

Solon Gives Replies to Often-Asked Questions

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The following questions and answers are presented in response to hundreds of requests received during the past week. The questions are condensed versions of those I received. The answers are my own.

Question No. 1: "Who writes your Sacramento Report?"

Answer: I write it myself, on my own typewriter.

Question No. 2: "Where do you get the ideas for your column?"

Answer: I get the ideas from postal cards and letters I receive from men, women, and children. Some are writ-

ten with a pencil, some are written in ink, and a few typed. I personally read all of these communications.

Question No. 3: "How long does it take you to write your column?"

Answer: If I am not interrupted, it requires about one-half hour to write the column.

This job can be done in about 30 minutes, because the column is typed on three sheets of paper, each sheet 8 1/2 inches wide and 11 inches high, double spaced, with ample margins. When printed in the average newspaper, the "Sacramento Report" almost exactly fills one newspaper column, about twenty inches

deep. The column averages about 750 words.

QUESTION No. 4: "Do you answer all your mail?"

Answer: Yes, I receive a few complaints from time to time from people who say they have not received an answer to an inquiry. When I investigate such complaints I invariably find that the complainants used an incorrect or incomplete address, with the result that I did not receive the mail they wanted me to get.

QUESTION No. 5: "Have you had any trouble with any postoffice?"

Answer: No, during the fourteen consecutive years that I have been a Member of the Assembly, representing the 46th district, I have had no trouble whatsoever with any postoffice.

QUESTION No. 6: "Do you

receive any complaints about answering mail?"

Answer: Yes, I receive a few complaints from time to time from people who say they have not received an answer to an inquiry. When I investigate such complaints I invariably find that the complainants used an incorrect or incomplete address, with the result that I did not receive the mail they wanted me to get.

QUESTION No. 7: "What is the best way to reach you?"

Answer: Write to me at Post Office Box 327, Redondo Beach, California, until December 31, 1964. Beginning January 1, 1965, please send

all mail to me at Room 1001, Assembly Chambers, State Capital, Sacramento 14, California, until the Legislature adjourns sometime in June, 1965. After that, please send mail to Post Office Box 327, Redondo Beach, California.

QUESTION No. 8: "What group sends you the most mail?"

Answer: Women write about ninety percent of the letters I receive, mostly on their own initiative, but sometimes at the request of fathers, husbands, sons or brothers. About 10 per cent of the letters come from men and boys. Almost all the letters

pertain to California State Government.

QUESTION No. 9: "What comments do you have on the newspapers of the 46th Assembly District?"

Answer: My comments on the newspapers published in, or circulated in the 46th Assembly District are favorable. However, this is my own personal opinion. No newspaper can ever please all of the people, all of the time.

QUESTION No. 11: "What is your opinion of most of the television political commentators?"

Answer: Since this column is read by women and children, I decline to state.

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