

**STUDENTS URGE
McGOVERN VOTE**

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To The Editor, Sir:

In the last few weeks more and more information about the widespread scandal, forgery, secret bank accounts, espionage, and sabotage which have been carried out by committees and persons trying to keep Richard Nixon in power has come to light through FBI reports and jury indictments.

A number of persons have been indicted and those who have controlled the finances which paid off the individuals have been traced directly to the highest positions in the Nixon Administration.

A lot of us young people are taking our first really good look at government, at voting, and at the standards and the values of adults in America this election year. We talk about these things when we're together, and a lot of us are really upset, sickened, shocked, disappointed, and disillusioned by what we know is going on at the highest level of leadership in this nation.

The thing that we really find shocking is that some adults don't seem to care about the sort of immorality, corruption, and criminal activity going on in the hope of defeating George McGovern and getting Richard Nixon returned to the White House for another four years.

We learned in social studies that America must have a strong two-party system in order for democracy to survive. All the highest American ideals are in danger of being destroyed when an attempt is made by the Republican party to create a one-party system by the use of whatever means they have to stoop to.

Just this week the Washington Post revealed that in 1962 when Richard Nixon was trying to get the people of California to elect him as their governor, a similar sort of thing happened. Richard Nixon's 1962 campaign committee organized and financed an effort to sabotage his opponent's campaign among registered Democrats.

According to the records of the California Superior Courts this plan was authorized and

approved by Nixon and his then campaign manager, H. R. Haldeman — the SAME H. R. Haldeman who now is Richard Nixon's chief of staff. This is the SAME H. R. Haldeman whose desk is just thirty feet away from Richard Nixon's in the White House — the SAME H. R. Haldeman whose name has been linked to this year's attempt to give Richard Nixon four more years of power at the people's expense.

Funds were solicited then in California for a phony cause, supposedly by the "Committee for the Preservation of the Democratic Party in California" but in truth the money went to support the Nixon candidacy for the governor's post in California. The last part of this episode, or maybe the moral of this similar activity ten years ago, is that Richard Nixon did not win that election.

Last week on TV a prominent Republican boasted that Americans are "too grown up to be concerned over this type of burglary." In the October 27 issue of your newspaper you published an article telling about how local residents are not concerned about all these corrupt things. You even quoted one Damascus man who said, "I think the only bad thing about it is that they got caught."

Is this REALLY the way it is? Are there some adults who think the only thing bad about doing something wrong is getting caught? All our lives and all through school everybody has been saying to us things like "be honest," "don't cheat," and "you're young adults now."

We've also learned that back in Cicero's time there was a candidate running for office who

was a moral and honest person. The people criticized him for his honesty and morality because at the time no one had ever been so honest before. It seems to us that this is the kind of man that George McGovern is. Is this what's happening again?

Most of the voters in America are middle class adults who have consciences. We cannot believe they will let us down. Our eyes will be on you when you go to the polls on November 7. Please do not fill them with tears so that we are unable to see the flag which is the symbol of the America we love.

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