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An Open Letter to the citizens of Middle Tennessee

Our salvation lies in the wise and UNIFIED use of the ballot for progress and progressive candidates. Responsible citizens should also be informed citizens in order to make proper decisions on various candidates in the Senatorial race. After reading this message we hope you will decide, as we have, there is only ONE choice: ROSS BASS for the U.S. Senate.

HUMAN DIGNITY and SELF-RESPECT

ROSS BASS placed his political career in danger when he voted in favor of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which helps establish ALL of us as first-class citizens! On the other hand, Frank Clement has said, "I would not have voted for passage of the Civil Rights Bill." Clement even REFUSED to sign the weak Fair Practices Code recommended by his own Commission on Human Relations. If Frank Clement will not support Fair Practices in the State of Tennessee, what can you expect of him in Washington? Don't forget a friend who stood up to be counted among the people who believe in human dignity. Vote for ROSS BASS.

TAXES

ROSS BASS helped write and supported the largest tax cut in the history of our nation, putting more "take-home" pay in our pockets. At the same time, Frank Clement was taking money out of our pockets by taxing everything in sight. He taxed our water, lights, gas in order to build up a surplus of TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS! Think of it as \$27,000 stored in the State Treasury and doing nothing. Wouldn't you like to have your part of it back? DON'T SEND THAT MAN TO WASHINGTON!

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The men on Death Row are YOUR people. The vast majority of men electrocuted in Tennessee have been Negroes. The men on Death Row NOW are YOUR people. Frank Clement says he doesn't believe in capital punishment, but during the last session of your legislature, he spent most of his time ram-rod- ding his big tax bill through the legislature instead of using his leadership to abolish capital punishment directed largely at OUR PEOPLE. These men have been made to suffer by the Governor

giving them 30 days of life piece-by-piece. None of us need a man like that representing us in Washington.

Finally, it should be pointed out that a person cannot demand the privileges of first-class citizenship and reject its responsibilities. Esau traded his birthright for a bowl of stew. Don't be one of Esau's children and trade YOUR rights for temporary advantage and gain of someone else. Don't allow boss-appointed leaders to direct and control your ballot. Think long and hard before you vote, and PLEASE don't follow a Judas goat.

VOTE and ELECT

ROSS BASS to the U.S. SENATE

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25 YEARS AGO Aug. 22, 1959

William W. 'Bill' Farris yesterday won over a Negro challenger for city public works commissioner and Henry Loeb was elected Mayor by a landslide. Mr. Farris, 35-year-old city personnel director, defeated three other white aspirants and Russell B. Sugarmon Jr., Negro attorney, in a race that attracted nationwide attention. The total vote was 129,870. Judge Elizabeth McCain will preside four more years over Juvenile Court, with the complete returns giving her 53,654 to 32,068 for Rev. Ben Hooks, Negro attorney and minister, who ran second. While none of the Negro candidates won, each ran second in the respective races. The record vote reflected not only the tremendous campaign conducted by the Negro Volunteer Ticket, but also shows that the challenge of the five candidates stirred a tremendous response among white citizens.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 22, 1934

BERLIN --- A rising tide of four to five million Germans turned against Adolf Hitler in Sunday's plebiscite, but his Nazi machine delivered an overwhelming victory to the Reichsfuehrer in his move to swing the entire nation into line behind him, official returns showed early today. The anti-Hitler vote was heaviest in the south and west.

75 YEARS AGO Aug. 22, 1909

ATLANTA --- Kissing is under the ban in Atlanta. It's unhealthy and embarrassing to those not taking part in the exercises. A few months ago they convicted and fined a traveling man who kissed his wife on the street as he arrived home from a trip. The judge announced that there was nothing personal in the case, that he would have been fined just the same had he kissed someone else's wife.

100 YEARS AGO Aug. 22, 1884

CHICAGO --- The horse-bicycle contest was concluded to-night in the presence of a great crowd, Anderson, the horseman, winning the contest, having covered 874 miles in six days, of twelve hours

each. Prince, on his bicycle made 455 miles, and Armaindo, the pedestrenne, covered 416 miles, their aggregate score being three miles less than that of the rider.

125 YEARS AGO Aug. 22 1859

Our New England friends are immensely indignant at the very mention of opening the slave trade, while, if we are to believe the reports from that quarter, some half dozen vessels are now being fitted out in New England ports expressly intended as slavers. What a pity it is that some of their pious indignation could not be reserved for their own people.