

Local conservationists rally behind Carter

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Many of Oregon's environmental activists are beginning to back former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter's presidential bid.

After listening to a speech by Carter's environmental aide last weekend in Eugene, a letterhead committee of Oregon conservationists for Carter was formed.

"The purpose of the letterhead committee," states member Maradel Gale, "is to send out information to concerned environ-

mentalists in Oregon about the candidates' environmental stands. Carter's environmental stands are not well known in Oregon, just as Tom McCall's positions were unfamiliar to Georgians."

Some conservationists are holding back their support of Carter in preference to Morris Udall, according to one local environmentalist, in order to show support for his environmental voting record. However, other conservationists consider Carter's en-

vironmental stands to be as good as Udall's and want to support the most probable nominee. Barring some unforeseen development, they think that person is Carter.

Two recent events have swung many environmentalists into the peanut farmers' camp. A profile of candidates prepared by the National League of Conservation Voters (NLCV) was published by the Sierra Club Committee on Political Education on May 1 of this year.

"Perhaps Carter's most

courageous action was his decision to block construction of the Sprewell Bluffs dam on the Flint River," states the profile text. "The project was backed enthusiastically by all previous governors and by the state legislature. The dam would have ruined one of the most scenic rivers in the state of Georgia."

The NLCV report also praises Udall. "Udall has probably done more than any other candidate to dispel industry arguments that the environment must be sacrificed in the name of energy production and economic growth."

"Ten years before Earth Day," continues the report, "Udall warned his more shortsighted colleagues of the urgent need for a stable population and responsible land use policies to prevent depletion of the nation's resources."

To convince environmentalists of Carter's background, Carlton Neville, Carter's environmental

aide, came to Eugene last weekend. Neville, a mathematics professor at Georgia's Kennesaw College and leader of the Georgia Audubon Society, stated, "While Georgia governor, Jimmy Carter was a friend of the environmentalists."

"As governor, he supported wild rivers, land use planning, natural areas, and reorganized the department of natural resources," Neville said.

Primary Report Card

	NUCLEAR	COAL	SYNTHETIC FUELS	OFF SHORE OIL COASTLINE	ENERGY STRATEGY	RIVERS, WATER PROJECTS	PUBLIC LANDS PARKS, FORESTS	WILDLIFE GRAZING	AGRICULTURE PESTICIDES	LAND USE PLANNING	POPULATION	TRANSPORTATION	AIR POLLUTION	OSHA, WATER POLLUTION
BROWN Fair	?	?	?	B	b	b	?/d	c	b/d	d	?	A	A	?/A
CARTER Outstanding	B	a?	a?	A	A	A	A	b	b?	A	B	C	C	B
FORD Hopeless	F	F	F	F	F	D	D	C	D	D	F	B	F	D
HUMPHREY Fair	D	b?	c?	b	b?	d	D	c	b?	c	b?	c	a?	b
JACKSON Very mixed/Fair	F	B	F	B	D	C	B	B	c	A	c	C	b	a
REAGAN Bad	D	?	?	F	F	B	C	b	d	F	F	F	F	A/D
UDALL Outstanding	B	B	a	a?	A	D	A	A	a	A	a	a	a	a
WALLACE Hopeless	F	F	?	F	?	F	c	c?	?	F?	F	F	b	F

Capital letters = proven in action; small = campaign position.

This report card was prepared by the National League of Conservation Voters. Copies of the full League profiles of presidential candidates can be obtained for \$2 from the CLCV, 529 Commercial St., San Francisco, CA., 94111.

Local journalist wins Pulitzer

(AP) — Bob Porterfield, formerly with the Springfield News, the Roseburg News Review and several Eugene area radio stations, is part of a news team that received a Pulitzer Prize Monday.

Porterfield, 30, and two other staff members of the Anchorage Daily News received a Pulitzer Prize for preparing a 16-part series on how the Teamsters Union had spread its control of Alaskan affairs.

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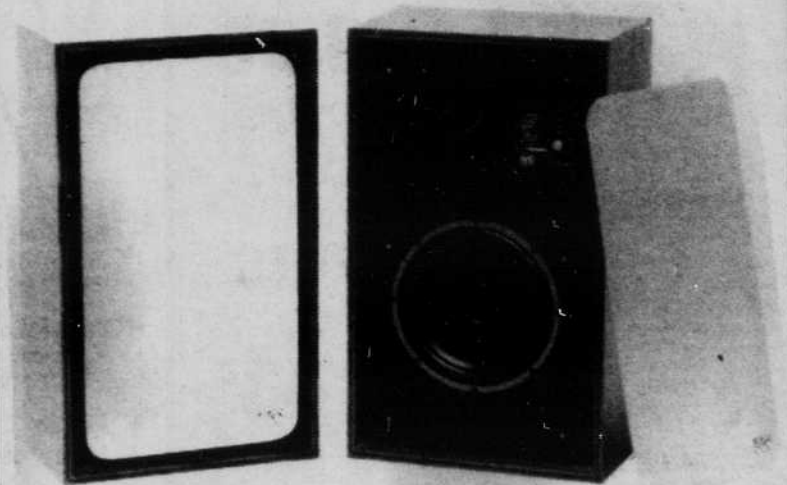
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