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The Way We See It: McKay for Senator

Yesterday the Emerald endorsed Eisenhower. Today we endorse an "Eisenhower man," Douglas McKay, for the United States Senate.

It would be a pleasure to say, as we did yesterday, that our choice is the best of two good candidates. This we cannot do. Nor do we subscribe to the popular theory that it is a matter of selecting the lesser of two evils.

We feel that McKay would be an adequate but not outstanding Senator. His opponent is a brilliant man in many ways, but we do not consider him qualified to represent Oregon in the Senate.

Eisenhower deserves a friendly Senate, and Morse is the President's most bitter enemy, both in word and in obstructionist acts. It was Oregon's senior Senator who said of our President: "I have absolutely no confidence in him and I am satisfied he is completely lacking in all political morality. In my judgment, he is the most dangerous man who will ever have been in the White House."

"In my judgment" is the key. While this is the most extreme example of poor judgment with which we charge the Senator, it is by no means the only one.

McKay was the President's choice for Secretary of the Interior, a political graveyard if we've ever seen one. It is very difficult to sift the truth from fiction and evaluate his record in Washington. But if Al Sarena is indicative of the Democratic charges in general, then we don't place much stock in them.

Douglas McKay was a good Governor, and was re-elected by the largest majority in the history of state gubernatorial contests. The evil that Democrats attribute to him went unnoticed while he was Mayor of Salem, a member of the state legislature, and Governor of our state.

It is true, however, that McKay will never attain the national prominence that Morse has gained. He is a poor public speaker, is relatively colorless, and is too modest to insist that the world and its issues revolve around him. But we feel he would be an adequate Senator.

One Democratic faculty member, whose judgment we greatly respect, advances this theory. He thinks Morse has been generally right on the big issues of the past twelve years. He resents his lack of humility; he does not consider him completely honest; he would be much afraid of a Senate of 49 Morses; but he will vote for one. When he's wrong he can't get a majority, this professor asserts, and when he's right his brilliant mind is a real asset to the Senate. It's the best case for a Morse vote we've heard, but still doesn't convince us.

Morse has always answered challenges to his bewildering inconsistencies by saying he follows his conscience. This is a very noble method, one we're sure most public servants use. It does not follow, however, that his conscience has guided him well.

Morse's political integrity has been made a great issue in this campaign. Why should

per term.

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any man doubt the motives of another? Here is some of the evidence often used.

On Sept. 13, 1952, Morse said: "As a matter of political ethics no man holding office has a right to bolt his party." In July 1954, after he'd become an Independent amidst great fanfare, he said a rumor that he might become a Democrat while still a Senator elected as a Republican was a "lie being spread by my enemies." You know the rest of the story.

Why did he change his mind? He says he followed his conscience. But the Republican party of 1954 was a much more liberal body than that of the 40s which he enthusiastically supported. Did the party he said he could never join suddenly go from black to white?

Those critical of Morse quickly add these facts. In 1954 the Senator was just two years away from the end of his term and facing an election no one could expect him to win as an Independent. Sen. Neuberger, who had the courage to be a Democrat when it was politically unprofitable, had just become the first Democrat elected to the Senate from Oregon in 40 years. And the Democrats had for the first time become the state's majority party in registration.

In 1946 he called the filibuster a "disgraceful and contemptible procedure." In 1953 he set an all-time Senate record for length of filibuster.

One could go on and on recording Morse inconsistencies. Charles A. Sprague, a liberal Republican editor of Salem's Oregon Statesman, sums it up thus: "... he has reversed himself so often, altered his own course, joined what he rejected, spurned what once he endorsed, that his own actions belie either the purity of his motives or the value of his judgment."

Note that he said either. This we consider evident, but has never been better expressed.

Besides his inconsistencies, Morse irritates in another way. He makes it very clear to all that he considers himself the most brilliant man on the national scene. Indeed he has the remarkable record of never having been wrong on any matter. Those who ascribe greatness to the man must explain to us how such a quality is consistent with his unbounded conceit. We are old-fashioned enough to believe that in greatness there is humility.

We're sorry that an evaluation of two candidates for a position as important as U.S. Senator cannot be more constructive. Perhaps we've been drawn into the pattern of many in this campaign, of viewing everything as either black or white. But this is the way we see it.

We do agree with Morse that a Senator should vote as his judgment dictates, not by weighing the pro and con letters from home. It then becomes the voter's responsibility to evaluate the judgment of the candidates.

If this were a contest of IQs or public speaking we would have to support Morse. But since the Senator's record is the issue, we must endorse Douglas McKay.

No Inconvenience Whatever



"I SEE I'VE LECTURED INTO YOUR 'LUNCH HOUR' AGAIN."

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

Your editorial concerning "What is the matter" (with school spirit at Oregon) and the question "What can be done about it" can be answered quite completely with a good look at and realistic evaluation of the housing system at the University.

Around 1948-50 school spirit was at its post-World War II height. But in 1950 a campaign to force all freshman students to live in dormitories rather than in the fraternities and sororities of their choice was culminated. Since then the Greek system at Oregon has been extremely sick. This artificial living system is called deferred living—its synonym is indifferent spirit.

Any time three or four Greek houses can almost completely dominate all phases of campus activity and politics at a school the size of Oregon, something is very wrong. The few fraternities and sororities that were able to maintain their numbers by pledging the lion's share of the rushers while the others were losing out on their biggest source of manpower—the freshmen—have emerged so far ahead of the rest of the campus groups that it would be almost hopeless to attempt to challenge them.

How does this tie in with school spirit? Simply that with the constructive leadership that is provided by the traditionally active Greek system, the average freshman's enthusiasm could be channeled into school spirit in a constructive rather than destructive manner.

First year students are never given a fair chance to prove themselves in such spirit-building activities as intramurals, float building, campus sing contests, desserts, decorating for house dances, bunion derbies, rallies—even work parties and house duties. It's conceivable that the freshmen could manage to participate in many of these things if they were allowed to, but how many would want to walk from four blocks to over half a mile to their house every day of the week, even if they had the time.

But certain of our administrators feel that these activities are distractions from study time. But what do the freshmen do with the "spare time" that has

so thoughtlessly been presented them? They stage pantie raids, get drunk, systematically destroy dormitories (\$3,000 in one term along to Earl Hall was announced last year), and generally cause trouble to pass their dead time away.

Our freshmen certainly aren't to blame for this sad situation. They have no choice. The blame lies with self-seeking administrators of school policy who introduced an unneeded, unwanted, and harmful living system in place of the excellent system which had been in vogue for years. How many intelligent administrators can believe that one or two uninterested and unconcerned dorm counselors can control 60 to 80 unruly freshmen in a dormitory which is nothing more to them than a place to keep out of the rain and sleep is ridiculous.

A far better and healthier situation would be such as at OSC, again, where our neighbors to the north trust 20-40 Greeks to see that their new pledge class and fraternity brothers-to-be will be given a proper introduction to the functioning and spirit that should exist on a good college campus. As everyone knows, discipline is almost as important as eating to a Greek house, but how can there be any discipline when the freshmen pledges are rarely seen at the house more than once a week.

Having mentioned OSC twice before, it might be well to close by saying that at the Beaver school everyone, administration as well as alumni and both Greek and independent student body credit their fine living-in system with elevating their school so far above ours in virtually every phase of campus life that involves spirit or student response. At State there is no talk of deferred living programs. They wouldn't stand for it after seeing the miserable failure it has been on the Oregon campus.

Oregon has a long way to go to come back to the fine spirit which once existed here. It can be done, but first our administration will have to open its eyes to the farce called deferred living and start letting our campus move forward again before Oregon State's Aggies get so far ahead of us that we can never catch them again.

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