

Oscar Ameringer

shed a lot of light on what others think of them. In fact a politician has these same opinions about his/her opponents; only he does not believe that his/her opponents believe likewise.

Here we go:

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other."

—Oscar Ameringer, "the Mark Twain of American Socialism."

"I offered my opponents a deal: 'if they stop telling lies about me, I will stop telling the truth about them".

—Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952.

"A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country."

—Texas Guinan. 19th century American businessman

"I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians."

—Charles de Gaulle, French general & politician

"Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks."

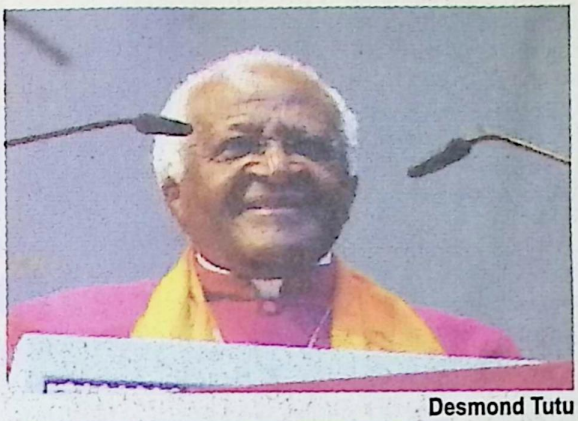
—Doug Larson (English middle-distance runner who won gold medals at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, 1902-1981)

"We hang petty thieves and appoint the bigger thieves to public office."

—Aesop, Greek slave & fable author

"Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."

—Plato, ancient Greek Philosopher



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"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river."
—Nikita Khrushchev, Russian Soviet politician

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become PM; I'm beginning to believe it."

—Quoted in 'Clarence Darrow for the Defense' by Irving Stone.

"Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel."

—John Quinton, American actor/writer

"When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land."

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P.S. Every now and then do watch a talk show, if only to make you believe what a wonderful person you are.

Have a great 2014!