



From the Capitol

Congressman Ron Wyden

(Editor's Note: This week, Congressman Wyden discusses the impact of the Administration's proposed Social Security cuts on Oregon employers and the reaction of Third District residents to the proposed tax cut.)

Q. Congressman Wyden, you've talked a lot about how the administration's proposed social security cuts would hurt retirees. What about employers?

A. As a matter of fact, employers stand to lose as well. My staff conducted a study of major Oregon employers and found that most of them peg private pension benefits to retired employees on the amount the employees receive from Social Security. If Social Security

benefits are reduced, the companies must make up at least part of the difference.

Initially, this might sound like a good deal for retirees. But what actually happens is that both the employer and the employee get short-changed. The employer suffers because he or she has to pay more than planned in pension benefits. The employee suffers because the amount picked up by the company in most cases will not be sufficient to compensate for the lost Social Security benefits.

Clearly, the Administration did not calculate the far-reaching implications of its Social Security proposals. Not only will the proposals leave many retirees

without their hard-earned and badly needed benefits, but at a time when we're trying to strengthen the private pension system to reduce pressure on Social Security, they will also make things tougher on the private sector. I simply cannot see the logic in that.

A. The debate over cutting taxes seems to dominate the news coming out of Washington these days. What kind of tax cut do you favor?

A. I have consistently said I favor a selective tax cut that is targeted so as to stimulate personal savings, business investment and research.

The results of a questionnaire my

office distributed earlier this year indicates the residents of the Third District agree. According to those results, 47 percent favor a selective tax cut, while only 35 percent favor a general, across-the-board cut. Sixteen percent indicated they do favor any tax cut at this time.

As the responses of Third District residents indicate, what we need right now is a tax cut that will promote greater savings and productivity - not just encourage people to spend even more, thus fueling the fires of inflation.

I will work toward just such an economically - sound tax cut. If we hope to get our economy back on track and lay the foundation for a sounder economic future, we have no other choice.



From the Boardroom

By Gladys McCoy
Multnomah County Commissioner

The Budget Hearings are over but there remains a deficiency of \$6.6 million. There are two options available to balance the budget: One is to cut services and personnel, and the second is to increase revenue. We will have to do both. The impact of the \$5 million Serial Levy can best be explained by saying the average homeowner in Multnomah County with property valued at sixty thousand (\$60,000) dollars will experience a real property tax increase of \$18.

This is a relatively small price to pay for maintaining Multnomah County's present obligations that provide some services to citizens in

every area of the County. Everyone is experiencing a struggle in balancing budgets. Prices have skyrocketed. Goods and services, which cannot be eliminated, must be purchased at an inflated cost.

Multnomah County is not privileged by exemption from the same inflation affecting every budget. This is why the Serial Levy will be placed before the voters on June 30. We cannot even stay at the same level with inflation and the cuts being imposed by both Federal and State governments. Yet we must provide these services that are mandated, i.e., courts, public health, public safety.

It is the civic responsibility of all voters to consider the losses suffered if the Levy is not passed. Libraries, for example, will suffer enormous cuts, causing neighborhood branches to be closed, reduced days and hours at the Central Library and curtailing the Bookmobile which is an "intellectual bloodstream" for many housebound citizens. It is for the general maintenance of a healthy population that we must ensure the Levy is passed. I believe health care for the dependent is a right to which they are entitled. It is our responsibility to provide services for those of us who have not the financial means to do

so for themselves.

The "A" and "B" Ballot will restore funds in Health Services, both Mental and Physical, Justice Services, Animal Control, Aging Services, Human Relations, and the Library. However, both "A" and "B" Ballots must pass if "B" is to be funded. "A" Ballot can stand alone, but "B" Ballot is dependent on "A" Ballot passing.

It is in the best interest of the general public and the County workforce to know as far in advance as possible the effect of that plan on the services and jobs on which they depend. Therefore, I urge you to vote for the Levy on June 30.



Dick Bogle

Whoa, Whoa, just a minute. Let's back up a moment and think it over.

Portland has a new police commissioner and a new police chief and that has caused a lot of anger in the Black community.

Lets separate the two changes. Mayor Frank Ivancie removed Commissioner Charles Jordan from the Police Bureau and installed Captain Ron Still as Chief.

If Ivancie's act of removing Jordan as police commissioner is reason for anger, it shouldn't be taken out on Chief Still.

I don't pretend to know or understand all the behind scenes maneuverings that led to the change affecting Jordan, but I do know that the selection of Still is the best possible choice.

Ivancie has long had an image problem in the Black community but just because Still is his choice as chief doesn't mean Still should have to take criticism or come under suspicion as an insensitive.

Lets look at the shape the police department is currently in. Its credibility with the overall community is at an all time low. Five officers have resigned in light of revelations that they stole defendants money, planted narcotics, stole narcotics, falsified affidavits leading to search warrants and even stole items of clothing and food from those they arrested.

Then there is the oppssum incident in which two officers were fired for placing dead oppssums in front of Union Avenue's Burger Barn. That matter is now in the hands of a federal arbitrator. The City faces civil liability in the cases of 56 individuals arrested by the five resigned officers from the Special Investigations Division.

In addition there are a number of investigations and lawsuits underway involving allegations by a number of Black citizens that they were beaten and otherwise mistreated by officers.

All these factors plus the eternal internal politicking in the Bureau has even caused some division among its officers.

In othe words, its a helluva time to be named Chief. As we have written in earlier columns, the police department is in great disarray.

Former Chief Bruce Baker was in poor health after open heart surgery and he has admitted that this kind of stress isn't calculated to ease him back to full health.

What was needed was a strong Chief; one who could call upon a wide range of police experience to shape up the department and restore citizen's faith in its efficiency and credibility.

Still is such an officer. His command experience includes two stints as commander of the Special In-

vestigations Division, both coming after a scandal of sorts had rendered the former commander ineffective in bringing the division under control. He has commanded both East and Central precincts and served as chief of detectives. In addition he is a graduate of the FBI adacemy and has earned both his Bachelors and Masters degrees in recent years, while on the Bureau.

Now all that can be shown on paper. What cannot be shown on paper is what type of officer the new chief was when he worked the Albina area while a patrolman.

I have close personal knowledge of this because for some of that time we were partners.

He was a dedicated officer who guaranteed all citizens the best kind of police protection.

He worked diligently to insure that Albina residents could be as secure in their lives and property as any other group of citizens in any other section of the city.

He was not then and is not now a racist. He never resorted to physical or mental brutality against any citizen but instead displayed compassion and sound judgement night after night and year after year.

Now, he did vote against Commissioner Jordan's plan to have two civil service lists, one white and one Black for hiring new officers. But

'No memory of it'

(Continued from Page 1 Col 4) hospital. Is transferred to Portland Adventist Hospital."

But according to David Alarid (Peter's brother) it was the efforts of a defense attorney that got a court order to have Peter transported to the hospital. The court order was issued May 24th and Peter was taken to the hospital, May 25th.

In a progress note written by W. R. Weissert M.D., dated September 6, 1979 he states: "After considerable discussion it was the consensus of the staff that the most feasible diagnostic and therapeutic procedure would be Sodium Amytal interview and E.C.T. Phone conversation with the office of Circuit Court Judge Robert E. Jones, on September 6, 1979, gave the affirmative action for proceeding with whatever treatment was indicated. This was a verbal phone conver-

sation and will be considered as part of being hre for treatment until fit to proceed."

A May 1, 1980 Discharge Summary stated: "On November 6, 1979, permission was granted by Judge Jones to again administer Electroconvulsive treatments to treat Mr. Alarid. He was given five ECT between November 6, 1979 and November 13, 1979, with very satisfactory response."

When contacted by the *Observer*, Judge Jones said very pointedly, "I have no record or memory of giving anyone permission to administer electroconvulsive treatments to Mr. Alarid. However, Dr. Weissert said its a matter of record that Judge Jones gave verbal permission to administer the treatment. Officer Gaskell has not been available for comment.

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