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Governor, in your radio talk yesterday, you made a large number of complete falsehoods. I spent no time in Communist China; I wrote no article for the New Masses; the literature, unsigned + unidentified, sent out by Missions Co. Republican headquarters was scurrilous, derogatory, + false — + you know it; + the only repeat only organization I have ever permitted to use my name, since I've been Montana's Congressman — has been The Committee for a Fair Trial for General Mikhailovich. Tell the people of Montana the truth, Governor, because that all that counts.

I want the children - the younger generation - who are listening in and who are following this political campaign - to know and appreciate the type of government we have. This they cannot do if mudslinging and name calling continues. What can be their reaction today to such tactics? What will their actions tomorrow be as a result?

These kids can't vote but they can think. I want them to know that I am their Congressman as well as yours and that everything I do is in their behalf. I want their respect and courage; I want to see them grow up as good citizens; I want them to be proud of the representatives in the Congress of the United States.

My only obligation is to the people and my only responsibility is to them. I know if you reelect me, that you will want me to exercise my own best judgment on all legislative matters. You may be absolutely certain that I will, if returned to Washington, continue to do my own thinking and that my decisions will, as always, be based not on the desires or wishes of any group, organization, corporation or individual--no matter who they or it may be -- but on whether in my own mind, after serious consideration, it is right or wrong.

I would like to continue to be your Congressman; to carry on the battle for Montana's development; to fight for our state and country on the home front as I did on the battle front; to be a doer and not a promiser, and to do all in my power to help end war and achieve a permanent peace.

It is up to you, all of you, to decide soon on my stewardship as your Congressman for the past four years. As to whether I have acted rightly or wrongly, I must leave the decision up to you whom

I represent. You have the duty and the power to determine, as you soon must do, whether in my votes on issues before the Congress, I speak for you and by your authority. If you approve of what I have done I will be deeply appreciative for your continued support.

Tonight, I want once again to pledge my full support to my state and my country. I owe allegiance to one country, and one country only-- the United States of America. I believe in one form of government and one form of government only-- and that is the democracy under which we live.

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You are entitled to know my full record as your representative and you are entitled to know my background --- and my opponent's too. He has not told you what he stands for nor has he mentioned his background. What he stands for I do not know except that he hates my guts and believes in the Big Lie.

As far as our backgrounds are concerned I do not need to tell you that I was raised in Great Falls, worked in the smelter there and in the mines of Butte, and that I served in the Navy during the First War at the age of 14 and later in the Army and Marine Corps as an enlisted man. You all know that and also that I taught at our University for ten years.

But, what do you know of my opponent's background? Why doesn't he spell it out for you? He came from Ohio to Montana in 1939 and, excluding his war service as an officer in the Navy, he has been in Montana eight years. What does he know of our state's and our people's problems? What has he said in this campaign that indicates he is interested in us, our future, and the development of our state? Is he afraid to give credit where credit is due for Hungry Horse, Canyon Ferry, the Anaconda Lines, Libby Dam, REA's, new industries in the Butte-Anaconda and Hungry Horse areas, and the other things we have all done, together, to build Montana?

No, Montana and its people is not worth mentioning by this carpet-bagger. Peace, to him, is only worth mentioning to the extent that he says in his book -- his Report -- that "the United Nations could not prevent a Third World War". I do not subscribe to this defeatist attitude about World Peace because I will never let up in my efforts to achieve it. Neither do I subscribe to his defeatist attitude about the United Nations

because to me it is man's best -- and perhaps last hope for peace. I will fight to keep it going, to strengthen it, to argue in it because I believe that lives of our people are the most important resource we have.

Neither do I subscribe to his apathy -- he has said nothing -- about maintaining our security. What does he stand for in preparedness? He hasn't said a word. Oh yes, he said I did not vote for preparedness measures before the Korean War but he can't prove it and the Record will bear me out.

What does he really stand for? I can only go on what appears in the papers and in his speech to the Republican State Convention last August -- a speech which I understand has received wide distribution over the District. He stands for:

1. "River Valley integration" (He says I do, too).
2. "Winning the War" (Every American does).
3. "Establish Peace" (Every American does).
4. "Defend our American Freedoms forever" (What freedoms have we lost?)

and, most important for him

5. "Switch from Mike"

My opponent and I are evidently in full agreement on river valley integration, winning the war, establishing peace (though he says it can't be done), and defending our American freedoms. We are in disagreement, though, on the switch from Mike but then that is something that neither he nor

I can decide. The decision rests with the people of Montana who will have to decide on November 7 whether I have performed my duties as their representative honestly, capably, and as they would want me to. I lay my 8 years record - and I'm proud of it - before the people to whom I'm responsible and I ask them, on the basis of my stewardship not to "switch from Mike" but to "Vote right, Vote Mike".

Governor, you are quoted as saying in Libby that I am claiming credit for relieving the housing shortage at our educational institutions. Why, I've never mentioned the subject in any of my talks, but, as long as you have brought it up, I would like to say a few words about the moving of houses from Government war projects to Montana for use by our veterans in our educational institutions and some of our towns. As of this date, Montana has been allocated 2,735 units of all types and of this number approximately 1,900 are in use in the Western Montana Congressional District. While we could use more houses for our veterans who want to get an education under the G.I. Bill it appears that there are no more to be moved. Under the circumstances we have done the best possible job to take care of our veterans attending Montana University, Carroll College, Montana State College and the School of Mines.

In presenting my views on these and other problems, I have told you the truth as I know it and see it. My purpose in my years in Congress has been to look after the interests of my district, my state, and my country. No matter affecting my district has been ignored; no matter affecting my state has been slighted and my country's interests have received my undivided attention at all times. I cannot promise you quick or easy solutions to our problems. I do not know what "smart politics" is but I do know that the people can't be fooled by talk alone. The times call for legislators who will seek to find out, as honestly and as faithfully as possible, what he thinks is in the national welfare and support it. This is not the time for legislators to find out, as shrewdly and as expediently as possible, what he thinks is in his own political welfare, and support that view. A man's integrity -- be it in politics, the mines, or the classroom--



is his greatest asset.

I am no different from you. I am fortunate that you have seen fit to honor me by electing me as your representative by majorities of 14,000 in 1942 and 35,000 in 1944. I have had your fears, your anxieties and your hopes. I have tried to represent not one group, but all of you. Some of you, I know have disagreed with me on some questions but as I respect your opinions as honest and sincere, so do I hope you will respect mine.

The privilege of serving as your Congressman has been a satisfaction greater than I have ever enjoyed in my life. I feel that the confidence of people in their representatives whom they have freely chosen, is in itself the greatest reward -- and cannot be measured by any material standards.

That confidence, on your part, demands that I give to my job my heart, my mind, and all my talents. You have given to me the greatest of all possible rewards -- your trust and confidence in my ability to protect the liberties of the people and to fulfill your hopes and to make democracy live.

While there are differences of opinion among us there can be no differences of interest. We have one interest: the fulfillment of America's destiny both at home and in a sorely troubled world.

To look out for our country's welfare and future is going to take everything that all of us can offer and while no one ~~REM~~ is always right and no one is always wrong, there is a combination of opinions and views which can and must be fused together so that out of whatever talents and abilities we as a people possess, we can once again look forward to a peaceful and secure future. We need the unity which comes not from force, but from fellowship. The differences between us Americans are far less important than the interests we have in common. The things which should bind us

together in love and friendship are stronger than the forces which separate and divide. We cannot be good citizens unless we are, first of all, devoted to and believe in our country and its form of government.

We want to see opportunity given to all -- not just the few. We do not believe in demagogues or tyrants, but we do believe in treating men as equals and as brothers. We believe, not in ~~the~~ the fiery cross of bigotry, intolerance and prejudice, but rather in the shining cross of love and understanding which since Calvary has been to all the world the symbol of the brotherhood of man.

I believe with my whole heart and soul in a people's peace-- a real peace which will bring comfort, security and hope to all people the world over. To accomplish this, we -- and the world-- need a spiritual awakening. Everytime one repeats the Lord's Prayer we should keep in mind that "Our Father" refers to the father of all people of the world's races and tongues. And "Thy Kingdom Come" expresses the desire for the coming of God's reign of peace, harmony, justice, kindness and world order. And "Thy Will be Done" means God's will and not that of individuals. The people of the world want practical steps taken toward the realization of "On Earth Peace, Good will Toward Men."

I can only repeat, in conclusion, one of the finest prayers I know in stating with Lincoln that: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish ~~the~~ the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and for his orphan--to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations".

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My fellow Montanans:

This is my last radio talk in this campaign. At this time I want to thank all of you who have been so decent and friendly over the years and I also want to thank those of you who have campaigned against me cleanly -- for the consideration shown. ✓

During this campaign, issues have been avoided by my opponent, smoke-screens have been set up, and emotions have been aroused. There are many legitimate issues to discuss; many questions to ask; many problems to solve. Personally, I do not know all the answers to all our needs but I do know that I have attended to your business to the best of my ability. ✓

On Monday night last, I asked my opponent, Colonel Rankin, a number of questions. I pointed out he had lived in Montana only 6 years; that during his time in our state he had been employed only by the state and federal government and was therefore a bureaucrat himself, and I asked him, among other things, to name one project that Montana should have received and did not and to specify one instance where I fell down on the job as your representative. I'm still waiting for his answers. ✓

His latest advertisement says I constantly voted against reducing any government expense by curtailing the activities of any government bureau? Colonel read my first radio talk over again and you will see -- on the record -- that you are mistaken. You also say in yesterday's papers, that you will cut our income taxes 20% right now. This is pure demagoguery. Then you say in today's papers that you are against Un-American and fellow travelers in government. So am I and so is every decent American, because, as we all know, there is only room in

this country for people who believe in the American democratic way of life. I believe that no man can make truck with Communism and still be true to the tradition, the ideals and the spiritual heritage of America. Now, Colonel Rankin, you have combined forces with Governor Ford and the State Republican Central Committee and you come out and try to link me with the P. A. C. and you bring out what you allege is my voting record and you use Marcantonio and DeLacy to drive home your attack. In this morning's Missoulian there is a 1/4 page ad saying that I was indorsed by Moscow on October 20th, by the P. A. C. on October 25th. What kind of people do you think we Montanans are? Do you think we are going to believe the propoganda you "planned that way"? Didn't you hear me say last Thursday that the P.A.C. had never told me they endorsed me -- if they did -- and that I was allied with no organization either inside or outside of Montana. Don't you know that I have not asked any group anywhere for their endorsement? Don't you know that the only group endorsement I want or ever work for is the approval of the people of Montana? That's all that counts with me.

My combined opponents then give you what they call my voting record. They list 3 votes out of 40 which they do not name. They say I voted against the Un-American committee of Congressman John Rankin of Mississippi. I did and here's why. In  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years neither the Dies or the Rankin Committee has offered one piece of remedial legislation to deal with subversive elements and activities which I think must be done; in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years, the Rankin committee has held hearings and made announcements and that's all. Two years ago Kurt Eisler, who Louis \_\_\_\_\_ of the faculty of Notre Dame said is the leading communist in this country was heard by this committee and set free. When I raised

the question on the floor of the House if the Rankin Committee would investigate the Ku Klux Klan, the answer was "I do not know." And on May 29, 1946, the Rankin Committee, by a vote of 5 to 1 voted not to investigate activities of the K. K. K. Why not? I think this committee should investigate all angles of Un-Americanism including communism, fascism and the K.K.K.

Personally, I have absolutely no use for an American communist or a fellow-traveler because I'm perfectly satisfied with our system and feel strongly that those who are in favor of any foreign ideology should be investigated and that laws should be passed to curb them once and for all.

About the UNRRA Free Press Amendment, I voted against it because had it passed, it would have prevented one ounce of food going to the starving people abroad and that meant to Italy, Poland, Greece, France and elsewhere to which we sent food during a time of great need. If that amendment had passed, millions of people would have starved. It would have been an inhuman vote for anyone to make.

About the Hobbs Bill, I am a firm believer in states rights, and I think the place to handle disputes of this kind is in the states - including Montana, - which has laws on its statute books to adequately take care of and punish matters of this sort.

Now, Governor, Colonel, and the Republican State Central Committee, I want to ask why you didn't list the 18 measures which you said I voted for which appeared in the New Republic of May 8, 1944? The people should be fully informed and here they are:

Reciprocal Trade Agreement-----passed 342 - 65  
The Fullnight Resolution -----passed 360 - 29

UNRRA-----	passed	338-54
More money for R.E.A.-----	lost	167-193
Sustaining Roosevelt's tax veto-----	lost	299-95
Anti-Poll Tax Bill-----	passed	265-110
Soldier's Vote Bill-----	lost	168-224
Limiting Policy makers on price orders -----	lost	188-144

Then there were votes on liquidating HOLC, more money for soil conservation, incentive payments on certain crops, the Disney resolution, Reciprocal trade, etc.

What about the 10 measures listed in the New Republic for February 11, 1946 and carried in the Missoulian. What do they cover? Here they are: Reciprocal Trade, May-Arends Rule, Hobbs Bill, Full Employment, Farm Labor Deferment, Price Control, Rankin Committee, Poll Tax and UNRRA free press amendment.

Those are the issues listed in the New Republic and certainly they are issues as American as "ham and eggs." Incidentally, I had quite a time getting copies of the New Republic to check the X's in the Governor's and my opponent's advertisement, but when I did, I was surprised to note that this magazine was distinctly friendly to such Senators as Morse of Oregon, Aikin of Vermont and Governor Stassen of Minnesota.

The ad further states that I said on Monday, last, "in the event of another war - which God forbid - Canada would be the Belgium and the Pacific Northwest the primary target area". Of course, I said that but I do not want to take all the credit, so I'll repeat what I said then: "Surely, my opponent recalls what both Generals Spattz and Kenny of the Air Forces have said ----and what I've been preaching for years --- to the effect that in the event of another war Canada would be the Belgium and the Pacific Northwest the primary target area. Surely he knows that in my opinion -- and I've stated it repeatedly -- the Air base at Great Falls is the most important one in the U.S. Surely he

who has had to carry the load when the going was really hard. I refer to Harry Kelley of Kalispell, and I read as follows:

Dear Mike:

I want to answer a question asked by Governor Ford in his talk here this week. He referred to a statement made in a Mansfield advertisement in a local paper which he quoted as saying "Mike Mansfield is the father of Hungry Horse Dam." He continued "I wonder how Hungry Horse Harry Kelley, who carried on the fight for years, will feel about that."

In the first place the advertisement was misquoted. Here is what it actually said, speaking of Mike Mansfield: "Father of the Hungry Horse Dam Bill and Bill authorizing building of power line to the damsite". I want to say that I was personally responsible for that statement and did not consult you on the matter, as I knew it was true. If it was not for these two measures we could not have started Hungry Horse dam and we know this is also true.

While on the subject, I might add that Al Winkler, who is opposing your reelection, was not always for Hungry Horse dam. It took him sometime to decide, which side to take a few years ago, when the fate of the project was in the balance.

I joined the Citizens Committee here when Mr. Winkler organized it, but after the first year I and a number of others became convinced that Al Winkler was using it as a political stepping stone and for that reason have had nothing to do with it since.

Sincerely,

H. J. Kelley."

I do not make campaign speeches but I do make speeches during campaigns and I always tell you the truth as I see it.

I've paid my own way; I've made my own way; I have no club working for me; no anonymous people talking for me; no unsigned literature going out for me. As your Congressman, I can and will do my own talking and my own thinking. I am under no obligation to no individual, corporation or organization either inside or outside Montana and everything I've done since I've been your representative in the Congress of the United States has been my responsibility ----- and mine alone.

My entire records and my personal background has been placed before you because everything I've done has been aboveboard and for all to see. My record -- while not perfect-- is good and I'm proud of it. My background has been brought to your attention thru cards, which I've tried to get to every person in the district and my platform has been put down, on those same cards in black and white so you will know just where I stand.

My opponent has had some statements made about his background, which I think should be cleared up because it is my belief that you should know your candidates, in other words Colonel, here is one G.I., who is going to lay it on the line. In the Montana Standard of Sept. 14, 1946, the Butte Post of Sept. 13, 1946, he gave a story to those newspapers in which it was stated: "He has live in Montana twenty (20) years. He was a graduate from the Flathead County High School at Kalispell"/ As a matter of fact he has not lived in Montana twenty (20) years nor is he a graduate of Flathead County High School at Kalispell as the newspaper claimed.



From 1924 to 1927 he was a student at Case University in Cleveland, Ohio -- his home state, and according to his literature a graduate of that school in 1929. From 1933 to 1934, he was a student at the University of Washington. He came to Montana as a CCC Foreman at Glacier Park on May 6, 1935, was transferred in the same capacity on Nov. 11, 1935, to Beaver Creek State Park at Havre; and on Feb. 1, 1937, he was promoted to Project Superintendent and transferred to the Morrison Cave. He was furloughed for Military duty on Sept. 15, 1941, made a good war record and returned to Montana several months ago. In the first part of July 1946, he was one of a number of Montanans who was offered a regular army commission with the rank of captain. This, he has apparently declined.

My opponent may have been in Montana prior to 1935 but, if he was, it was for such a short period that he would have to be classed as a transient because he certainly was not a voting resident of our state. My opponent has made a great deal about cutting taxes 20%, but he doesn't tell you how. Neither does he tell you how he will balance the budget and reduce our debt at the same time.

Personally I cannot laugh off our debt because I believe it has to be paid if our currency is to remain sound. You cannot reduce taxes 20% and still balance the budget. I would like to ask my opponent if he would, as the rest of the Republicans did not, vote to reduce the expenditures by voting against the following appropriations:

- \$ 18,500,000,000 for national defense.
- 2,100,000,000 for terminal leave pay for enlisted men
- 100,000,000 increased soldier's pay
- 1,800,000,000 added to the Veteran's Administration.

No, my opponent probably would have voted for all these appropriations. To me angling for votes by holding out hopes of tax relief is a shabby sort of political performance.

He doesn't tell you I voted against Congressional loans to foreign

countries; he does'nt tell you that one of the reasons I voted against the last tax bill -- and I was one of only ten (10) -- was because of the exemptions for the little people was placed too low and the rebates given to ~~the~~ Big Business were too high.

He also ridicules bureaueyacy and how he loves to "pull leather" on the Bureaucrats. He does'nt tell you that I have voted against the establishment of new bureaus, notably H.R. 4873m which was Republican sponsored and which would have created a new super duper agency in Washington to supervise farm credit without discharging a single employee or reducing expenditures one cent. He does'nt tell you that Congress has passed a law which stipulates that by June 30, 1947 the number of classified civil service employees must be reduced to a total of 1,610,000. My opponent does'nt tell you that during his entire residence in the State of Montana that he has been on the Federal or State payroll, which, in my book, makes him a bureaucrat.

I am going to ask him a fair question; will he tell the people he is seeking to represent if during his stay in Montana he has drawn a salary from other than the State or Federal Government? I know the answer to this question but I want him to come clean.

Why does'nt he tell you these things? They're nothing to be ashamed of and they are facts you are entitled to know.

He has tried to capitalize on the sugar, meat and nylon shortages so that little inconveniences can be magnified. He can't do any more than I have tried to do to correct these situations. He must know, for example, that his remarks about sugar bulging out of warehouses is untrue because all he has to do is to go and look. He must know that there is not much relief in sight for more sugar for at least 1½ to 2 years. He must know

that with the extremely short supply we have that sugar has to be rationed. If it was not 10% of the people would get all the sugar and hoard it, the rest of us, the other 90% would get no sugar at all.

My opponent mentions that he is for the Pick-Sloan Plan and the Bureau of Reclamations work on the Columbia. Why does'nt he tell you how hard I worked with all the Western Congressmen to put over the Pick-Sloan Plan so that we could save as much of our water as possible . Why does'nt he tell you who was primarily responsible for the Hungry Horse Dam, for the Authorization Bill making this project possible, for the transmission line from Kerr Dam to Hungry Horse, and for leading the fight, every year, to get the necessary appropriations. Why does'nt he tell you who was the first official to come out against the Army Engineers taking over the Flathead Lake? Why does'nt he tell you who got the Congressional investigating Committee to Montana? Why does'nt he tell you that we all did our part in saving our lake?

Why does'nt he tell you of the fights I had to put over the appropriations for the Hungry Horse? Why does'nt he tell you how, last Spring, I had the toughest scrap of my career in getting the appropriation for the transmission line from Kerr Dam to Hungry Horse over the all-out proposition of the Montana Power Co., and other Northwest Utility Companies-- and I got it. I wonder if there is any connection between Montana Power Company employees, such as Col. Wing of Bozeman, managing his campaign S. C. DeMers traveling with him.

I am going to tell you the real story of Hungry Horse on Thursday over these same stations at 5:30 o'clock in the evening and I want every one to listen in at that time. Why does'nt he tell you who is paying for all his radio time, his newspaper ads, his spot announcements on the air, his big busses traveling the district? I think you are entitled to know, don't you? I'll tell you who is paying for my campaign. I am and every dime

is coming out of my pocket and not one penny has been or will be contributed by any organization inside or outside of Montana.

My opponent must know about the types of expensive hadnpainted road signs going up all over the district and certainly he is aware of the fact that some of them are very unfair. There was one sign coming into Butte from Bozeman, which stated he was for Montana and that "Mansfield was for China." I don't quite get his idea on this matter but I'm wondering what he would have done if, In October 1944-- before the last general election -- the President of the United States had called him to the White House and asked him to undertake a confidential mission during war time. I know what his and everyone in Montana's answer would be and yet he stoops to guttersnipe tactics and criticizes me. My opponent has also had anonymous friends of his making spot announcements -- at \$25.00 a minute-- to the effect that he went to China on his belly and Mike Mansfield went on a luxurious bomber. Well, I've never seen a "luxurious" bomber but I have ridden "bricket" seats, freight transports over the Hump, and even taken a three day jeep trip over the Road from Lido in Assan to Mitikyna in Burma. Colonel, ask the boys in the C.B.I., about that trip. Ask the Montana boys I saw in that theatre: Emery Kapp, Jack Columbe, Fred Gillette of Missoula, Jim Dixon of Elliston, Ray Manning and Con Robinson and \_\_\_\_\_ Wing of Butte and then ask yourself if you and your friends have'nt been hitting below the belt?

Personally, being selected for the China Mission was, in my opinion, not an honor to me but rather an honor to our great state, our people, and our fine educational institution where I was trained.

There was another huge roadside sign coming into Butte from the west and south, which reflects on my labor record. Every member of organized labor knows my record and it is a good one. Not perfect, I'll admit, but one that I'm proud of and one that I'll stack up against any representative in the Congress of the U.S.

Why, in the last few days, have these signs, as they refer to me, been changed? Did the decent people of Montana protest? My opponent is responsible for everything that is being sent out, put out, and carried over the air by himself and his clubs, just as I am responsible for every thing I do. I have no clubs or committees working for me as my secretary, James Sullivan, and I are doing all our own work. We have no political machine behind us and our only support comes from the decent, self-respecting, hard-working people who believe in me. They, and I, play the game cleanly and we do not like dirty politics. Those of you who disagree with me should fight against me cleanly; those of you who believe in me and approve my record will, I know, fight for me cleanly.

My opponent also makes capital of the fact that I left certain Committees in the House to return to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. He states that because of this I am neglecting Montana's interests. But he does'nt tell you that I left the Foreign Affairs Committee on Jim O'Connor's death to take over membership in these other committees from January 1946 until my Republican colleague arrived in Washington six months later to succeed Jim. He does'nt tell you that for six months I had the duties of two Congressmen to attend to in trying to take care of the needs of all Montana. He does'nt tell you that the Committee on Flood Control is of very little importance to Montana; that Territories is in the same position. He does'nt tell you that the Salish and Kootenai Indians are very well pleased with my work in their behalf nor does he tell you of the bills I introduced and got thru for them-- bills they had been trying to have passed for thirty (30) years. He did'nt tell you that, on and off the Public Lands Committee, that I protected Montana's interests and was one of the leaders in the fight to try and prevent the Interior Department from taking over the Jackson Hole in Wyoming.

Why does'nt he tell you that he can't name one job affecting Montana

that I have'nt attended to? Can he name one benefit which Montana should have received, that she did not get while I was on or off these committees? He does'nt tell you that I held these committee assignments for Montana and even went to Joe Martin, the republican leader. to ask that my colleague be given them.

He does'nt tell you that -- and I hope you'll pardon me for this statement -- that I have done more for Montana in my four years as your Representative -- than anyone you have sent to Washington.

He does'nt tell you that being your Congressman has been a twenty-four hour a day job for me -- and my only job. He does'nt tell you of my work in behalf of a Veteran's Hospital at Miles City-- due to be started \_\_\_\_\_; of getting the Great Falls Army Air Field made a permanent army installation; of my work IN GETTING an Alaskan Int'l. Highway Bill through the House; of my work in behalf of the sugar beet industry; in behalf of irrigation and reclamation; in behalf of our horsemeat industry; in behalf of a wool insulation plant for Butte; in behalf of housing for veterans at all our educational institutions, and so on. Why does'nt he? He knows about it because he has studied my record with a fine tooth comb and I want him and all of you, to always do so.

He does tell you I should not have returned to the Foreign Affairs Committee but his argument is purely and only political because he thinks he can get votes that way.

As a military men he should know that our only undefeated frontier is to the North. Surely, he is aware of the fact that all the winter operations, testing men and equipment in Canada, Alaska, and the Aleutians are all being carried out for a purpose. Surely he knows that the shortest distance to anywhere anymore is over the poles and certainly he knows that the only pole of significance today is the North Pole. Surely, my opponent recalls what both Generals Spattz and Kenny of the Air Forces have said --- and

what I've been preaching for years-- to the effect that in the event of another war Canada would be the Belgium and the Pacific Northwest the primary target area. Surely he knows that in my opinion -- and I've stated it repeatedly -- the Air base at Great Falls is the most important one in the U.S. Surely he knows that the maintenance of a peace are matters which are of tremendous importance to all of us. Is'nt the Foreign Affairs Committee a good place for a Montanan to be in these critical times because is'nt Montana now in a very vulnerable position?

I returned to the Foreign Affairs Committee to be in a position to look after our interests of my country in our dealing with other nations; to do all in my power to achieve a just and durable peace so that, if at all possible, mankind can live with one another, wars can be either reduced to a minimum or done away with altogether; and our children given a chance to achieve a decent and secure livelihood.

No Montana has not and will not be neglected by me because of my present assignment because the record will prove it and the people will always know it.

My opponent, I'm afraid, gets his exercise jumping at conclusions. I do not believe in sending out material of an unsigned nature during the course of a campaign. I feel that if you distribute any literature that some one or some group should take the responsibility and sign either their names or the name of their organization. To do otherwise is dirty and deceitful.

On coming out of church in Missoula, my home town, on Sunday, October 13, a friend of mine accosted me and said "Mike, did you see this sheet." He, a republican, was angry. He handed me two mimeographed sheets which supposedly contained my voting record. I read the sheets and the material contained therein, and when I finished, I said: "Yes, I saw it last evening when a friend of mine called it to my attention with the statement that he had received it in the Missoula County Republican Headquarters.

I asked my friend how he came to acquire this material. He answered

that it had been sent through the mail and that the plain white envelope enclosing it bore no return address whatsoever. In other words, the people who sent out this scurilous and false material from Missoula County Republican Headquarters did not have the courage to sign their names or the name of their organization to either the mimeographed sheets or the envelopes. In that sheet they accused me of doing things that occurred before I went to Congress, they put down an alleged voting record though they were careful not to accuse me, except by implication, which contained twenty four pieces of legislation. On checking I found that twelve of these alleged measures had never been before Congress, that of the remaining twelve I was absent three times, voted "ayes" four times, and "no" five times. To me, this mimeographed material, was not only false, untrue and derogatory but also the cheapest form of guttersnipe politics. It was a shock to me, because in four campaigns, this was the first time a personal and unfair attack had been made on me. All those people in the Missoula County Republican Headquarters know me and my family; know my record in public life, and know, deliberately, that they were, and are parties to a trick I would never even think of perpetrating on my worst enemy. Not only did they distribute this through the mails in Missoula but I also understand it has been sent to every other town in the district. I challenge the author or author of this despicable material to send me their names and I promise that if they will I will institute proceedings in the Courts and bring the whole matter before the public view. Anything I do I am glad to be responsible for and anything I've ever done I am more than glad to present to you.

I've never had any use for cowards, especially political cowards, because not only are they assassins of character but they are also not fit to live alongside decent human beings. If this type can't attack you directly they do so by innuendo and implication. Personally, I have a great deal of faith and pride in the ordinary "horse-sense" of my fellow-Montanans



and I am perfectly willing to let the people of my state decide on my stewardship as your representative in Congress and to base that decision on my voting record and public utterances as opposed to the package of outright and unqualified falsehoods sent thru the mail and unsigned.

I do not believe in winning an election at any cost and I do believe in conducting a campaign on the record and on basic issues. You may be certain that any measure brought before the Congress will receive my most serious consideration and will be considered on its merits only. Remember, folks, its lots harder to face the problems of today and much easier to make promises about the ideas of tomorrow. I will not make a promise that I may be unable to fulfill and I will not promise anything just in the hope of reaping political reward. I will repeat the only promise I've ever made in all my political campaigns and that is to do my honest best for all the people all the time. That promise has been kept and always will be as long as I have the honor -- and the privilege -- of serving you in Congress.

This is Mike Mansfield -- American -- signing off and asking you to listen in next Thursday evening at 5:30 Good-night folks.