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L I had hesitated to come out here to California after watching all that carnage at the Cow Palace on my television set last month.

L But my friends at the Radiation Laboratory in Livermore told me the political fallout has blown away and it's even safe for a Tommy Kuchel Republican to set foot in California now.

But, You have to give Barry and his running mate credit-- they really started the campaign on a tone of dignity.

I understand a reporter asked Senator Goldwater if he planned to keep his campaign on a high level and Barry shot right back: "Absolutely, you can tell that phony faker in the White House I will never indulge in personalities."

His running mate Bill Miller added a note of grace by saying that "Barry is half-Protestant and half-Jewish and I'm Catholic and anyone who would oppose a ticket like that is a damned bigot."

At any rate, things are working out well for Bill Miller. He had planned to retire this year anyway and devote full time to his law practice.

I understand Barry's Boys have worked up a real dandy campaign slogan: "I'd rather be Far-Right than Pres President."

④ One characteristic of all Rep. Senatorial Candidates here on the coast - Wyo., montana, utah, wash., newmexico, calif. - they are all in the Radical-Extreme Right wing of the Republ. Party.

It's pretty difficult to figure out just what the Goldwater ~~gang~~ really wants now that they've won him the nomination. Even since San Francisco all we've had

and explanations. (All we know for sure is that the

Goldwater ~~gang~~ has kidnapped the Republican Party and

turned the Grand Old Party into "Goldwater's Own Party."

And in the process they've told the followers of Lincoln

~~and Earl Warren~~ and Teddy Roosevelt to "do it our way or find a new home."

Well, we Democrats have always been hospitable folks--

the welcome mat is always out.

But I can tell you now, in loud and clear terms that the Democratic Party won't hedge or hem and haw with

cute answers and delayed responses when asked if we would

accept the support of the Ku Klux Klan or the John Birch

Society or the Communist Party or any other gang of

extremists. We never have and we never will accept such

support.

Kidnaps
G.O.P.

K.K.K.

John
Birch

I don't want to get into any academic debate about semantics, but I submit that you don't have to be a language expert to know that there is a vast difference between ["]patriotism and ["]extremism, ~~or between wholehearted devotion and extremism.~~ And any political candidate who can't make that distinction isn't worthy of support, regardless of what office he is seeking.

L Really, there is only one central issue in this campaign and it's a very simple one: Which man is best equipped--intellectually and emotionally--to lead the Free World and maintain American security during the Cold War?

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issue

L Do we want a man who is an experienced leader...a man of prudence...a man of forbearance and patience who can be trusted to maintain a steady hand during a time of crisis?

Shoots From the Lip

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L Or do we want a man who shoots from the lip.....a man who reacts emotionally...a man who thinks that nearly every problem has a simple Bad Guys and Good Guys answer just like the horse operas we see on television?

L The American people know the difference between the make-believe world of the TV Western and the complex atomic world of today when a hasty, nervous decision by the President of the United States could ~~be a disaster~~ *spell disaster*.

L I am confident the American people will put their trust in Lyndon B. Johnson and give the Democratic Party an overwhelming victory this fall.

Future

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Our future as individuals and as a nation demands that we reject the notion that we can have pre-fabricated answers to our problems or that we can retreat to some nostalgic past--the good old days of McKinley and Harding.

There is no future in retreating into the past. Lovely as it may sound we can't make the poet's dream come true:

X { Backward, flow backward, O time in your flight.

X { Make me a child again, just for tonight.

However, I know the American people are nostalgic and sentimental. But they are also realistic. And they do not want child-like answers to our man-sized problems.

Even if we weren't presented with such a "clear choice"...even if we had the assurance that a vote for a Republican President would give us a responsible "echo" in international affairs...we Democrats would still have a magnificent opportunity to point out the broad differences between the Goldwaterites and the Democratic Party.

I have served in the Senate long enough to know that there is such a thing as a national consensus....that unless you can demonstrate that there is a national consensus in support of a major bill that piece of legislation doesn't stand a chance.

During the last four years there has been a national consensus--among both Democrats and Republicans--on four of the most important pieces of legislation enacted by the Kennedy-Johnson Administration.

There is a "Mainstream" in American life - But the Republican Candidate isn't even close to the Show Line

On all four of these major issues Barry Goldwater
not only from the Democrats but also
stood entirely apart from his own party.

--On civil rights four-fifths of the members
of his own party voted for equal opportunities for all
Americans. Barry Goldwater voted against.

*Civil
Rts*

--On the nuclear test ban treaty, three-fourths of the
members of his own party voted to ratify the treaty.

*Nuclear
Ban*

Barry Goldwater voted against.

--On the Trade Expansion Act, three-fourths of the
members of his own party voted for the bill.

Trade Exp

Barry Goldwater voted against.

--On taxes, two-thirds of the members of his own
party voted for a \$12 billion tax cut. Barry Goldwater
voted against.

*Tax
Red.*

I ask you -

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L How do you pin a label on a man who: (1) votes against a Bill that would secure constitutional rights for all Americans.

(2) votes against an opportunity to slow down the arms race and reduce nuclear fallout.

(3) votes against a bill designed to increase American trade overseas, and

(4) votes against the free enterprise system by voting against a tax cut?

Is it any wonder that Republicans like Tommy Kuchel, Nelson Rockefeller, Ken Keating and Jack Javits are all alone these days signing their own campaign song--"Down by the Old Mainstream?"

But now Barry Sany, he's changed - Book "where I stand" - or "where I stand" or "where I'll be - a serial with surprises in each chapter!

I wouldn't want to accuse anyone of being anti-prosperity.

But in many ways this is the implication of the critics who have been crying that Democrats are anti-business.

Let me cite a few facts. Remember these facts. Be proud of them. They constitute the record of progress and prosperity made by the Democratic Administration of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

--For the first time in 100 years an Administration has been in power for four years without a recession or an economic downturn. Quite the contrary, we are compiling a steady record of economic expansion.

--Our nation's Gross National Product--the value of all goods and services produced--has soared to an annual rate of \$617 billion. Four years ago, before we came to power, the GNP was at the \$500 billion level.

--New plant and business expansion this year will total \$44 billion--an all-time record and a 12 per cent increase over last year.

--The automobile industry will hit a new peak of 8 million new cars this year.

--We have added more than 4 million persons to the labor force in the last four years and employment is at an all-time high of more than 72 million.

--The unemployment rate is now showing its first downward trend in six years. For the first time in 4 years the rate dropped below 5% in July.

--Personal income has increased by 17 per cent--or more than \$70 billion--during the Kennedy-Johnson Administration.

--The average paycheck of factory workers has jumped from \$89 a week in January of 1961 when President Kennedy took office to nearly \$103 a week now.

--Price stability has been maintained with the wholesale price level remaining virtually unchanged in six years.

--Since early 1961 corporate profits, after taxes, have gone up 43 per cent to an all-time peak of \$27.4 billion.

--And this year corporate dividends have gone up 10 per cent over last year.

--All economic indicators are up and experts forecast that the economy will continue in a healthy growth condition.

Prosperity

- We Stand on
our Record

1st time in 100 years - when 4 yrs w. that recession,
Despite all this overwhelming evidence I suppose we

Democrats can still expect to hear our ~~unthinking~~ critics
cry about "creeping socialism."

Well, I have a better name for our outstanding record of
prosperity--I call it "leaping capitalism."

Capitalism

We Democrats can be proud of the record we have made
during the four years of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B.
Johnson. ~~But we must not fall into the smug attitude~~
But,
~~of self-congratulation.~~ We cannot afford to pause or
rest.

Hard
fight

We have made a beginning. We have responded to the
command so nobly set forth by President Kennedy--"Let us
begin." Now we must go forward and carry out the command
of another great President--Lyndon Johnson--who said "Let
us continue."

Beginning
Continue

We would do well to remember the words of the Robert Frost poem that John F. Kennedy always like to quote--

"...but I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep."

We have many unfinished tasks before us. We are living at a time when the most vital force in the world is the unbelievably accelerated pace of scientific advance and technological progress.

These forces have brought profound changes in the way we live. They have provided enormous benefits. But they also have brought the most vexing and challenging of problems.

Whether these forces will be a boon to mankind or the instrument of our destruction will be determined by us-- by our wisdom, by our judgment and our patience.

L The Goldwaterites see science and technology mainly as the vehicle for developing new instruments for waging war in a world already armed with weapons so fearful that their use could mean disaster for the human race.

L The heavy emphasis in the Republican platform is on the use of science and technology to create new weapons of war, rather than new instruments of peace.

L And this platform is the reflection of the attitude of the Republican candidate himself--an attitude that has been described as "looking at the world through a rose-colored bombsight."

Great Society

L Our job is to harness the immense exploding knowledge of our scientific age and convert it into a mighty force of good for all mankind. This imposes on us a heavy responsibility, but we can all take heart in the words of John Kennedy in his stirring Inaugural Address--
"I do not shrink from this responsibility--I welcome it."

and This is our Democratic credo. We do not shrink from responsibility. We do not run from problems. We look on them as opportunities.

OPPORTUNITIES

During the ~~next~~ ^{coming} few years we will face staggering challenges. But we can make them opportunities to bring peace, progress and prosperity to all our people.

--We have the opportunity to bring permanent peace to the world.

--We have the opportunity to banish hunger throughout the world.

--We have the opportunity to make America the land of full citizenship for all our people.

--We have the opportunity to make machines the servants and not the masters of men.

--We have the opportunity to create new jobs and give full economic development to a nation that is growing at the rate of 3 million persons a year and that by 1980 will be a land of 250 million people.

↳ --We have the opportunity to make our cities ~~cities~~ *Better* places in which to live.

↳ --We have the opportunity in America to destroy poverty.
As President Johnson said, "The richest nation in the world can afford to win the War Against Poverty--we cannot afford to lose it."

↳ --We have the opportunity to give security and
dignity to our elderly. This is not merely an opportunity;
it is a moral obligation.

↳ --We have the opportunity to improve and expand our
educational system so we can train and prepare our youth
to live in this age of scientific revolution.

These are the opportunities and the goals President
Johnson speaks of when he says we must build a Great Society.

These are the goals of the Democratic Party--a Better
America where there is opportunity for the young, security
for the elderly, compassion for the afflicted and peace
for all mankind.

↳ We have the opportunity to Banish Hunger,
conquer disease to the world
We have the opportunity to bring Permanental
peace to the world.
U. N. Security - Peace.



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