



Washington Hot Line

by Congressman Ron Wyden

When former Oregon Governor Tom McCall died Saturday, he took a part of every Oregonian with him. In many ways, Tom McCall was Oregon—the epitome of the independent spirit, the forward thinking and the strong will that made Oregon the great state that it is. He will be sorely—and forever—missed.

To list all of Tom McCall's accomplishments would take more space than one column allows.

He was a newspaperman—in Moscow, Idaho, in Bend and in Portland. He was a commentator for Portland television stations 2 and 8. He was a correspondent for the Navy during World War II. He was a Secretary of State for two years and a governor for eight.

But most of all, Tom McCall was a public servant for Oregon—and he served it well.

Oregon enjoys a national reputation for its strong environmental standards—and Tom McCall was a big reason why. His tenure as Gov-

ernor saw the passage of legislation that set up the Department of Environmental Quality and established land use planning in our state. He also was one of the founders of One Thousand Friends of Oregon.

Tom McCall fought for strong environmental standards for Oregon, because he loved Oregon. And Oregon loved him. He was one of those rare men who is a legend in his own time—a man whose opinions and ideas made waves in Washington, D.C., as well as at home, a man who had the respect of people from all walks of life, all political persuasions and all philosophies.

It was fitting that Tom McCall spent his last few months battling for the preservation of one of his major legislative initiatives—land use planning. Tom McCall was nothing if not a fighter. He was willing to give his all to any cause he believed in—and he believed in many. He never asked more of others than he was willing to give himself, never

started a fight he wasn't willing to finish.

In the last months of his life, Tom McCall only asked one thing of Oregonians—that they preserve the land use laws he fought so hard to gain.

That the voters acquiesced is a tribute to Tom McCall's great powers of communication and persuasion.

If there was only one more thing Tom McCall could ask of Oregonians, I think it would be to maintain and build on the Oregon spirit—to preserve our reputation as independent thinkers, as creative, forward-looking individualists, as people who understand the importance of preserving our great natural resources and of coming up with innovative solutions to the problems that face us.

After all Tom McCall was one of those kinds of people. He wouldn't have known how to be any different.

We'll miss him.

Prince Hall Shriners elect officers

Prince Hall Shriners of Mina Temple #68 re-elected James W. Calvin as Ill. Potentate for 1983. Other officers elected are Joseph Henderson, Chief Rabban; William Haygood, asst. Rabban; Charles Sanders, High Priest and Prophet; Andrew Childs, Oriental Guide; L.C. Ellison, Treasurer; and John Blow, Recorder. Imperial officers are Thomas Vickers, Deputy of the Desert; William Odom, Deputy of the Oasis; Fredroe Johnson, Adviser of the Desert and Eugene Bonner, Organizer.

Mina Court #142, Daughters of Isis, re-elected Frances Odom as Ill. Commandress. Other elected officers for the Court are Virgie Tinsley, 1st Lt. Commandress; Gloria Brown, 2nd Lt. Commandress; Margaret Isaacs, Priestess; Ella Mae Roy, Oriental Guide; Layola Brown, 1st Ceremonial Daughter; Bernice Noble, 2nd Ceremonial Daughter; Charles Person, Inside Spy; Pearl Mae Joiner, Outside



Dr. Frances Odum was re-elected Illustrious Commandress of Mina Court 42 and James W. Calvin as Illustrious Potentate for Mina Temple 68, AAOONS.

Spy; Vethel Hall, Recordress; Dorothy Vickers, Treasurer; Orene Rosemon, Directress of Isiserettes. Imperial Officers are Viola Bonner, Deputy of the Oasis; Dorothy Vickers, Deputy of the Desert and Deputy Directress of Line Officer's Training; Clareece Shelby, Deputy Directress of Isiserettes.

The Shriners and Daughters of Isis work in conjunction with Senior

Citizens and Youth Projects, an annual Christmas Party for children, donate and deliver Christmas food boxes to needy families in the community and give career education and scholastic scholarships. Mina Temple sponsors a wrestling team and other athletic activities for youth. Mina Court sponsors an Isiserettes Girls Club which is both recreational and service oriented.



From the Boardroom

by Gladys McCoy
Multnomah County Commissioner

It pleases me to introduce to my constituents in District 2, the newest Multnomah County Commissioner, Mr. Arnold Biskar representing District 1, formerly held by Dennis Buchanan. Mr. Biskar was unanimously nominated on December 22, which allowed him and the 30 other candidates to enjoy an "anxiety free" holiday. He could not be formally elected until the vacancy occurred, however, and was voted into the position on January 4, 1983.

Mr. Biskar is a Certified Public Accountant, and his training will certainly be an asset in helping the County balance the budget. In 1982-83 there is already \$900,000 shortfall due to a decline in the revenue projections in the fourth quarter of 1982. Without substantial revenue generation, the 1983-84 budget will require as much as a \$14 million dol-

lar reduction.

Other areas of interest and expertise for Mr. Biskar include Senior Citizens issues, youth and health care. He has expressed interest in participating in the Oregon Association of Counties.

There was some concern that the selection process was convoluted. Let me set the record straight. It was accelerated, but not convoluted.

The rules called for five minute interviews before the board excluding Commissioner Dennis Buchanan, on two different occasions. Once these were completed, each board member was expected to share its list to determine common choices and then proceed through a nomination process that would ultimately focus on one candidate. Having been through such a process in 1975, I was personally not interested in putting anyone else through similar pain and agony if it could be

avoided. Nor was I interested in a "dark horse" with so many qualified candidates having come forward.

In 1975 it took almost two weeks of deadlocked nominations before a candidate was chosen. Then it was one who had not presented himself and had not suffered the anxiety of the rest of us.

When it appeared, after much comparison of lists, that there were several common names, we decided to see if one would emerge with a majority (three) votes. Mr. Biskar was the one who emerged.

Mr. Biskar brings skill that will help minimize the County's budgetary "pains." Even though he's the new kid on the block, problem solving, especially fiscal matters, will be old hat.

Welcome, Arnold Biskar. I look forward to working with you.

South Africa

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pension funds over a three-year period. The bill calls for reinvestment of those funds in the Massachusetts economy. A veto of the bill by the governor was overridden by the House 134-2 and by the Senate 23-5.

In Michigan, the state legislature passed a bill that will require withdrawal of all state educational funds from companies that do business with South Africa.

In Oregon, the number of groups endorsing withdrawal of state funds from banks and corporations is

growing. In November, the board of directors of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon passed a resolution in support of divestment of certain South Africa related state fund. During the same month State Treasurer Clay Myers announced at Willamette University that he has withdrawn certain deposits from Citibank, which has been heavily involved in loaning to South Africa. Myers claims he has re-deposited these funds in Oregon banks.

The Portland City Council vote on the South African resolution has been delayed due to the South African Consul General's visit, but is expected to come up soon.

Hunter

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basement surrounded by four or five other people. Trina looked terrified. The people with Trina threatened him, even asking someone to get a gun. When 911 was called, it took police almost a half hour to respond," Herndon continued.

According to Detective David Simpson, public information officer for the Portland Police Bureau, police officers did enter the house located on N.E. Mallory but Ms. Hunter was not on the scene.

"Media's message to the Black community has been 'only rich, white girls like Patti Hearst can be forced to act against their will' ". Herndon said.

Also a target of complaints from the community are the Portland police, who are accused of mishandling the investigation before and after Ms. Hunter's death.

(See next week's Observer for further details.)

Economy

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trial sectors. Most of Oregon's manufacturing plants are operating at their lowest capacities since World War II.

The greatest job losses this year were in manufacturing (capital goods). Nine thousand jobs were lost in this category since November 1982, 20,400 since 1979. Employment in the construction industry declined 16.8 percent since November of 1982, a 47.1 percent loss since 1979. Such "recession proof" industries as services, especially medical services, cut back nearly 5 percent in the last year and government employment dropped by 3 percent.

Farm employment did not fare any better; farm employment in November was 7 percent below that of last year. Crop and livestock prices have dropped while costs have risen, causing a decline in net farm income for the third straight year.

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