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last several years has been constantly assured by the Lieutenant Governor that the Birchers were "good people," his friends, and were perfectly acceptable so long as they were "Republicans first."

YES, IT WAS an interesting convention. The Candidate for Governor took the position that they needed more votes than he received last time.

Now he didn't become maudlin about it nor did he try to fool anyone--he didn't even pretend that the newly discovered interest in the minorities or labor should be based upon anything more serious than an attempt to get votes. Neither he nor his Party suggested that the Party should be interested as a matter of principle, morality, compassion or political philosophy. The whole thing is simply a matter of getting the votes, they all happily explain.

Well, all of these exciting developments are certainly breathtaking. The awesome new idea that a political contest is to be run in the same fashion as the promotion of potato chips is worthy of deep contemplation. Those of us who have believed that something of men's minds and hearts are important in the running of Government may be simply out of date. Dick Nixon, who will be in Nevada soon, explained this whole new political concept--he said in effect that it is not important what the facts are, it is what they appear to be that matters. Well now, this explains quite precisely the "New" Republicanism in Nevada. The whole process is merely a mechanical thing to be gauged by charts, polls, computers and involuntary reactions of the human animal to planned stimuli. To get labor and minority votes we simply say and do certain things. By taking such and such an action, we produce such and such an effect. Whether or not our potato chips are actually crisper than our competitors is of no consequence if they but look and sound crisper.

UNDER THIS theory, the fact that the Lieutenant Governor personally and the Republican leadership over the years has coddled, comforted, protected and sheltered the Birchers, has been rigidly, unyieldingly unaware of the problems of the working men and women, has been cynical, utterly disdainful and totally devoid of interest in or compassion for the minorities, particularly the Negroes of this State, is simply now turned casually away as a mistake--not in terms of right and wrong, but coldly in terms of votes.

Well, my friends, if this process that we are

engaging in now is simply window dressing for a Madison Avenue laboratory specimen to tell us where the votes are, then we had better get out of here--get out quickly and get to our homes and churches and search our souls. If the business of politics is so sterile that our role is simply to mesmerize the masses and produce the desired number of votes, then we and this Democratic system are surely doomed. If heart, conscience and morality are to come under the microscope and be judged as to how many votes they will produce on a given issue, then we are no longer men who make human errors, act on human passions, love and laugh and die in the most human and unscientific ways.

No, if this cynical approach is the way to win, we should not be here. But this is not the way it will be. This derisive attempt to fool the people of this State vastly underates the integrity and intelligence of the proud Nevadan of either Party.

Catullus knew of such people before the birth of Christ. "While their mind desires something and longs eagerly to gain it," he said, "They swear to any oath and promise anything."

AS USUAL, Democrats will have spirited primaries in the quest for nomination. This is as it should be. It strengthens our Party and the Democratic process. We want Nevada voters to have a wide choice of candidates. Free choice is the strength of our Party. We do not pre-select behind closed doors.

However, all Democratic candidates must take care that their campaigns advance our common goal, not damage our Party or State. When the nominees are selected, we want a united Party behind our candidates.

We are not perfect--we do not always agree. Criticism will be necessary, but let it be constructive and responsible with clear alternatives of action.

We Democrats will trust the people and that trust will be repaid in kind with the overwhelming defeat of those who seek to use them as mere robots responding computer-like to a given set of signals.

THE REPUBLICAN PRODUCT will be judged in November by the voters. In the meantime, I recommend to them the advice of Socrates, who said: "The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world, is to be in reality what we would appear to be."

We will work, we will win, but we will do so with honor.

**Madison Girls' Softball Team**



VICTORIOUS 6th Graders' Softball team from Madison School are shown (l-r): Sandra Harvey, Linda Lee, Marie Junior, Margaret Schneider, Vivian Sayles, and Sandra Green. . . Back Row: Shirley Thompson, Rosie Cooper, Linda Davis, Doris Patterson, Kathryn Pinckney, Francine Wade, and Coach William Evans.

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