

Labor Editor calls society anti-union

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David Selvin, a labor editor, told a labor and media workshop Friday that the commercial media tends to look only at labor disputes, rather than the concerns of the labor movement.

Selvin, editor of the Northern California, said "society has had an anti-union tilt." He added that there was "no reason to expect aid or comfort... from commercial media" because in many instances, newspapers had their own "strike-breaking force."

Selvin continued, many unionized newspapers had their own schools, paid for and run by the publishers and owners of those

newspapers. Selvin said the schools are set up to train employees how to run presses, do lay-out and report during times when union employees are out on strike.

The effect, according to Selvin, is that the newspapers have a "corps of professional strike-breakers" who will be "professionally trained scabs."

The California editor said that

because news comes from conflict and sensation, most newspapers are unwilling to print news about labor negotiations, but are readily willing to print the conflict or violence that might evolve from such negotiations.

His advice on how to maintain a balance in labor reporting is to "get to know them (the media) ... work with them."

Selvin said he feels labor should go to the press, rather than waiting for a conflict to arise, and then be approached by the media.

Selvin said labor has to make itself accessible to the press, be candid in its dealings, and to voice its partisanship.

Selvin made his remarks to the Labor and Media Workshop, held at the Eugene Hotel last weekend

under the auspices of the Labor Education and Research Center (LERC) at the University. LERC is the first publicly-funded labor education and research center in the state.

The center, under the guidance of Steven Deutsch, director, University professor of sociology, has other workshops planned throughout the year.

Straub claims his term a success

Gov. Bob Straub, extolling his success story as governor, told the Lane County Labor Council's monthly meeting that the unemployment rate in Oregon for March was down to 5.6 percent.

Straub addressed his remarks to about 50 people attending a luncheon at the Eugene Hotel last Friday during a Labor and Media workshop.

The governor said that in "January of 1977 the unemployment rate in California was 9.8 percent; in Washington, it was 9.9 percent; and Oregon's was 9.7 percent."

With Straub's guidance, Oregon's unem-

ployment rate in January of this year dropped to 6.5 percent, while California and Washington are still experiencing 7.9 and 7.7 percent levels of unemployment, he said.

In February, Oregon's unemployment level had dipped to one percentage point below the national average.

"I'm not satisfied with this," Straub said.

He added, it's important that people have "not only jobs, but (also) job security." Straub said he has tried to promote more and better jobs by encouraging "environmentally clean" industry to come to the state.

Straub considers himself responsible for the

54 new industries that have come into the state since his term of office. He said he felt, "long-range interests would best be served in industry was diversified."

Moving on to labor issues, Straub claims responsibility for implementation of unit pricing, establishing an employee relations board, setting up "dry-dock management" and aid for senior citizens.

Straub went on to say that with the surging growth the state would experience with increased employment, it was important to keep a close eye on land development and planning.

Ashworth claims to shake people up

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If people have a government they're dissatisfied with, "it's just what they deserve" until they are motivated enough to change it, gubernatorial candidate Emily Ashworth told Oregon Young Democrats Saturday.

Ashworth was one of three Democratic political candidates who spoke at the Young Democrats state convention held in Harris Hall. About 35 persons attended the day-long meeting to adopt a platform and elect officers.

"I know I won't be elected governor," Ashworth told delegates.

"But I'm having a good time shaking some people up."

Ashworth, a teacher from North Bend, is an opponent of atomic energy and has advocated decommissioning Trojan Nuclear Power Plant.

"It (atomic energy) is something that should scare everybody," she said, citing potential health hazards from low-level nuclear radiation.

Ashworth joined Bob Wood, Lane County commissioner, and Steve Anderson, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, during the convention's candidates forum in the morning.

Verne Duncan, who is running for re-election as Oregon State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was represented by Gary Sackley, Tillamook County campaign chair.

Wood a candidate for Oregon's fourth District congressional seat, spoke to the for a few minutes before leaving for an appearance in Riddle.

"Too many people are not concerned (with political issues),"

Wood said. "There has to be a state crisis before they get involved."

Wood said he and incumbent Congressmen Jim Weaver "philosophically agree" on many issues, but that Weaver does not carry out his philosophy.

During the convention's afternoon session, delegates adopted several platform resolutions, including one calling for Trojan's closure and another opposing construction of a German electronics plant in Portland that might use nuclear energy.

Delegates elected Scott Spaan of Corvallis as new state chair. David McTeague of Eugene was elected national committeeman, and Tom Peralta, Springfield, was voted treasurer.

Spaan said University Democrats will hold a meeting Thursday to discuss campaigns for state primary and University campus elections. University Democrats also plan a voters' registration drive, he added. Time and place of the meeting will be announced later.

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