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A Job for Congress

The new Congress has shown conclusively that it has the power to stop any of Pres. Ford's programs.

It has not demonstrated any similar degree of competence in putting together programs and policies of its own.

Congress generally has done little but complain about Pres. Ford. It doesn't like the president's inflation-recession program, it doesn't like his energy program.

But what has Congress offered on its own? Very little. Attempts are being made to put something together, something to meet the left-of-center specifications of the new Congress. But nothing much has yet come off the drawing boards.

Clearly, Pres. Ford is making points with sharp jabs at the ability of Congress to criticize, but not to create.

Congressional power started to decline many years ago, during the regime of Pres. Franklin Roosevelt. It has only very recently started to reassert itself and only because of the heavily Democratic aura of Congress and because Pres. Ford is our first non-elected president.

But until Congress can pull itself together sufficiently to do something positive, something creative, it clearly is leaving itself wide open to charges it is obstructionist, nothing more.

Open house hears Hood land goals

Input on land use direction for the Mt. Hood area will be received from 3 to 7 p.m. this Saturday at the Women's Club in ZigZag.

Members of the Mt. Hood Interagency Planning unit and its citizen advisors will be on hand to discuss four land use alternatives and receive feedback on land use goals from anyone interested in attending.

Written response forms will also be available at the open house Saturday or may be requested by mail or telephone from the Mt. Hood National Forest, 2240 195th, Portland, Ore., 97225; 667-0511.

Public input received at the open-house will be used as an intermediate step between goal setting and the development of specific alternative land use plans.

The Mt. Hood Interagency Planning effort is charged with producing a comprehensive land use study of the whole Mt. Hood area. Its plan covers 150,000 acres and includes national forest land, Bureau of Land Management land, county and state, as well as private land.

Seven governmental agencies are working together to achieve a coordinated land-use planning process.

Heated bill would join other schools with Sandy Union School

A bill on school district consolidation which passed this week in the Oregon House of Representatives by one vote, if passed in the Senate, would alter the school system arrangement in the Sandy area.

Rep. Paul Walden, R-Hood River, whose district covers the Sandy area, debated heavily in opposition to the bill Monday. He along with Jack Sumner and Glen Whallon were the only representatives from the Clackamas County delegation to vote against the measure.

Walden said he opposed the bill because it would force a unification of all union high schools without a vote of the people. He said an emergency clause in the measure would enable it to become law before petitions could be filed against it.

Walden told the Post this Tuesday that if the bill (HB 2138) passed the Senate, it would consolidate Sandy Union High School District II along with Welches Grade School District, Sandy Grade School

District, Cottrell Grade School District and part of the Boring Grade School District.

Walden said that Sandy would lose a total of \$228,133 in basic school support funds if consolidation occurred.

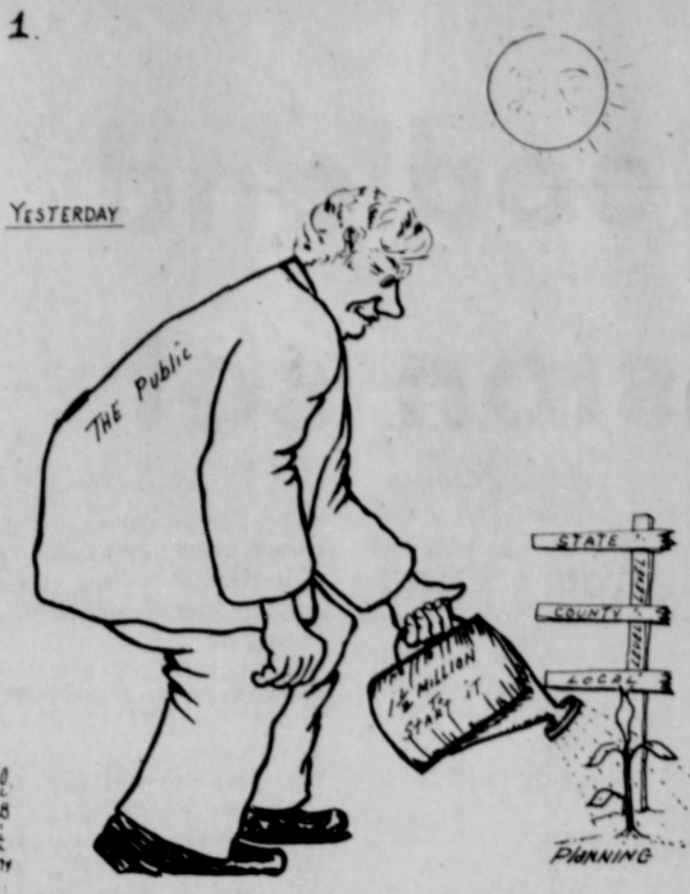
He noted that Clackamas County could be out up to \$500,000 due to fund shifting after consolidation was imposed.

He said some funds would be shifted to Multnomah County.

Walden explained that 2,500 school districts in Oregon have been consolidated to the present 339 under existing laws allowing voters to decide on such moves.

"I feel this decision should be made by the people," stressed the Hood River radio station owner.

Proponents of the bill say it would reduce the number of school districts in the state to 219. They state consolidation would allow teachers to specialize, and equalize tax burdens.



DEQ officials, planners talk

Representatives of the Mt. Hood Interagency team, the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Environmental Quality will discuss current stages of development in the Mt. Hood Plan, the Huckleberry Plan, the proposed Mt. Hood Water District expansion, and DEQ standards for rural areas at tonight's meeting of Firwood's Neighbors, Inc. slated for 7:30 p.m. at Firwood School's Central Area.

The Salmon River, which plays a key role as a water source for future mountain communities, also figures prominently in both the Mt. Hood and Huckleberry Plans, and is the focal point of the recent water study ordered by the Mt. Hood Water District.

The Portland engineering firm of Doerner and Tunks which conducted the

survey has acknowledged the help supplied by two of tonight's speakers: Forest Ranger Jim Olsen, and Ken Dauble of the Mt. Hood Interagency team, in providing material used in the 160 page report.

DEQ, not exactly a household phrase until recently, has captured the attention of county residents who were formerly unfamiliar with environmental standards as set forth for rural areas.

In recent months, the agency has become the recognized authority for developing current standards of environmental suitability for individual home owners and subdividers on both zoned and unzoned land.

Many residents have learned that in addition to the other building criteria necessary to meet DEQ requirements, acreage minimums have been developed for building sites on unzoned land.

Commissioners called on 'co-ordinator' job

by WILLIAM SANDERSON

The recent selection and appointment of certain individuals to county positions by the board of county commissioners without benefit of civil service procedures and in possible violation of Oregon's open meetings law made news during the past week.

On Tuesday, March 4 the commissioners met with approximately 20 people who were highly critical of the board's method of hiring an individual for community "coordinator" position.

Many of the complaints dealt specifically with the question of whether or not the commissioners were in conflict with the intent and purpose of the open meetings statute.

Commissioner Robert Schumacher responded to a major share of the complaints and questions. He appeared to be defending the commission's action in filling the position on the claim that an emergency existed in getting the more than 30 neighborhood and community planning groups effectively organized.

Leaders of the original group involved in that effort; the C.N.D.A. (Clackamas County Neighborhood Development Association) argued that no such emergency existed. Others strongly expressed doubts as to the need to flout the open meetings law if, as they claimed, the commissioners had recognized only six of the

over thirty groups formed to date.

Since the meeting was terminated with no official agreements reached and no official plan of action adopted, this reporter conducted a brief survey among some of those who had taken part in the discussion to determine, if possible, what action might be expected to follow.

Mrs. Pat Higdon, secretary of the Sunnyside Neighborhood League said that she thought the meeting had been a complete failure and made the following statement:

"The very essence of citizen involvement is endangered when citizens keep being left out of the decision making processes. The commissioners have made a mistake.

"The open meeting law was enacted to get policy decisions out of the back rooms and before the public. The neighborhood coordinator's job is shaping up as a control and an insulating measure. We don't need MORE government—we need a more responsive attitude from the one we already have."

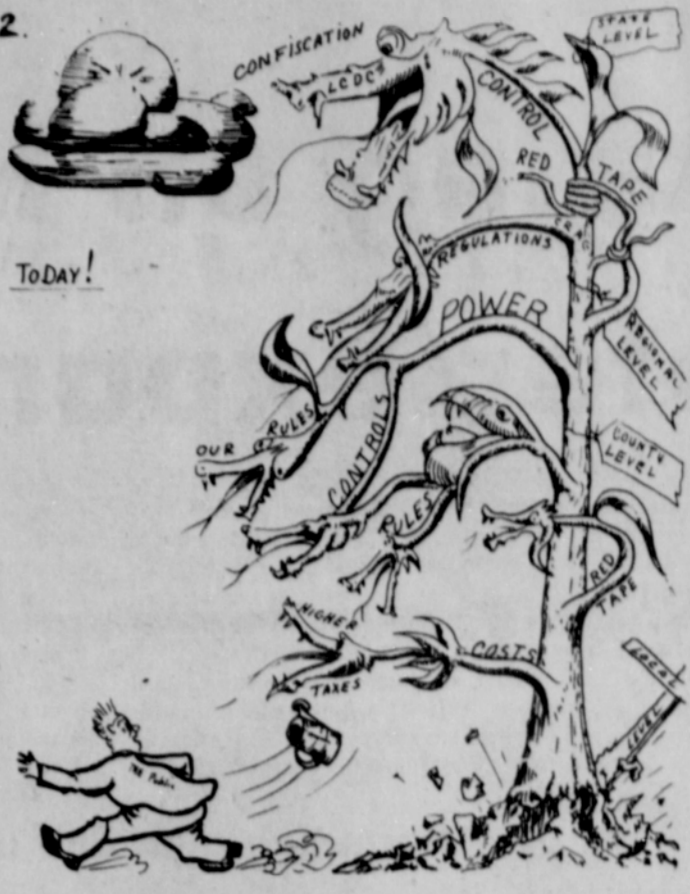
Mrs. Rickie Wood who lives next door to the Higdon's and who has also been involved in the neighborhood group development movement summed up her reaction to the commission's actions by simply stating: "We would rather do it ourselves."

The president of the C.N.D.A., Mrs. Nancy Thornton of 14114 SE Elderberry St. in Milwaukie, reviewed some of the highlights of the meeting and said that overall, she believed the commissioners were too busy defending their own actions to have listened very seriously to any of the complaints aired.

One of her own complaints, she said, was the failure of the commissioners to inform her organization, which had performed all of the coordinating work up to the present, that they were hiring a full time county employee to take over.

"Hiring someone to fill that position was a matter of real public concern and the commissioners did not even contact the on-going organization that had been doing the work," pointed out Mrs. Thornton.

Jean Baker of 2607 Monroe St., Milwaukie, agreed, adding: "They", (the commissioners) "seem determined to force a new course of action on the



Hearing set on Brightwood water system

Announcement was made this week for a hearing on a water system proposed for 14.4 acres on both sides of Truman Road in the Brightwood area.

The hearing for the "Whispering Pines" water system will go before the Portland Boundary Commission on April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Multnomah County Courthouse.

Plans provide for use of an existing well for the system's water source. According to the applicants, the system will have 10 connections and serve 30 people.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

It's taken me some time to write this, but after some months of surmising that George MacAlevy might be temporarily out of print

(traveling or ill or some other diversion), I inquired and found that he was no longer writing for the Post. This is just to say that I miss his columns very much. Over

the years that we have subscribed since about 1957, we have really enjoyed his articles on roses, fishing, and other subjects.

Decision delayed on Hoodland commercial development

A zone change decision to allow a commercial development on the east edge of the Hoodland Plaza shopping center in Wemme was postponed Monday night by the County Planning Commission until their March 24 meeting.

The delay will allow planning commission members additional time to study the proposal and receive additional information from the state highway department. Applicants Eugene Bowman and W. E. Sherkey are proposing a restaurant, public service facility and a professional-retail facility on 4.77 acres next to Highway 26.

And now we don't get the further activities in that dream world of the Lodge and the Falls!
If he shows up in the Post again, I'm sure we will not be the only ones pleased to read him again.
Mrs. R.L. Godfrey (Louise Godfrey)
2775 SW Montgomery Drive
Portland

To the Editor:
So far I've heard only complaints about the motor-

cycle track established on Rude Road. It's time some of the
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Chamber hears creative ad man

Anything could happen when Jim Moyer, member of the creative team with the Portland advertising firm Petzold-Coit, talks to the Sandy Chamber Tuesday about marketing and sales promotion.

The chamber luncheon is now held at the Amber Lantern (formerly Opal's Cafe) on Pioneer Boulevard beginning at 12 p.m.

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