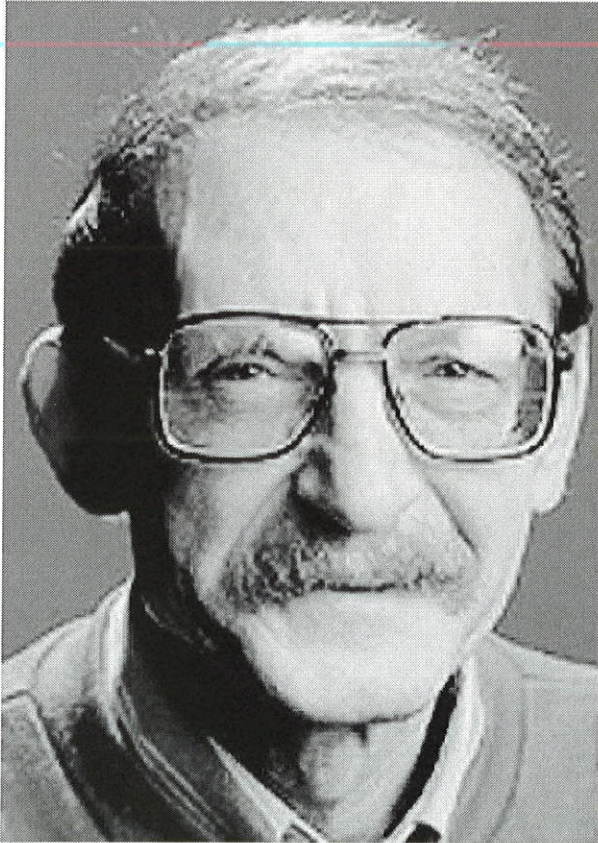


Up Front/Commentary: Politics never seemed to get this nasty in the old days



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It seems that all my friends from the time when I was the age of 15 until now were Republicans.

Did we fight about that, did we cuss and call each other names, did we hate each other? No, we played ball together, drank together, chased girls together and even went to war together. We would kid each other by calling each other damn Democrats and damn Republicans and that was as far as it went.

We never hated each other like what's going on in Washington, D.C.

I never hated Ronnie Reagan, I never hated Dick Nixon. He just joined the wrong gang of crooks that infested Congress. Did I hate George W. Bush? No, and I halfway felt sorry for him in the last year of his presidency when his government, his cronies and the country started to collapse around him. I never had seen a man so eager to get out of the White House as him.

Then something strange happened. Barack Obama gets elected to be president. That's when the hate started. He inherited a country that was disintegrating. He inherited two wars and a dying economy. He tried to get some pretty good bills through Congress, but the House of Representatives stopped him on just about everything he tried to accomplish.

Our two representatives of our two districts are part of the hate group. I have Cathy, The Great, and Lewiston has Rawool (Raul), who are part of the group that says just say no to anything that Obama tries to do. It's a good thing that gang wasn't in power when they passed the Bill of Rights.

That hate thing is not just in Congress, but right here in this valley. This hate thing has to stop or we are going further down the hill. We are well on our way to becoming a Third World nation.

We have a House of Representatives that spent a whole session and passed nothing of importance. They spent most of their time trying to get evidence that Obama wasn't born in the United States of America. Why don't they just give up and get some productive bills passed?

Ah, give us the time when the Senate majority leader, the speaker of the House, and yes even the president could all sit down, have a round of drinks and get a little progress going.

As for me, take me back to the time when Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower were presidents. That was the best of times. Money didn't rule Congress. Oh, let the good times roll again.

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