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Pick: Blue... Saturday night rally... Richard Tomashiro, campaign manager.

(Richard Sharpless)

Thanks. Molokai

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Good evening fellow Democrats. I bring you greetings from Congressman Dan Inouye who returned from Washington yesterday for a few days. He asked me to extend a ^{warm} fond aloha to each and every one of you and to say that he'll be over to see during the campaign. (Unfortunately, he could not be here tonight because of previous campaign commitments.)

I know that many of you here in Molokai want to see Dan and some of you may be wondering why he isn't here ~~in Hawaii~~ campaigning ^{full time in Hawaii} while his opponent is busy with a name-calling campaign.

Congressman Inouye feels that you people sent him to Washington to represent you. (He believes that your best interests are more important than his personal gain.)

(Many important bills are up for consideration in the Congress in the closing days of this session. Congressman Inouye knows that you people here tonight--and all the people of Hawaii--expect to be represented on each and every important vote.

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In that connection, I think you all know how laughable it is to call a Democratic Congressman a rubber stamp because he supports most of the programs proposed by President Kennedy--a Democrat.

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Dan has shown, however, that he can ^{will} disagree with the administration on occasion. He opposed the administration's Sugar Act bill because he did not think it was in the best interests of Hawaii or the nation. And he won his ~~own~~ fight by getting Hawaii's sugar industries a better break in the final version of the law.

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As for those three bills ^{He also fought for + succeeded in getting principle placed in the federal legislation} they keep talking about--all I can say is that these claims are either deliberate falsehoods or they show an amazing ignorance of Dan's Congressional record.

Our ^{latest} Congressman passed more than 20 important bills--I need only cite the \$3.2 million appropriation for the Molokai Irrigation Project and funds for a Kaunakakai Harbor study, ^{Molokai Bay small but harbor has a boat} to name things close to home, as examples of federal appropriations which Dan succeeded in getting through the Congress.

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I think all of us here tonight ~~know~~ well know that Dan Inouye is working in the best interests of ALL the people of Hawaii.

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He asked me to tell you that he is confident that this far-reaching ~~medicare~~ hospital and medical assistance program will be adopted by the next Congress.

You know that he favors federal aid to education ~~so that we can~~ so that we can provide more qualified teachers and better schools to equip our children for the space age and the many complex problems that face us in the future.

He believes that a number of states where the tax burden has reached a near maximum, including the state of Hawaii, need federal assistance to provide the best possible educational system. Dan feels that in this great age before us, our nation is only as strong as its weakest link.

He ~~has~~ strongly believes in the economic development of the Neighbor Islands to stop the outmigration of people because of the shortage of jobs. This is the very reason ~~he~~ he has supported and had passed a number of Neighbor Island flood control, ~~and~~ harbor ~~projects~~ and irrigation projects.

(He believes that Molokai can become Hawaii's breadbasket, once the Molokai Irrigation Project's distribution system is completed. There is absolutely no reason why we shouldn't produce ~~all~~ nearly all of the agricultural products we consume, instead of relying so

much on West Coast producers.)

But Dan's representation of the people of Hawaii goes far beyond the confines of these islands.

He believes the question of war or peace is ^{one} of the leading issues of our time. That is why he is for a strong military defense system. Any cut in defense spending would only be an invitation to the Communists to step up their aggressive activities.

He believes in foreign aid--which takes only four cents of every tax dollar--because nations such as Japan might well have fallen into the Communist orbit had it not been for the fact that we helped ~~sgmzzzz~~ such countries to get back on their feet.

Many of these foreign countries such as Pakistan and Spain permit us to establish major defense bases in their back yards--bases which ring the Communist world and help to keep the Communist aggressors at bay.

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