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ed areas, where in 29 states more than six per cent of the working force is unemployed. Yet, when the Democrats in Congress offered aid bills for depressed areas they were vetoed by President Eisenhower "because it would squander the taxpayers' money."

Kennedy favors Federal grants to education because the states and local communities are too heavily in debt to meet the school crisis. The Democrats pledge financial support, within the traditional framework of local control, to classroom construction and teachers' salaries.

The Democrats offer a realistic military preparedness program as a cornerstone for world peace, and a defensive might sufficient to deter aggression. For the larger problems of peace and disarmament we propose a National Peace Agency to coordinate the research and planning for world peace. The Agency will substitute decision for our present drift in the quest for peace. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, former Chief of Staff of the Army, charged that the Republican budget makers had become the strategy makers, that we had sacrificed safety for a balanced budget.

Our country's prestige has been declining rapidly since 1957 when Russia launched the Sputnik. When Vice President Nixon made a Good Will Tour to South America his reception was anything but cordial. Even President Eisenhower was asked by the Japanese Government to cancel his proposed visit to that country. The U-2 blunder led to Russia's refusal to participate at the Summit Conference in Paris last June. No better indication of the low state of our prestige can be noted than that the head of a foreign power dares to vilify our national leader in the terms which Khrushchev uses. If our prestige were not at its lowest ebb with the Latin American countries Castro would never have dared play footsie with Russia. Our present relationship with Cuba is in a critical state as a result of inept Republican foreign policy.

Members of the Young Democratic Clubs, which are organized on most of our college campuses, are becoming interested in politics for the first time in their lives. While most of them are not of voting age, the lively interest they demonstrate in their activities increases their concern in the affairs of our country and encourages them to be discerning in their choice of party candidates. The Y. D. C. at St. Mary's, under the enthusiastic leadership of four elected officers, has acquired a membership of 125 students who are contributing time and money to the State Democratic Headquarters. They were called upon to assist at the reception honoring Mrs. Kennedy, mother of our candidate; they sat at booths at the State Fair to give out pamphlets and other campaign material; and they give assistance at the County and State Headquarters whenever called upon. They are planning an

Considering Party and Man

Most of us St. Mary's students seem to have definite political opinions, but when asked why we favor a particular party or man, we find ourselves at a loss for words.

The following are some reasons why Democrats would vote the Democratic ticket.

Considering the party and its policies:

1. Civil Rights. "equal access to public facilities," a program emphasizing understanding, tolerance, and the rights of every American.
2. Credit Restrictions. lower interest rates.
3. Labor protection of the worker from unfavorable economic trends, domination of employers, and corruption of unions.
4. Economics fiscal policies to cause growth, not stagnation.
5. Education constructive aid in salary boosts for teachers.
6. Improving government efficiency.

Considering the man:

1. Kennedy shows a firm belief in the constitutional religious rights.
2. He has drive, leadership, maturity, and experience in Congress.
3. His independent wealth makes him invulnerable to bribes. Kennedy is the thinking man's choice, and the Democratic party is the thinking man's party. Join the thinking Democrats.

Beacon Elects Sec.-Treasurer

Congratulations to Cydne Wright who was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Beacon. This year for its project the Beacon plans to make seat covers for the chairs and curtains for the windows in the hut. This project will be under the supervision of Miss Bason. At the present time there are no further plans.

FRIENDS PRESENT CHORUS

On October 5 the Friends of the College presented the Branks Krasmanovich Chorus of Yugoslavia, "one of Europe's oldest and most distinguished musical organizations." The chorus consists of fifty young men and women and is directed by Bogdan Babbish.

assembly program to express their convictions to the student body.

To carry out their programs, the Democrats offer two proven leaders, men of stature and experience, men of courage and ideas, men not afraid to face the challenges of the New Frontier of the Sixties. Senators Kennedy and Johnson are pledged to bring the Democratic platform to life, to restore us to leadership in the free world, to work for peace, and to make America prosperous for ALL through a continued economic growth. These are men of the future. (Elizabeth G. Tucker) Advisor to the Young Democratic Club

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stand to me is clearly the more cautious one.

Senator Kennedy proposes direct aid to the rebels in Cuba. Sending arms, ammunition, and aid to a country without the sanction of the United Nations violates our basic concept of non-intervention in the internal affairs of another country. The United Nations might just as well disband if Senator Kennedy's policy is followed. President Eisenhower's "quarantine plan," approved by Vice President Nixon, may not prove to be effective, but at least our conscience as a nation will be clear so that we can seek further help in solving what is obviously a difficult problem.

Senator Kennedy says our prestige abroad is at its lowest level, while Vice President Nixon says that our prestige is at its highest. If our prestige is low—and it probably is, but not as low as Senator Kennedy would have us believe—the reasons that Russia's scientific advances spectacularly point up an area in which we need to advance. Since the Russians did not begin their scientific development at the point when President Eisenhower took office, I hardly see how the Republicans can be blamed for Russia's Sputnik. Did Premier Khrushchev's appearance at the United Nations lower our prestige? I think his visit did nothing if not lower his own prestige. As for the "secret" documents which the Republicans are suppressing, according to Senator Kennedy, they should be suppressed. They obviously are studies of our shortcomings. The purpose of such studies is to find out what we are doing wrong, where we are failing. Why give such information to the general public at this time? The fact that we have such studies is enough to convince me that the Republicans are aware of their failings and that Vice President Nixon will act on the findings of the studies.

Too much has been said already concerning the fate of Matsu and Quemoy. I need add only this statement here: Senator Kennedy's rashness in discussing the subject before he is in a position to act on his own decision to abandon the two islands I consider an indication of his lack of political acumen.

Circle Picks New Members

Early Friday morning, October 21, 1960, four freezing girls were taken into the Circle.

Congratulations to Martha Pat Bell, Diane Blanton, Gay Davis, and Muff Nabers who are the new Circle members.

The Circle now consists of seven members. The old members are Stuart Austin, Edith Alston, and Amelia Yancy.

Views Concerning Party

As Republicans, we naturally have certain views concerning our party. We believe that our party's platform and candidates are best suited for the presidency. But why? Here are some of our reasons.

The Republican Party advocates balancing the national debt. It draws back from giving the Federal government an excess of authority which could so easily lead to Socialism. It instead would stand behind the idea of giving the state governments power over such issues as education and old age securities. The Republican plank also calls for a literacy test satisfied by the completion of six grades which for all purposes is a safeguard against illiterate people voting for the most important office in this country. Finally the G. O. P. takes a firm stand against Communism.

The candidates, Richard M. Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge, have proven their experience and mature leadership in both foreign and domestic affairs.

Mr. Nixon, since 1953, has certainly advanced the interests of the U. S. in many foreign countries. He has experienced fine training for the presidency in his many tours abroad and in the U. S. by presiding over the Cabinet and National Security Council, and finally he has been President Eisenhower's representative to Congress.

Needless to say, Henry Cabot Lodge is well qualified too. One has only to look at his record as the U. S. ambassador to the U. N. No other man has dealt more with Communism on a daily basis than Lodge. He has led the free world's U. N. in a hard struggle against aggression.

Here then are our party and candidates. Both are able and right. Why don't you support our winning ticket?

Y.D.C. Begins Election Year

Over one hundred and twenty girls composing the Young Democrats Club of 1960-61 enthusiastically met in the St. Mary's auditorium for their first meeting. The members elected the following officers: President: Gigi Canada; Vice President: Jane Moore; Secretary-Treasurer: Frances Jones.

Already the club has participated in their support of the Kennedy-Johnson ticket for the coming election. Y. D. C. members served as hostess at the tea given for Mrs. Joseph Kennedy during her visit to Raleigh. Also girls worked in the Democratic booth at the fair, passing out Kennedy pamphlets, hats, and buttons.

Thursday, October 13, the Y. D. C. had a picnic at the hut to arouse enthusiasm for the coming election.

This year the Y. D. C. chapter at St. Mary's has become a member of the North Carolina Y. D. C.