

Haas claims Portland crime increasing

State Senator Earl Haas, candidate for District Attorney of Multnomah County, speaking before the Oregon Building Congress, Wednesday noon at the Portland Motor Hotel stated: "There has been a complete breakdown of the vital law enforcement programs in the District Attorney's Office."

Haas pointed out that the statistics from the F.B.I. place Portland as one of the top ten cities in America with a rising crime. Haas said, "The recently released statistics covering the first 6 months of this year once again demonstrate the crime wave we are experiencing is still increasing."

Haas said, "Northwest Portland has the highest concentration of Senior Citizens of any area like it in size on the West Coast. These muggings, purse snatchings, assaults and robberies in Northwest Portland - actually are fearful of leaving their homes - not only in the evenings but daytime as well. This fear is not without justification," Haas said.

A breakdown of adequate law enforcement and crime prevention programs has occurred in the District Attorney's Office. As an example Haas said, "The District Attorney's Office still refuses to represent the people and recommend to the judge what sentences the convicted criminal should receive."

"My opponent Desmond Connally's failure to allow members of the District Attorney's

office to recommend tough sentences for drug pushers, felons, and other criminal cases, has resulted in a breakdown in moral of law enforcement officials," Haas said. "Many police officers have stated to me, 'what's the use of arresting a criminal, if the District Attorney doesn't care if he's sentenced or not.'"

My first order of business if I'm elected District Attorney, would be to see that recommendations be made in these criminal cases, and to cooperate with the arresting officers and to let the crime element in our community know that law enforcement is going to work together as a team," Haas said.

The breakdown of moral and lack of direction in the District Attorney's office at this time has contributed to the rising crime rate. Only last week in the District Court of Multnomah County scores of cases had to be dismissed by the judges because no one from the District Attorney's office showed up to represent the State of Oregon and try the cases.

"The witnesses, the police officers and the defendants in those scores of cases that were dismissed must have the same serious concerns that I have, regarding the total lack of direction and priorities of the office at this time. Any law office, including the District Attorney's office who fails to show in court for the trial of his cases, has done a serious disservice to the taxpayers and citizens of our community."

Senators recommend Morse

One of the best kinds of recommendations anyone can get for a job are those from the people he used to work with.

Wayne Morse, applying to the Oregon people for his old job as United States Senator, has been getting those recommendations. Last week, two of Morse's Democratic colleagues in the Senate came to Oregon to campaign for him. Senator Fred Harris of Oklahoma opened Morse's Albina headquarters Sunday, and then traveled south to stump for the former Senator in Eugene and Corvallis.

Earlier in the week, former Senator Eugene McCarthy spent a day campaigning with Morse in Portland, speaking at Portland State University and two fund-raising receptions.

This Friday, Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson will campaign in Portland and Eugene for Morse and later in the month Senators Hubert Humphrey and Ted Kennedy will come into Oregon.

Why do these political leaders and others in the Senate want Morse back? "Since he left the Senate," said McCarthy in Portland, "we haven't had anyone who can go the distance in fighting for the people's interests. Senator Morse has the vitality, courage and stubbornness to stick with something until it's resolved."

McCarthy added that Morse's concern with abuse of presidential powers will help Congress resume "its long-abdicated role of re-

sponsibility to check presidents."

Senator Harris, visiting Oregon with his wife, LaDonna, said Sunday night, "I only wish I and some more of my Senate colleagues had learned earlier than we did about the Vietnam war. We should have listened to Morse."

Harris continued, "There are several Senators with liberal images, but if you look at their votes, you will find they are always voting for the corporations and the rich people. We need Wayne Morse back there so we will have at least one person who will stand up for the people when the administration or some group of lobbyists try to ram a bill through Congress that's not in the public's interest."

"I was there with Wayne Morse, and I saw him stop some extremely poor bills by himself," Harris said.

When not hosting visiting Democratic Senators, Morse has been hitting the campaign trail hard by himself. When he learned that his staff had scheduled a day of rest last week, he insisted on slating a heavy day in Baker and Ontario instead. He also made stops in Pendleton, La Grande, Monmouth, Independence, Salem, Albany, Eugene and Corvallis.

As the campaign heats up, Morse continues to explain in detail the differences between himself and his Republican opponent. In Salem, speaking before a group of senior citizens, Morse outlined another difference between Senator Mark Hatfield and himself.

"Despite his liberal image, my opponent is an economic conservative," Morse said.

Morse reported Hatfield's charge that Social Security is a "fraud," and the Republican Senator's proposal for turning Social Security over to private insurance companies.

"Changes must be made in the Social Security system, but I can't think of a greater fraud than allowing private companies to make a profit from the poverty of the elderly," Morse said. Headed that discriminations in Social Security must be eliminated.

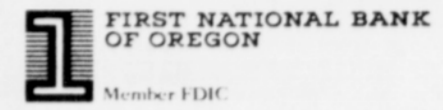
"For example," Morse explained, "widows who worked along with their husbands should receive a fair portion of their husband's benefits, just as widows who never worked do."

Morse cautioned, "If you think getting these changes passed by Congress will be difficult, just consider how hard it will be to change the system once it is under private insurance."

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U.S. MAY FINALLY RATIFY GENOCIDE TREATY

By Ron Hendren

WASHINGTON - Year after year for nearly a quarter of a century now, the United States Senate has avoided even voting on ratification of the United Nations Genocide Convention, the 1948 treaty which provides for the prevention and punishment of the international crime of genocide.

Although the United States pushed hard for the original resolution adopted unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly and now ratified by 75 countries, we are also the most prominent U.N. member which has failed to approve this declaration of basic human justice.

The treaty was first sent to the Senate by President Harry S. Truman on June 16, 1949; it has been languishing in the Foreign Relations Committee for 24 years, held up principally because the American Bar Association has until now refused to support it.

But a recent A.B.A. Journal article by former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and Columbia University law professor Richard Gardner strongly attacked the organization's long-standing opposition to the treaty. That article, coupled with renewed support for ratification from the President and the efforts of a bi-partisan group of influential senators (led by Javits, Proxmire, Church and Scott), has raised cautious hopes that the matter might be brought to a vote this year.

Not until the end of World War II did the international community discover the full measure of depravity which ruled the mind of Hitler and the actions of his Nazi regime. When allied troops marched into Germany and the world could no longer ignore the Nazis' methodical attempt to destroy an entire people, support for a genocide pact for the first time solidified within the international community.

Although there has never before or since been a crime so heinous in nature and so incomprehensible in dimensions as the slaughter of the Jews, nevertheless recent events in Bangladesh and Uganda show that genocide remains an international problem of serious dimensions. And for the United States to continue ignoring its responsibility to join the civilized world in ratifying the genocide treaty raises questions both here and abroad about our commitment to human justice at its most primary level.

Those doubts, which have lingered now for nearly 25 years, should not be permitted to continue any longer.

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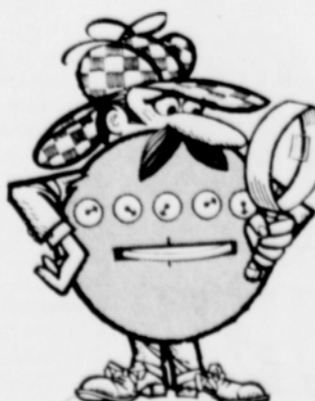
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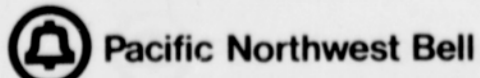


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Contributions may be left at the front desk of McGovern/Shriver headquarters, 1928 N.E. 42nd Avenue, Portland, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily. Anything except clothing and food is acceptable.

Organizers prefer rummage items be left at the headquarters but if it is impossible they can be picked up at donor's homes. Contact Judy Soderstrom, 286-2120 for more information.