

Communications

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"I Didn't Write It"

To the Editor: That Appling has sent out faulty ballot-counting instructions has nothing to do with the fact, as Appling suggests, that Senator Sweetland voted for the election law.

Under Appling, failures in the office of Secretary of State to do law-prescribed duties seem to be automatically explained: "But I wasn't the one who wrote the law. It was Senator Sweetland and the Legislature."

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What Kind of Businessman?

To the Editor: Milwaukie's local paper just printed a copy of your glowing editorial for a candidate for one of Oregon's higher offices. May we suggest that you talk with this candidate's neighbors and business associates to find out just what kind of a businessman he is. Because the office to be filled is such an important office, we feel confident that you would not endorse him at all, if you knew the truth—even if you are a good Democrat.

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Dictators and Rockets

To the Editor: Mr. W. L. Harris of Reedsport, Ore., seems to have a firm grasp of the situation in which Mr. Charles Porter is involved. Everyone knows that Mr. Porter is a man of integrity, capability and industry. It is also common knowledge that his detractors misrepresent his actions to bitter their own bread. They imply motives to him that are not true.

Everyone knows by this time that he backed the Ford bill. Everyone knows that our government is involved in an affair of questionable odor on the island of Formosa. Everyone knows that the mainland Chinese fought the United Nations army to a standstill in Korea. It is generally believed that eventually the Chinese will develop rockets with hydrogen war heads. It can be understood that the Chinese might use these rockets for target practice on American cities. Mr. Porter is opposed to that equality. We can hardly blame him.

Mr. Porter is opposed to dictators. He was frustrated by Trujillo when he tried to investigate the death of Maurice Baccia. Mr. Porter tried to pull Castro into the capitalist orbit, but the Congress and the President kicked Castro out bodily.

The Russian Communists had an eye out for a likely beachhead on the Western Hemisphere; so they took the trick and chuckled. Now Castro is in the Communist camp and Mr. Porter is being blamed for it.

This writer observed a few weeks ago that, as history was moving so fast, Porter's position would be vindicated before the eighth of November. Time has proved him correct. However, there is no great value attained, because you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. Politics is akin to religion.

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Grand Old Party

To the Editor: We loyals believing the principles of our party to be protector and benefactor of wage earners and working people are being led to economic slaughter by our own three national Democratic hopeful candidates.

Methodical analysis of news reports, debates, speeches, etc., by our three hopefuls convince me there is no sound practical security for industry, educational system, wage earners, farmers or national safety in either Kennedy's, Mrs. Neuberger's or Porter's "Gum Bumping" for votes.

Federal aid means government control of taxpayers by their own money. Mrs. Neuberger appears far short of the needed Senatorial ability. Has unsound monetary policies, an appearance of frivolous unsteadiness with no program of her own yet prattles on any subject or lead gleaned from others or from files of the late Senator. No authority other than her own can say the contents of these files are now desired or beneficial. Advocates "hypodermic" of federal funds to control and cure all ills regardless of added burden to wage earners. Her speeches, debates, etc., gives one the feeling of hypnosis.

The three hopefuls appear on common ground in "liberalism," spending freely monies other than their own, "appeasement," "federal aid," government control of industry, wage earners and a free people, by howling to an enemy world of intellectual stupidity, inadequate educational system, a nation grading so low as to be void of prestige and totally inferior. Our enemies love to hear this type of "mugwumpery."

In my opinion Mrs. Neuberger is of no value to Oregon, it is just a little lady wishing for the Washington, D.C., social atmosphere, freeloading on hard pressed taxpayers, and a badgering nuisance to a Senate weighed down with serious problems.

What has happened to the Grand Old Party? We are being led blindfolded by a halter into a burning barn by our own candidates to office. To preserve the Grand Old Party prestige, I feel we should borrow two Republicans, Elmo Smith and Edwin Durno. These men have as their platform the sound principles of the old Democrat party foundation. Both men will fight "federalism" from the economy of Oregon and, at present, a free people.

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The Banker Roared

To the Editor: The banker roared when I requested the loan, for I offered as security the future earnings of my sons and of their sons.

Upon recently reading "Congressman Porter's Congressional Record Report to His Constituents," I was rekindled that what the banker considered to be ridiculous financing is evidently considered by some politicians to be laudable government policy.

Concerning foreign affairs, it has been disconcerting to hear Senator Kennedy's frequent reiteration that Castro in Cuba and the United Nations voting on Red China in this session will be to remove the embargo against trade with the China mainland. It appears to me that trade with an enemy pledged to our extinction certainly offers them needed goods which would help support their ambitions.

In Lebanon recently Porter quoted a speech he had made in Congress in January, 1959, showing his concern over events in Cuba. This was fine and realistic, but four months later when events were even clearer in Cuba, Mr. Porter told Congress "Castro and his top leaders are against Communism and all other forms of tyranny. There is freedom of expression in Cuba. Castro's Cuba is getting better every day. The military trials have ended. Habeas corpus will soon be restored. A date for the elections will, I feel sure, soon be announced..." (Congressional Record Vol. 1, 105, pt. 6, pgs. 8353-4.)

This mistaken judgment is now being denied by Mr. Por-

ter but his embarrassing statements still plague our nation. I cannot disagree with any of Charles Porter's aspirations for a peaceful world—but I will never believe he has gone about them in a proper manner. I trust that we can elect Ed Durno to Congress; he would temper idealism with common sense.

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Satan Not a Candidate

To the Editor: If I may be permitted a further—and final—comment on the current political discussions in your Communications department, I should like to correct some wrong impressions which your correspondent, J. W. Shirley of Central Point, seems to have gotten from my letter appearing in your issue of Oct. 27.

When I said I had voted for Kennedy and Johnson via New York absentee ballot, and gave an appraisal of the discussions at Hedrick Junior High school recently, I surely never stated nor implied that I had "voted 'er straight." As a matter of fact, I did not, and—unlike friend Shirley—rarely have I done so.

The Liberal Party in New York of which I have been a member, often has included Democrats and Republicans in its lists when these met its standards. This year Kennedy and Johnson headed its list which, however, included at least one Republican running for state office and for whom I voted. As for the top candidates, I had my own reasons for voting for them (as stated in my letter in your Oct. 31 issue).

As for Mr. Shirley's reference to the Angel Gabriel and His Satanic Majesty (happily neither is currently running for office so far as I know—unless in some disguise not discerned), as an independent voter I believe I would be in a better position to choose objectively than our neighbor in Central Point. In the true spirit of liberalism, I put a candidate's personal qualifications and his stand on major political issues above my party loyalty, and always have; whereas Mr. Shirley admits that he "voted for every Republican candidate since including McKinley (except once for T.R. the Bull Moose)" and I did vote for the latter!

If you as an Independent and I as a Liberal (minus the gratuitous quotes with which Mr. Shirley surrounded these terms) have become new found friends, that is a matter of real gratification and pleasure so far as I am concerned.

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Porter's Rare Virtue

To the Editor: Congressman Porter's foreign junks have earned him more criticism than his record on domestic affairs. He is accused of being an international busybody and of setting himself up as a one man State Department.

Yet it is precisely in the field of foreign affairs that his position is so much stronger and sounder than his opponents'. The State Department in its eagerness to organize opposition to communism has aligned itself with characters and causes that world opinion widely condemns. They are a minus rather than a plus to us so far as the cold war is concerned.

Porter has the good judgment to evaluate these moves for what they are worth and the courage to condemn some of the worst and more costly of them.

Under the guise of presenting a united front to communism any criticism of the Department is frowned upon, but this is a democracy in which the people should direct foreign affairs as well as domestic ones. The foreign service isn't sacrosanct. It should be subject to constructive criticism. It should project the thinking of the people instead of trying so hard to direct it.

Candidate Nixon would draw our defense line west of Matsuyama and Quemoy, just a few miles from the Chinese coast. His trigger-happy determination to prevent a communist take over there would make the certainty of war just a matter of time. China isn't preparing to fight just any war. She is preparing to fight the United States. When she attains the capability of exchanging blow for blow with us we are going to get out of those islands or take the consequences.

During the next presidential term or two there will be

many East-West issues bigger and more vital to us on which the question of war and peace will hinge. This is a changing world in which the preservation of peace calls for flexibility and the ability to adjust. It is madness to talk of fighting over those little islands.

In this election domestic matters are dwarfed in importance by foreign ones. The ability to think straight and realistically internationally is a rare virtue. Porter has it. He has proved himself. His elective alternative admittedly attaches little importance to the roll of a congressman in foreign affairs.

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How Come?

To the Editor: You have made repeated statements as to the strict policy of politically unbiased news reporting in your newspaper, leaving editorializing to the editorial page only. This is a statement which you have announced many times in your editorials. Such a policy is to be commended as just and fair.

How do you justify publication of the Herblock cartoon of Friday, Oct. 28, on the front page?

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Halloween a Pleasure

To the Editor: This is a letter to the kids and parents in our neighborhood. They all deserve a bouquet or compliment, I think.

Halloween is fun around here! I look forward to it. The "little sprouts" with their shining eyes and eager faces are a pleasure to "meet" and "treat."

The larger sprouts too! Everyone of the "goblins" that came to our door last evening had a polite and warm thank-you too.

There's quite a bit of talk about "vandalism" and "malicious mischief" these days, but not enough talk about the "good" deeds or "good" acts of the kids and teen agers.

The parents should be complimented too and hear more of the "good deeds."

It's very refreshing and fun to "meet and treat" our "goblins" here.

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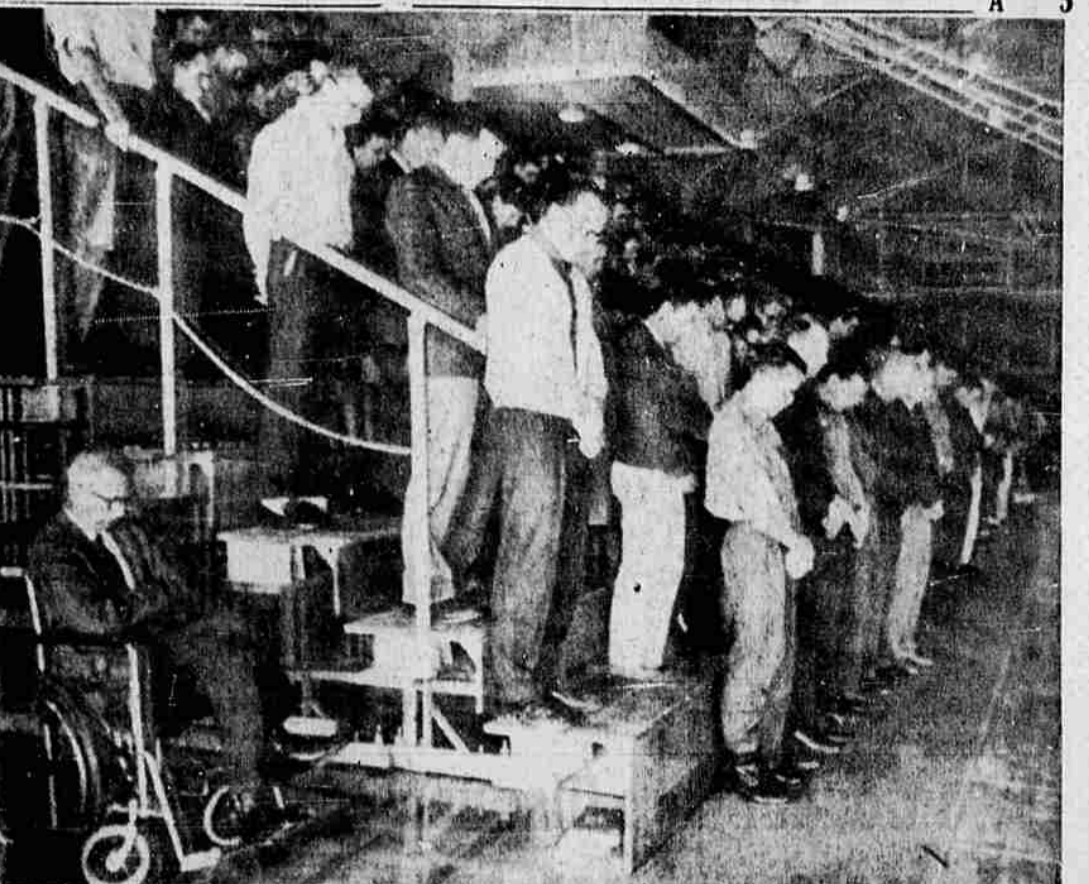
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STUDENTS PRAY—Students of California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo, Calif., bow their heads in prayer during memorial services for the members of the school's football team who were killed and injured in an airplane crash at Toledo, Ohio, Saturday night. Dr. David Grant, head of the school's English and speech department, who uses a wheelchair due to a wartime injury is shown at lower left. (UPI Telephoto)

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A BUXOM DIVORCEE had taken a fancy to one of the cowboys at an Idaho dude ranch, and when a beautiful young blonde attached herself to his side one morning, couldn't avoid making the introduction of the blonde obviously was seeking. "Sam," she said grudgingly, "this is a new acquaintance of mine, Miss-es Gallagher." Sam eyed the blonde appreciatively and declared, "Ma'am, I'd be right proud to make your acquaintance."

Michael, age 11, still expressed utter scorn for the female sex, but his mother detected a note of tolerance that had been definitely lacking previously. This was particularly evident when the new neighbor, a darling little girl, 10, blounded by. "I still hate women," maintained Michael stoutly, "but there goes the one I'm going to stop hating first!"

Charley Weaver would have us believe that when his paw back home in Mt. Ivy went hunting last fall, he wired a pair of antlers to his hat so he could get up close to the deer. The first deer he ran into stood up and took a shot at him.

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Campaign Quotes

By United Press International

Sen. John F. Kennedy: (at rally in Los Angeles garment district): "If we can carry this state, we can win."

(In speech at East Los Angeles Coliseum): "Mr. Nixon and I represent two wholly different parties, with wholly different records in the past, and wholly different views of the future. We disagree and our parties disagree on where we stand today and tomorrow."

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