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Indiana's Recommendation

To the Editor: Both of our presidential candidates and their respective platforms appear to condone much more Federal deficit spending. Mr. Lytle, vice president of UPI and Mail Tribune correspondent, said that all bright and alert citizens should clobber them in the elections for that reason.

George Washington said, "Government is not reason, it is eloquence—its force like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

His vice president and the second President, John Adams, said, "There never was a democracy that did not commit suicide."

In its 85th General Assembly the Indiana State Legislature passed a very wise resolution: "Indiana needs no guardian and intends to have none. We Hoosiers-like the people of our sister states—were fooled for quite a spell with the magician's trick that a dollar taxed out of our pockets and sent to Washington will be bigger when it comes back to us. We have taken a good look at said dollar. We find it has lost weight in its journey to Washington and back. The political brokerage of bureaucrats has been deducted. We have decided that there is no such thing as 'federal' aid. We know that there is no wealth to tax that is not already within the 48 states."

"So we propose henceforth to tax ourselves and take care of ourselves. We are fed up with subsidies, doles and paternalism. We are no one's stepchild. We have grown up. We serve notice that we will resist Washington, D.C., adopting us."

"Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, The Senate concurring: That we respectfully petition and urge Indiana's Congressmen and Senators to vote to fetch our county courthouse and city halls back from Pennsylvania Avenue. We want government to come home. Resolved, further, that we call upon the legislatures of our sister states and on good citizens everywhere who believe in the basic principles of Lincoln and Jefferson to join with us, and we with them to restore the American Republic and our 48 states to the foundations built by our fathers."

Having 50 states doesn't alter the wisdom of this document on what!

Dorlan F. Woods, Prospect, Ore.

Straight Ticker
To the Editor: The campaign promise of the Democratic platform—if kept—will prove to be an intolerable burden on the taxpayers, or, in other words, ourselves. Strangely enough it took the honorable Charles Porter, this paper's congressional candidate, to put into words just how ridiculous it all is.

Last week in the televised debate between Porter and Durno, Mr. Porter commented that the taxpayer can no longer afford the high taxes or cost of supporting our schools, so the federal government must step in!

Now, finally, through no particular degree of honesty or desire to divulge the true facts, we have it. So we can't afford it? Well then, Mr.

Porter, does Senator Kennedy have a money tree? If he does not, then I feel that I should point out that there is no good fairy. This money that we can't afford must come from the taxpayer, not the rich man, but you and I.

Herein lies the fallacy of attempting to depend on good old Uncle Sam to take care of us each and every problem. At some point Uncle Sam must get his money from us. This would be foolish enough, but we can never get all of our money back. Some of it must go to pay for administrative costs.

Now here is the real clincher. Since Oregon's per capita income is higher than many of the other states we will wind up subsidizing all the other states on the economic rungs below us. They in turn would receive back about the same amount of their contribution or in some cases a little more.

This sort of thinking, as loose as it is, will appeal to the voter who wants something for nothing. Strangely this same voter is the one who voted against the last local school tax in his district and very likely any other tax measures. What is wrong because it is 3,000 miles away?

I can only feel that this type of program is presented in a deliberate attempt to buy votes with the money of these very voters.

Elmo Smith and Edwin Durno are not the silver-tongued orators that Mrs. Neuberger and Mr. Porter may be, but they are not attempting to deliberately mislead the voter.

I have never voted a straight party ticket in my years as a registered Democrat or since I changed my registration. This year, however, I vote for the preservation of our economy and our freedom.

Forrest Hibbard, 3290 University, Eugene, Ore.

Supports Appling

To the Editor: I am sure your readers must share the concern of most Oregonians—and, for that matter, most Americans—over the soaring cost of local, state and federal governments. Taxes to support these costs now take more than one-third of the average wage earner's income and, if the advocates of more government spending have their way, the bill will keep on getting bigger.

One way we can stop and even reverse this trend is to elect men to public office who not only talk economy but have the integrity and ability to practice it.

I am very much impressed with Howell Appling as a man who can do this. He has said on numerous occasions that government does not have to cost as much as it does, and during his occupancy of the Secretary of State's office, he has achieved substantial savings without impairing essential services. In fact, contrary to the current trend, his department's budget request has been actually reduced by several hundred thousand dollars. This represents money in the taxpayer's pocket; in yours and in mine.

For these reasons I urge all thinking voters, Republicans and Democrats alike, to support Howell Appling for Secretary of State.

Robert G. Balk, 1608 Lenora dr., Medford.

DST, Billboards and DAs

To the Editor: I wish to express an opinion on three of the measures now referred to us, "the sovereign people."

No. 2. "Daylight saving time." Seems to me a childish means for a good purpose. If a grown man can not get up an hour earlier without monkeying with the clock, that appears silly.

No. 15. "Billboard control." Why should our fine highways be cluttered up with billboards, cutting off beautiful scenery, any more than the sides of the road be filled with tin cans and beer bottles?

No. 4. "To permit a district attorney" ONE MAN, "to commence criminal prosecution without an indictment by the grand jury." That is a most vicious and insidious measure. It is basically contrary to the intent of the constitution of the United States, an attempt to destroy one of our basic freedoms won by our Revolutionary War.

To any student of history such a change would be a terrible step back toward the days of the "bloody assizes" under Lord Jefferies in England, no jury at all, or to France before their own revolution, when a man could be thrown into prison merely by a "lettre de cachet," with no trial at all.

Vote "No" on No. 4, and

then get out your constitution of the United States, re-read our "Bill of Rights," and never let anybody try to take even ONE of them away.

Horace W. Thompson, 3642 Hilsinger rd., Medford.

For the Best Man

To the Editor: In regard to the candidacy of Paul Rynning for county commissioner, I would select a man, who is or has been a successful business man or farmer. In other words some one who has succeeded through their own initiative, and not depended on a public job the most of their life.

During the years he served as county engineer for this county, he did not prove to be out of the ordinary as a road construction and maintenance man. In fact I could point out many instances when we road users could have enjoyed a much better road at no additional cost, if Mr. Rynning had relied on the judgment of those working under him, such as county road supervisors and construction foremen.

The election next Tuesday, Nov. 8, is one during which he will have an opponent, and with no personal animosity to Paul, let's vote for the best man.

Elk Creek Rd., Elk Creek Rd., Trail, Ore.

White House To Court House

To the Editor: Dr. Durno, gunning for Porter's seat in Congress, comes out squarely for no federal aid for education, no Social Security medical aid for the aged and weary. Most of the top G.O.P. candidates—ditto. However, when they discovered they had grabbed the right end of the p o k e r, capitulated, suddenly got "religed," and came out for some aid for school room construction, but no help for the teachers, and a watered down poverty oath, snide deal for medical aid.

They opposed the Kennedy-Forand bill for Social Security benefits for medical care for the oldsters, which would not cost the federal government one penny, and financed by future benefactors under Social Security, to the tune of \$13 per year, 25 cents per week—the price of a pack of cigarettes or milk shake a week if the Social Security worker's salary did not exceed \$400 per month, higher proportionately if above \$400 per month.

The medical profession is a noble one, and perhaps one of the most useful and needed of all the learned professions; yet doctors are wedded to the G.O.P. concept of scarcity, which fosters monopoly and high prices, in contrast to the Democratic concept of abundance and lower prices.

There are 143 doctors registered for voting in Lane county—412 Independents, 7 Democrats, 412 Republicans. The medical know who butters their parsnips.

As for education, Durno says let the schools be financed at home level. Brother, there is no Santa Claus. We have either cutting educational services, or making it up at the home level instead. Where is the saving?

In 1936, when the Social Security measure was brought to the floor of Congress, every last Republican voted against it. Said it would, and are still saying it will, bankrupt the nation. There is a backlog of over \$20 billion in the Social Security fund, transferred to other services to save federal government from issuing bonds. This fund will be gradually fed back to Social Security fund as needed. All has been paid in by the workers themselves and not one dime by the federal government, yet the G.O.P.'sters claim it costs Uncle Sam too much.

Bahl! Let's give 'em the bum's rush, from White House to Court House.

Dart Johnston, Route 1, Box 486A, Cottage Grove, Ore.

From an Ex-Candidate
To the Editor: I have received a letter from some people who said they voted for me in the primary election last May and their votes were not counted. Seems some skulduggery is going on in some precincts. Just think how

I could live up the proceeds if I were to demand a recount at this late date—just before the general election, and how crestfallen my opponent for the nomination, if he could be called that, would be to find out his was not the proper name on the general election ballot.

Floyd R. McCabe, Mt. Pitt Star rt., Butte Falls, Ore.

Tactics Deplored
To the Editor: I received today a letter from Mrs. Ivan Hoy of Sweet Home, who asked me if I would also deplore "publicly" the persons (Democrats) who threw tomatoes and eggs at Vice President Nixon," since I deplored, publicly, the person "a Republican, you said" who threw a glass of whiskey at Senator Kennedy.

I would like to say to Mrs. Hoy, and any others who are interested, that of course I will deplore publicly if you print this letter?—and I presume they were Democrats—who threw eggs and tomatoes at the Vice President. But I have yet to hear a Democrat hurl the epithets "traitor" and "communist" at a Republican.

There are many documented instances where Nixon himself has used, if not directly, then by implication or innuendo, these epithets against his Democratic opponents in his campaigns for Congress and for the Senate. In 1954, while holding the high office of Vice President, he charged—publicly—Aldai Stevenson with spreading Communist propaganda. Nixon has never publicly deplored the late Senator Joe McCarthy's description of the "whole Democratic Party as 'the party of treason'."

In fact, I have never heard a Republican, including President Eisenhower, publicly deplore these actions on the part of the Vice President or the late Senator McCarthy. On the contrary, Republicans continue to use McCarthy-like tactics in their campaigns and this can be readily seen right now in the 4th District of Oregon in Dr. Durno's campaign against my husband. A good example appeared in Monday's Eugene Register-Guard, and possibly your paper.

Mrs. Charles O. 2680 Baker st., Eugene, Ore.

Laughable or Tragic?

To the Editor: Your guest editorial of Oct. 31, "Peace Or Else," would be almost laughable were it not so horribly tragic.

Fear may be activated in various ways. Your guest speaks as though all who criticize Charles O. Porter and Mrs. Neuberger must be people moved by fear of the Soviet Union. Now in reality these same people are moved in part by a fear of the growing attitude of so many of our own citizenry.

Porter and Neuberger are well aware of people's weak spots, and they seek to capitalize on these weaknesses. Their actions must be deplored.

"Peace Or Else," meaning we must participate with the communists, is a gross oversimplification, or more accurately, shameful nonsense. A famously American once declared: "Give me liberty, or give me death!" But today it appears to be unrealistic to be so stuffy about liberty. Now our minds are being pressured and molded to accept the "inevitable reality" of slavery.

Negotiating with communists presupposes the possibility of, or in your guest's terms, the need of, agreement. Such agreement further takes for granted each party is participating in good conscience. The absurdity of this position is readily apparent when we begin to realize the aim of world communism is to destroy all semblance of conscience.

The shibboleth of nuclear war before our eyes, instilling fear and horror of its result. We are told to compromise with the Soviets; make agreements to save the world, for the alternative is extinction. This is a positive sham and morally disarming.

Nuclear war is not impossible; neither will standing for truth make nuclear war inevitable.

When the communists deal in good faith they will no longer be communists. Their claim to good faith must be preceded by corresponding good actions, and the genocide in Tibet, the slaughter in Budapest, the rape of Poland,

the bloody exploitation in Africa, the strangling of the satellites, the degeneracy in Red China, the agony in Russia itself, the frustration of the United Nations, the mammoth subversion in the United States, the schooling in violence, the debasement of human nature and the grotesque comedy of Cuba hardly enters the realm of good peaceful actions.

Robert J. Howard, 828 B West 14th st., Medford

Claims Punctured

To the Editor: Governor Hatfield, on one of his innumerable visits to Oregon in recent months has attempted to shift the responsibility for the referred income tax bill (Ballot Proposition 14) to the Legislature. The Republican candidates for Secretary of State and State Treasurer have likewise sought to cloak themselves with virtue in denouncing this measure, which will admittedly produce more revenue than is presently needed.

This is a completely phony issue and the Governor and his two political appointees know it. These are the facts relative to the passage of this tax measure, and no amount of political caterwauling will alter them:

1. Both the Governor and the Legislature were advised by the Governor's own appointees and experts in the State Tax Commission that 10 to 12 million additional dollars had to be raised to balance the budget for 1959-1961.

2. The Governor, as a result of this advice, caused to be introduced and then lobbied for his own income tax bill (House Bill 460), that would have raised MORE MONEY than Proposition 14.

3. When his own bill could not pass the Legislature, he signed and approved Proposition 14, which did pass.

Having punctured that bit of political misinformation that is being handed the voters, let us examine another one. On at least two television appearances, the Republican candidate for Congress from the 4th District has stated that he voted against a "Right to Work" bill in the Oregon State Senate in 1959. I will donate \$100 to any charity that the good doctor will name (except the American Medical Association) if he can prove this. As a matter of fact, there was no such legislation introduced in the Legislature on which he had an opportunity to vote.

The people should insist that politicians stick to the facts, as Monroe Sweetland, Ward Cook and Charles Porter are doing, and repudiate those who don't.

Clarence Barton, State Representative, Coos County, P.O. Box 365, Coquille, Ore.

Sonny Boy's Votes

To the Editor: John Kennedy's actions speak much louder than his many words. This fact is brought out by his record in the Senate and House. Kennedy, who offers strong, alert, on-the-job leadership, has not lived up to this promise in the past.

For instance, in the 86th Congress, which began Jan. 6 and ended July 5, 171 roll call votes were held. Kennedy was absent for 129 of these. He missed voting on such important bills as Civil Rights, Aeronautics and Space Appropriation, TV regulation and Defense appropriations. Kennedy's average on votes missed is 35 per cent, nearly three times as high as the average Senator or Representative. Kennedy was summoned to session 105 times. He did not show up 93 times.

Kennedy has been equally negligent on his committees and sub-committees. He is chairman of the subcommittee on African affairs. He has not called one single meeting on this most important subject. Kennedy has not attended one of the meetings of the subcommittee on disarmament since his appointment to it. Kennedy, on the subcommittee on the Problems of the Aged and Aging, has not attended one of its 20 meetings since his appointment, including one in Boston, his home town. On the minimum wage increase Sen. Joseph Clark, a Democrat himself remarked, "I think the Senate will pass a minimum wage increase if we can just get Sonny Boy back from the cricks and hollers long enough to report it out of his committee."

On a few occasions when Kennedy did vote, this is what happened. He voted yes on a bill to cut military aid

funds by \$200 million. He voted yes on a bill to cut military aid by \$90 million. He voted no on a bill to bar aid to countries shipping strategic materials to Russia and the Communist Bloc. He voted no on a bill to add \$50 million to funds for Asian economic development. He voted yes to cut \$45 million from military personnel housing funds.

I think that Kennedy summed up things very nicely on how to make our country a better place to live. "... If more politicians knew poetry, and more poets knew politics, I am convinced the world would be a little better place to live." This was quoted from the Congressional Record of Feb. 21, 1957.

John Doherty, Rt. 1, Box 17, Gold Hill, Ore.

The Democrats and Workers

To the Editor: In thinking back over the years since the war, I recall Republican businessmen stating the law of supply and demand determines prices. Of course they wanted the price control abolished, so they could get their greedy hands on more profit, but the recession has uncovered facts that contradict this.

With purchasing power, or demand, reduced because of widespread unemployment, and with inventories, or supplies, overstocked, prices are still going up, raising the cost of living and creating more inflation.

Now since this administration has been in office, the value of the dollar in terms of its purchasing power has dropped 20 per cent. Our main problem is one of equitable distribution of these goods. This inflation of prices puts the squeeze on those with fixed incomes and, including the Government, which has to increase taxes to pay for the added cost.

Those who have been benefiting the most from our free enterprise system—the wealthy owners of capital who do not have to depend upon employment for their livelihood, have spent billions of dollars to indoctrinate the public with a blind fear of the word Socialism through many years of cleverly advertised propaganda. For instance Government medical insurance, which could be included in Social Security benefits, has been labeled "Socialized Medicine." The state of Utah has a state insurance fund, which is used by employers who are required by law to carry Workmen Compensation Insurance. It is about 30 per cent lower than corresponding rates of private companies, in addition about 15 per cent of the premium is returned each year to the policy holders. Is it any wonder that the insurance companies now own mortgages on a big percentage of the property of this nation?

Don't be cowed by the powerful American Medical Association, which appears to be pouring thousands of dollars in the Republican campaign, which will force the old people that need medical care to take the paupers oath or die.

Nixon is staging his campaign on the assumption that the American voters can be led around like a herd of cattle, if they don't know the difference between lies or the truth.

The working man has a better chance of having his standard of living raised by voting for Charles O. Porter, John Kennedy, Maurine Neuberger and the rest of the Democratic ticket.

Sam and Edna Dickey, Route 1, Box 271, Rogue River, Ore.

Hahl

To the Editor: Hahl! So Mr. Gregory does speak English! He also has a better than average memory, for when I talked to him, I was asking him about the legislative items he listed in the information handouts that he distributed at the Candidate's Fair. Enclosed you find one of these handouts. You'll notice there is no mention whatever of a minimum wage in the handout, nor did we discuss a minimum wage at the coffee hour! If Mr. Gregory is so strong for a minimum wage of a dollar an hour, why is it not listed in his campaign propaganda?

Mr. Gregory's letter in Communications, Oct. 28, is an ill conceived attempt to twist the meaning of my previous letter.

In referring to his lack of for sight, I point out to you his proposal to defer the property taxes of our older citizens. This idea is a sort of live now, pay later, deal, one which any thinking person can see the falseness of!

Twist as Mr. Gregory may, those at the coffee hour who had the misfortune to hear his profanity cannot be fooled! Let me also say that I vote for the person, and not the party.

Dick Anderson, 735 Broad st., Medford.

Too Long

To the Editor: Dr. Durno calls the old folks "free loaders" when they ask for a Social Security plan under the medical aid plan under the Social Security system.

The doctor doesn't mention the fact that the free loaders have been getting medical aid at the taxpayers' expense for many years. The president has been the biggest recipient of free medical aid, as he has had his free for most of his adult life, and surely he is able to pay. Would it be proper to call it socialized medicine?

A headline in the Mail Tribune said "Ike found to be in top physical condition." That headline speaks well for the socialized medical care issued at Walter Reed hospital. Is it any wonder that the senators, congressmen, cabinet members and many others, just love it, and still the majority of them deny it to those who pay the medical bills for them.

The time is long past due for the Forand-Kennedy bill to be added to the Social Security system. Norway, Sweden, Finland, Canada, England and New Zealand all have prepaid medical aid plans and they like it. The AMA is spending gobs of money to put Dr. Durno in the house where he can perpetuate the seven dollar office calls and the high price of drugs.

The doctor is against federal aid to schools. The fact is he is against anything that is progressive, if it is going to take any dollars out of the millionaires' pockets.

Who is putting up all the dollars for Dr. Durno's campaign? He is on TV several times a day, very near everywhere you look the doctor has his name on something, car bumpers, fences, in the papers, just about every legislation of a lot to kill type.

When you go to the polls next Tuesday remember that a vote for the Republican party in the national election might cost you a lot in medical bills, and higher property taxes to maintain your educational facilities. The property tax for school purposes is back breaking now, and will get worse in the years to come.

Vote right this time. We have been living in the past now for eight years, which is too long.

J. R. Schumpf, Route 1, Box 312, Central Point, Ore.

Baby, It's Cold Outside

To the Editor: At our house, we have learned to estimate the temperature, outdoors, by timing the Family Dog through the doorway.

H. W. Robertson, 103 North Central ave., Medford

Seventy-four thousand saplings were planted in Norway last year, mostly spruce and pine, as part of reforestation programs. The work was seriously hampered by long summer drought.

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