

Ron Wyden: Grass roots 'politician'

by Ulysses Tucker

Webster defines "politician" as a person actively engaged in politics, especially party politics, professionally or otherwise; often, a person holding or seeking political office; frequently used in a derogatory sense, with implications of seeking personal or partisan gain, scheming, opportunism, etc..."

If Ron Wyden, candidate for the Third Congressional District, could change Webster's definition of a politician, he would change the stigma of being "frequently used in a derogatory sense" and "scheming for personal gains..." Wyden is for the people.

"My idea of a politician is one who is highly visible in the community," said Wyden. "I'm very visible, unlike most who capture the vote and go into hibernation. I guess you could call our campaign a grassroots effort because we've held coffee hours, met with people in the community's homes, and went door to door. Our campaign is a personal one."

Wyden, a native of Wichita, Kansas, attended the University of California at Santa Barbara on a basketball scholarship and later transferred to Stanford University where he graduated with distinction in Political Science, (1971). Wyden later received a Doctor of Juris Prudence from the University of Oregon School of Law, (1974).

Ron Wyden on the issues:

Inflation - to combat inflation, we should provide for:



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- Encouragement of private savings through direct tax incentives.

- Increased business productivity through faster recovery of capital expenditures.

- Reduction in the complexity and number of governmental regulations - proposed regulations should be rejected unless need is clearly demonstrated.

- Wiser spending priorities. Economic development, conservation programs and mass transit deserves higher priority.

Energy - Without a national

energy policy, we remain dependent on foreign oil. Congress can develop a sound policy by:

- Establishing a taxpayer-owned energy corporation to handle petroleum imports and develop and manage our own oil.

- Aggressively promoting conservation programs. Congress must resist lobbying pressures to postpone the fuel economy standards for new cars.

- Increasing tax incentives to individuals and businesses willing to emphasize conservation, solar, biomass, wind, waves and any renewable energy resource.

- Increasing support for mass transit and other alternatives to the automobile.

Health Care: A national health care system is needed. The present health care system must be restructured to hold down costs and promote early preventive and diagnostic care. Most important for seniors, our health care programs should allow home health alternatives to institutionalization.

In the May primary, Wyden shocked the Portland area by defeating Bob Duncan by a landslide. Wyden did not spend as much money as Duncan in his campaign. Duncan outspent Wyden by \$20-25,000 and used \$100,000 on television alone.

"The reason we used television is to back up the 3,000 yard signs that we distributed around the Portland area," said Wyden. "Duncan spent all that money on television and it did no good. We use the media to back up what we do personally, to

cement the things we do in the community. People started to correlate the yard signs with the T.V. set.

"If you put a sign in a friend's yard, then they start to talk about you and ask questions," he said.

On November 4th, the Wyden campaign will go up against right winged conservative and anti-ERA politician Darryl Congers. Wyden is very optimistic about winning, in fact, he's already making plans.

"After I win," he said, "I'm going to get a Wyden van and drive around to all the communities I serve and see what is on the peoples mind. I plan to be very visible."

Over the years Wyden has worked for the Oregon Legal Services for the elderly, Crime Prevention Division (City of Portland), and for the Lane County District Attorney's Office. Wyden has also taught at Portland State and the University of Oregon.

Wyden's political following includes young singles and couples, retired workers, and a large number of social, political, and educational organization. Traditionally, a politician who carries the older, conservative vote does not have many young liberal voters. But Wyden has come up with a platform with an appeal that relates to both ends of the spectrum. Politicians in the future will probably look to Wyden's technique of capturing both the young liberal vote and the vote of the senior citizen.

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Why? Our union members living in areas served by PUDs tell us they're happy with their reliable, inexpensive electric service

Now we want to take a look at what a PUD can do for us. A "YES" vote for your PUD will:

- Fund an engineer's report that will cost you about \$1.00
- Elect five local residents to serve as Directors

The engineer's report will tell us the answers to these questions: Where will the electricity come from and how much will it cost? How much will it cost to buy the utility system? Will our rates go down with a PUD?

PP&L and PGE have spent over \$1,100,000 to finance so-called "citizens groups" and a massive media and direct mail campaign designed to confuse and scare the voters.

But we need to get the real answers about what can be done for lower rates and local control.

So we urge you to vote YES on PUD.

Roger Auerbach

President, Oregon Federation of Teachers (candidate for PUD Director, Multnomah County)

William Vachter

United Auto Workers, Local 492 (candidate for PUD Director, Washington County)

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Marable endorses Commoner

By Laura McCarthy

"The most pervasive social and political issue confronting American society is racism. The struggle for democracy has been continuously and systematically frustrated by racist assumptions and practices which affect every institution of American life. This dynamic is the basis of the oppression of Black Americans and other minorities, as well as the means by which an overwhelming majority of whites also lose in the quest for democratic governance."

From the 1980 Platform of the Citizens Party

Manning Marable, of the National Black Political Assembly, has endorsed Citizens Party presidential candidate Barry Commoner in the upcoming election. Formed in April 1980 to "build a party of the American people," free of corporate control and interests, The Citizens Party is gaining strength as people throughout the nation discover fewer true choices among the other candidates. Commoner is a professor of environmental sciences, and an author on subjects both political and scientific; sharing the ticket is LaDonna Harris, an American Indian activist and former member of the board of the National Urban League.

In a highly detailed and unequivocal party platform, the Citizens Party pledges to:

- Pursue, as a paramount goal, the just and equitable redistribution of wealth and power in this country, insuring that the lives of Black Americans reflect this redistribution.

- Pursue full employment to assure jobs for everyone willing and able to work, with special emphasis on programs for younger Black and minority workers.

- Support the full implementation of affirmative action programs in both public and private sectors of the economy.

- Respect, defend and support the culture and institutions of Black communities which nurture and promote self-pride, self-determination and Black consciousness.

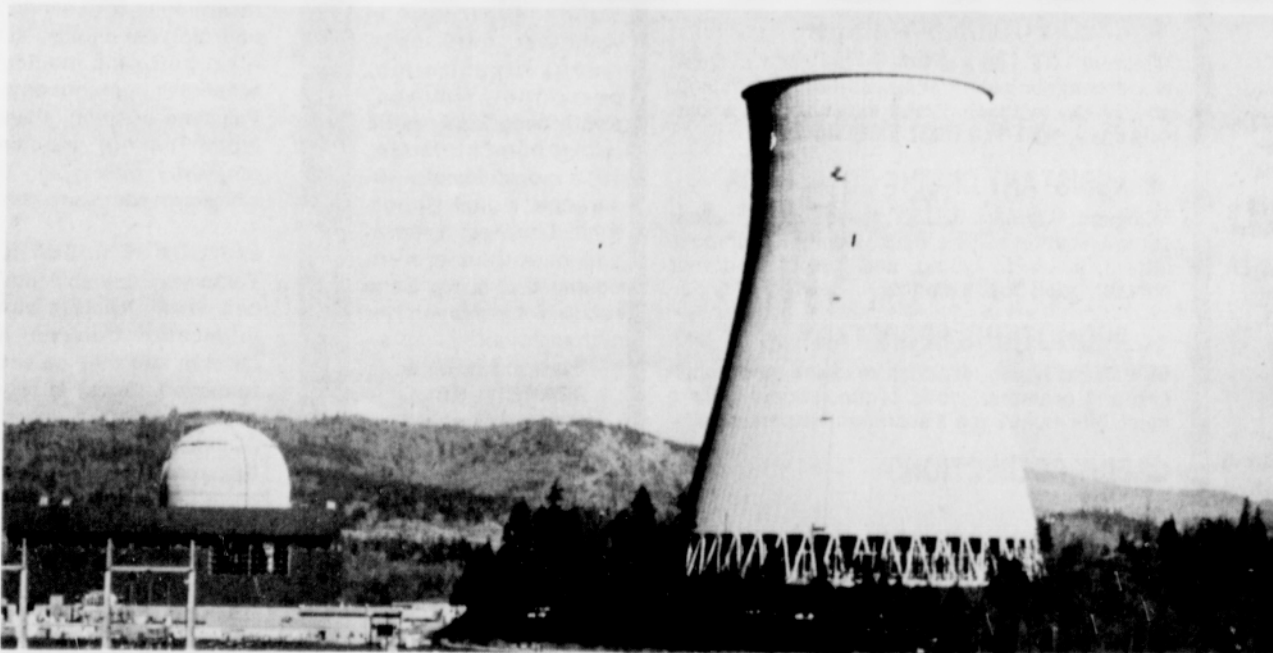
- Support policies, legislation and procedures which prohibit discrimination in housing. We also support legislation and practices that end the displacement of minorities and poor people in our urban areas.

- Support the desegregation of the education system.

The Citizens Party promises much in its platform; and its offers us, at the very least, a way to make a positive statement at the polls on November 4.

OREGON RELIES ON NUCLEAR POWER NOW.

DON'T LET 7 BAN US FROM USING MORE OF IT IN THE FUTURE.



Even though its misleading language does not mention banning nuclear power, Measure #7 effectively will cut off Oregon's ability to even plan for more nuclear power. It will take the federal government at least until the 1990s to meet #7's tricky requirements — ones that will do nothing to make nuclear power any safer than it is right now. It make no sense to ban any energy option at a time when energy shortages threaten to occur in the years ahead. As the National Academy of Sciences recently concluded: *There is no way for America to meet its energy requirements in the next twenty years without coal and nuclear power.*

And the vast majority of Oregon's scientists agree: this is no time to ban the option for additional nuclear power — particularly when we already depend upon it for much of our state's electricity. **Vote to keep the nuclear option.**

VOTE NO ON 7

Because Oregon needs energy

At a time when Americans can no longer depend on foreign oil, Oregon is fortunate to have nuclear power as a major source of electricity.

Nuclear power, right now, provides over 20% of Oregon's electricity. For four years, the Trojan plant has supplied safe energy needed to maintain Oregon's economy.

But Ballot Measure #7 would ban Oregon's option to use more nuclear power — no matter how great our need for it — until at least the 21st century.

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