

PROFILES in POLITICS

State Senator Betty Roberts (D-Portland), a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, called for state and proposed national legislation to equalize the refund value of cans and bottles.

Senator Roberts' remarks came in testimony submitted to the U.S. Senate subcommittee on Environment which has been holding hearings on a proposed national Bottle Bill modeled on Oregon's law.

In other testimony, Senator Roberts, who carried Oregon's Bottle Bill on the floor of the Oregon Senate during the 1971 legislative session, said the lobby against the bill "was the most intense I have ever experienced in my ten years of legislative service." She urged supporters of the national bill to "stand firm" in the face of similar pressures in Congress.

"America is going through one of the darkest periods in its 198-year political history," said Bob Straub, Democratic candidate for governor.

"I notice in my campaign travels around the state that people have a low interest in politics," he said. "They have doubts not only about politicians, especially those presently in office, but about

the entire governmental process."

"Because of this, those who are now campaigning for office should make every effort to listen to people and see that their wishes are carried out."

Straub said as governor he would work to "keep Oregon's independent spirit alive by listening to the people, searching for solutions and acting decisively and openly, in a businesslike manner."

"Uncontrolled inflation is a pickpocket roving across the nation and stealing from the pockets of all Americans," charged Wayne Morse, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate.

Morse termed inflation "the most important domestic issue" and claimed that the "present prime interest rate of eleven and one quarter percent imposed by the large banking houses of our country amounts to a form of embezzlement from the dwindling purchasing power of the American people."

"It is not to be expected that young married couples can afford to enter into a 30-year payment contract for the purchase of a home and assume the high interest rates of such a contract. It is not to be expected that small businesses can survive and large businesses can expand their economic production under the usurious interest rates we are being led into by the big banking interest."

State Treasurer Jim Redden announced that a proposed initiative to place a six-year moratorium on construction of nuclear plants should and would encourage necessary statewide discussion of "this vital issue."

"People all over the state are growing more concerned and apprehensive about the use of nuclear power here in Oregon."

"We really need some solid information and meaningful debate on the entire question, and all Oregonians deserve to be heard."

"An initiative petition which would put a moratorium vote on November's ballot is being circulated right now. The vote in November would be to decide whether or not to impose a six-year moratorium on the

construction of nuclear generating plants. It would not affect the Trojan plant.

"Putting the question on the ballot will have on great advantage - it will require discussion, debate and public input. The proposed moratorium would be for six years, and it may be that it would have no real effect because of the present eight to ten year lag time between the application to build and the completion of a project."

Speaking to members of the Swan Island Kiwanis, Senator Vern Cook said that "1974, which may well be Nixon's last year, will be known as the year of high interest, high prices, high unemployment and runaway inflation."

"There is a crisis of confidence in the White House. Until that is cured the economy of America is going to continue to get worse. The people will not regain faith in the ability of government until either Nixon resigns, is removed from office or is exonerated of the charges being publicly leveled against him."

"Before our economic problems can be solved the government must regain the confidence of the people. I believe Nixon's opportunity has passed. Because of the strength of the American people we could probably even survive two more years of Nixon; however, the longer he remains in office the greater will be the difficulty of economic recovery."

"History has shown us that the people will give up much to support a selfless leader. They will not make sacrifices for or even follow a president for whom they have lost respect."

Gregory Wolfe, Democratic candidate for Congress from the Third District, at a Kiwanis meeting May 10th, charged that his Democratic contender, Robert Duncan, had a record in Congress of supporting cutbacks on domestic programs while financing the Vietnam War.

"If Robert Duncan as a Congressman had such a myopic view of governmental economizing by giving priority to huge military appropriations for the most immoral war in American history while complaining

that at home families without fathers and elderly persons on welfare should not receive federal assistance, the voters should know it," Wolfe said.

Wolfe noted that Duncan had been an unwavering supporter of the escalation of the Vietnam War and as late as March of 1972 had said he backed President Nixon's approach to end the Vietnam War.

"That approach," Wolfe said, "took only five years with enormous expenditures of lives and money."

"My opponent has been running ads referring to his watchdog capabilities over the value received for a dollar spent. The inflation we are staggering under is one of the direct results of that tragic Vietnam adventure."

"Would a representative who in the past has defended the fat-heavy Pentagon budget really be a watchdog of today's dollar?" Wolfe asked.

"Don't emulate your elders in national government. Set an example for them," Robert Duncan told Cleveland High School students May 9th.

In an 8:00 a.m. assembly, the Third Congressional District candidate commended the incoming Cleveland High School Student Body officers for pledging to abide by the school constitution, cooperate with the Student Forum and work with the Executive Council.

Duncan told the students that "It is hard to accept the actions of many people in government today. There is a lack of confidence in leaders by the people of many governments." He cited the recent fall of governments in West Germany and Canada.

The former congressman said "The system of checks and balances in our government is working. What we read daily in the papers is proof that men who misuse their entrusted power and responsibility can be removed from the system."

Duncan urged the students to "support your student government, even if you didn't vote for them. Give them a chance to succeed."

Ransom proposes neighborhood forums

Portland attorney Hollis Ransom, who is seeking Position No. 3 on the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, said he will vote for City-County consolidation but, if elected, he will immediately propose amendments to the charter that will insure more controls on the commission chairman.

"The power of government should be in the people and public officials should be answerable to district advisory groups representing their neighborhoods," he states. "We don't want to chance a 'Watergate' or 'Spiro Agnew' scandal in Multnomah County." He favors making neighborhood forums on public issues mandatory.

A resident of Portland the past 23 years, Ransom has been a practicing attorney since 1958 and is a partner in the firm of Ransom, Hilson

and Eder. He has a special interest in the improvement of the county corrections system and emphasizes the need for control of drug sales, especially in the jails.

The candidate has been very active in Democratic party affairs and is a former chairman of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee. A precinct committeeman since 1960, he has been a delegate to practically every party convention during that time.

A graduate of the University of Oregon Law School, he is a member of the Multnomah County Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Arbitration Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, American Judicature Society and Phi Beta Kappa National Scholastic Honoratory. He has also done graduate work in political science.

Clark seeks opinion


Multnomah County Commissioner Don Clark, a candidate for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, is making plans for County government to "go public" if elected to the County's top job. "When you look at the administrative responsibility of the Chairman's job and the range of people services the County pays for," says Clark, "it becomes clear that the job is the second most important elected office in the state next to the Governor." Clark believes that people should have "every opportunity to present their opinions and ideas before we act."

"This has not been the style of the present administration," says Clark, "and I believe that too few people really know what County government does and is doing. I believe people want to be informed about what their tax dollars are buying." Clark, the main architect of County reorganization, also sees continued progress in tightly managing and coordinating services under four function-oriented departments as a

high priority. "We have been doggedly putting the pieces together for about a year now and are getting closer to what I think will be some solid advances in managing resources and delivering County services more efficiently," Clark said the upcoming budget year will find the County in a weakened financial position because of reduced federal revenue sharing and the continued toll of inflation. "We are going to have to start cutting programs as selectively as we can starting with those that appear to be the least cost-effective and least vital to the community," said Clark.

Now in the middle of his second term as County Commissioner and the last elected Sheriff prior to County Home Rule, Clark said his campaign for Chairman has stressed the need for "local government to be responsive and responsible to the people it serves, and my pledge is to continue working toward those ends. That is what the Chairman's job is all about."


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Chicano causes are American causes

Rafael Pablo Ciddio y Abeyta, Republican for 1st District Congress, addressed the State "Concilio" for the Spanish Speaking in Hillsboro, Washington County, Mr. Ciddio addressed the group on the electoral process and informed them not to be afraid to enter the political arena. "Neither be afraid to plead Chicano causes when you run for office because Chicano causes are American Causes; Indian causes are American Causes; people of color causes are American causes and people striving to correct injustices and support the rights of human beings are 'All Americans,'" Ciddio said. "In major elections the method by which the top candidate is chosen is by the top dollar. In the United States and in Oregon the people are tired of 'these' types of politicians. With the Oregonian's concern of newspaper publishers, media, lawyers and former elected officials, I am the top contender in District I if Oregonians are honest about their concerns. I am neither of the aforemen-

tioned but a philosopher, an educator, a 'humanizer' open to all, willing to work for all my constituents in District I, not only in the English language, but in the Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and French language which I speak."

The Concilio is a Chicano organization that represents businessmen, educators, and grassroots people in the State of Oregon. "The State Concilio meets 'campesino' time, 6:00 a.m. throughout the State periodically to discuss and unite the efforts in the State of the American Spanish Surnamed, Spanish Speaking Mexican Cultured group which comprises over 40,000 in the State of Oregon." Celestino Montes, moderator, indicated that the group endorsed Rafael Pablo Ciddio y Abeyta for the Republican nomination and Les Aucoin for the Democratic nomination in District I. The group will meet in Portland June 3rd and will invite Mayor Goldschmidt and Don Hodel from Public Power Administration Bonneville.


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Spiraling Costs - During the past ten years, he wrote dozens of articles in an effort to warn the public concerning spiraling costs in the field of public education - and what such costs would mean to the average taxpayer. In fact, he is the author of a recent book on the subject entitled "A Tyrant in Cap & Gown".

Because his warnings went unheeded, expenditures for public elementary and secondary schools (throughout the nation) increased 168.8 per cent - while school enrollments increased only 27.4 per cent.

Waste & Duplication - During this same period, he tried to warn taxpayers that duplication and proliferation of facilities also would result in the closing of countless private schools - elementary, secondary, and collegiate - which it has done, and is doing, even now.

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