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Aid Requested

To the Editor Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of a new Medford newspaper.

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Medford.

Congressman's View

To the Editor: We read an article in the Storm Lake Pilot Tribune of Storm Lake, Ia., which we feel should be brought to the attention of the public. It is regarding a presidential candidate.

Congressman Charles B. Hoven was in Storm Lake for the "Hoven for Congress" Buena Vista Caravan and the Republican dinner. He stated "A Senator's reputation as an effective legislator is built on actual performance and attention to his duties and constituency."

"Senator Jack Kennedy's record of absenteeism is one of the worst in Congress," Congressman Hoven of Alton declared.

Hoven said, "In the Senate itself Kennedy has been absent on 331 roll calls since he became a Senator, and this does not include those he missed due to illness in 1955."

The 8th District Congressman pointed out that Senator Kennedy is chairman of the African Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and is now speaking with much authority about our foreign relations with the African continent. The record discloses, however that Kennedy's concern is somewhat tardy since he did not call his subcommittee into session a single time this year, Hoven stated.

Hoven said Kennedy also discusses disarmament, saying, "no issue could demand more priority of top level attention than disarmament, yet on April 4, 1960, the committee staff reported that Kennedy had not attended a single meeting of the committee since he was appointed to it in 1958."

Hoven also pointed to the deep concern which Senator Kennedy now professes for problems of the aged. Kennedy is a member of the Senate's subcommittee on these problems but has never attended a single one of their 20 meetings.

"It is commendable for a presidential candidate to have

high hopes, high spirit and lofty expressions." Hoven concluded, "but conscientious voters are more interested in a record of solid performance. The public should know that Kennedy's absenteeism record is one of the worst in the Congress."

Mrs. I. C. Williams,
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What is Bigotry?

To the Editor: For some time I have wanted to write to the editor of the Mail Tribune. It is not conducive to do so however, in consideration of the obvious one-sidedness of issues which approach any of the Mail Tribune's prejudices. Undoubtedly such letters as I wish to write, of truths, of facts, have been sent to you already, for a very few letters that hint mildly of vital basic truths have been printed, while documented, authenticated facts are completely ignored or passed through only by being toned down or a faint shadow of the real.

Why don't you print of the heartless butchering of well over five hundred thousand people in the area of Croatia in Yugoslavia in the years 1941-42. The atrocities committed in Columbia, South America in the last ten years. The bigotry practiced in Spain now. (The screen door said to the needle 'you got a hole in you'.)

I have spent eight years of my life in residence of many foreign countries; not as a missionary, which would have been much, much better, but which occupation could guide one in approvals or disapprovals of the character of peoples, nor a government servant subject to restrictions. But I traveled and lived with people through Mexico, Central America, much of South America, parts already mentioned in Europe, Asia, the Near East, the Far East, in fact in every continent of the world.

You are to be commended for not publishing letters of hate or malice of which there are undoubtedly some, though you seem to be void of virtue when it comes to suppression of hate letters against certain segments of Christianity or the United States government.

But for suppressing vital basic facts or being partial to misleading statements and half-truths which approach anything contrary to your particular prejudices, while enjoying your unique monopoly of the news in this little valley, while stating that you are impartial in communications, etc., ... is this not bigotry?

Dan Scott,
967 Gibbon Road,
Central Point, Ore.

Editor's note: The waste-basket some few letters which viciously attack the loyalty, faith and patriotism of many of our fellow citizens. We do not believe, however, that we have been guilty of suppressing "facts." The sort of thing mentioned in the second paragraph of the letter above have been rather thoroughly reported in our news columns from time to time.

One Better Than None
To the Editor: A few days ago there was a complaint given about the high prices of the new skating rink. I'd like to say that they're gradually lowering the prices. If people would think of what they're getting I don't think they'd gripe so. There is a big floor, music by an organ, snack bar and a host of other nice facilities.

I've met the people who

work there and all I can say is that every one of them are wonderful people. The owner himself is a very nice man and he doesn't deserve to be talked about as giving "such ridiculous prices." He gave us a rink with his own money and time.

What thanks does he get? Everyone only gripes about it, instead of being thankful that at last they have what they've been waiting for.

If the people of Medford would only think of what they're receiving for their money and of the great amount of money and effort they took to build it, they will appreciate the arena better.

"One is better than none."
Jerri Mentzer
840 Palm
Medford.

Someone Must Pay

To the Editor: Why is it that when the thinking Democrats see war on the horizon they turn and vote Republican?

I have just finished reading an editorial in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "a democrat paper," in which it states that the greatest problem which the leader of the American people must face in the next four years is the communist threat of world domination, how to contain it now, and how to eventually triumph over it.

The editor endorsed Richard Nixon with high honors, stating that he is the best trained man ever to be a candidate for the presidency.

Why would any one want to vote for a man who promises every one candy, as John Kennedy does, and then who expects to reach into our pocket to pay for it.

Our national debt now existing, which was largely of the Democrat's making, is now costing us millions in interest annually to maintain. Why do we wish to burden our children and grandchildren with a greater debt? Some one is going to have to pay for this foolishness some day.

Ralph C. Oakes
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Medford.

Herblock Hit Again

To the Editor: I'm writing in regard to the cartoon you printed in your paper Friday, Oct. 28.

I understand you get these pictures from a wire service. I also understand that this paper is predominantly Democratic. But showing another party in this light is going too far.

This cartoon is trying to drag every other person that is of high standards down to the low level of thinking and speech that the ex-president apparently has. I don't think that Mr. Truman has brought either dignity or respect to him or the office he once held.

I suggest if this paper can't find another cartoonist with a little more imagination so as not to have to dig the bottom of the barrel up and draw it into a picture supposed to be a cartoon.

I have spoken to many people about this and they have mentioned it to me and they agree with me that this has gone far beyond being funny or even good clean criticism.

I have been so disgusted with several different pieces of journalism that I have come across on the front of this paper, but this has taken the cake. I have heard Mr. Nixon speak many different times and never once have I ever heard him use slang, let alone this very educated way of speech.

I am a first time voter and I don't think anyone really appreciates a candidate, running for this high office, being shown in this dim light. I hope it doesn't occur again.

Mrs. J. R. Burns
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Hill, Calif.

Engineering

To the Editor: I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that the engineering colleges are substituting a college degree for good old fashioned horse sense. I can show anyone interested some very good examples which would readily indicate the conclusion is justified.

On the road going past Willow Creek reservoir on the east side, the engineer who laid out the road evidently thought it worthwhile to go up hill if one could have the pleasure of going down the other side. I have been unable to find anyone who could mention a good reason for going about 50 feet above the dam when it would have been as cheap to construct the grade at a constant elevation above the high water mark along the east side of Willow Creek reservoir, and made it easier on log trucks and other vehicles.

At the top of Rocky Hill

Both Candidates Touring California In Last-Ditch Try

Sacramento — (UP) — John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon have mapped last-minute campaign sorties into California in an effort to capture the state's 32 electoral votes.

Kennedy will make his final bid for California support in a two-day swing starting in Los Angeles today with additional stops scheduled in Long Beach and San Diego.

On Wednesday the Democratic standard-bearer turns to Northern California with a major rally at the San Francisco Cow Palace plus an appearance at San Jose.

Nixon Plans Swing
Vice President Nixon will make his last appeal for votes in his home state at a concentrated swing on Friday evening for a rally. On Saturday, he plans to make appearances in San Jose, Hayward, Oakland, Bakersfield

and Los Angeles. His Los Angeles campaign includes a two-hour teletone on Saturday night.

Strategists for both candidates obviously regard California as a prime target since they are allotting two days of precious time in the final week of the campaign to the golden state.

Kennedy already has toured the state once in a whistle-stop train trip and plane ride from the Oregon border to San Diego in September.

The Democrats also turned all their firepower loose on California in the last two months — Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, Kennedy's running mate; ex-president Harry S. Truman, who delivered a typical "give 'em hell" attack on Nixon last Friday in Berkeley, and Adlai Stevenson, the party's presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956.

Lodge Helps Out
Republicans countered in force with Nixon spending four days in Southern California earlier this month plus campaign swings by his running mate, Henry Cabot Lodge; "Non-political" appearances by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and an assault by Thomas E. Dewey, the GOP Presidential candidate in 1948.

Both parties express confidence in their chances of carrying California. But a survey of top party leaders in the past two days showed Democrats predicting greater majorities for Kennedy in California on Nov. 8 than Republicans believe Nixon will amass.

Despite their on-the-record optimism, a considerable number of party bigwigs say privately that California still is very much of a toss-up and that it could go either way, depending on the success or failure of the last minute appeals by the two candidates.

Campaign Quotes

By United Press International Vice President Richard M. Nixon:

(To reporters in Washington): "I think the tide is running our way and I think we're going to win ..."

"Kennedy's campaign peaked a little too early ... Our campaign is moving faster and that's what counts ..."

(To airport crowd at Teterboro, N.J.): "America is at a critical point. Do we go along with experienced leadership or do we take a chance on inexperience?"

In a statement commenting on Kennedy's challenge to bring President Eisenhower to a fifth TV debate: "For a man who has Harry S. Truman, Adlai Stevenson and the almost forgotten Lyndon Johnson sounding off in different directions, Sen. Kennedy's statement is juvenile."

"It sounds like a schoolboy trying to taunt his superiors. 'I'll be glad to debate him and his whole family any time they like ...'"

"What the country really needs is a debate between Jack and Lyndon, the Democratic vice presidential nominee ..."

(At Ridgewood, N.J., rally): "Kennedy has been showing such an ignorance of economics that he has disqualified himself for the presidency. If it seems to be tough talk, it is meant to be tough talk."

Sen. John F. Kennedy: (To student rally at Temple University, Philadelphia): "Nixon is afraid to go to New York alone so he is taking Eisenhower with him ..."

"What Mr. Nixon does not understand is that President Eisenhower is not a candidate in this election. Mr. Nixon and I will face the voters alone next week. It's Nixon vs. Kennedy, the Republicans vs. the Democrats, and I look to the future with some degree of hope."

(To predominantly Negro audience at Philadelphia housing project): "When the Rev. Luther King was arrested, Mr. Nixon's headquarters issued a statement — no comment. If that's what you want, you can have him."

(In nationwide TV speech from Philadelphia dinner): "If our people are complacent, self-satisfied, content with things as they are and unconcerned with how they soon may be, then our prestige and our influence will surely continue to decline ..."

"I do not downgrade America. But I do downgrade the kind of leadership it has been getting from the Republican party ..."

"If we stay grounded on dead-center, if we content ourselves with our material goods and our easy life and our rosy reassurances, then the gates will soon be open to a lean and hungry enemy."

FEATURE WRITER DIES
Los Angeles — (UP) — Darsie L. Darsie, 64, golf and feature writer for the Los Angeles Herald-Express who for a time served as assistant managing editor and chief editorial writer of the same newspaper, died Monday.

DON'T EVEN PAT IT
Chicago — (UP) — Leslie D. Inglehart, 26, was accused Monday of causing \$100 damage to a small foreign car when he kicked it.

The Rev. A. Gilman
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Wall Street Chatter

New York — (UP) — Standard & Poor's believes that while it is impossible to pinpoint the bottom of the market, stocks are not now very vulnerable on at least two counts: (1) They have been sufficiently depressed to make adequate allowance for an expected recession and (2) Monetary factors via the Federal Reserve are such as to lend support.

Spear & Staff says that much of the recent scare selling has been due to pre-election jitters and the feeling, right or wrong, that business might be hurt by a Democratic sweep. The ability of the market to bounce back recently has induced Spear to feel that any such apprehension has been discounted.

International Statistical Bureau advises that no matter who wins the election, government spending will continue to rise during 1961 although the Democrats should be more liberal with the outlays.

Accused Slayer Takes Own Life
Reno, Nev. — (UP) — Simon Poth, 78-year-old accused slayer of his neighbor, committed suicide in his Washoe county jail cell Monday.

Chief Criminal Deputy William Driscoll said Poth slashed his throat with a razor blade. He was dead on arrival at Washoe medical center.

Poth was held in connection with the stabbing of Leo Conn, 70, last summer. He disappeared shortly after the slaying and later was apprehended in Astoria, Ore., through coincidence when some Reno travelers recognized him and notified police.

WORKERS SETTLE
Oak Ridge, Tenn. — (UP) — Striking atomic workers at a plant which produces fissionable uranium ratified a new contract Monday night with Union Carbide Nuclear Co. calling for a pay increase of nine cents per hour. The vote by 1,850 members of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union ended a 16-day strike.

Dewey Rules Out Post in Cabinet
New York — (UP) — Thomas E. Dewey, two-time unsuccessful Republican candidate for president, has virtually ruled out any cabinet post for himself if Vice President Richard M. Nixon is elected president.

Dewey said Monday "I can't think of anything that would induce me ever again to take public office." The former New York governor was then asked if he was "leaving any loopholes" in such a rejection, and he replied, "I certainly am not."

Dewey, whose political advice reportedly has been sought by Nixon, said that the presidential campaign between Nixon and Sen. John F. Kennedy was "just about as close as it was two months ago." But he declined to predict who would be elected.

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VOTE NO ON 15 UNFAIR BILLBOARD MEASURE

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This bad bill completely abolishes billboards on interstate highways, unwisely curtails them on 16 throughways. RESULT: Hundreds of roadside businesses such as motels, hotels, restaurants, vacation resorts, service stations, stores etc. would be denied the right to tell motorists of their facilities. Jobs and payrolls would be lost ... Oregon's important tourist industry would suffer.

VOTE NO ON 15 UNFAIR BILLBOARD MEASURE

IT'S A BAD BILL
We agree, billboards should be controlled, but this bad bill is not the answer. As one highly regarded Oregon newspaper editor states, it is a bill of "deceit". PROTECT your pocketbook ... PROTECT Oregon jobs and payrolls ... On November 8th, vote NO on No. 15 ... it's a BAD bill.

VOTE NO ON 15 UNFAIR BILLBOARD MEASURE

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