

Letters

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of his farmer constituency. Possibly the quality of his representation would be improved thereby.

The insinuation that the date of the referendum vote was set on the date of our primary election is a further effort to confuse and "rig" the election needs no comment except to point out that the referendum is being held in every wheat producing state in the nation. I do not believe that there are many duplications of this kind.

In the second place, we have witnessed the sorry spectacle of a field man of one of our respected organizations of good farmers in public meeting making insane and violent statements that are a slur and offense to our farmers' intelligence and good taste. Was Mr. Coleman referring to this free election in which every wheat farmer can have a voice as part of what he calls Secretary Freeman's "Stalinist March"?

What an uncalled for and unfortunate remark this was. Unfortunately because it was made by the representative of a good organization The Congress, the President, and the Secretary of Agriculture are to be commended rather than vilified for putting the responsibility for

the decision on all farmers regardless of acreage.

In the third place, we have seen advertisements by feed processors making a strong case for a "no" vote. We have heard other feed handlers argue and exhort violently for a no vote. There is nothing new about this. In past tobacco referenda we have noted the farmer buyers of some tobacco companies scurrying about hauling their growers to the polls to vote against any acreage quotas. We can very rightfully question, "For whose good interest are these tobacco and feed processors and grain dealers working?"

The editors of some of our county papers, with definite political complexions, have language to urging a "no" vote. The gist of their argument is an appeal for individual rights ("Don't let Washington tell you what to farm") and the statement that the position of the small farmer is damaged. I would recommend duals who insist on their right that these editors re-read their American history. The strong America that we know has been built, not by the indivi-

of complete freedom of action, but by the quiet and thinking group who in open discussions decided to build stockades, churches, schools, and granaries to provide the means to survive and prosper. Without question, all individuals had to enforce certain disciplines interest of the general welfare on their own actions in the of the strong and weak alike.

Ask yourself the question whether this referendum is not a continuation of this process of decision and action.

In conclusion, let's step away from the dust, dirt and confusion stirred up by the rabble rousers who are trying to make political hay or grind a questionable economic axe. Let's each one of us decide according to our own conscience, experience and inclinations whether to vote "yes" or "no".

If we do this, the answer will be the right one, whether yes or no, for it is only in this way that our great country can continue to grow greater and stronger.

Sincerely  
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