

21 Democrats State Positions

Twenty-one Democratic candidates for public office made short speeches Saturday afternoon at a central committee meeting at Harris Hall.

Candidates for every office except the U.S. Senate were present.

Charles O. Porter, candidate for nomination to his former seat in Congress, said that his opponents are starting to "needle" each other and said he decried it.

It would be better, Porter said, for the others to campaign on "constructive issues such as the Dunes Seashore Park," which he said is not yet lost.

Patrick Flynn, Eugene, who also seeks nomination to Congress, said that a major problem which is holding back industrial development in the Fourth District is the lack of transportation.

He also asked for more attempts by politicians to "bring us back to earth—get away from the confusion and emotionalism."

Robert W. Straub, a third candidate, said that the "high mountain policy" announced Friday by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman is of "tremendous importance" to Oregon and the nation.

The new policy should increase recreational benefits from the high mountain areas.

Straub said that these recreational benefits need not be gained at the expense of the lumber industry. "We can have these and also have increased harvest through increased management efforts" by the Forest Service and other public agencies, he said.

Robert Duncan, fourth candidate for Congress, was not at the meeting.

State Rep. Ed Fadeley, Eugenean who is seeking nomination to one of the county's three seats in the state senate, said he is pledged to "making laws and government more responsive to people."

Bower Aly, Eugene, also running for the Senate, said that he would bend his efforts to more and better education, for that, he said, "is the key to survival."

Glen Stadler, Springfield, the remaining candidate in the field of three Democrats, recited his previous legislative experience and said that he would try for more progressive government.

Seven candidates for the House of Representatives spoke of their campaign efforts.

Vince Farina, Eugene, said he is campaigning on a theory that the "small businessman needs a voice in the government and that government should be modified to help bring about business growth."

Glenn Hammaker, Eugene, said he wants to make the party label more important in elections. He said he finds himself consistent with the recent party platforms.

Richard Kennedy, Eugene, chided Republican candidates for "no platform, just pledges to do what is right or something." He singled out State Rep. F. F. Montgomery as having voted a record not in the best interest of good government.

J. Michael McCloskey, Eugene, said he would be interested in several health and welfare issues, especially water and air pollution control. He said the rate of bacteria growth has risen in the Willamette River the past two years.

Geard Tibbets, Cottage Grove, said he is not going to do much campaigning in the primary election race because he is a student at the University of Oregon and will not graduate until June.

Veola Willmot, Eugene, said that her teaching of history and government for many years has led her to want to serve in the Legislature.

Gene Hulett, Eugene, the only Democratic candidate for the joint Benton-Lane district in the House, said that he is enjoying his first political venture and is looking forward to the fall general election campaign.

Others who spoke included Ina Randolph, Roy Wilkes, Harold Boon and Mrs. Fred Hayes, all candidates for nomination to county treasurer; Olga Freeman, Winfred Smith, David Lentz and Adrain Vaaler, all candidates for nomination to the two seats on the county board of commissioners; and Mike Thompson, candidate for county assessor.

About 100 persons attended the meeting.

Mass Cuban Trial

Prisoner Blames Faulty Intelligence

HAVANA (U)—The mass trial of 1,179 Cubans captured in last April's futile invasion has been told that faulty intelligence, presumably by the United States, led to disaster.

Supporting landings never came off, promised air cover never showed up, and invading forces were told they were hitting an uninhabited beach only to run into troops and tanks, said a letter introduced at the military trial in Principe Prison.

The trial is in recess until Monday, but Havana newspapers carried the letter, purportedly written by his parents in Miami, Fla., by Jose Perez San Roman.

San Roman commanded a battalion last April 17 when the invaders hit the beaches of the Bay of Pigs on Cuba's southern coast.

Barred From Trial

Western newspapermen have been barred from the trial and must rely on accounts in the government-controlled press. This is the gist of the letter purportedly written by San Roman.

The invaders were given false and inexact information that Prime Minister Fidel Castro's army was demoralized, that it was without tanks, that the invaders would go in with air superiority to an uninhabited beach, and it would take Castro three days to react.

The invasion was a nightmare of fiasco from the start. The first wave to hit the beach found most of its communications equipment would not work because of simple and fragile construction.

Supply ships vanished beyond the horizon after one was sunk by the Cuban air force, which quickly established air superiority. Many air-dropped supplies must have fallen behind Castro's lines.

Swift Alarm

Instead of an uninhabited beach, the invaders ran into a town with hundreds of lights and a communication link with Havana, and the alarm was sounded swiftly.

The second day dawned with San Roman's battalion without communications or medical supplies. The invaders had suffered considerable casualties from Cuban troops and tanks, were without ammunition for their heavy machine guns and never received any more.

With the first day's landings, diversionary invasions also were planned for Pinar del Rio Province in the west, and Oriente Province in the extreme east. There were rumors of such invasions at the time, but the letter said neither ever came off.

Fled to Swamps

On the third day of the invasion, a twin-engine transport landed on an airstrip prepared by the invaders. It hurriedly unloaded some crates, but took off without picking up any of the wounded.

When Castro's armored forces drove to within 500 yards of the invaders' last-ditch position, San Roman and a group of aides fled to the swamps, where they roamed for six days.

GOP Hopefuls Rally at Harris Hall

Republican candidates for every office that will be on the May primary ballot were present at a rally Saturday morning at Harris Hall.

Some candidates couldn't make it, but those who did made short speeches and then shook hands all over the place.

For several, the rally was their debut.

Jim Bacaloff of Portland, Glenn Bixey and Harold Livingston of Corvallis and R. F. Cook of Scotts Mills, all of them candidates for the GOP nomination for one of Oregon's seats in the U.S. Senate, were present. Sig Unander of Portland and Rep. Edwin Durno were not.

Bacaloff said that there is a need for relaxation of government controls on business but that such a thing won't occur until some large corporations "clean house."

Bixey expressed the fear of a "surprise attack" on the U.S. by a foreign enemy and said that the U.S. should proceed rapidly with an anti-missile missile program.

Livingston said "we can't turn back the clock but we surely should rewind the mainspring." He said there is a need today of a return to "true conservatism."

Cook said that he believes federal lands in Oregon should be returned to the state and that the government should repeal the Jones Act which forces American shippers to use American ships.

Carl Fisher, unopposed for the party nomination to Congress from the Fourth District said that starting Monday he will campaign fulltime, even though he has no opposition. "Some have asked me which of the four Democrats

running for the office I would rather have elected . . . I really don't care . . . We will win in November."

Mrs. Don Husband, wife of the incumbent state senator from Lane County, spoke for her husband. Other state senator candidates were Jo Kittredge and Vernon Meyer.

Mrs. Kittredge criticized State Sen. Robert W. Straub, D-Eugene, for his suggesting a one-day special session on standard time, and said that one of the areas she would work in if elected was the mapping and surveying of groundwater in the state. She said there is a need to know more about our water resources.

Meyer said it is his goal to encourage and preserve a better political climate "to develop individual talents and capabilities."

Candidates for state representative who spoke included Ed Elder, Eula Privat, F. F. Montgomery, Darst Atherley, Moe Moyer, Robert Adair Jr., and Don Wilson. Frank Davis of Eugene was not present.

Vern Hawn, unopposed for nomination to the new Benton-Lane representative district, also spoke.

Jess Hill and Kenneth Nielsen, both candidates for reelection to their positions on the board of county commissioners, were present, as well as Jack Larson and J. A. Persen, who seek nomination to

the position of county treasurer.

John Scheidt, candidate for nomination as county assessor, accused his opponent, incumbent Kenneth Omlid, of inefficiency in office. More than \$10 million in property evaluation has not been put on the tax rolls in the past two years,

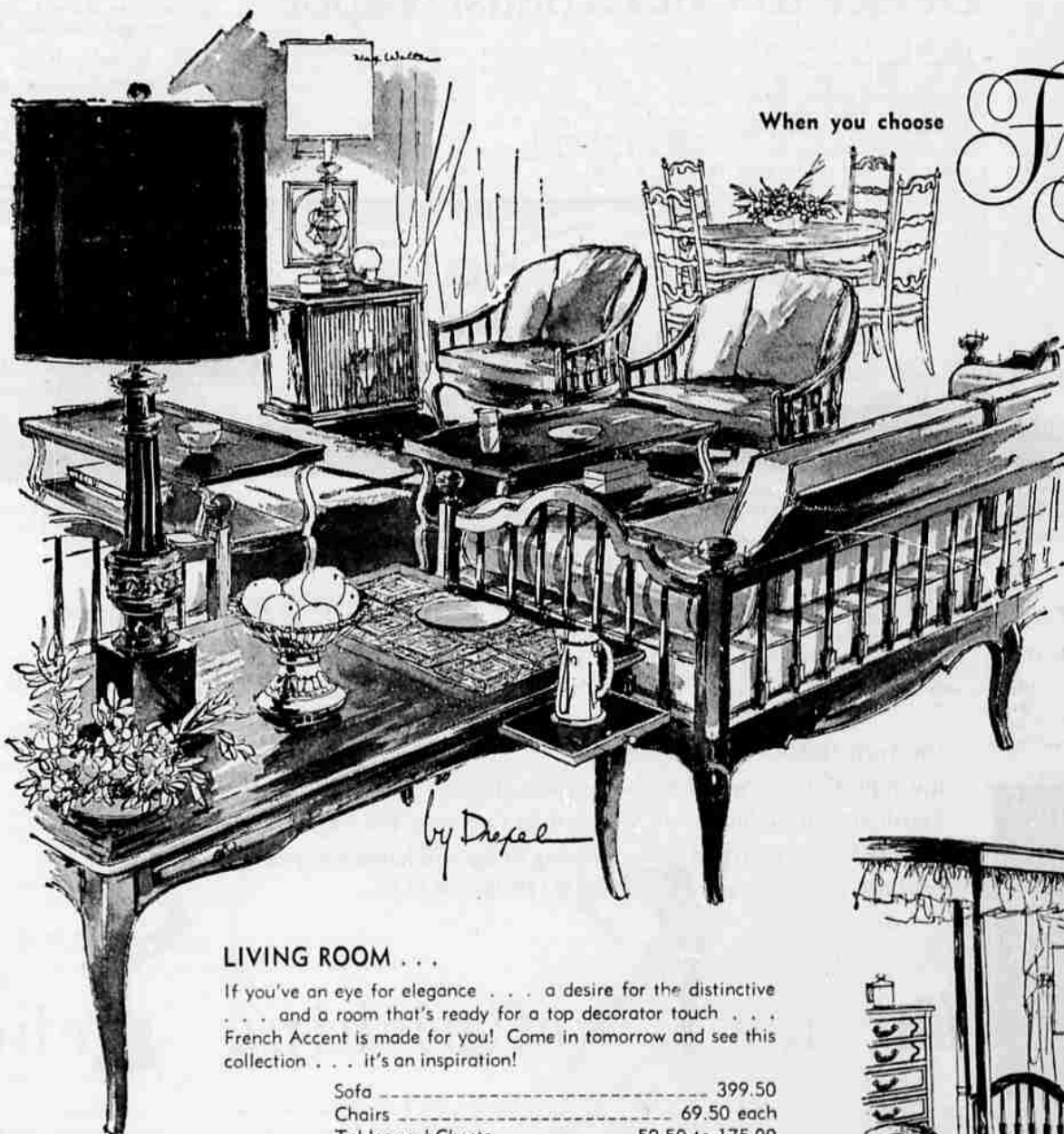
he charged. Omlid, who came to the meeting late, didn't know what Scheidt had said so didn't reply when he spoke. More than 100 persons attended, about a third of them candidates. Foster Anderson, county central committee chairman, presided.

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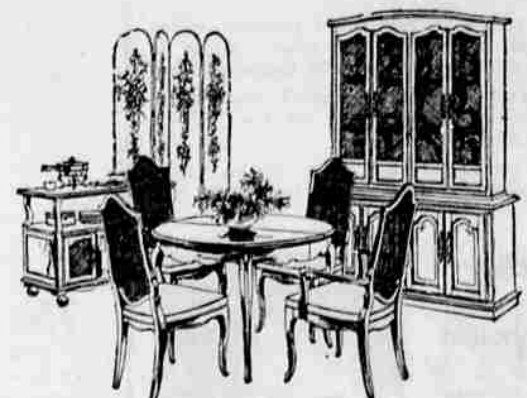
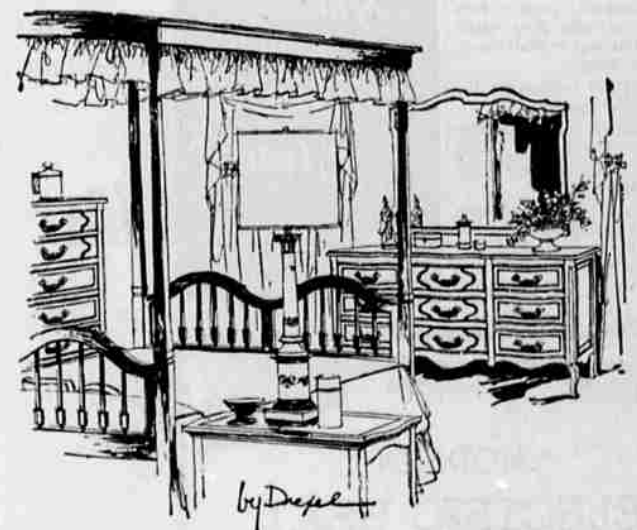
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