

# Coalition founder blasts legislation, subcommittee

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The founder of a group lobbying against "repressive" legislation spoke to about 20 people Monday afternoon on federal crime and draft laws.

Frank Wilkinson, founder of the National Coalition Against Repressive Legislation, was scheduled to discuss draft legislation and the current financial aid situation, but instead focused on the FBI, North Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond, and several bills soon to be voted on in the House and Senate.

Wilkinson made clear his intentions to fight Senate Bill 2572 — which would allow the legal denial of bail, allow the government to appeal lenient sentences, and would impose mandatory sentences — for lesser crimes or first offenses. SB2572 has been attached to House Bill 6514, which Wilkinson called a "good" bill. HB6514 would be of great value in the rehabilitation of drug addicts in prison,

he said.

Wilkinson took exception to Strom Thurmond's "violent crime" legislation, SB2572. The bill may yet pass through Congress during the "lame duck" session following the elections, he said.

Wilkinson also says he feels angered that the House Un-American Activities Committee, which took over 20 years to abolish, was resurrected in 1981, soon after the new Republican Senate was sworn in. The old HUAC is the new Senate subcommittee on security and terrorism, he said.

Wilkinson said a nuclear freeze measure on the California ballot, will probably lose because of "redbaiting" by President Reagan. Reader's Digest magazine, Sen. Jeremiah Denton and the Washington Post. That group, Wilkinson said, has pushed the nuclear freeze issue as a threat to America.

Denton, who is the chairer of the Senate subcommittee on

security and terrorism, is what Wilkinson considers a major opponent.

Wilkinson had little to say about draft registration, but did concede that the government will have a very tough time enforcing the Solomon Act — the new law which requires all eligible male college students to register for the draft before receiving federal financial aid.

In order for the act to work, students will have to show proof of registration to receive federal aid, Wilkinson said. The only acceptable proof would be a "proof-of-registration letter" (the letter which is delivered within 90 days of registering). But, he pointed out, "sometimes the letters come, sometimes they don't."

Voters should contact elected officials to tell them how they feel, Wilkinson urged. Remember that Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood voted to support Thurmond's "violent crime" bill, he added.

## Grove calls for death of LCDC

Mike Grove, Democratic challenger for state representative in District 41, said Friday that discontinuing statewide land-use planning may be necessary because its goals cannot account for the "diverse communities."

The University economics professor was referring to Ballot Measure 6, which will abolish all statewide land use planning laws and the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

If Measure 6 does not pass, land-use planning in Oregon could be non-existent by 1984 because of eventually intolerable conflicts over planning, Grove said.

"Building up" from the community level should replace generalized, statewide goals in land use planning, Grove said. "I support Measure 6 because I support land-use planning," he said.

Grove, who has been an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C., is challenging incumbent Mary Burrows. She has held the University district seat since 1972.

Grove, 51, says he thinks Oregonians are

beginning to resist their tax burden, and will probably approve Measure 3.

Ballot Measure 3 would limit property tax rates, require elections for certain taxes, and limit the number of tax elections.

Grove said that in his canvassing he met many taxpayers, especially those of the middle class, who voted for new programs in the past but who are now feeling overburdened.

"Historically, in Oregon, the middle class has been most willing to support... government programs," he said.

But Oregon's progressive tax structure hits this "strategic income group" especially hard, so that they are now "upset," Grove said.

"No other state tax structure is as progressive as Oregon's, except Montana," he said.

Grove said he opposes Measure 3, but would like to see cutbacks in government spending.

Plant closure laws also are not a good idea, he said.

"The closing of any business, for any reason, is a tragedy," Grove said. "But plant closure laws are not a way to prevent that tragedy."

## Dow dips because of Fed's non-news

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market's best known indicator took its biggest one-day plunge since the Great Crash of 1929 on Monday, a dramatic turnaround only two trading days after it reached a 10-year high.

Wall Street analysts blamed the sudden sell-off on fears that the Federal Reserve Board might have stopped allowing interest rates to fall — and on professional investors' rush to


sell as they saw some of their recent gains slipping away.

One broker described the mood in the investment world as "manic-depressive."

In Washington, deputy White House press secretary Peter Rousel said other economic barometers should be examined, and referred to the Consumer Price Index and the index of leading indicators, due out later this week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, the most widely followed indicator of stock-market trends, fell 36.33 points to 995.13. That stood as the average's largest single-day drop since it plummeted a record 38.33 points Oct. 28, 1929.

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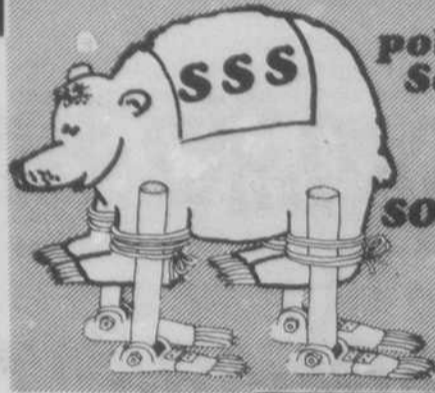
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