

The atmosphere was never tense as Lane County Democrats spent ten hours deciding on a party platform in Harris Hall Saturday.

The Democrats discussed proposed planks in 11 areas with no bitter disagreements, assuming a philosophy that was anti-military, pro-labor and that called for a reordering of priorities in all levels of legislation.

The philosophy was also decidedly liberal.

Though about 150 persons were present about noon during discussions on the fiscal affairs plank, only about 30 stuck it out for the discussions on education and party organization, structure and elections about 7 p.m.

The group spent more than two hours discussing and amending the fiscal affairs plank, though the plank on party organization, structure and election was adopted in about five minutes.

Thirty-one delegates and 21 alternates to the Oregon Democratic State Convention, including several University students, were elected at the meeting.

Some of the more liberal proposals adopted called for the legalization of marijuana to be licensed and sold by the state to

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persons over 18, an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of all forces from Indo-China within 24 hours after inauguration of the new president and an immediate unconditional amnesty for all who refused to serve in "an immoral and unjust war."

After some disagreement that was primarily the males debating the females, the Democrats also affirmed "the right of every woman to control her own reproduction... regardless of her marital status and-or age."

Some of the male members objected to the proposal because "this means our wives or young daughters can have an abortion without consulting us."

The delegates refused to support a \$100 bonus to veterans for every month (up to 12 months) they served in Viet Nam, but supported free tuition for Oregon Viet Nam veterans attending Oregon schools.

And, in a contradictory move, the Democrats defeated a proposal that called for Nixon to remove the embargo on selling military goods to Israel claiming "the U.S. is too much into the arms sale business", but refused to be consistent and also defeated a proposal that stated the U.S. shouldn't sell armaments to any country regardless of need.

Other general attitudes and specific thrusts in the final platform included urging:

— The establishment of an independent federal consumer

protection agency which would process consumer complaints and would have the power to investigate consumer abuses.

— A requirement that all electronic broadcasting media regulated by the Federal Communications Commission provide regular, free, prime-time "counter advertising" by consumer groups against "unwarranted or questionable advertising claims" by advertisers.

— A requirement of uniform labeling of products to include the anticipated shelf life of the product, a list of the products ingredients by percentages and, for canned products, the drained weight of the product.

— Prohibition of profit-making commercial pro-raters "which often exploit rather than assist debtors," since this service is already available through non-profit consumer credit counseling agencies.

— The development of procedures that will give the full picture of unemployment rather than the inadequate figures based on applications to state employment agencies and give the Bureau of Labor Statistics the right to release unemployment statistics without interference from the president.

— Special efforts to create opportunities for the small farmer and also the support of the "aims and strategy" of Cesar Chavez's United Farmworkers union.

— State legislation to protect the health of the whole public from the dangerous effects of pesticides.

— The right of teachers to bargain collectively, picket and strike. State Representative Larry Perry stated, "Teachers have been denied this right for too damn many years."

— Recognition that the ownership of property is only temporary and that land is the common resource of all people. Therefore the increased value of property should be shared by all people and 50 per cent of the increased valuation of property should go to the community. This proposal was made by State Representative LeRoy Owens who said, "land value is increased because of what we all have done."

— A taxation program "aimed at taxing Republicans more than they now are taxed," including continued support of property tax relief for low and middle income taxpayers, extension of this relief to renters and revision of the present income tax rates to relieve "pressures on low and middle income taxpayers."

— Increased state support of schools to the level of 100 per cent of a foundation program for operating schools and instructional costs.

— Allowance of gasoline tax revenue to be used to support all forms of public transportation and the encouragement of alternatives to the automobile as the primary means of transportation.

— The federal government to assume 100 per cent of welfare costs.

— Opposition to lotteries as a form of revenue.

— The U.S. to be concerned about the environment of all nations, including the environment this country has destroyed in Indo-China, and the depletion of natural resources of all countries.

— Drastic alteration of fiscal priorities to confront the continued destruction of the environment.

— Strong support for the bicycle as an alternative to the automobile.

— The establishment of a review board representative of the people of the state that would permit clear-cutting only in the instances when it can be proven ecologically defensible.

— The condemnation of "the merciless bombing of civilian populations throughout Indo-China, the use of these countries as a testing ground for new and ever-deadlier weapons and the use of chemical, biological and electronic warfare."

— The condemnation of the "immoral" support of the military dictators of Pakistan.

— A condemnation of the administration's use of secrecy, concealment and deceit in its attempts to control the free press and deliberately mislead the American people and the peoples of the world.

— Support of the formation of a federal committee to investigate U.S. oil interests in relation to military and other spending in Indo-China.

— Senior citizens should not be discriminated against in any way solely on the basis of their age.

— Establishment of more federal low-income housing and/or providing cash allowances directly to low income families who can then demand standard housing.

— Revision of Oregon's landlord tenant laws that would reduce legal inequities between landlord and tenant.

— Strong and comprehensive measures to end sex discrimination.

— Adoption of the "Equal Rights for Women" amendment to the U.S. constitution.

— Child care expenditures should be a deductible income tax item and that tax credits be given to employers who provide child-care facilities as a workers' fringe-benefit.

— An equal proportion of women on state, local, and federal decision-making bodies.

— Eighteen should be the age for all legal rights, including the right to buy intoxicating beverages.

— All electronic surveillance should be prohibited.

— Opposition to the "no knock" provision of the Narcotics Control Act.

— Legislation that requires proportional representation of low-income and minority groups at all policy-making and appointive level of local, state and national government and on the State Board of Higher Education.

— The adoption of a national income maintenance program which ensures every individual and family who are in need an income commensurate with the actual cost of living within their community, to be financed by the federal government.

— The adoption of a federal plan which provides comprehensive medical, mental, dental and preventive health care regardless of the individuals ability to pay for this care.

— Effective venereal disease control by the government "the same as it would attempt to control an epidemic of any other communicable disease."

— Oregon institutions should not charge out-of-state tuition from students from other states that do not charge Oregon students out-of-state tuition. Eventual abolition of out-of-state tuition "since the distinction between in-state and out-of-state students is not clear as students can now vote locally after six months of residence."

— Lowering residency requirements for voting in Oregon from six months to 30 days.

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