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RE-ELECT GUY CORDON

By Charles V. Stanton

The election campaign is in the home stretch. Oregon voters will go to the polls Tuesday. For the past few weeks they have listened to one of the most vigorous and vicious campaigns in many years.

The major fight is for the position of U. S. Senator, with Richard L. Neuberger endeavoring to unseat incumbent Senator Guy Cordon. This battle in Oregon has gained national attention because of its possible effect on the balance of power in Congress. National headquarters of both parties have thrown full weight behind the two candidates. The highest officials of the parties have visited Oregon to lend their strength to the campaign.

Chiefly at issue is the matter of political philosophy. Cordon represents the conservative theory of government. Neuberger has long been an advocate of the extreme liberal policies.

Cordon, through seniority and ability, now serves on highest ranking committees of the U. S. Senate. He is in a particularly strong position, through his place on the Committee of Interior and Insular Affairs, to be of great service to the Pacific Northwest.

It would be a tragedy, we believe, for the State of Oregon to replace Cordon with a man who would start at the bottom of the seniority ladder and who, if he follows the practices he demonstrated in the Oregon Legislature, that of constantly criticizing his fellow legislators, would carry little or no weight in the U. S. Senate.

Campaign Of Mistruths

Cordon's conduct in the Senate has been one of cooperation. He is well liked on both sides of the aisle. Neuberger, on the other hand, lost his political influence in the Oregon Legislature because of poor relations with fellow members and his constant play to the galleries, and he undoubtedly would pursue the same tactics if elected to the U. S. Senate.

Neuberger has conducted his campaign on a platform of mistruths, half-truths, misrepresentation, and irresponsibility.

The demagogic nature of his campaign is obvious in his proposals for tax reductions and increased spending.

He supports expenditures for public power, increased financial aid for allied countries, and other free spending of public money, yet proposes lower tax rates. If we spend more money, we must pay more taxes. The only other recourse is increased deficit spending. By his proposals for lower taxes, but more spending, Neuberger clearly demonstrates either insincerity or irresponsibility, or both.

Cordon And Eisenhower

As an example of misrepresentation is Neuberger's accusations of "give-away." Senator Cordon and Secretary McKay are pictured as pirates, plundering the public domain.

Secretary McKay served for many years as a distinguished senator in the Oregon Legislature. He served two terms as governor. Senator Cordon was a county assessor, district attorney, representative of the western states on public lands. Is it possible that men who have so long served the public interest could be the blackguards the opposition tries to picture them?

Senator Cordon's voting record is painted as "black." He is claimed by Neuberger to be opposed to the Eisenhower program.

Senator Alexander Wiley, one of Cordon's colleagues in the U. S. Senate, points out that on "35 critical roll call votes, Cordon stood with the President 31 times." This corresponds to the Democratic charges of only four votes in opposition to the Eisenhower program.

"Cordon's record of consistent support of the President's program is topped by only one other member of the Senate this year," says Senator Wiley.

Yet Neuberger, who advocates policies totally at odds with the Eisenhower program, has been extremely critical of Cordon's "black voting record." The only "black" features of that record, however, are the votes against the socialistic policies Neuberger endorses.

When Oregon has in Washington such a powerful team as Cordon and McKay it would be extremely foolish, in our opinion, to substitute a "Morseberger" combination.

Hal Boyle

MORGANVILLE, N. J. (AP) — Parents, when a son is drafted for military service, sometimes complain:

"I wouldn't want my boy to duck his duty to the country. But it does seem such a terrible waste of time, now that we are at peace. And he's so young. He'll be surrounded by all kinds of temptations. It's so easy for a kid his age to go wrong."

Whenever I hear a father or mother carry on like this, I feel like telling them the story of Steve Lavoie. His career is an example of how military service, far from hurting a kid, can help him get his feet on the ground and find a real goal in life.

Steve, silver-haired but still tough-fisted at 53, is about as rugged an individualist as any left in the land. He likes to hunt bears in Canada, buffalo or leopards in Africa, because he cherishes the intense feeling of aliveness that comes in moments of danger. He also operates a 12 million dollar a year electronics firm, and gets a similar thrill hunting down the solution to an intricate problem in engineering.

As a friend said of Lavoie, a Winthrop, Mass., boy who won success the hard way: "He is a guy who's never really happy unless he's walking some kind of a tight rope."

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