

Letters

Solar key

The reason I should be President is simple; I understand the problems this country faces and I know how they may be solved permanently. During this campaign, I will show how all of our major problems are rooted in the economy and how they are inter-related. None of these problems, such as inflation, recession, energy, pollution, poverty, crime and unemployment, can be dealt with successfully on an individual basis; they can only be conquered by implementing a plan which deals with the economy as a whole. I will present such a plan during this campaign. My plan is simple and sure to work. It is not an easy or quick solution but I will maintain that it could be completed by the year 2000. Although it is a simple plan, it is not obvious how or why it will work so I hope to have ample opportunity to explain the reasoning behind it.

The essence of my plan is to rebuild our highly centralized and wasteful economy so that it is decentralized and steady-state. By "decentralized," I do not mean the elimination of big business but I mean the elimination of our dependence upon big business. By "steady-state" economy, I mean an economy in which the sum of available resources does not diminish with time but always stays about the same. The key to achieving both of these objectives is to convert our economy to run on solar energy. Solar energy is the key because energy is the one product on which all production depends and solar is the only source which can possibly meet both requirements. I will show that it is not only desirable to complete this program but absolutely necessary if we are ever to solve our numerous problems.

These age-old problems, which plague all nations, are solvable. This nation does have the capacity to solve its problems. But we are not doing it. In recent years, most of our troubles have grown worse. We have lacked the leadership and planning necessary to bring about the desired results. This leadership and planning, I believe I can provide.

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Wait and see

The appointment of a blue ribbon committee to review the county officials' travel and per-

sonal expense accounts as proposed by commissioner Wood is a good example of: How to slip out of an embarrassing audit by fighting a delaying action; and the total ineptness of the neophytes we are saddled with in the commissioner's office.

If the commissioners were sincere, they would reimburse the county for the costs of all the services enjoyed by their wives in Hawaii at our expense and see that immediate reimbursement is made for bridge work done for private citizens at commissioner Elliot's direction. I wonder what the true cost of this action really was.

The commissioners should take the following actions to reduce excessive and un-toward charges against the county.

Adoption of a reasonable per diem schedule like the state and federal government.

Ensure all reimbursement for unusual or excessive expenses is only made when justified and upon submission of an itemized receipt from the actual vendor who performed the services.

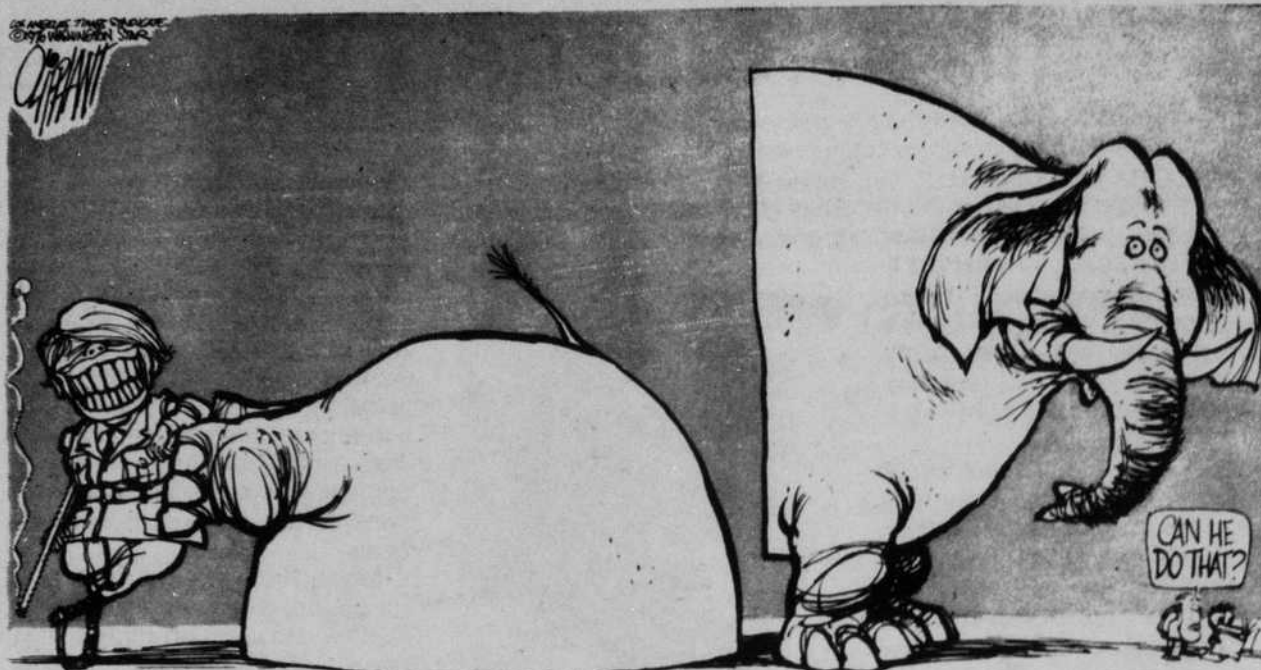
Forbid payment of all private mileage unless it is proven cheaper than the use of county vehicles. Personal convenience should not be considered.

Forbid all personal charges on county credit cards. The commissioners have charged booze on their cards at one time or another — as we have seen, it takes action by private citizens to ensure repayment at times.

We need an immediate audit to ensure that all public funds have been properly disbursed. After the audit, a committee could be appointed to oversee subject expenditures and the need for so much out of state travel. A week ago commissioner Wood spent the entire week in Washington, D.C. — how much did that cost us — was it necessary — did we elect a county commissioner or hire Henry Kissinger? Did we need to send four officials and four wives to Hawaii? By the way, the unidentified "officials" at the lavish dinner we objected to that was paid for by commissioner Wood using a county credit card was Mr. Wynia and his wife. It is strange that commissioner Wood cannot remember his own department head.

I will reserve passing judgment on the proposed committee until I see who is appointed. A member of this committee has volunteered. If we see the same old names, we will know what is going on.

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TROUBLE IN THE SOUTH

opinion

Toy invented by administrators

The best bet in the country these days is that over 90 per cent of any student body believes their student government is a joke. And not just their government but any student government. And why believe otherwise? Since junior high days we've witnessed nothing but superficiality from student government types. Student government traditionally concerns itself with allocating a predetermined sum of money to rally girls for outfits, the band for uniforms, forensics team for travel, membership dues to national organizations, chess club, math club, etc., etc.

It wasn't too hard to take in junior and senior high school, because it really didn't cost us anything. But when one arrives at college or university, it doesn't take long to realize that the student government is still allocating money to clubs and organizations — only now it's coming from our pockets. To the tune of \$76.50 a year at the UO.

I believe the time has come to do away with all this nonsense! Let us start using our money to protect our interests. Tuition costs soar, financial aids dive. I think we need a student association working vigorously to make tuition costs dive and financial aids soar! A student government is incapable of representing student interests because the individuals involved are too busy arguing about "proper procedure" and "checks and balances" to perceive the true concerns of students. Student government was invented by ad-

ministrators to provide a learning experience in government for students, by implementing a "toy" government to play with. The only problem is the "toy" government cannot influence decisions on the rate of tuition increases, or increasing the availability of financial assistance.

Through collective action, spearheaded by a unified and purposeful association, instead of a divisive and meaningless government, students indeed can achieve redress of grievances and work effectively to curb tuition inflation. Why? The main reason is that an association must communicate with its membership and solicit its recommendations. When the association negotiates a "student contract," it must mail that contract to the students to either accept or reject. In this way all students are given the opportunity to participate in major decision-making of the association. A student government offers only indirect participation on miniscule issues that make very little difference anyway.

The ASUO executive is placing a referendum on the ASUO General Election mail out ballot calling for the abolishment of the student government and the establishment of a student association. I urge you to mail in your ballot with an affirmative response to establish a truly representative student association.

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Name dazzles

Recently the federal Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) refused to fund an experimental solar heating unit in the University's proposed \$2 million music school addition.

Reportedly, the ERDA is not funding any solar energy projects

because "too much research is underway" right now in the field. This lame excuse smacks of a continued go-ahead for dependence on big energy.

Funding has not been refused the Trojan nuclear power plant on the grounds that too much research is underway right now in the field of radioactive waste disposal. Research has failed to refine radioactive waste disposal

methods. Present waste disposal methods are inadequate and shortsighted and, dare I say: immoral.

Narrow thinking has lead to a tying up of high energy resources for low energy space heating needs. Industry has not realized that it does not benefit from this situation, even though it is industry that has an expanding need for high energy electricity. Meanwhile, solar heating languishes as a potential low energy provider for lack of funds.

Realize that the ERDA's response to energy solutions is restricted by its entrenchment with pro-nuclear holdovers from the old Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). A strikingly new name to dazzle has meant the same staffing with the same dependence on the same solution: no more.

The nuclear promise is increasingly understood to have been and to be wrought with unreasonable risk, unreasonable cost and "unreasonable proponents."

One must rise up and ask again: "Why not solar heating? Is big energy/ERDA afraid of solar success?"

Become involved in pro-solar and Nuclear Safeguards Initiative projects.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE KISSINGER OF THE UNITED STATES.

MY FELLOW AMERICANS, MY TERM OF OFFICE AS YOUR KISSINGER IS COMING TO A CLOSE.

NEXT JANUARY, PRESIDENT FORD OR HIS SUCCESSOR WILL APPOINT TO THIS OFFICE THE KISSINGER OF HIS CHOICE.

BUT DO NOT FEAR IN OUR SYSTEM INDIVIDUAL KISSINGERS COME AND GO BUT THE POLICIES OF THE KISSINGER REMAIN ETERNAL.

A BIGGER ARMS BUILD-UP MORE COVERT OPERATIONS, WIDER GAPS BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS, EXPANDED INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

FOR REGARDLESS OF WHO RUNS THE WHITE HOUSE CORPORATE WEALTH RUNS THE KISSINGER.

AND THE KISSINGER RUNS THE WORLD.

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