

Factions Lined Up in Opposition To Law on Control of Campaign Spending

Single Committee For Candidates Draws Objection

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Salem — (U.P.) — Usually divergent political factions were lined up shoulder to shoulder here today in opposition to parts of a proposed law to control election campaign expenditures.

Witnesses representing Labor's league for Political Education and the state Republican Central committee both objected strenuously to a provision in the bill that would require campaign expenditures to be channeled through a single campaign committee for each candidate or measure.

Reports Before Election

Rep. Maurine Neuberger (D-Portland), who sponsored the bill along with Rep. Elmer Deetz (R-Canby), said the bill's chief purpose was to provide for expense reports before the election rather than afterward. There was no objection to that principle at a hearing on the bill yesterday before the House Committee on Elections and Re-apportionment headed by Rep. E. H. Mann, (R-Medford).

James T. Marr, executive secretary of the state AFL organization and of LLPE, said the long-standing campaign practices of his organizations would be in violation of the proposed law. He approved the principle of pre-election filing but declared it was not the business of a candidate how much labor spent in his behalf, so long as the expenditure was accounted for in labor's own report of campaign spending.

Said Invasion of Rights

A similar viewpoint was expressed by Ted Tibbett, representing the GOP Central committee. He said the single committee requirement was an invasion of constitutional rights of freedom of speech and assembly. It would tend, he said, to restrict individual participation in election campaigns.

Tom Lawson McCall, unsuccessful Republican candidate for Congress from the third district in the last election, endorsed Mrs. Neuberger's plan for pre-election filing. But he said the proposed law should have enough teeth to force compliance and should not be left to the discretion of a candidate to comply.

Offered as Substitute

Mrs. Neuberger said her proposal for pre-election filing was offered as a substitute for a flat limit on campaign spending. She said she and Deetz had decided such a limit was unenforceable but that the alternative would allow the electorate to decide whether contributions were too large or were from the wrong sources. She asserted that "many interesting things have come to light after the elections" when it was too late for the expense reports to guide the voters.

Grants Pass Man Stranded on Peak

Anchorage, Alaska — (U.P.) — A two-man paramedic team was still stranded on the treacherous east face of Mount Susitna today where the scattered wreckage of a Navy Neptune bomber and the bodies of 11 men lie buried in deep drifts.

The tail end of a howling blizzard still lashed the mountain where M. Sgt. F. R. Sackrider, Topeka, Kan., and Airman 1C R. L. Josephson, Grants Pass, Ore., have been keeping a lonely vigil. The two men from the 71st Air Rescue Squadron parachuted down to the wreckage Saturday.

Additional food, cigarettes and survival gear were dropped to the two men yesterday.

Tax Return Courses Given School Students

New York — (U.P.) — The three R's are moving over to make room for another one — "returns."

As though it won't come soon enough anyway, the Internal Revenue Service has developed courses for the city's high schools to teach students how to file income tax returns.

Legislative Letter

(Editor's note: The Mail Tribune's city editor is in Salem this week, visiting the legislature. This is his first dispatch.)

By ERIC ALLEN JR.
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Salem—Sunday at the state capitol is quiet, despite the hectic activities during the rest of the week. Even here in the cluttered press room, usually filled with the babel of clattering typewriters and chattering tele-phones, nothing is doing.

The great and stately senate and house chambers are closed, and the only people in the building are a few tourists and an occasional state employee coming down to catch up on a few chores.

Tomorrow will be different, with both houses in session in the morning, and many committee meetings and hearings in the afternoon. The legislature is starting its seventh week tomorrow, and only 32 bills, out of some 777 introduced, have been enacted into law.

Between now and the time the senators and representatives go home, tension will mount and the pace of activity will increase until the last hectic day, when the final bills are shoved through, and when the two houses will relax, weary but happy, for the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

This legislature is faced with what appear to be the most difficult and serious problems of any of the six I have observed. The one big problem is related to almost all the others—how and where to raise the money to keep state services operating. For years now Oregon has been operating at least partly off the "fat" left over from high wartime income. The time has at last arrived when the legislators have to face the financial facts of life, and either impose new taxes or cut deeply into the services offered by the state.

En route to Salem I stopped in Eugene for two days to attend the annual Oregon Press Conference, attended by many

of the state's newspaper publishers and editors.

One of the highlights of this session was the address made by Irving Dillard, editor of the editorial page of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, one of America's best newspapers.

Dillard's talk was informal and rambling, and he touched on many subjects. One of his points, of particular interest in southern Oregon, was the fact that Crater Lake, probably the most spectacular of all National Parks, is one of the least known.

Dillard took Oregonians to task for not letting the rest of the world know about Crater Lake. The park, he said, doesn't get nearly the publicity that Yosemite, Glacier and Yellowstone National parks do, and yet, in his view, it is probably the most interesting and beautiful of them all.

In another portion of his talk, Dillard expressed his indignation that one of the most important parts of the U. S. Constitution has come into disrepute through the loose and inaccurate statements of some irresponsible politicians.

He referred specifically to the Fifth Amendment, and to the fact that people who have exercised their constitutional privilege of immunity under the terms of this amendment have come to be called "Fifth Amendment Communists."

This, he said, automatically brings to mind the feeling that the amendment itself leaves something to be desired, despite the fact that it is one of the important keystones to American freedom.

He suggested that it would be well for all Americans to find out just what the Fifth Amendment does say, and then see if they have any quarrel with it.

Here is what it says: "No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when

Lili St. Cyr Honeymooned With Actor Ted Jordan

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — Dancer Lili St. Cyr, 32, and actor Ted Jordan honeymooned today not far from the atomic proving grounds after celebrating their nuptials by cutting a mushroom-cloud wedding cake.

The cake was inscribed: "Happy Wedding to the Anatomic Bomb, Lili St. Cyr." It was the dancer's fifth wedding venture and the third for Jordan, a nephew of entertainer Ted Lewis.

in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall he be compelled in any criminal case to be witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

The point that Dillard was making, and it is one with which we can all agree after a little thought, is that the protection of this amendment (and the others in the Bill of Rights) applies equally to all Americans. It is a fact that the majority of those who take advantage of its protection are people few of us admire. But if the amendment did not protect all equally, how long would it be before the innocent as well as the guilty would be deprived of this protection?

It is all part and parcel of the principle of Anglo-Saxon law that each is to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. There is the corollary assumption if a man is to be damned for his opinions, it is only a question of time before everyone will become suspect.

Only in a free diversity of thought is there the opportunity for true freedom. And if your enemy is punished for his opinions today, what is to protect you from being punished for your opinions tomorrow?

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Democrat Campaign To Be Headed by Girl

Detroit — (U.P.) — Carol Ludington, 25, a New York farm girl, added a refreshing new twist to politics today by taking over the job of directing the state Democratic campaign in Michigan's spring elections.

Democrats said they had the youngest and prettiest campaign manager in the business, in a job usually reserved for veteran cigar-chewers.

Carol, a 5-foot, 3-inch hazel-eyed blonde, was picked to direct the Democratic campaign for Supreme Court justices and state educational offices in the April 4 elections.

Douglas High School Girls Found Safe

Roseburg — (U.P.) — After just as the sheriff was about to hunt for them with bloodhounds. Whitetail mountain in freezing weather, three high school girls found their way home yesterday.

The girls were identified as Laura Belle Cooper, 14, Charlotte Barclay, 16, and Velma Page, 16, all students at Douglas high school near here.

Out for a hike, the girls became lost Sunday afternoon. They were able to start a fire Sunday night with matches and, authorities said, this may have saved their lives. Temperatures in the area dropped to around 22 degrees.

Monday, the lightly-clad girls followed a stream to a road

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