. Transportation lines did the same by changing their schedules in the spring and fall.

If this could be adopted throughout the nation there would no be confusion whatever in the time for anything.

Bliss Heine,
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Medford

The Closing Door

To the Editor: It's just an old brick building on top of the hill. It served its community and it served it well, but due to the lack of funds we are ready to shut the doors. In doing so, we forgot to look inside, to see what else we were doing.

I have been a patient and also an employee at Sacred Heart hospital. As a patient I had the best of care and it never failed, every morning I'd have a visitor—a little Sister with a sweet smile and a "good morning, how are you today?" Her leaving words were "God bless you."

Yes, this little sister who loves humanity, poetry and plays the organ well, has dedicated the biggest part of her life to us, this community. It makes no difference to what faith you belong, to little sister we are all God's children, and we're treated the same. She never seems to tire, although her hours are long, and never, never once did little sister speak a harsh word to any of us her employees. When we needed her she was there at 3 a.m. or any other hour.

Yes, and for these many hours of hard work, through the many years that little sister has made her home at Sacred Heart hospital which we know she loves, we show our appreciation by sending her out, and breaking her heart.

Somehow, somewhere, we will have to work hard for the money which is needed to keep the doors open, and also prove ourselves worthy of this sister's faith in human nature.

Mrs. Irma Henderson
729 Dakota ave.
Medford

Tie Down the Load

To the Editor: As a resident and property owner on Table Rock rd., I wish to call to the attention of the readers of the Mail Tribune a problem I have never seen discussed in this column.

Table Rock rd. seems to be the main route traveled by those wishing to dispose of garbage, trash, etc., by dumping at the Camp White dump. Anyone driving along this road can see the results.

Trash is strewn along the roadside by those neglecting to properly secure their loads. Seems as though after leaving the city limits they speed up, causing the trash to be buffeted by the wind. By the time they reach our property, cardboard boxes, paper, rags, mufflers, tin, tail pipes, limbs from pruned shrubs and trees, and other articles of trash too numerous to mention are being scattered all along the way.

In order to keep a neat appearance for our property, the property owners must pick up and haul to the dump other people's trash. The state police have informed us that it is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine, dumping or allowing trash to scatter along public roads or private property, and if a license number can be secured a complaint can be lodged. We do not wish to resort to such drastic measures.

So, please, dear people, tie down those loads and watch as you drive that your load is not falling off, or if it does, please stop and pick it up, so that we, too, can present a neat appearance.

Oralee Montgomery
3479 Table Rock rd.
Medford

We Need It

To the Editor: I'm sure that many people will agree with me when I say that we need the Sacred Heart hospital very badly. Rogue Valley hospital can't possibly handle all of the people that have to have hospital care, even though they are adding on a new wing.

What would we do in case of enemy attack? We might be able to use what's left of private homes and businesses, but we still would need more than one hospital.

The federal government is sending missiles and rockets into space which we do need for national defense. They loan billions of dollars to other countries and even plan on sending a hospital rocket into space with doctors and patients.

Instead of shooting a hospital into space why don't they "shoot" some of that money they will spend for that rocket to Sacred Heart to keep its doors open?

This all-important hospital takes care of charity cases, too. These people get the best of care including x-rays and expensive medicines and doctors they need, even though they can't possibly pay for that care. Maybe this is one of the reasons why they must close. Many people prefer Sacred Heart because of the good care they get.

Are we going to let such a wonderful hospital close? Couldn't the people of the valley help pay off that "door-closing" debt? Let's try!

We need Sacred Heart hospital!

Mrs. Chester Stevens
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Medford.

Tie Up the Kitties

To the Editor: Remember the Reciprocity act one of our presidents tried to enact between Canada and USA? Well, it didn't work.

It is somewhat like the dog and cat situation in Medford. You can't make friendly feelings there either.

I have a dog tied up in my yard with a 50 foot leash. I have no trouble with him as long as cats keep away from the premises to eat his food, etc.

Two times he chased them and broke his leash. The first time I caught him very quickly, but the second time, before I could get to him, he came home without his collar and license tag.

You know, I think you folks with pet cats should keep them confined on their premises like we do our pet dogs.

It could be done, you know. Remember the kitty with the collar and bells on? Well, just tie a pretty ribbon to the collar and hitch it in your yard. Just try it folks and see how you like it.

That would keep it from causing trouble and being a nuisance to other people and dogs who are tied up.

Mrs. Mary Morgan
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Medford.

Ten Commandments

To the Editor: Recent history has shown how man, created by God in His likeness, born to this earth to live without sin and given the Ten Commandments to follow to achieve that way of life, has failed. The Jews were persecuted by the Germans; the Catholics by the Russians and their satellite nations, and now the American Baptists persecuting American Catholics. And yet the Baptist leaders, know the Ten Commandments and how in the eyes of God they are violating them by continuing to preach religious persecution.

They are also violating the very concept of our constitution which gives every American the right to worship in his own manner. Believe me, readers, you and you alone are responsible to God for the way in which you lead your life. Remember the Ten Commandments. How many are these Baptist leaders breaking?

God has said, "I am the way of Life, Believe in Me and you shall have Life verlasting.

Don't let wrong thinking leaders influence you on election day. If you believe that Mr. Kennedy is the right man for president, vote for him, if not then vote for Mr. Nixon.

I believe they are both honorable men and Americans. Vote for the man you believe in, and not his religion.

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