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EARLY HALLOWEEN FOR DEMOCRATS

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Halloween has come a little early this year for some Democrats, and they are crying foul because the big kids have ripped off their masks.

For years, these Democrats have been telling the people what they think they want to hear at election time and trying to make them forget what they say and do the rest of the time.

But now a series of newspaper ads have lifted the masks of innocence so many of them wear and are showing the real hobgoblins behind them.

As a result, we are hearing loud cries from such old left-wing witchhunters as Lawrence O'Brien, as well as a scattering of Democrats who are seeking election or re-election to the United States Senate.

I have seen a few of the newspaper ads they are so loudly denouncing, and it is clear to me that they are merely trying to turn their past political indiscretions into partisan advantage by shouting "foul."

Strangely, I have heard very few deny what the ads say, because they can't. For the fact is that left-wing labor groups, surrender-in-Vietnam committees and radical fund-raising organizations such as George McGovern's "Fund for 1970" have poured over two million dollars into these campaigns.

The fact is also that a year ago and even six months ago when these liberal candidates thought youthful dissent, and street politics were the wave of the future, they said some pretty silly things like equating the need for law and order with racism, like minimizing the acts of the Chicago rioters, like excusing draft evaders or being critical of law enforcement efforts.

The ridiculousness of their complaints is made more obvious by the fact that the chief complainer is Lawrence O'Brien. Most of us have not forgotten the phony missile gap issue he created in 1960, nor have we forgotten the TV spots he was responsible for in 1964 -- spots that threatened America with

nuclear disaster and older Americans with an end to social security if they voted for Barry Goldwater.

Nor have we forgotten the loud silence these outrageous acts brought forth from those who are now reading the truth about themselves.

At times like these, we often hear the cry that campaigns should be waged on the issues, and surely they should be, but are not a candidate's supporters, sources of funds, statements and outside activities legitimate issues? Of course they are.

Americans have a right to know not only about their candidates' political views, but also about their past statements and positions and who their supporters are.

Surely, even Lawrence O'Brien cannot deny this.