

Philosophical Conflict Between Two Systems Seen Election Issue

"When you strip away the foliage and blow away the smoke screen," the current congressional campaign resolves into a conflict between two philosophies of government, Congressman Harris Ellsworth stated yesterday noon in a talk to Medford Kiwanians.

The opposition (Democrats) want government in centralized control "against our (Republican) philosophy that government is the servant of the people and must be limited to what the people ask through their representatives," Ellsworth declared.

The Republican congressman, who is opposed by Charles O. Porter, Democrat, in his campaign for reelection, addressed the service club's luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club.

Ellsworth brought out the role of the partnership plan, in that the federal government will not be able to keep up with demand for electrical power. "We don't want to see monopoly in federal government or private ownership," the congressman said. "We just want kilowatts," he added, indicating favor of state regulation.

"Our opposition says we are all wrong and all power should be generated by the federal government," Ellsworth stated. "They want control of electrical energy, then they have political power." He pointed out how leaders have brought people under control in other parts of the world. "If we get careless in this election, we're going to take a step up that road," he asserted.

Other Topics
Ellsworth in other portions of his talk answered opposition contentions concerning the "Talent division irrigation project," stressed the need to develop mineral industry in this area and discussed his part in the Al Serena mine matter. He answered questions on congress's new tax bill and on the Dixon-Yates contract in the atomic energy bill.

Concerning his part in the Talent project authorization, the representative said, "There are several people who can recite on it and on who did some of the work." In rebuttal to opposition claims that a Democratic majority will be necessary to secure appropriation for the Talent project, Ellsworth asserted that a "smart job" of drafting the bill was done and that there is money already for part of the project. "With Cordon as chairman of the (senate) appropriations committee, I think we can go right on through," the congressman said.

Timber Scarcity Seen
On mining, Ellsworth warned of a possible eventual scarcity of timber and pointed to the role of mineral industry as a supplementary enterprise. He mentioned his efforts to establish the metallurgy laboratory at Albany, which he maintained has done tremendous good for the west. And he told of his 1948 bill to open O and C reworked lands to mineral development while still protecting the timber stand.

Tracing the Al Serena matter, Ellsworth reaffirmed his stand that the department of interior had no course but to carry out the law. He remarked that he interceded in the case to see that the Al Serena people got a decision one way or the other and called it a "fairly routine matter." Their securing of patents was no different than the Hanna company in the Riddle area, the congressman stated, and there is more heavy timber

on the Hanna claims. He said that department of interior files on the case did not contain a proof of mineralization, although the Al Serena company had a letter from the department stating there was proof.

The "new candidates" say that the law should not apply but that the bureaucrats shall decide, Ellsworth charged. He brought out that the mining law was written with the intention of giving incentive to the mining industry and that value of timber was not much until recent years. With the increase in the value of timber, the mining law should be changed now, he said.

Asked whether the new tax bill helps persons of \$3,500 to \$5,000 per year income, Ellsworth answered that the little people were helped by reductions during the past two years, and pointed out that the complex 875-page new bill eliminated inequities of previous legislation. He said that the opposition is giving only part of the picture and reminded his audience that the corporation tax is still 52 per cent. The representative stated that increasing income tax exemptions from \$600 to \$700 was not mathematically possible if the budget was to be met. Ellsworth asserted that taxes are a legitimate issue for debate but that through 20 years taxes were not reduced.

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Red Cross Running Short of Money for Free Blood Program

Washington — (U.P.) — The Red Cross disclosed today it is running short of money to finance its free blood program.

It is beginning to shift some of the cost of processing and handling the blood to participating hospitals. Presumably, the hospitals will pass the charge along to patients to whom

the blood is administered. The charge for "supplies and transportation" so far is running from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per pint.

Such charges recently have been instituted in 10 of the 45 Red Cross blood donor regions. Affected areas are Savannah, Ga., Asheville, N.C., Columbia, S.C., Mobile, Ala., Yakima, Wash., Boise, Ida., Portland, Ore., San Jose, Calif., Lansing, Mich., and Great Falls, Mont.

Others Coming
Negotiations are underway in other areas, including Philadelphia.

Red Cross officials predict the number of regions forced to the

practice will double in the next year.

They emphasize that there is not now, and never has been, any charge made by the Red Cross for blood itself. However, they concede that the practical effect of charging for some of the services involved in handling it is about the same thing.

The action confronts Red Cross with the latest in a number of public relations problems it has run into in the volunteer blood donor program. The program was launched at the start of World War II, dropped after the war, and revived in 1948 at the request of the medical profession.

Some people, the Red Cross fears, are certain to criticize Red Cross for "selling blood." The answer to this, said Dr. David N. W. Grant, national director of the Red Cross blood program, is that up to now the agency has been footing all the

bill — currently running around \$5.02 per pint, after a steady decline from \$30.30 per pint in 1948 — for collecting, processing, and supplying to doctors and hospitals donated blood and its derivatives.

But, he noted, recent Red Cross fund drives have not met their goals. Also, the National Red Cross currently is shifting to its chapters more of the financial burden of the blood donor program, and not all of them have been able to raise the money.

To keep the program going, hospitals in some areas have agreed — and gladly, Dr. Grant said — to assume the part of

the cost related to supplies used and to delivery of the blood from Red Cross banks to the point of use.

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