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Concerning Voting

It's almost all over, and tomorrow will tell the tale. No matter how it turns out, some people will be delighted, some will be unhappy, and many more will view the results with mixed feelings.

We would join here with Charles Taft, chairman of the fair elections practices committee, in warning against paying any attention to last-minute rumors, smears or charges which cannot be refuted in time.

Be suspicious of them. AS TO voting, we believe it to be the duty of every well-informed person.

We do NOT, however, go along with the theory that every Tom, Dick and Harry ought to cast a ballot, whether or not they know anything about the candidates, issues, measures, or their significance.

Uninformed, apathetic voters might better stay home, and leave the business of democracy up to those who care enough to inform themselves.

But those who have studied and thought about the election, we do urge them to vote their convictions.

ONE final suggestion, along the same lines. If you are informed and convinced on certain candidates and measures, vote on them; but if there are others on which you do not have well-based opinions, leave those ballot spots blank.

Too many people, when they see a measure they don't understand, are inclined to vote "no" on principle.

This is wrong. It's better not to vote at all, than to endanger what might be a good measure. —E.A.

Dennis the Menace



'UGLY? YOU THINK RUFF IS UGLY? BOY, DO YOU EVER NEED NEW GLASSES!'

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop
WAITING FOR THE VERDICT
San Francisco—This huge, amorphous, fast-changing state is a good place to say farewell to the 1960 campaign, not only because California is politically crucial, but also because California is an oddity representative.

If Kennedy wins, on the other hand, his victory will not constitute a rejection of the Eisenhower-man, who is still much loved. It will mean, rather, that the country now feels the need for a new viewpoint and a different impulse in the management of our affairs.

THE widespread business man's opinion, that Kennedy is a wild economic radical, has no visible foundation in any identifiable fact. But Kennedy most certainly does not share the intense conservatism of President Eisenhower, who has been described, by none other than Vice President Nixon, as "really to the right of Bob Taft about domestic matters."

Above all, Kennedy is not apprehensive or pessimistic about the American economy. He does not fear that the smallest movement will de-range the free American system. Like Nelson Rockefeller, he believes that there is no problem which cannot eventually be solved, and no necessary bill which cannot be fully paid, by the device of stimulating national growth.

In Kennedy's eyes, moreover, growth is now a life-and-death matter, for world reasons. For Kennedy also believes that vastly greater American efforts are urgently needed, if the forces of freedom are not to lose the dire struggle for the world.

The choice in this election, then, lies between strong faith in the American growth potential plus grave doubt about the world future if the American potential is not used to the full, and the exact reverse on both counts.

Portland State Names Public Service Man
Portland—UP—Mark Howard of Portland Sunday was named Director of Public Service at Portland State college.

Eisenhower Plans To Vote at Gettysburg
Washington—UP—President Eisenhower plans to cast his ballot for Vice President Richard M. Nixon shortly after the polls at Gettysburg, Pa., open at 7 a.m. Tuesday, the White House said today.

Two Apologies
In an editorial on this page recently, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton was criticized for what we thought was a misleading "cost estimate" on Measure 15. He informs us the cost estimate is prepared by the state treasurer, assisted by the department of finance and administration and the tax commission, not by the attorney general, as we indicated. We extend to him our apologies.

Foreign Desk: Canterbury and Rome; Japanese Shakeup; Ruble Revaluation

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
From the foreign editor's notebook:

Iceberg Meeting
One top source in Vatican City is calling the forthcoming "cortesia visit" by the Archbishop of Canterbury to Pope John XXIII an "iceberg meeting."

Ruble Revaluation
Members of a Russian trade delegation which now is in the West German capital of Bonn are hinting broadly that the Soviet Union early next year will revalue the ruble so that it will be on a one-to-one basis with the American dollar in international trade.

Berlin Traffic
The Communists are building up a propaganda campaign that could set the stage for interference with Berlin traffic. Western officials worried by Communist charges that illegal war goods are being produced in West Berlin

Cabinet Shakeup
Look for a major shakeup in the cabinet of Japanese Premier Hayato Ikeda following the Nov. 20 elections. Ikeda has said in his campaign speeches that he will stick mostly with the mem-

bers of his short-lived present cabinet when he forms a new government—that is, if he and his party win the election, as they are expected to do. But sources close to the premier say that only about three posts will remain unchanged.

This ties in with similar reports from other sources in recent weeks and appears to be part of the Soviet campaign to claim that its economy is on a par with that of the United States. At present, the nominal exchange rate for the ruble is four to the dollar, with a tourist rate of 10 to one.

The Communists are building up a propaganda campaign that could set the stage for interference with Berlin traffic. Western officials worried by Communist charges that illegal war goods are being produced in West Berlin

and shipped to the West. They deny the charge. Algerian Mediation
An attempt by some of France's former black African colonies to mediate in the Algerian conflict is in the wind. Three black African leaders arrived in Paris recently to confer with President Charles de Gaulle. Premier Mamadou Dia of Senegal is expected to undertake a similar mission to Algerian rebel leaders in Tunis.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Second Choice
To the Editor: More on our old friend (?) Paul Rynning. I personally think that if Paul Rynning gets into office as county commissioner, a ny hope we may otherwise have for decent roads may as well be thrown out the window.

I'd much rather see someone in that office who had no experience at all, in their thirties or forties, than a man of 70 to 80. Experience is fine but we don't need that as much as we need fresh ideas. In one respect, it's nice to know the ropes, but Paul knows too darned many ropes.

What I would like very much to know, why doesn't Paul Rynning retire and get a good rest. Some years ago I read of a man running for office who had a big political rally and after the speeches were all over he cornered a lady in the audience and asked that she vote for him. Said she, "I won't vote for you but will say 'you're my second choice.'" Pressed for her first choice she said "Anybody, just anybody."

That, in short, is my attitude toward anyone who has held office for over 20 years, one office, mind you. That's not like moving from being member of a city council to mayor to representative in a legislature to state senator to member of U.S. House of Representatives to U.S. Senate to Vice President to President. That could be considered as being a progressive type of politician, in a sense, anyway. At least one would progress from one office to another. But to spend one's life in one office! That's just too darned long.

Like the lady I just told about, Paul Rynning is my second choice. Floyd R. McCabe Butte Falls, Ore.

Stop and Think
To the Editor: I have read most of the communications with the good and bad of the candidates. I know how I am going to vote. Do you? This is to those that are on the fence, wondering which way to go.

If you had a larger business and needed a business manager, would you hire one that was always on the job or one who spent one-third of his time taking vacations or playing golf? That is what we have taking care of our U.S., the largest business of all of us.

If we elect Mr. Nixon we will not need a congress, so that will save us money to pay more taxes. Mr. Nixon will take Mr. Eisenhower and Governor Rockefeller to the White House with him.

This may sound foolish to you, but before you go to the polls, Tuesday, stop and think. Nina Simmons Central Point, Ore.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

WAITING THE CHANGE
Washington—A rare hour of brooding pause, a long moment of silence and waiting and expectation now begins to pervade Washington.

This is the eve of a great change—from eight years of the Eisenhower administration to an entirely different administration of new leaders in a new world. It brings an odd quiet to this ordinarily frantically political city.

It is not unlike the sudden, exhausted calm which falls late on Christmas eve when shops so recently so clamorous with customers are in an instant empty and the lights in the show windows are going out, one by one.

One moment you had been moving about among the urgent milling men of the two national political committees. The next moment you find these prost starting to pack up their chairs, speaking wearily—and softly at last—of their partisan hopes, and beginning to let the mimeograph machines run down.

ONLY rarely do the fortunes of politics bring total newness to this national capitol. Not since 1952, when 20 years of Democratic control of the White House were ended in the election of President Eisenhower, has there been any sharp and absolute break between past and future. And the most recent such break before that had occurred in 1932, when Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated Herbert Hoover.

Thus this city now senses the near approach of the third truly new national political atmosphere, the third truly new group of top leaders, it has known in three decades. And while the prudent still avoid flat predictions as to whose newness it will be that of Democratic candidate John F. Kennedy or Republican candidate Richard M. Nixon, somebody's newness is surely at hand.

If Nixon should win, the great broom would sweep wide. Republican though he is, he would bring in his own advisers—and from his own generation, on the whole. For campaign purposes he may be at this moment Mr. Eisenhower's junior. But as president he would be just that—the president, without rival in the government or in the structure of his party.

A whole era is ending. A cavalcade of history is now fast falling off into the past, like a parade of troops which, seemingly endless, all the same comes at last to an end on the last, lingering note of the last band in the line of march.

IN THE OLD lands in old days the expression was "The king is dead; long live the king." In Washington now the spirit is the same, though fortunately the harsh word "dead" is not applicable. In Washington now the spirit is this: "Farewell the past; hail the future."

For nostalgia is not by a long way the whole tone, though it is the keynote of the city's mood. For while many here are thinking of Auld Lang Syne—if it comes to that—many are thinking far more practical thoughts. If Nixon wins, who will go into what cabinet job? If Kennedy wins, what will happen to so and so?

It is not the tail end of the big parade—as it never is the tail end of any big parade—which really holds the eyes of many. It is the head of the big new parade now forming up at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue.

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Candidate Recommendations

- FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
101—John F. Kennedy (D), and Lyndon B. Johnson (D).
FOR U.S. SENATOR (SHORT TERM)
103—Maurine B. Neuberger (D).
FOR U.S. SENATOR (LONG TERM)
105—Maurine B. Neuberger (D).
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, 4TH DISTRICT
108—Charles O. Porter (D).
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
110—Monroe Sweetland (D).
FOR STATE TREASURER
No Recommendation
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
113—Carl H. Francis (R).

- FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, JACKSON COUNTY (VOTE FOR TWO)
116—Robert B. Duncan (D).
118—Evelyn (Eve) Nye (R).
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
120—Gerald J. Scannell, Jr. (D).
FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR
122—Ray J. Schumacher (D).
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
123—Paul B. Rynning (R).
FOR COUNTY TREASURER
125—Karl L. Janouch (D).
FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR
No Recommendation

- NON-PARTISAN BALLOT
FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, POSITION 4
129—William C. Perry.
FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, POSITION 5
130—Alfred T. Goodwin.
FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
131—Orval J. Millard. —E.A.

Measures Recommendations

- STATE
1 Fixing Commencement of Legislator's Terms—Yes
2 Daylight Saving Time—No recommendation.
3 Financing Urban Redevelopment Projects—Yes
4 Permitting Prosecution by Information or Indictment—No
5 Authorizing Legislature to Propose Revised Constitution—Yes
6 State Bonds for Higher Education Facilities—Yes
7 Voter Qualification Amendment—Yes
8 Authorizing Bonds for State Building Program—Yes
9 Compulsory Retirement for Judges—No
10 Elective Offices: When To Become Vacant—No
11 Financing Improvements in Home Rule Counties—Yes
12 Continuity of Government in Enemy Attack—Yes
13 War Veterans' Bonding and Loan Amendment—Yes
14 Personal Income Tax Bill—No
15 Billboard Control Measure—Yes COUNTY
16 Dogs Running at Large—No recommendation; except we suggest voters inside Medford city limits not vote. —E.A.

Flight o' Time

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

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1940 (Tuesday)
Balloting was light during first hours of the Oregon general election today. Representatives of the interstate commerce commission will hold a hearing here tomorrow over the proposed construction of a Southern Pacific spurline from Tolo to the White City industrial district.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1940 (Thursday)
One person was killed and four others injured, one critically, in a two-car smash-up on Crater Lake highway's Kincaid hill Wednesday. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The Republican party came out on the little end of the horn, in the Presidential election, but it is still a winner—it has a new 'titular leader' in the person of Wendell L. Willkie, its defeated nominee."

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1930 (Friday)
A new Humane society shelter on Midway rd. was completed this week. Several new mail carriers will be added at the Medford post office Dec. 1 to take care of the Christmas season rush.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1920 (Sunday)
The mercury dropped to 21 degrees in Medford yesterday to make it the coldest day of the year. "Siskiyou," according to a letter in the Mail Tribune, is a French word meaning "six stones."

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1910 (Monday)
In a front page editorial the Mail Tribune today asked voters to defeat Democrat Joshua Patterson in his bid for reelection to the county court. The federal government this week started improvements on that portion of Crater Lake road that lies within the Crater National forest.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Anti-trust laws are concerned with misleading of consumers, banking regulations, monopoly, or tax loopholes?
2. Is a truffle hound a dog that hunts truffles, a pulley, or a bookbinding machine?
3. For what U.S. government agency do the initials GSA stand?
4. Who discovered the water route around the tip of Africa?
5. The Romans regarded Venus as the Greeks regarded Aphrodite, Minerva, or Cleopatra?
6. A priest is to a chapel as a rabbi is to a Bethel, Synagogue or Mosque?
7. Of what nationality are most Australians descendants?
8. Are planets always seen in the same part of the sky?
9. How many lines must be drawn on a four foot square to mark it off in square feet.
10. Correct: "As soon as I saw him I knew it was him."
Answers: 1. Monopoly. 2. Dog. 3. General Services Administration. 4. Vasco de Gama. 5. Aphrodite. 6. Synagogue. 7. English. 8. No. 9. Six. 10. "... was he."

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WHEN JOEY ADAMS visited Israel he was impressed with many signs of progress on all sides, but remarked that he hadn't spotted a single golf course. "Golf?" shrugged his guide. "How can we have golf in a land as tiny and beleaguered as ours? One long drive could become an international incident!"

The producer of a recent Broadway comedy that had been roasted to a fare-the-well by the critics met an old classmate and asked him, "Ben, to see my new show yet?" "No, and I'm not planning to go, either," was the frank reply. "I hear it's a disaster."

"Are you kidding?" countered the producer angrily. "Don't you read our ads?"

A popular restaurant in Philadelphia burned to the ground. The owner of the eatery across the road professed to be heartbroken. "Poor Joe," he sighed, "it's the first time in three years the food's been hot enough in his div!" ©1960, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate

