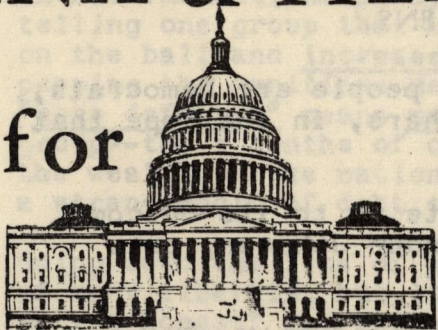


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## PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS "SHY"? REFUSE TO STATE POSITIONS ON ISSUES OF THE DAY

A year ago this NEWSLETTER sent a questionnaire to all leading aspirants for the Democratic Presidential nomination, requesting their views on the most pressing issues of the day and to state their positions at an early date, in order to afford the people an opportunity of knowing "whom from among you they will want as their first choice".

But, strange enough, it turned out that there were no politicians who wanted to be President, and to our surprise we discovered that the big talk about these gentlemen "angling" for the Presidency, was only "rumors".

However where there's smoke (rumors) there must be fire and when a politician says "I am not a candidate", watch out, because he may be just hiding behind a "political corkscrew" and being "cagey" he will always leave an opening wedge by ending this well worked cliché with that most valuable conjunction "...but". For instance, "I am not a candidate ...but", usually followed by "...if the people (meaning ofcourse, the political bosses) demand it, I will not shirk the responsibility". And so it goes, "No but", "yes but", "maybe but", ... well politicians will be politicians.

### GENERAL HOLDRIDGE ANNOUNCES INTENTIONS TO RUN AS PEACE CANDIDATE

With the year 1959 coming to a close and none of the "rumored" political hopefuls declaring their candidacy, into the political arena steps a retired Brigadier General ... Herbert C. Holdridge ... declaring his candidacy and projecting a Program so vast and striking in its ramifications as to stir the imagination. His Program goes far beyond anything ever conceived before and more than answers the questions posed to the "rumored" political hopefuls.

Since the politicos have all declared they are "not candidates", naturally that leaves them an "out" in regards to answering important questions which affect the world and the future course of history. However, to keep the record straight, it is only fair to state that some of the "rumored" hopefuls "were not home" when the letter arrived--bearing the questions--and so not being home, how could they answer the questions?

Ofcourse we understand that most of the questions were "loaded" and had their share of "curves", and naturally politicians being politicians, they just don't answer "loaded" questions ... as for the "curves", well if they can "hide behind political corkscrews", it should not be hard for them to hide behind the curves.

The questions posed to them were: in effect

IN this critical period of history when man must choose between ending war for all times or destroy himself in atomic war, do you favor WORLDWIDE DISARMAMENT as the safest, the sanest and best method of preserving world peace ... thru a reconstituted, strong and just UNITED NATIONS, comprising all of the nations of the world? Since there were "no candidates", there were no answers ... excepting ofcourse GENERAL HOLDRIDGE, who definately and vigorously favors this.

*Space does not permit other questions. Issues will be found on following pages*

## RANK & FILERS for DEMOCRACY

### AN APPEAL TO DEMOCRATS AND ALL CITIZENS

Fellow Democrats and Citizens:

Since most of the common people are Democrats, this message is addressed especially to you, and to others, in the hope that they too will soon join you as registered Democrats.

We all await the convention in Los Angeles and speculate as to its outcome. How happy will we be, if out of the jackpot comes a Lynden Johnson, or a Symington, or Kennedy or Humphrey?

All thinking people know that it would be a major calamity for the Democratic Party, for the United States and the world if the above named gentlemen were nominated at the convention ... with the possible exception of Humphrey.

It would mean the continuation and perpetuation of the Truman-Dulles cold war policy; increased taxation and living costs and the squandering of our resources and manpower down the rat-hole of armaments production, away from the goals and prospects of world peace and disarmament just ahead, which we can have if wisdom will prevail at the convention and a peace minded candidate is nominated.

With the Republicans and even Nixon finally realizing the futility of atomic war, and now seeking understandings with the Russians for disarmament, it would be folly for the Democrats to nominate "get tough" candidates who keep calling for "more defenses"--more armaments--and the result would surely be the demise of the Democratic Party.

LYNDEN JOHNSON, the main Democratic? spokesman for the big Republican oil and money interests, with the able assistance of his counterpart in the House, "Mr Sam" and the rest of the Dixiecrats, has scuttled every good measure ever brought up in Congress by decent Democrats and has degraded the Democratic Party to such an extent, as to make it the target for even the Republicans to harpoon at.

He has been at work for months rounding up the party "bosses" throughout the country, and with the aid of his pal "little" Harry Truman has succeeded in in herding quite a few into his vest pocket.

The third angle of this triumvir is another Missouri "comprimise", Stu Symington, who has the cold war "jitters" so bad as to proclaim that "the Russian economic threat is worse than war": (would his alternative be war?). If he has his way we surely would be steeped still further in missiles, taxation, debt and inflation up to our ears.

Then there is the fairhaired "boy" from Boston who wants to be President; John Kennedy, the "dream" of the bobby-soxers" and favorite Democrat of the Republicans and Dixiecrats.. (who are welcome to have and to hold him.) According to Drew Pearson this "boy" wonder never once opposed his friend McCarthy in the Senate when McCarthyism was in its stride; going hog wild and running roughshod over innocent people throughout the nation.

As a matter of fact, his multi-millionaire father's house was a rendezvous for meetings of the McCarthy clique, in which Cardinal Spellman (and without doubt Cardinal Cushing) officiated with their blessings ... thus aligning the Catholic hierarchy in league with the most reactionary war minded elements in the nation: certainly having nothing in common with the ethical and moral teachings of the founder of our era, whose greatest message to mankind was "peace on earth, goodwill to men", thru the "beating of swords into plowshares and learning war no more."

To sweeten the jackpot still further for the munitions lobby, our very un-Christian Catholic "boy" wonder even goes to the extent of declaring "Berlin is worth an atomic war" ... little realizing what such a war would mean to our people and to the peoples of the world; with hundreds of millions dead, untold horror, suffering and sorrow; destruction and devastation everywhere, and possibly the obliteration of mankind from our planet earth. IS THERE A GOOD DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN WHO WANTS SUCH A PRESIDENT?

HUMPHREY, an able double-talker is much the superior to the above named "bunch" Quite shifty, if he thought he could be elected President by being friendly with the Russians he would be in Moscow every weekend; and quite the opposite is also true. With great powers of leadership, he forgets that he is in a position of giving positive leadership and that it is his job to give leadership, instead of waiting for it to come to him. Likewise he forgets that being a public servant means working in the best interests of the people and leaving it at that. Since humanity has a way of rewarding its good servants, the rest would take care of itself.

Every honest man knows that peace and disarmament is to the best interests of the people and of all mankind; yet as Chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Disarmament, Humphrey straddles the fence; double-talks his way around, telling one group that he's for disarmament, and another that "we must get on the ball and increase our defenses" ... which is only another way of appeasing the munitions merchants and bankers--who profit from armaments--since "more defenses" means more armaments and more profits to the small Wall Street group--the 6 tenths of one per cent of the people who own and control 84% of the wealth of the nation (according to Senator Richard Richards), and who have a stranglehold of debt on our people of over \$1,000 billion.

Going down the line of prospective hopefuls, Wayne Morse would be the choice of many liberals, but it has been said that "he has'tent a chance, because he is too honest" and because of that he is the most unpopular man in the Senate, who "could'nt get a Resolution passed in Congress commemorating mothers on Mothers' Day."

And so it goes, the political bosses do not want honest men in top positions whom they cannot control, but how about the people? What do we want? Do we, or dont we want an honest man for President? Certainly we dont want a stooge of the oil, munitions and banking interests who will continue to tax the hell out of us, keep our children in perpetual bondage and humanity in the peril of atomic war.

Mention has also been made of Walter Reuther as a possible Democratic candidate. As a foremost labor leader in the country and also of the CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC PROGRESS--an organization with a very fine program--the opportunity has been wide open for a candidate from Labor to open an entering wedge into the political arena, but it seems that Walter is too timid, too shy and too reluctant to make the sacrifice and grasp out at the opportunity of projecting a fight for political leadership which could carry the tremendous weight of labor behind it; uniting labor politically and making it the dominate political force in the nation ... such as the British labor movement has done.

Would he but strike out with the program of the CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC PROGRESS, surely he could open up a sizable dent in the political structure of our country. The Program calls for: FULL EMPLOYMENT; a national economy of \$600 billion annually; an annual increase of \$104 billion in wages and salaries; \$33 billion increased incomes for small business & professional workers; annual increased income to farmers of \$10.5; annual increased income of \$2,000 per family in consumer buying power; and for doubling the Social Security.

But since Walter prefers to play "footsie", "hard-to-get" and delves only in "behind-the-scenes" politics, refusing to give labor the political leadership it is entitled to, thus forcing labor into the background politically, while its opponents run roughshod passing anti-labor laws in Congress ... well, as they say, "he who hesitates is lost", and so is the political power of labor ... dormant, divided and decaying; with 45 million of our people--mostly workers--NOT VOTING: enough to elect any man to any office in the land, and to throw out all of its enemies from office.

Others in the Presidential line-up who probably would guide us on a trend of world peace and back to the Roosevelt course and sanity, would be Adlai Stevenson or Pat Brown. If nominated, these men would hold out hope for the Democratic Party, for the United States and the world.

However, going back to the Roosevelt days is not enough, and in the absence of a prominent Democratic candidate bearing a real advanced people's program in keeping with our modern atomic age, which the people rightly deserve, it is imperative that such a candidate with such a program be found and placed on the California Presidential Primary ballot, and if possible in other states with Presidential primaries ... to determine to what extent the people are ready to accept and support such a standard bearer.

Rising out of the horizon like the sunshine of a new day emerges such a candidate, bearing a dynamic program and offering a unique type of leadership which eclipses all others. Unannounced, unheralded and "blacked-out" by the controlled news media, this dynamic figure boldly proclaims a program for the people unheard of before. Like a modern Moses, ready and willing to lead the people out of the vortex of their self-imposed wilderness, this great leader General Herbert C. Holdridge (Retired) offers a program fitting for our modern times, which mankind must either accept or be out of tune with the universal process and remain on the "brink" of banishment and disaster.

The Program calls for: TOTAL DISARMAMENT AND WORLD PEACE; non-interference in the internal affairs of foreign nations; return of all our troops to the United States and progressive demobilization of all but a police force; a new Department with a Secretary of Peace; admission of all the nations of the world into the United Nations Organization and make it the force of peace and good for which it was intended; free trade with all the nations of the world; elimination of "big money" as a controlling factor in our society; punishment for those making war-like provocations or war talk; replace "private" (profits) enterprise with public (cooperative) enterprise; restoration of the Federal Reserve Bank--which is now a private corporation--back to the public domain;

gradual elimination of taxes; total employment; total security; National Health Insurance; housing; schools, recreational centers & high standard pay for teachers; water & soil conservation; safe highways; lower the retirement age to 55, with full retirement incomes; incomes for youth studying and training for future occupation; government of, by and for the people to promote the general welfare; economic emancipation out of which would come spiritual and intellectual emancipation.

Although well known to many throughout the country, General Holdridge is still unknown to the great mass of the American people. He is as fearless a fighter for truth and justice, and the rights of man as has ever appeared on the American political scene. He is now offering his services and a new type of dynamic leadership which many of our more intelligent and honest people are clamoring for. At present, his may be a "voice in the wilderness", but given time and the opportunity--with the help of the rank and file of the people--his voice will be as thunder crashing against the walls of evil and corruption, behind which operates the invisible government, selfish and arrogant, issuing orders to its secondary "branch" of rubber-stamp puppets in Washington to continue their mis-management of the people's affairs.

A year ago no one imagined that Castro--with his small band--would suddenly descend from his mountain hideout a few days hence to be acclaimed a conquering hero and liberator of his people from the clutches of the monetary dictatorship, after a bloodless revolution.

With disgust, dissatisfaction and resentment mounting everywhere at the ever-rising taxes and living costs, due mainly to corruption, incompetency and disintrigation of our political leadership in their failure to promote the general welfare, there are signs that an upsurge of the people--long overdue--is now imminent, and just as suddenly a Castro type bloodless revolution (of the ballot box) may engulf the entire country; overthrowing incompetent politicians who fail in their responsibility of making government of, by and for the people, WORK FOR THE PEOPLE ... replacing them with honest, intelligent and courageous men who will usher in new methods and ideas of freedom and democracy--political, economic, social and spiritual, which our modern age of atomic power and industrial automation demands.

The opportunity is now at hand; the way is wide open for everyone to join in this revolution of the ballot box; the coming elections will offer a test to determine whether the people are ready to work and fight for their rights and their own interests, or whether they shall be satisfied with the status quo and remain bogged down on the sidelines like lambs, awaiting to be "clipped" by big business and their hirelings who now pervade the entire country.

Therefore, this is an appeal! an urgent call to the intelligent, the progressive and the altruistic to come forward and offer their leadership to others, in this crusade of crusades for world peace, for liberty and justice and to avert the impending doom which is sure to come if we remain apathetic, complacent and divided and continue to grope in the dark, blindly following the blind leadership of the hireling politicians and "minor-bird" commentators who now run rampant and unbridled throughout the country.

Now is the time to come forward and be counted: tomorrow may be too late. Let us show the politicians that the rank and file can develop their own leaders. Be a rank and file leader and worker in your own community and help carry the banner for a democratic people's Program. Register Democrat and be ready to support Holdridge in the Democratic Presidential Primaries and at the National Democratic Convention in Los Angeles next summer. Everybody converge on Los Angeles WITH A RESOUNDING VOICE FOR DEMOCRACY AND WORLD PEACE. Let the politicians know that you are coming.

Volunteers are needed at once who are willing to serve as Delegates and Alternates, and also to help solicit the several thousand signatures required to put the Delegation on the ballot.

Since we cannot appeal to the Wall Street bankers or the oil millionaires (Pauley) for funds to carry out this people's crusade, we must appeal to the rank and file of the people themselves. So be generous, give now so that later you and your children may enjoy the benefits of man's ever-advancing progress and genius. The alternative may be having to give up your very lives in atomic war, if we allow the incompetents to continue in office.

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