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Martin welcomes support

Assemblyman David Martin welcomed Watertown's Emerson Laughland to his campaign effort this morning following Mr. Laughland's withdrawal from the 30th Congressional District race.

Referring to Mr. Laughland's productive work on behalf of the district's senior citizens over the years, and to Mr. Laughland's endorsement of his own efforts on behalf of senior citizens, Assemblyman Martin declared, "It will be my pleasure to continue working, with the assistance of dedicated citizens like Emerson Laughland, to afford all our senior citizens the quality of life they so richly deserve."

In his statement of withdrawal, delivered this morning at a Watertown



press conference, Mr. Laughland remarked, "It is with great pleasure that I turn my total support to a man of maturity and discretion - a family man who, like myself, has served his country in the Armed Forces and belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion." The Watertown senior citizen expressed confidence that Martin will win the election to Congress in November.



Old World wagtails, birds of a species related to the lark, get their name from their habit of jerking their long tails up and down.

Martin's challenge

Let it all hang out! In our recollections of the days of "flower power," this was a phrase used when people were asking for truth -- asking that people did not hide behind a mask.

Congressional candidate David O'B. Martin is asking for the same type of honesty.

The Canton Assemblyman has requested public debates on the issues with his opponent for the 30th Congressional District seat that will be decided in September.

Martin suggests public debates at least in Watertown, Plattsburgh, Oswego, Ticonderoga and Ogdensburg.

Topics would cover such areas as inflation, energy, national defense, agriculture, taxes and the continued growth of the federal bureaucracy.

Such debates, we feel, are extremely important. Newspaper stories, television advertising, and all of the rest of the hype, cannot give a true picture of where a candidate stands. It is in a give-and-take situation where everyone has a chance to see how the candidates react "on their feet."

Martin is absolutely correct in asking for such debates. This national office is much too important to our seven-county area to have it left to chance.

Let the two candidates put their records on the line. What have they or have they not accomplished? How will they help to guide a very troubled nation?

These and other questions can only be answered when the two candidates are on the same platform. There just is not enough media space available to get a true picture of each candidate.

Let's strip off the political hype and get down to the nitty-gritty.

Martin's challenge for public debates must be met by the other candidate.

In Oswego County, the Oswego County Press Club, which has sponsored such debates in the past, should take a leading role in Martin's challenge. Vincent Caravan, publisher of the Oswego Valley News and president of the press club, has, in the past, been a leading force in setting up such debates.

We sincerely urge the president to again take a leadership role in setting up such a debate for the two Congressional candidates.

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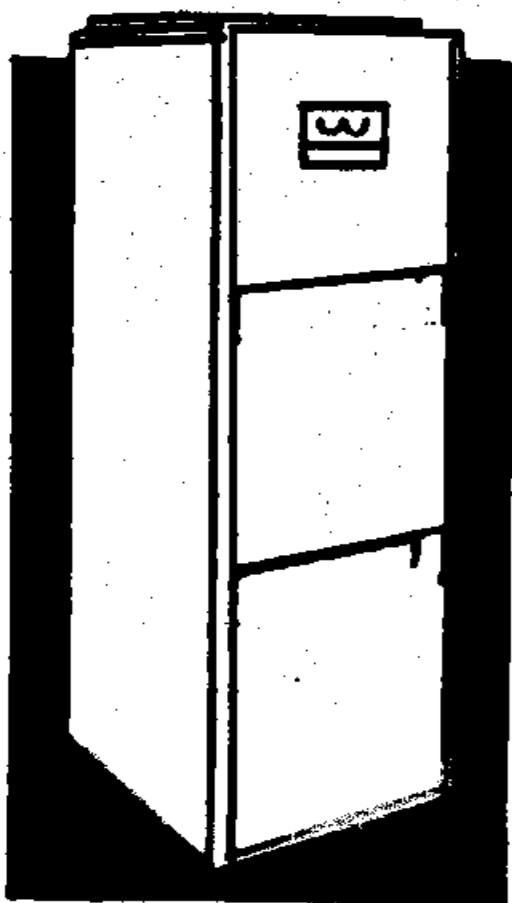
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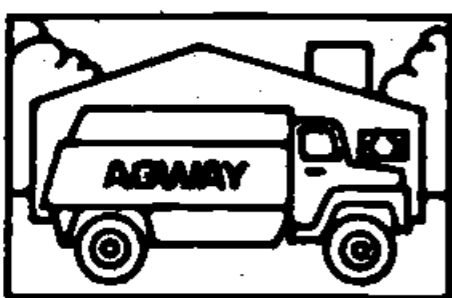
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