

Measures, Candidates Bring Letters From Voters

To the Editor:

In reply to Mr. Van Houte's letter, may I first protest that no one supposes that ALL teachers or administrators are so prejudiced or partisan as to force their views upon the susceptible minds of students. Second, no inference was made to students conducting a political rally, although his letter attempted to make it appear otherwise. Third, although Mr. Van Houte had a full week's notice of the Governor's intended visit, he made no effort to secure his appearance before any school in this county. The responsibility for such practices remains first, last, and always with the administrator.

Now, accepting Mr. Van Houte's denials that neither he nor anyone else has made or is making any attempt to seek federal control over our public schools, I would still point out that it was more than mere coincidence when, in 1960, the Oregon Education Association named former socialist Monroe Sweetland "Education Man of the Year," in an all-out effort to secure his election over Howell Appling, Jr., for the office of Secretary of State. Absolute state control must come before federal control, and if Sweetland had been elected Secretary of State he might well have become governor four years later. Then with the aid of a pliable legislature, the OEA would have accomplished its objective, destruction of the local school board system, with no difficulty. Election of men like Gaylord Madison to the legislature will go far toward slowing the OEA. Incidentally, would Mr. Van Houte like to deny that he is a very influential member of the OEA and has taken more than a passing interest in formulating its policies? Also, would he like to explain who was responsible for selecting "Federal Aid to Education" as the debate topic for Oregon High School students last year?

Further, I think it's fair to point out that the national Education Association has placed its powerful lobby behind every effort of the far left to gain federal aid to education, including teachers salaries. Every thinking voter in the country knows that such legislation will lead to federal control. In driving for such legislation, the OEA has supported "deserving" left-wing senators and congressmen, including Morse and Ullman, whose voting records clearly in-

dicade they're pushing the federal aid idea, without reservation and completely oblivious to the probably doubling of primary and secondary education costs to taxpayers.

The addition of Sig Unander to the senate and Bob Chandler to the house would be a great help in putting the brakes on the ambitious program of the national Education Association.

Without casting any reflection on his other many fine past accomplishments or present abilities, I would ask Mr. Van Houte if he would deny that he is not only an influential member, but wholly in accord with the policies of the NEA?

In these times of constant crises, when it is becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish between liberalism and socialism, and when, as the result of these liberals and appeasers our nation is forced to the brink of another, and perhaps final war, it is well worth re-examining the real motives of some office-seekers. Glowing promises of today can well lead to economic and political slavery tomorrow, including loss of local control over the public school system.

Don Turner

To the Editor:
Re: your editorial of the October 18 issue on Measure No. 10.

We are quite aware that for years local school boards have been able to do anything they wanted to in any school district in Oregon—as long as they did what the State Department of Education wanted them to.

We are also aware the repeal of the school reorganization law would not completely eliminate state control over school districts. However a person has to start somewhere. Prior to 1957 control over district boundaries, and thus control over where and how far a child had to go to school, was in the hands of the local people in most cases. At least where more than 10 children were involved.

This was the last local control left, regardless of size of district. The 1957 reorganization law gave that control into the hands of the State Board of Education.

A YES vote on ballot measure No. 10 will give that control back to the people. It is a first step. All policy making power should be in the hands of local

people through their school board. And that school board should be close enough to home so that it is responsive to the wishes of the people.

The trouble with the State Department of Education is that it has a swelled head. It has grown enormously these last years. It is subject to no control. Its nominal head, the State Board of Education is just that—the nominal head. Most of the people staffing the state department at the top level are NEA or OEA people. Thus the teachers, administrators etc. that should be the experts hired to carry out the policies of their employers (the people) have become the policy makers themselves.

If you build a house, you pick out the site, decide on the size, general shape, cost etc. and then hire expert carpenters to build it for you. Would you be willing to let the carpenters pick the site, decide the size, number of rooms, decor, and cost and then say you have to pay for it and live in it no matter how unhappy you might be with it?

But that is exactly what the school district reorganization law does to the people of every school district in Oregon.

The sponsors of repeal have been accused, and are in your editorial accused by implication, of wanting to put all schools back into one room schools. Nonsense. At no time have we ever expressed any desire to do such a thing. We take no stand on size of schools. We merely believe that the people who live in each district must decide that for themselves. Big Brother in Salem (the state board) just isn't that smart.

And the school reorganization law is not confined to affecting just small districts. Districts of 17,000 pupils have been changed to administrative districts. Why? Districts with 4 and 5 thousand pupils are being pushed into reorganization with other equally large districts. Why?

The answer has nothing to do with efficiency of education but with control. Bureaucrats like to work with big projects. It gives them a sense of importance.

You complain that Repeal will cause confusion. No confusion can match that made by the reorganization law itself. Districts, since 1957, have not dared to build needed schools, add buses, do many other needful things.

Why? Because they are subject to reorganization at any time. They might be committing their tax money for years to pay for something that they will not use. Their local school can be closed and their children carted off 40 miles away. There is one example after another of that very thing around the state.

And all this fuss about re-creating districts. If an Administrative (reorganized) district is doing the good job that the reorganization fans are saying it does, then there is not the slightest possibility of the district being dissolved. A hearing must be held before any such election and all the points pro and con brought out. The people will not vote blindly. Remember—they pay the bill.

But if the district is doing a poor job the people have a right to express their opinions of it. Your worrying about splitting high school buildings etc. Half of the 30 districts eligible to re-creat were Union Highs to begin with. Under repeal they could only revert to Union Highs. They would still use the buildings. Of the rest of the 30 a great many were made up of only two districts.

Now we come to Morrow county in your editorial. You say the measure is undemocratic when it gives the state-wide vote the power to make Morrow a county unit. Do you think it was democratic to make Morrow county an Administrative (reorganized) district by simple declaration of

the State Board of Education. No one had any vote on it at all. It was the same in Hood River.

Morrow county voted in 1958 to be a county unit system. It did not vote to be Administrative.

The county unit law, says: "Whenever any county adopts the county unit system, no election shall be held in such county to discontinue the county unit system for a period of six years from the date of the election at which the county unit system was adopted."

The date of the election at which Morrow county adopted the county unit system was four years ago. It did not vote to discontinue the system. In two years it should be entitled to a vote to re-create local districts if it wants to.

This six year period that you are fussing about as being "an abyss of uncertainty for six years" is in the county unit law, not repeal. The people of Morrow county voted for that type of school district.

Finally, Mr. Editor, you cannot unte people in spirit by putting a gun at their head. They will only hate you for it. Useful unity is only brought about by voluntary association of people in the kind of community they want.

A YES vote on No. 10 will give the people of Oregon the opportunity to start back on the road of self government in their school districts.

Mrs. Mary L. Hintz, Legislative Chairman, SOS

To the Editor:

This is not time to send back to the Senate anyone who was wrong on Castro and wrong on Communist China.

It is possible to read through the Congressional record, page by page, and see how Senator Wayne Morse defended Castro; denied that Castro was a Communist; and argued against taking any action on Cuba. This hardly seems a performance that should be rewarded.

As we watch the Chinese Communist hoards over-run India and threaten other parts of Asia; we should keep in mind that Senator Morse has long been one of the chief apollists for Communist China, and even favors giving them Quemoy and Matsiu.

We can further see in the Congressional record how Senator Morse attacked Eisenhower and Dulles so viciously for their policies against Communist China, that we could wonder whom he considers the enemy.

Knowing Senator Morse's record; leftwing groups in New York City are urging their members to support his re-election. In these perilous times, however, America cannot afford another six years of Wayne Morse in the Senate. Couldn't the good people of Oregon spare us this?

Very truly yours,
Eric Tarnley
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25 West 90 Street

To the Editor:

It is not too often that the press endorses Democratic candidates, but we would like to report that the Redmond, Oregon Spokesman has come out in support of Al Ullman for reelection as Congressman for the Second District. The Spokesman, a 52-year-old publication, is owned and edited by a registered Republican. This paper is published in Deschutes county, the home county of Al Ullman's GOP opponent. The editorial, is written by Publisher Mary Brown, was headlined: "Ullman Responds to Needs of His District." She pointed out that she did not always agree with the way that Congressman Ullman cast his votes, or his political philosophy, but she said, "one must recognize the fact that he has been responsive to the needs of his district and to the wants

Monument

By MARTHA MATTESON
MONUMENT—Frank Elder returned home Thursday noon from Ontario where he had spent the past two months with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elder.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Forrest returned Saturday after spending the week in Portland on business and visiting their two daughters and their families.

Bruce Fleming of Jacksonville spent the week-end hunting at the McCarty ranch.

Sammy Howell and Mabel Howell drove to Heppner Wednesday after seed grain and Mabel visited her brother, Oren McDaniel who is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Judy Martin and two sons of Prineville were visiting the Johnson, Noland and Martin families Sunday.

Stella McCarty drove to La Grande Friday bringing Miss Dixie Stubblefield home from college for the week-end.

Mrs. Josephine of Jacksonville spent five days here at the homes of her daughters, Mrs. Stella McCarty, Mrs. Darrell Dulaney and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Williams and two daughters are moving this week to Post, where he will be employed.

Mrs. Oma Cox of Heppner visited the first of the week with Helen Brown.

Johnny Loveria of Canyon City was in town Monday calling on friends here.

Harold Lippert, Lilburn and Charlie Hunt were in town Sunday from their work of fence building near Dutch Creek.

Mrs. Bryan and Wave Jackson made a trip to Portland after the big storm to look after Mrs. Bryan's real estate. She is one of the high school teachers.

The Eldon Deerdolf family spent the week-end hunting near Baker.

Mrs. Jim Lovgren and Mrs. Fern Graves spent the week-end in Madras seeing about an apartment for Mrs. Graves who is transferring to the First National Bank in Madras. They were rouseguests of Mr. and Mrs. John Vernard and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatfield and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Erickson.

of its citizens. He has worked tirelessly and well, without shouting about it from the house-tops." She then outlined a few of the many projects that Congressman Ullman has obtained for the 18-county Second district, and called for his reelection on November 6.

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Bend, Oregon

Hardman and Rhea Creek News

By ALTA STEVENS

HARDMAN, RHEA CREEK—Mrs. Lena Bartmess of Roseville, Calif., and Mrs. Louis Peterson and daughter of Sacramento, Calif., visited the past week with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Kinard McDaniel, sisters and brothers-in-law of Mrs. Bartmess. They also called at the home of Mrs. Peterson's aunt, Mrs. Ella Bleakman in Heppner and with several cousins in the area.

While here Mrs. Peterson took Mrs. Bartmess, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. McDaniel and Mrs. Bleakman to Walla Walla, Wn., for several days to visit with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Andrus and daughter Linda of Portland were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lesley, parents of Mrs. Andrus. Also from Portland were Nick Eckleburger and Sam Phillips who visited at the Lesley home and joined the others in some bird hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Munnick and son Larry of West Linn visited with aunts and uncles of Mrs. Munnick, Mr. and Mrs. Kinard McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Robinson the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDaniel spent several days visiting their daughter, Mrs. Maxine Mahon and family at Elgin.

Mrs. Ivan McDaniel and son Sammy and Mrs. Larry Angel of Heppner were in Hardman last week getting some furniture of Mrs. McDaniel that had been in storage.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel are in Portland where Mr. Chapel is under medical care at the Portland Clinic. Their daughter, Cassy, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Batty so that she can attend school.

Ricky McDaniel, son of Cecil McDaniel, was injured in a fall from his bicycle Saturday and

has been under care at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Collins received word that Mr. Collins' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rossin of Portland were in a car wreck recently. Mr. Rossin received serious bruises and Mrs. Rossin had several ribs broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ritchie of Richland are the parents of a baby daughter born October 24 at Pendleton. Mrs. Ritchie will be remembered as the former Hazel McDaniel.

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Burglars Enter 2 County Schools

Burglars entered schools at Lexington and Ione probably some time Sunday night, Oct. 21. Nothing was found to be missing, but damage to doors and glass panes was estimated at \$75 by Robert Van Houte, county school superintendent.

At Ione they entered the cafeteria and the grade school building, breaking in through doors in each case. It appeared that they were in quest for money in the cafeteria but none was found by the provwers.

At Lexington they used a jimmy to break through double doors. Here some food was disturbed, and it appeared that they ate a meal. Nothing else had been touched, Van Houte said.

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TO MY FELLOW VOTERS OF MORROW COUNTY

Senator Wayne Morse was one of the four dissenting votes in the passage of the Keogh Bill which allows similar pension rights for Income tax purposes, to farmers, self-employed people, and small professional men, as are now granted to employees of large corporations. Yet, Senator Morse would like us to believe that he is for the "little" man.

Senator Morse has also held up important business in the U. S. Senate talking uselessly against the Telstar Bill which was recommended by President Kennedy until cloture was invoked in order that the Senate could continue to operate.

Now is the time to remove Senator Morse, the obstructionist, from office. He has accomplished little for our state and has incurred the wrath of his fellow members of Congress. Because of his irresponsible actions, it is next to impossible to obtain legislation helping Oregon.

While pretending to be the champion of the "little" man, Senator Morse has actually been supporting Big Labor; therefore, I say vote for SIG UNANDER for U. S. Senator.

P. W. Mahoney
(Signed)

Paid Adv. by P. W. Mahoney