

Nation Needs Men With Vision, Candidate Says

"America's problems will not be solved by ideologies or parties, but by men with vision to see what is right and the guts to go ahead and do it," Joe Blatchford, Republican candidate for Congress, said Sunday.

"Today's problems cannot be solved except by strong and courageous men," Blatchford said in a speech at the American-Croatian Club in Inglewood, "and the job of the voters this year is to decide which men will best fight for their interests and the interests of the United States."

Blatchford said recent events in foreign affairs have pointed up this country's great need for a firm foreign policy.

"WE CAN no longer afford to set a new foreign policy with each situation. We have tried that too often, and we have been trapped too often in inaction. Our country needs a foreign policy of firmness: a policy that doesn't vacillate, but stands up for what is right."

"Our leaders must announce what we believe in, and then we must take firm and decisive action to back up our beliefs."

BLATCHFORD noted that the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia, "one of the most brutal and inhumane acts of the century," found the United States incapable of any real response.

"The United States should always be ready with its pressures and its prestige to stand behind any nation that wants to be free from Russian - Communist aggression," he said.

The Russians respect only a force equal to their own, both in the ability and in the willingness to use it. President Kennedy learned this lesson, but the Johnson-Humphrey Administration has forgotten it.

"THE LESSON we must learn from this invasion is that although we spend time building bridges, we can never afford to neglect our watchtowers."

Blatchford also criticized the Administration's apparent hands-off policy when its boats are seized on the open seas.

"We saw it with the Pueblo, and now we've seen it again with our tuna boats," he explained. "Our country is either unable or unwilling to take action to protect its own vital interests."

"It has gotten so bad that not only the Communists, but even the small countries we help support can take advantage of us at will."

"THESE countries know little of our ideologies or our parties. They only know our leaders. And in the last few years they have learned that our leaders will not always act to protect the interests of he United States and its citizens."

Blatchford, a lawyer, has served for the last eight years as executive director of ACCION, the private foundation he founded to organize the poor in Latin America to help themselves.

Despite early opposition from Communist leaders in the villages and barrios of South America, the ACCION self-help principles of individual work and pride took

Loan Requests Show Increase

GI home loan applications increased from 3,529 in July to 3,663 in August, Mort Webster, VA's Southern California manager, reported today.

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The city plunge is currently resuming its fall schedule of public swimming with open swimming offered each Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Instructive swimming is being offered during the week for housewives and

their children, 4 to 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Housewives' Swim program

Torrance's swim team holds practice from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and junior frogman classes are held from 6 to 7 p.m.

During the 1968 summer "Learn to Swim" program

at the city plunge, 3,365 individuals received swimming lessons from Torrance Recreation Department staff, according to Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of recreation.

Participants in these swimming lesson programs ranged in

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