

U.S. Senate race

Mark Hatfield: Republican

Republican U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield hasn't spent more than a dime selling himself to the voters before the voters go to the polls Nov. 7 to choose between him and Democrat Vern Cook.

"I started to campaign 30 years ago," he said. Hatfield says he "campaigns" for his term in Washington D.C., returning to Oregon every three weeks to

Oregon Republican Party chairman Walter Huss recently queries Hatfield about "How the nation is going to develop a national will to oppose the Soviet superpower when you penetrate the minds of people with this doctrine of pacifism?"

"My trust in the future is not vested in military hardware," Hatfield responded, citing cases

Vern Cook: Democrat

State Sen. Vern Cook feels that he must smoke out opponent Mark Hatfield in the U.S. Senate campaign.

Lacking in name familiarity, Cook has taken to the campaign trails spreading his feelings about the major issues. By equating himself to Hatfield, Cook hopes to remind people that there is a race going on.

"Hatfield is not campaigning, and he refuses to debate or show up at the same meetings that I'm at," says the veteran of 22 years on the Oregon Legislature.

Cook thinks that Hatfield manages to place both feet firmly on both sides of the issues, and that unless he exposes this to the Oregon people, Hatfield may win.

"I'm an issue oriented candidate, and if they can't find out where I stand, he will probably win the election," he says.

The Gresham native is campaigning heavily across the state, taking stands on abortion, energy, national defense and the national debt.

He claims that Hatfield is muddying his stance in order to vote as he sees fit. "Senator Hatfield has said he will vote the way he pleases, even if 99 percent of Oregonians oppose his view," says Cook.

Favoring state funded abortions, Cook believes that it is a woman's civil right granted by the Supreme Court to seek abortions. Hatfield's extreme opposition to abortions is unresponsive according to Cook, because only 29 percent of Oregonians agree.

Disregarding the moral question, Cook believes that what the people want is more important than his own personal beliefs. "If you can't follow what the people want because of your own beliefs, then you're in the wrong business," he says.

Also abandoning ethical questions about energy, Cook thinks that immediate sources of cheap and safe energy must be pursued. Petroleum shortages are a

mammoth hoax to extort the U.S. according to Cook, and he believes that once it is economically feasible, new oil deposits will be discovered.

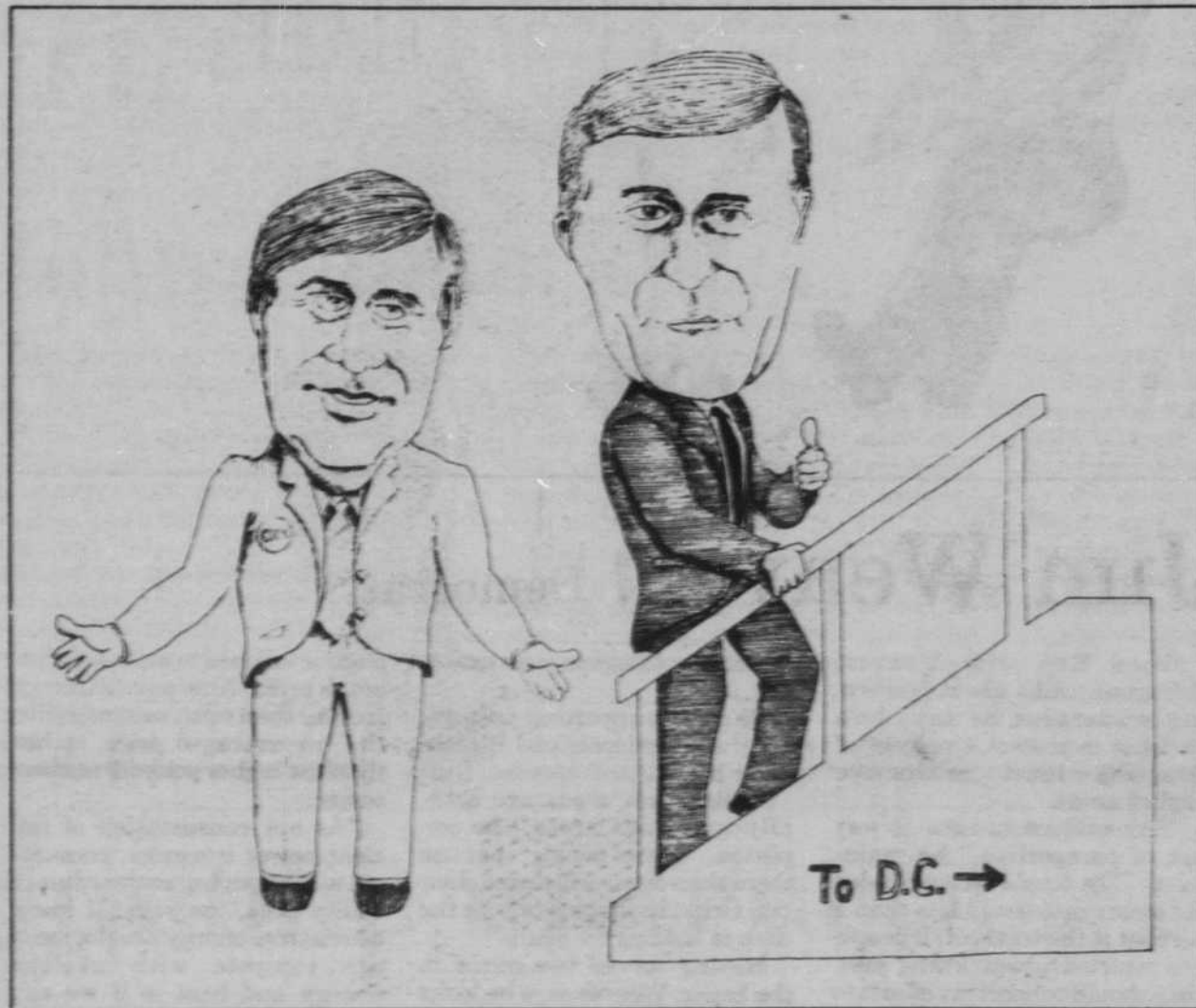
He sees the biggest energy problem as the need to fulfill Oregon's rising needs, and places the importance of alternative sources second. "There isn't a source of energy that isn't dangerous, but I support development of alternate sources," he says. "There is even the possibility that there is a problem of radiation from solar power."

His proposed alternative would be a national network of natural gas pipelines that would channel energy to where it was needed.

Extolling the necessity of national defense, Cook believes that the nature of mankind leads belligerents to take what they can. "The fact is that we have great wealth and others would like to have it. The history of mankind is one of murder, rape and pillage, and that behooves us to have a strong national defense," he says.

Although he agrees with the principle of bilateral disarmament, Cook feels that it is impractical, and unilateral disarmament would be suicide.

Tax reform is another issue in which Cook accuses Hatfield of contradiction. "He makes the representation of being a fiscal conservative, but that's not true," says Cook. Citing Hatfield's voting record, Cook claims that Hatfield has voted to expand the budget all but once — when he voted against abortion funding.



"meet with a church group or something."

"That way I don't have to campaign when election time comes," he said, adding he's probably saved thousands of dollars.

Or it could be Hatfield doesn't see much of a challenger in Cook.

"That's not true, anytime there's another name on the ballot there's a challenge," he insisted, although he admits that if he had a different opponent his campaign may have been markedly different.

Hatfield is a well-known name in Oregon, having served in the state House, state Senate, as secretary of state, and two terms as Oregon's governor. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1967 and now on the verge of being in the top third in seniority in the Congress.

Hatfield has refused to take a stand on the "Measure 6 or 11?" question. He says the two ballot measures are "the people's mechanism to express views, not the politicians."

Hatfield is a long time critic of runaway government spending and is especially critical of military spending. He criticized Congress this year for passing a military budget that was over the amount specified by the Pentagon.

from history of nations which "fell because they pursued false Gods of materialism."

It seems odd, but Hatfield was recently honored with an award from the National Rifle Association for his legislative efforts to preserve the right to keep and bear arms.

Hatfield is a strong advocate of the Equal Rights Amendment and voted for the three-year extension period and against extending the period for state's to rescind their ratification of the amendment. Hatfield also favors federally funded day care centers.

He opposes national health insurance claiming that the "country isn't anywhere near ready for that" but supports the use of paramedics in hospitals and treatment centers.

Hatfield claims jobs for Oregonians are a major concern of his and he fought an expansion of a proposed Kalmiopsis area for several months claiming it would deprive Oregonians of needed timber related employment.

Hatfield opposes the tuition tax credit bill and voted to pass the Panama Canal treaty.

If he wins re-election Hatfield will be the ranking minority member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and a high ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Is Frohn-mayer
what he seems to be?**

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Privacy of medical records

Whose business is your medical file? A bill to guarantee you access to your medical records, and to restrict access by others, was introduced. The bill was supported by Seniors groups and the ACLU. Republican Frohn-mayer voted against it. Don Chalmers believes your medical records are your business and yours alone. He supports the bill.

Home fire safety

Fire is a threat we all fear, especially if we're disabled or otherwise limited in movement. Simple smoke detectors have saved thousands of lives; they are strongly recommended by the fire department. Republican Frohn-mayer voted no to requiring landlords to install smoke detectors. Don Chalmers believes the fire department. He will vote yes.

Tenant relief

Do you rent? If so, your rates are among the highest in the state. And if that weren't enough, some landlords have begun charging tenants non-refundable fees, "contract fees," they call them, or "key charges." A bill to outlaw this latest gouge was introduced. Republican Frohn-mayer voted to send it back to committee, where it would die. Don Chalmers supports this consumer protection measure.



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