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Wanted: Better Politicians

There is a scarcity which many Americans prefer not to discuss—that of good candidates for public office. There is too much mediocrity in the business of running the government of the country, and it troubles me that this should be so at a time of such complexity and crisis. Why are there ten qualified candidates for medical school for every one accepted, when thousands of elective public offices and party posts go by default to mediocre contestants? Is it because the qualifications for entry into politics are neither many nor exacting?

People become politicians in one of three ways.

First, they may start at the bottom working for the party organization and be nominated for office as a reward for faithful service. Sometimes they may skip one or two rungs of the ladder. Franklin D. Roosevelt became skilled in the art and science of government through long tenure in elective office.

A second way is to plunge into politics as a maverick, hitting the campaign trail in support of one's own claim to office and obtaining nomination and election without the support of the old regulars. This has been done by people of varying levels of integrity. Joe McCarthy knew very little about politics when first elected to important public office.

The third way is to be drafted by a political organization to save it from defeat when none of the old regulars is thought to have much chance of winning. Dwight Eisenhower was not versed in the art of politics when first pressed into service. Chairs of party organizations all over the country would sell their souls to find party members with integrity and administrative ability. Every year they wring their hands over the lack of candidates with public appeal, and with the ability to speak with flair in public.



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It takes much energy and self-discipline to speak persuasively before captive audiences. Almost every year the political leaders have to look around for some citizen willing to be drafted who has not come up through the normal political channels. They have to take what they can get, and too often it is pretty bad. Politics is getting the leftovers.