



Tom McCall

Photo by Patrick Sullivan

McCall urges compromise to attain effective legislation

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Oregon gubernatorial candidate Tom McCall knew the natives would be restless when he spoke before a largely pro-environmental, anti-nuclear power crowd as part of Earth Week at the EMU Tuesday night.

In his speech, McCall preached the art of compromise in arriving at effective environmental legislation. He said controversy could undermine the possibility of a workable solution.

"There is a difference between rational environmentalism and irrational environmentalism," McCall said. "There is way too much extremism and it discredits the work that sound environmentalists are doing."

As an example of sound environmentalism McCall cited Senate Bill 100, which requires Oregon cities and counties to develop land-use plans. The bill was enacted during McCall's last term as governor.

McCall called it "the most advanced piece of land-use legislation ever enacted in this country." McCall noted that the bill has been constantly under fire since its passage. He fears the bill's critics may be gaining public support.

"We are losing the war in land-use. If we lose this battle...the loss of, and damage to our land will be accelerated," McCall said. "If we use this law we might as well all slip quietly away to British Columbia."

McCall failed to mention nuclear power at all in his speech and members of the audience immediately confronted him when the question-and-answer period opened.

McCall repeatedly steered around taking a defi-

nite position on the future of the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant and the proposed plant at Pebble Springs in north-central Oregon. He constantly referred to "tradeoffs needing to be made if we are to avoid blackouts and brownouts in the future."

Every mention of tradeoffs drew a barrage of hisses from the crowd. The closest McCall came to a firm stand on a nuclear power all night was over the question of enlarging the on-site nuclear waste storage facilities at Trojan.

"I would allow it temporarily — temporarily with a deadline." He said that he wasn't sure if the waste storage site at Hanford, Wash., was the answer because of the large amount of waste that has already been dumped there.

He said it would be hard to take a position on future nuclear power development because, "We don't have an answer to the problem of storing nuclear waste."

McCall touched on several topics during the evening. His comments included:

- On the proposed regional power bills — "Gov. Straub's program won't cut the mustard. It was good in its origin but was too hacked up by the legislature," he said. "The PNEPCO (Pacific Northwest Electrical Power Supply and Conservation Act) is an industry bill. There was nobody outside the industry on the board that drew it up."

- The 200-mile-fishing-limit — "It's going to be a renaissance for our nation's fishing industry. We shouldn't be importing 60 percent of the fish we consume."

- On California Gov. Jerry Brown's recent signing of a bill to tax excess packaging in the state — "Jerry Brown's yellow from the back of his neck to his ass. He should get a bottle bill passed but he won't because the labor leaders won't let him."

Judge decides in favor of herbicide sprays

By KATHLEEN MONJE
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Federal Judge Otto Skopil Tuesday decided in favor of the U.S. Forest Service on herbicide use permitting the Forest Service to resume spraying of the controversial chemicals 2,4,5-T and Silvex in Oregon and Washington.

In his decision against Citizens Against Toxic Sprays' (CATS) re-

quest for a restraining order to prevent renewed spraying, Skopil emphasized that his ruling was limited to whether the Forest Service had remedied deficiencies in its 1977 environmental impact statement (EIS).

While finding that the new EIS satisfactorily answers the defects which led him to prohibit herbicide spraying in the Siuslaw area last March, Skopil said there are still "unanswered questions about the potential harm from a chemical (dioxin or TCDD) that is acknowledged to be one of the most toxic substances known to mankind."

He pointed out that he does not

have the authority to reverse the agency's decision (on herbicide use), but made a strong personal statement regarding chemical sprays.

"If I were the person responsible for making the decision of whether herbicides containing this substance should be broadcast-sprayed from helicopters over our national forests, I would be extremely reluctant to allow it," Skopil said.

He expressed hope the Forest Service will review all new information concerning the effect of herbicides on human health and the environment, and re-evaluate its decision.

The Forest Service has not announced when it will start using the sprays. Administrative appeals have been filed by the City of Oakridge and a Saginaw woman with Forest Service Chief John McGuire in Washington, D.C.

"The Chief will have to determine, for all national forests, whether we will use those chemicals," said Willamette National Forest Supervisor John Alcock in

Eugene Tuesday.

"If the Chief says go ahead and use them, then I'll have to decide on the local level," Alcock said. "If too much more time goes by, we'll be out of the spraying season."

Alcock met last week with the Oakridge City Council, to hear their concerns about herbicide spraying near the Salmon Creek watershed which supplies the city's water.

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Author Earnest Callenbach will talk about "Ectopian Visions" tonight in the EMU, highlighting the University's Recycling Day of Earth Week '78.

Callenbach, a Northwest environmental folk hero, will lecture in Room 167 at 7:30 p.m.

Other Recycling Day events include an information table which will be set up in the EMU at 10:30 a.m. and movies and slide shows.

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The movie "Skinner's Beaut" will be shown at 11:30 outside the Survival Center in the EMU downstairs lobby.

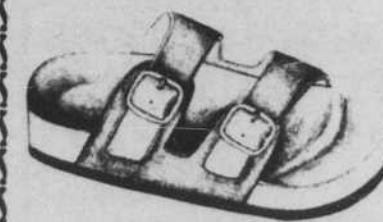
A BRING recycling slide show is scheduled for 12:30 p.m., followed by the movie "Soiled Frontier" at 1:30 p.m. The last slideshow will feature the potential of methanol production from waste materials, at 2:30 p.m. All will be in the EMU downstairs lobby.

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