

## A Man Who...

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Labor Day marks the traditional opening of intensive campaigning for the Presidency. Although no candidate of either party ever meets a voter's every expectation, I will tell you the positions I wish the candidates would espouse in the next sixty days. I would want a man who;

Will neither beg Hanoi nor bomb it. Surely, there must be a sensible way out between those dismal alternatives.

Promises never to tell us what good people we are.

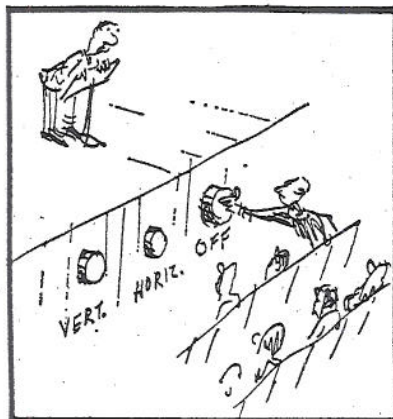
Intends to restore twice-a-day mail delivery, forbid rate increases for magazines, and keep post offices open until midnight and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Why is it harder in this country to buy a postage stamp than a gun?

Will make the saving of this nation's land and air and animals one of the three central concerns of the nation—along with the economy and the problem of the races and the city—rather than just one more "issue" in the old political grab bag. Time is running out in the biosphere. The reconciliation of this nation's agricultural and manufacturing processes with the demands of nature cannot be postponed. A society living on nature's margin is heading for a crash as surely as the stock market in 1929.

Will guarantee that every physically handicapped, mentally retarded, or brain-damaged child receives the education and, if necessary, the lifetime care that he or she requires. No family should live in anxiety and debt because of a misfortune the parent did not seek and could not prevent.

Will restore republican simplicity to the White House. Let us have done with Air Force One, those fleets of helicopters, that \$500,000 automobile, and most of those guards and Secret Servicemen. What is the use of all that security if Presidents and Presidential candidates are going to plunge into crowds and ride through the streets in open automobiles on well-publicized routes? A President who occasionally—and unannounced—took the bus to Capitol Hill or the Metroliner to New York might more easily recall his common humanity, and at no greater risk.

Will fight for effective gun control. No one should have a revolver, a pistol or a rifle in his own house. Hunters can keep their rifles at a sportsman's club and sign them out the way athletes sign for equipment at a gymnasium.



Stan Mack

Will urge that hospital care be made available to anyone who requires it. The need is not to socialize doctors but to take the dollar sign off medical facilities. Why should people be charged individually for hospital care when they are not charged individually for the use of public schools?

Will restore railroads to their former primacy in the transportation of passengers and freight, by nationalization if necessary. It is essential to get people out of automobiles and freight out of trucks if the nation's air and its dwindling oil resources are to be conserved.

Will speak to the nation on television not to announce dreadful surprises or sell some used policy but to talk with us as equals about our common problems. Why should there be secrets between the President and the people? Let us have more fireside chats and fewer messages from on high.

Will help build a strong public network for television and radio. Nothing would do more to lift the tone of our common life with the people than to lessen the power of the television businessmen who are packaging audiences for sale to advertisers and to strengthen the power of artists, entertainers and newsmen who are interested in delighting and informing people.

Will take the farm subsidy program away from the corporation farms and the big commercial growers and help only the family farmer trying to make it on 160 acres.

Will help the aged achieve not only economic security but also better opportunities for recreation and for useful part-time work. When America cares for its handicapped young and its forgotten aged, it will truly have come of age.