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I have been consulted by a number of the candidates for office -- among them Yarborough, Reavly, Turman, Diehl, and Governor Daniel. To every one of them I have stated that I stood on PASSO's statement of principle, and that I hoped that each of them would too. At the Governor's request, I went to the mansion on February 8, at 4:30 PM to give him advise, as he requested. We talked for a little more than an hour. What he said in San Antonio is substantially what I had advised him to say (with the principal exception of his claims as to the purity on the question of the segregation of "Mexican" children in the public schools -- an area where his record is black indeed). On February 8 I told him that, for the first primary, I could not support him -- because of his record -- and that I felt that, on principle, I would support the young "dark horse" who had convinced me that he meant what he said and who, I thought, deserved a chance to prove his worth. I told the Governor, also, that if Price Daniel and John Connally got into a runoff, I would do everything I could to help Price Daniel if, in the meantime, he demonstrated a sincere concern for our people.

My friend, if this is inconsistency I do not know what integrity means!

You talk about the will of the majority. The will of the majority gave us Pappy Lee O'Daniel, Jester, Shivers, Johnson, ad nauseum. Look at the local politics of predominantly Latin counties or regions. They gave us Rogers Kelly in the State Senate for years, they give us Joe Kilgore in the U. S. Congress. Should I go on? That is why we cannot rely on machine politics, on ward-heeling. We can rely only on the fact that morality, human decency, and our own sense of dignity and self-respect will win out in time. I can wait for that time; though, in the meantime, I may even have to appear as a minority of one. While I make no pretense to being anything more than a sorry sinner, I do not think that it is amiss to recall that Jesus Christ did not have a majority!

Very cordially, your friend



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