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**REPUBLICAN CHOICE**

Oregon Republicans have the duty of making an important choice in the May primary. Upon it may rest a greater matter than who is to run against Wayne Morse next fall, assuming, of course, that Mr. Morse will defeat his little known opponent.

Mr. McKay will adhere resolutely to the principles of the Eisenhower administration for he was there when they were made, helped to make some of them, no doubt is irrevocably committed to them and is not likely to change. Mr. McKay has that kind of integrity. He will be right where you can find him, doing the things he said he would try to do.

Mr. Hitchcock also an adherent of the Eisenhower principles but leans somewhat to compromise on questions when fortitude would make it possible to rely on him more fully.

The nomination of McKay will put Oregon Republicans squarely in opposition to Mr. Morse although we must say that may be a bit difficult for the senator has changed with the wind on some points. It is easier to know what he is against today than to know what he is for. He can best be judged in the negative.

Those who believe that the citizen should be permitted to develop natural resources and take his chance on making a profit therefrom; those who believe that states and other local governments should do everything they can and the federal government do only such things as state and local government cannot; those who believe in citizens (people) instead of government as the source of ultimate power will find it necessary to vote for McKay. We are sure that he stands for those things and sure he would do all he could for them.

Mr. McKay is a more direct opposite to Morse than is Mr. Hitchcock. In the November election, if McKay is elected, the state will have made a positive step toward individual rights and away from government controls. Mr. Hitchcock is a compromise between Mr. McKay and Mr. Morse.

We consider it unwise if not immoral to compromise in a matter so important as the rights of

the individual citizen as opposed to government controls.

**BOOKKEEPING**  
 The disclosures of racketeering in Portland and attempted organization for controlled gambling will surely do much to clean up that city for awhile and give its worst element an airing. Digging it out was a worthy public enterprise and the Oregonian is entitled to credit for a step toward municipal improvement.

It is a lamentable fact that such things go on in cities, have gone on in cities and will continue. Just as surely as bugs congregate under rocks criminals congregate in cities and ever so often get in control. We have grown to accept it as a fact that big cities have their gangsters. American cities have come to follow the words of Pope:

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,  
 As to be hated needs but to be seen;  
 Yet, seen too oft, familiar with her face,  
 We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

That is one of the better reasons for the passage of the Federal Plan. Rural people do not want to let their state government get in the hands of the kind of person who so often gets in control in cities. In fact no state has ever adopted a type of legislative apportionment that gives control to a big city. People are too smart for that. If there be a strict population plan of apportionment it is disobeyed in some way or another.

The proper place for the determination of legislative apportionment is in the legislature, not in the executive or judicial departments of government as is provided in the present iniquitous law in Oregon. That is a mixing of the functions of government that should never be permitted.

Certainly the disclosures in Portland are important to that city as a pointer to official laxity or dishonesty; certainly they are a warning to rural Oregonians to keep at least one house of the legislature in the hands of the upstate.

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