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Editor, Press-Herald:  
 Recently Congressman Alphonzo Bell sent me his "Capital Report" in which he asked the question: "Do you support the Administration's decision to bomb oil depots at Hanoi and Haiphong?"

The tacit assumption of this question is that Bell's constituents approve of the war in Viet Nam but may disagree on methods and tactics. What about those people who oppose the war? Are they being represented by Mr. Bell? What about the larger constitutional issues involved? For example, why the congressional silence about the legal aspects of the war? Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution explicitly states: "The Congress shall have the power . . . to declare war . . ."

Now, since the U.S. role in Viet Nam has strictly been on the initiative of the presidency, we confront a thorny constitutional or legal question. Why is Congress shrieking its constitutional duty? Will Congressman Bell (or anyone else) please answer this?

Perhaps Mr. Bell, along with all members of Congress, should question the U.S. presence in Viet Nam. All American people who respect our heritage of freedom and democracy should ask, for example, why we are supporting Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky, Premier of South Viet Nam, a man who openly voiced his admiration of Nazism: "I have only one hero—Hitler."

Such questions logically lead to others: Why are we really in Viet Nam? Are we in Viet Nam to protect freedom and democracy? What are our ultimate aims in Southeast Asia? Do the American people adequately control U.S. foreign policy?

If not, why not? What is the role of the Pentagon in forming U.S. policy? (President Eisenhower warned us about the power-seeking tendencies of the military-industrial complex.) What is the potential (or logical) result of such policies on our domestic liberties?

These and other relevant questions are being asked by more and more Americans. I believe it is time for Congressman Alphonzo Bell, along with all our elected representatives in Washington, to do the same.

Sincerely,  
 JOHN D. COPPING

Editor, Press-Herald:  
 Enclosed is a copy of the letter we have just mailed to the Torrance City Planning Commission, but we felt that others should be aware of this situation which we feel would be grossly unfair to a lot of residents in this area. Thank you for any help you can give us in this regard.

Dear Sirs:

In reference to petition V66-13 filed for Elizabeth Senness, Peter Del Re and Agnes Del Re: we are definitely against having a public dump in our front yard.

As original owners of our home we have consistently fought against the digging of the hole which took away a beautiful hill that was one of the attractions influencing our choice of a home in this area. When the city overrode the petitions and desires of the home owners of this area, the hill disappeared farther and farther west and became a deep hole, amid noise of bulldozers, trucks and years of noise, loss of sleep, and the misery of having our homes, lawns, trees, bushes, and cars covered with dust and dirt—all this in spite of promises not to harm nearby property. The promise was made to shield our homes with a smaller hill to keep out noise and dust, and to make this hill beautiful with foliage and top it with trees to further shield

us.

The hill was pushed into place and left bare. The rains came and instead of dust and dirt covering our homes and yards, we now had floods of mud to clean out of our yards, garages, and homes. We had to fight to get help in stopping erosion. Help came in the form of small, slow-growing trees. Nature has a fast take care of foliage by growing weeds to hold the hill in place.

Mr. Senness and his associates chose to have a hole and got it with the city's approval. When he died, Mrs. Senness inherited the hole and if she doesn't like it, that's too bad. At least the holes is a quieter place now and vegetation is beginning to cover up some of the scars. At least that was true until the last day or two when equipment has started working the area again. We do hope they were not given preliminary permission to begin work before we have had a chance to voice our disapproval.

No! We are definitely against the noise, dirt, and stink of a public dump in this hole. Sixteen years of noise and broken promises are enough!

Sincerely,  
 JOSEPH W. OLSON, SR.  
 LOUISE C. OLSEN  
 3325 Winlock Drive.

Editor, Press-Herald:  
 Many voters have expressed dismay at the antics of the California Supreme Court, which overruled the mandate of the people in connection with Proposition 13. Apparently the majority of California citizens do not realize that they have a right to vote for or against California State Supreme Court Justices.

The California Constitution provides that the governor shall appoint the justices to the court, but the voters must approve or disapprove the appointment at the next general election. If the justice receives a majority vote, he serves for a term of 12 years, and then

must again be approved by the voters before he can serve another 12-year term.

If justice does not receive a majority vote, he may not serve his term and the governor may not appoint him to serve on that court. A new justice must be appointed by the governor holding office following the election.

The following California Supreme Court Justices will appear on the ballot this coming election, Nov. 8: Louis Burke, Stanley Mosk, Marshall F. McComb, Paul Peek, and John Traynor. In order for every citizen to

decide whether these justices shall be approved or disapproved, he must be made aware of their records. I am sure your editor will be happy to make these available if enough citizens request it. In any case, I would be most happy to do so.

JOHN KOPOZAK,  
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