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Support for the President

President Kennedy is wholly within his rights—legal, moral and practical—in taking the action he has in regard to Cuba. As long as the weapons were of a defensive nature—as they were until recently—this country would have been in an untenable position if it had interfered in any substantial way. But with the fact established that the weapons provided by Soviet Russia to Castro were of offensive nature, capable of hitting strategic portions of the Western Hemisphere, that limitation is ended. In any embargo, in any blockade, there is great danger of hostilities getting out of hand. But the President had no other choice.

TOO, he was wise in refusing to by-pass the established international organizations involved—specifically the Organization of American States and the United Nations—and by leaving the door open to further talk and negotiation. He has, in effect, told both Khrushchev and Castro, "thus far, and no farther"; has explained his actions and his reasoning to the rest of mankind; and has summoned the responsible nations and peoples of the world to support him. He should also have the whole-hearted support of all Americans, for he alone can make the necessary decisions, based upon information which is available to him alone.—E.A.

For Senate and House

Jackson county can count itself extremely fortunate this election year in the caliber of men who are running for the state legislature. It will be impossible for us to have a "bad" delegation to the legislature for the next two years, no matter which four are elected. All eight are men of integrity, honesty, intelligence and competence, and all share a desire for public service, even when it involves (as does service in the legislature) personal sacrifice.

IN THIS happy situation, making a choice is a bit difficult, since only four can be elected, and four will be defeated. How do we judge the best? Largely on the basis of rounded experience, prior public service, personality (for a legislator, to be effective, must be able to state his case, both in committee and on the floor, in a believable manner), and finally, as important as any other consideration, on his attitude toward people, toward state government as an instrumentality for the public weal, toward taxation, toward education, and toward the services the state offers its citizens.

THE two candidates for State Senate are L. W. (Lynn) Newbry, the Republican incumbent, and Henry F. Padgham Jr., Democrat, who is seeking major office for the first time. Ideologically, we find ourself somewhat closer to Padgham than to Newbry, although both men are moderates. And yet, Newbry did an excellent job for Jackson county and the state during his first two years of service under appointment. Perhaps more important, he "knows the ropes" in the State Senate, and has many friends there in both parties, and has earned the respect of the members of the upper house. He will, we believe, be somewhat more conservative financially than would Padgham, and this is going to be important during the coming session, which will be plagued with incessant and mounting pressures for higher spending. Some higher spending, particularly in education, will be necessary, a fact both Newbry and Padgham recognize. On balance, and with no attempt to downgrade Padgham's excellent qualities and abilities, we shall vote for Lynn Newbry.

THE three Republican candidates for the House of Representatives are Lawyer John R. Delenback, seeking reelection to a second term; Edward Branchfield, Medford lawyer, former school board member, member of the state veterans affairs department advisory committee, seeking a first term; and Al Dumas, laundry operator, who has also been active in a number of civic enterprises, also running for the first time. The Democratic candidates are Al Bradford, Medford barber, labor union official, and member of the Medford city council for six years; James Redden, Medford lawyer, and Charles Cray, retired labor union official who has also been active in public service activities. Here again the choice is difficult.

OUR first vote will go to Al Bradford. During his service on the council, he has won the highest respect, not only from his fellow members, but from those who have appeared before the council or watched its operations. He knows the problems of the "little guy," who, in our society, often gets overlooked. He is knowledgeable and conscientious and would, we sincerely believe, make an outstanding legislator. Our second vote will go to Ed Branchfield, on the basis of his knowledge of school and veterans' problems, his acquaintance with a broad range of people in all walks of life, and on his friendly, approachable and sincere personality. Our third will go to Jim Redden, not because of experience but because, like Branchfield and Bradford, he is concerned with the human condition and is an effective spokesman for both progress and compassion. The other three candidates are excellent, high-caliber men whom we respect and like sincerely. But a choice has to be made, and we have made ours on the basis of the brief criteria given above, coupled with a subjective and personal assessment of the men, all of whom we know.—E.A.

Halloween Season



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.

Candidate Choice
To the Editor: While reading the editorial by Eric Allen on his candidates' choice, I found this to be a most discriminating declaration of one man's opinion, trying to be rammed down the throat of us intelligent readers. He loudly sang the praises of William Singler and James Dunley but was most insulting about Fred Robinson. It is all right to have one's own opinion, but to try and force them on everyone else is unexcusable. Mr. Eric Allen you owe Mr. Robinson an immediate and public apology! Mrs. S. L. Teel 409 North Central ave. Medford.

Editor's note: It should be obvious that no one HAS to vote the way any editorial recommends. It should be equally obvious that an editor has an obligation to make recommendations as honestly as possible. We believe Fred Robinson is not qualified to serve as mayor, and said so, and why. It is up to the voters to decide.

Taxes Too High
To the Editor: A notice to taxpayers: Taxes are getting out of hand because we, the taxpayers, sit back and do nothing about outrageous taxes. I have ten acres of dry land on a county road with no improvements and no well. The 1960 taxes on this piece of land were \$33.96, in 1961 I paid \$42.70, and now I get my tax statement for the present year's taxes and they have jumped to \$78.70. This jump makes each acre of my land amount to \$7.87 per acre. Jesse James rode a horse and wore two guns.

We, the voters, elect a man for tax assessor and support him and his entire staff through taxation. We all know that no county, state or country can function without taxation, but if you take the last drop of blood we have you have killed the goose that laid the golden egg. I urge that each and every taxpayer that thinks their taxes are too high in this county to file a protest as I am going to do. W. L. Leonard 1000 Emigrant Creek rd. Ashland, Ore.

He Has Everything
To the Editor: I was interested, but not surprised, to learn from the Mail Tribune of Oct. 17 that my friend Frank Grimm is a candidate for the office of Councilman of Gold Hill. He is one of my favorite Oregonians. I endorse his candidacy. In the summer of 1961 my wife and I, together with our son Keith, then 11 years of age, moved to Central Point from New York. Turn from the only home he had ever known, separated by the width of a continent from every friend he had ever had, and withdrawn from the only school he had ever attended, Keith was a lonesome and homesick boy. The period was a delicate and critical one for him. Keith entered the sixth grade at Central Point and was assigned to Mr. Grimm's class. We soon realized that this assignment was a fortunate one for Keith. Mr. Grimm proved himself to be a well grounded, well rounded and highly competent teacher. Over and above the mere formal requirements of his profession, however, Mr. Grimm displayed a striking empathy with regard to Keith's special problem, interest in the solution of that problem, and capacity for helping to solve it. When Keith had been in

Sino-Indian Conflict Poses Special Problems for Both Russia and the U.S.

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
As the threat of a major conflict between India and Red China increases, the more interesting the position in which the Soviet Union finds itself. It creates a special problem for the United States. For the Soviets it is a choice between Red China, an ally, and India, whose huge population and

special place as a spokesman for the world's neutrals have made its friendship a top priority Russian goal. Soviet Premier Khrushchev clearly expressed his own attitude toward the dispute when in conversation with a western newsmen he described it as a "sad and stupid affair". Khrushchev has been reported reliably as having urged the Red Chinese to ease up on their present pressures against India and to have been told by the Chinese not only to mind his own affairs but to keep out of the way

of Chinese national interests. Since then, Soviet publications have been ostentatiously neutral. Not so neutral, and hotly protested by the Chinese, has been Khrushchev's action in supplying MIG jet fighters to the Indians. Winter cold and heavy snows already are closing in on the 2,500-mile Himalaya border line and ground action between now and spring must be limited. It does not, however, preclude air action and the Chinese are unconformably aware that they may soon be flying against MIG's supplied by their own supposed ally.

Just what is in Khrushchev's mind, or how much his actions spring from his well-publicized ideological differences with the Chinese, are matters which must be determined by future events. Indian Prime Minister Ja-

Washington Report

By William S. White
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DEMOCRATIC APATHY?
Washington - The campaign for Congress and for the most important series of state offices to be up in many years is coming down to a furious end with much noise and movement among the principals. But what of that seeming calm down among the submerged critical mass which is the voters? The thing is rather like an iceberg in one sense. What is truly significant is not the activity of the visible cap, but rather what is happening or not happening down in the great bulk below the water's line. "Apathy" is a word now being widely heard. And scattered reports suggest that generally it may not be an inapplicable word. If so, if that is actually going to be a quiet and ill-attended election, the safe prediction is that the Republicans, as generally the minority party in terms of registered members, should be the gainers over the Democrats.

These two widely separated examples have much significance. Texas and California are not only very big and important states politically. They also are far enough removed from each other, both geographically and in political interests, to suggest that these can hardly be isolated and unrelated situations. AN ANECDOTE of long ago illustrates the point. In October of 1948, as a traveling ear-to-the-ground observer in that campaign, this correspondent wound up a six-state spot check in Oklahoma. The present Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma asked what one's impressions had been in the other five states and was told that one thing, at least, stood out: the Republican farmers, angry at inaction by a Republican Congress on farm legislation, were apathetic to say the least about Thomas E. Dewey.

"Yes, I have found that in Oklahoma," Kerr replied, "and until now I had thought it possibly might be just some local situation. This report shows that a situation like that just doesn't stop at a state line. Put it down now that Harry Truman is going to win this election." And win it Truman did. Thus, if there really is Democratic apathy this time, it, too, will not halt at state lines. And if there really is this apathy, the Republicans will make heavy gains on election day, Nov. 6, not only in Congress but in state-wide offices.

HEAVY voting tends to favor Democrats; light voting to favor the Republicans—wherever Republican apathy is not so marked as Democratic apathy. And in this instance it appears that apathy is more a Democratic than a Republican problem. A new national Gallup Poll finds that Democratic interest is 19 per cent below what it was in 1958 and 14 per cent below what it was in 1954. Republican interest, on the other hand, though reported as 2 per cent below 1954, is at least at the same level as 1958.

Helpful to Hunters
To the Editor: Just a word of appreciation for the Forest Service of Bly, Ore. The storm of Oct. 12 left us isolated about eight miles from the main highway on a mountain road seldom used except by hunters. This road had been made impassable by a fallen tree in the late storm which blocked us in. We managed to get in touch with some hunters and got word to Bly of our predicament. The Forest Service at Bly sent a Jeep with two men and a power saw and soon opened the road. They sawed us a pile of wood and saw that we were comfortable. They also brought up to camp one of our deer which had been shot about two miles farther down the mountain the day before. Then they left, saying that they would return on Monday if possible to help us out to the highway, provided there were no other campers in need of there service. In the meantime, a party from Coos Bay came up past our camp to hunt deer. Mr. Church and his two sons, just back from Germany where they served in the U.S. Army, helped us to get packed up and out onto the main highway. Thanks for the cooperation of the Forest Service and these wonderful people in helping us get out to the main road. Ira D. Canfield 104 South Keeneway dr. Medford.

BEER AND PATRIOTISM
Maybe the pretty and curvaceous girl is passing out of the picture—the advertising picture that is. For decades now, she has adorned the ads for thousands of products, no matter how irrelevant her presence has been. We may be taking a new tack shortly in our advertising appeals—one just as irrelevant, but equally stirring to the emotions. "Patriotism" may become the leading motif in the advertising world. This theme was sounded a few weeks ago in Chicago, when the judge advocate general of the U. S. Navy, Rear Admiral Mott, addressed the 75th anniversary convention of the Master Brewers association. Admiral Mott told the assembled beer-makers that "from the Mayflower and Plymouth Rock, beer was an integral part of life in the colonies. When the Boston tea party was being planned, the patriots drank beer while preparing their act of protest against the (English) tyranny."

According to the news story, "Mott called on the brewing industry to take the lead in rallying the nation to the dangers of communism." Down with vodka—that notorious Russian drink; down with Scotch—a remnant of English tyranny; down with vermouth—a decadent product of France and Italy; up with beer—the beverage that made Bunker Hill possible! How, I wonder, will the brewing industry "take the lead" in rallying the nation to the dangers of communism? Red-white-and-blue bottles, perhaps. A picture of George Washington on every beer cap. A new opener designed for hand-to-hand combat against those subversive vodka drinkers.

THE EQUALLY respected California poll finds the Democratic Governor, Edmund (Pat) Brown, running three percentage points ahead of Richard Nixon in a cross-section of Californians eligible to vote, but it adds a far more vital statistic. It says that among those who are likely actually to vote, Brown and Nixon are in precise deadlock—and this in a state nominally Democratic on a 60-40 ratio. If there is not a good deal of Democratic apathy toward Brown, there must be a positive defection from him of considerable meaning.

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As a nation, we seem to be becoming slightly paranoid on the subject of patriotism. The anti-communism theme is injected into every speech, no matter what the occasion or the presumable subject. People seem to think that all they have to do is to be "against the reds" and they are automatically good Americans—no matter how bigoted, how greedy, how ignorant, how Christian they are in most of their feelings and attitudes. The most patriotic thing the brewers can do is to turn out the best beer they can make at the lowest price.

URGES AID TO INDIA
Washington - Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.) said Monday the United States should give aid to India if requested to help the Indians repel Chinese Red border attacks, Cooper, former ambassador to India, said he believed one purpose of the Chinese Communist action was "to upset India's economic progress" which was showing up failures in the Chinese economy.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop
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THE NEW BELLIGERENCE
Indianapolis - Out here, in the old mid-Western heartland of isolationism, the long strain and frequent frustrations of the cold war seem to have wrought an astonishing transformation. The old isolationist is seemingly being replaced by the new belligerence.

Cuba and the resulting neighborhood discussions—had focussed attention on the issue itself, and had thereby caused most people to make up their minds about it. Among our polices, only seven persons, or less than 10 per cent, admitted they did not know what should be done about Cuba.

That is the only conclusion you can draw, at any rate, from the fairly lurid results of two days of intensive door-to-door polling by Oliver Quayle of Louis Harris Associates and this reporter. The pattern was remarkably uniform, whether in the Republican, small town semi-suburbs of Columbus, Ind., or in Democratic, labor union neighborhoods here in Indianapolis.

THE REST had clear and frequently impassioned views on the subject. The old, peace-loving, inward-looking isolationist viewpoint was still represented, but only by a surprisingly small minority. Only 16 men and women, or just a hair more than one-fifth of our total sample, did not favor any form of military action to humble Fidel Castro, because they "did not want a war."

Indiana is a good place to test cold war responses, at the moment, for two reasons. Cuba is the central issue in the Senatorial campaign here. And it is particularly interesting to see the isolationist heartland responding to a Senate campaign of this character.

Finally, a slightly larger group of 27 persons said they were ready or even eager for more limited military action, in the form of a naval blockade of Cuba. These people plainly disliked the notion of a landing, with its attendant loss of life. Most of them conceived the blockade as a way of avoiding the need for an invasion. A common comment was: "It's the only way to prevent war"—"War" meaning here the use of ground troops for a landing.

Such are the figures. In terms of Indiana politics, they mean that Senator Capewhart has been helped by the Cuban issue, at least among the Indiana voters who know which side he has taken. He has severe handicaps. Judging by our polices, most Indians have little respect for Capewhart as a man; and there is a widespread feeling that he has fed too long at the public trough. But he seems likely to win re-election by a solid majority.

THIS, in itself, is a phenomenon worth weighing. Even a few months ago, no political observer in his senses would have imagined that any candidate of either party could meet with anything but disaster in Indiana by raising the cry of "send-the-boys-to-fight."

A less impressive phenomenon, but also worth weighing, is the way opinions divided among the people Quayle and this reporter talked with. Ours, unavowedly, was a small opinion sample, and being small, it cannot be relied on for absolute accuracy. Yet the answers showed such a consistent pattern, and the group taking the traditional isolationist view was so reduced, that our small sounding has real significance. Over two-thirds of our polices were ready for military action of some sort. That was the most striking point. Also striking was the link between the line-up in our sounding and the line-up in the nationwide Gallup poll on the same question. The inquiring doctor found a substantially smaller percentage than we did of those who favored armed invasion, and a comparable percentage favoring blockade. Over-all, he got a majority, though a smaller majority, favoring action of some sort.

Most of the people polled by Gallup, of course, were in states where the election had not brought the Cuban issue to the fore. If isolationist Indiana responds to active agitation of the issue as our sample seems to indicate, one must conclude that the Gallup findings show only the beginning of the story. And the circumstances of the case insure the story's continuation.



"You can call it 'voter apathy' if you like... I'd call it downright indifference..."