

Chasm Between Morse and Neuberger on Political Issues Continues To Widen

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Washington — A chasm has been slowly but surely widening between the two senators on the respective positions of Oregon's two Democratic Senators on the most important legislation that has confronted the Senate.

As often as not, Senators Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger have differed on the major bills of this session of congress. They have differed in the past on big and controversial issues, but never before on such a wide range or great number of pieces of substantive legislation.

While acknowledging that they frequently do not see eye-to-eye, both deny that this is indicative of any political rift between them and their closest followers in the ranks of Oregon's Democratic party.

"I think it would be proper to describe our relationship as one of very deep, intimate friendship," remarked Morse of his colleague.

Basic Agreement Reached

Neuberger said much the same thing, saying that he and Morse have what amounts to "a basic political agreement"—a kind of rapport or meeting of minds on things political which hasn't been disturbed by their coming to different conclusions on how to vote on key bills.

"It is part of maturity, I think, to be able to separate political issues from personal friendship," added Neuberger.

The major area of disagreement between the two senators is over foreign policy. They have been more strongly united on domestic issues.

As a generalization, this has been true of all three sessions of Congress since Neuberger came to Washington in 1955 and Morse became a Democrat that same year. It has been far more pronounced of late, however.

Echo Park Vote Split

The first evidence that Oregon's two Democrats would ride separate horses, which might dash off in different directions instead of always pulling the same wagon, came not too long after their senatorial relationship began and Neuberger came out against the Echo Park dam project.

This was a controversial part of the vast Upper Colorado storage project. Echo Park dam would have flooded out part of Dinosaur national monument and was vigorously opposed by the organized conservationists. Morse supported Echo Park, and the Senate approved it, although later it was deleted from the bill when the House passed it.

This was probably the first and last significant issue on which Morse opposed the position taken by the conservation groups. Neuberger is always in their corner, and, ever since,

Morse has been there too.

Neuberger Backs President

Their differences over foreign policy showed up first when President Eisenhower asked for the so-called Formosa resolution in 1955 when it was feared Communist China might invade the island stronghold of the Nationalist Chinese. Morse came out hard against the resolution (one of only three who opposed it) and sought means of limiting the president's authority.

Ever since then, early in Neuberger's term, he has generally backed Eisenhower's foreign policy requests, and Morse has more and more opposed the policies of Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Morse has lambasted the administration on virtually all of the points of international crisis, Asia, the Middle East, Europe.



WAYNE MORSE
Intimate Friendship

Morse Percentage Drops

But not until this year has Morse's criticism been reflected in "nay" votes down the line on the key foreign policy issues. Last year, for example, Morse backed Eisenhower 77 per cent of the time on 22 foreign policy votes and the year before it was 73 per cent (Neuberger's backing was 95 and 80 per cent for those same years).

This year Morse's percentage is bound to show a big drop, for he has in recent months done the following:

1. Voted against the passage of the mutual security (foreign aid) bill.
2. Voted for a series of amendments, two of which he personally sponsored, to cut down the amount of foreign military and loan funds.
3. Voted against the president's Middle East doctrine, which was a blank check for the president to use U.S. military might and funds to avert a war in Suez.

Quotes From the News

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Cairo—Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai quoted in an Egyptian newspaper on the prospects of a long cold war with America:

"China won't be harmed if United States officials do not recognize her for one or two or three hundred years."

Washington—Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) on the possibility that southern Negroes may get civil rights by political pressure through a guaranteed vote:

"Discrimination in the South will disappear like fog before the sunshine."

New York—Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson on the fickleness of sports fans:

"When a king dies, the people of the country yell, 'The king is dead—long live the king—meaning the new king... but when a new champion comes along they say, 'Who's this guy. Who'd he ever lick.'"

Washington—U.S. Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney, in response to a query as to whether the government's recent reports on cigarettes and cancer amounted to a warning:

"It amounts to a warning to stop smoking cigarettes, but we would like to have more positive proof before issuing a warning as such."

Jerusalem—Premier David Ben-Gurion, on the outlook for peace in the Middle East:

"Peace possibilities will come closer once the Arab leaders are convinced that Israel is here to stay."

Washington—Ralph J. Cordier, chairman of a committee to study the armed services, on the economic effectiveness of the committee's plan if it were implemented wholeheartedly:

"You could take about one-tenth, about 10 per cent, of the people off the payroll that are now in the military establishments."

4. Voted for a move to chop out authority to use military and economic aid in Middle East under this doctrine.

5. Voted for an amendment which he sponsored to require the president to get permission from Congress before committing U.S. troops in Middle East.

6. Voted for a reduction in funds for the U.S. Information agency, which includes the Voice of America.

7. Voted for efforts to cut the defense budget.



RICHARD NEUBERGER
No Political Rift

Neuberger Stands Alone

In all, these issues brought forth about a dozen significant roll call votes on foreign policy. On all of them Morse opposed the stand taken by the administration, and Neuberger supported the administration. On one occasion, Neuberger was the only Democrat to support the president — on the successful move to trim funds for USA.

In past years, Morse has defended foreign aid bills against most efforts to reduce or cripple their effect. This year marked the first time he joined that sizable minority which usually opposes foreign aid. Why?

"Foreign aid in its present form is a fantastic formula for futility," explained Morse. "It is costing us our dollars, our prestige in many places, and unless we make the changes that must be made in this legislation, I fear it is going to cost us American lives."

Morse said America should overhaul its military program because "we have entered the nuclear age" and "we are wasting manpower." He said we are sending too many American troops abroad.

He pointed out that a task force on foreign relations committee, of which Morse is a member, was critical of the aid we are giving to the totalitarian governments which helps entrench them in power and impedes the cause of freedom and democracy. Another task force, he said, pointed out that too often foreign aid

funds are being used to enrich the ruling class and "the integrity of democratic government is being shaken by the spectacle of the undeserved enrichment of a favored group."

Morse said he isn't opposed to foreign aid as such, but has come out against the program as it has been administered by the Eisenhower administration.

Soil Bank Survives

Although Morse and Neuberger are closer in their thinking on domestic political affairs—and both of them about equidistant from the administration in this area—they have differed here, too.

Neuberger joined the move to kill the soil bank. Morse was among the heavy majority which kept it alive. And Neuberger stayed with the northern liberal Democrats and most Republicans on the procedural questions of what to do with the House-passed civil rights bill. Their votes put it on the calendar, from which it could be called for debate. Morse voted to send the bill to the Senate judiciary committee according to customary practice.

The Senators were united on such issues as Helms Canyon, the housing bill and amendments to it to increase public housing and federal mortgage authority; the corn bill to establish a base acreage for that crop; corporate taxes extension, and to reduce the tax on small businesses earning less than \$225,000; in favor of ratifying the international atomic energy treaty and the pink salmon protocol; against confirmation of Ambassador Scott McLeod to Ireland.

Both Oppose Dam

They also were in agreement on opposing Bruce Eddy dam in the omnibus rivers and harbors authorization bill; in supporting increased public assistance grants; in supporting ratification of the Austrian bond treaty; in opposing the Knowland move to ban barter of surplus agricultural commodities with Communist satellite countries; favoring a \$300,000,000 strategic minerals purchase program; and in trying to increase school funds and federal aid for the District of Columbia.

Last year Morse supported the administration's domestic policies only 23 per cent of the time, on 43 roll call votes. Neuberger's percentage of support was 30 per cent. The year before

they stood respectively at 32 and 36 per cent.

An analysis of the way the Oregon Senators voted also shows that they both have had fairly high records of support of the stand their party has taken in the Senate—Morse displaying party unity 83 per cent of the time on 69 votes, Neuberger 87 per cent of the time last year.

Finally, this overall analysis

Holmes Appoints Three to State Board

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes has appointed Robert C. Birkes, electrical engineer with the Pacific Power and Light company of Portland, to the State Board of Engineering Examiners.

Reappointment of Professor Glenn W. Holcomb and Professor Arthur D. Hughes, both of the Oregon State college engineering school faculty, to new four-year terms on the board was announced at the same time by the Governor.

Birkes, 15 years with the power firm, is now head of its system planning and communications planning section. He is a graduate of Washington State college with additional study at the University of Pittsburgh and Oregon State college.

All three appointees had the endorsement of the Oregon Technical council.

Artist to Paint Festival Scenes

Ashland — Artist Robert Bannister is expected to be in Ashland the middle of August to do a series of paintings on the Shakespearean Festival for Ford Motor publications. It was announced today.

The paintings and an article on the summer theater and scenic attractions of southern Oregon are to be published in the Ford Times and in other national publications.

Bannister has been art director on the special services staff of the Fifth U.S. Army headquarters in Chicago. However, he resigned recently to work in the art education department of the Salt Lake City public schools.

shows that Morse has been less of a lonely dissenter than many suppose. Last year, on 61 roll calls, he stood with the bipartisan majority which prevailed 61

Nixon Speaks at Jamboree Opening

Valley Forge, Pa.—Vice President Richard M. Nixon told 50,000 Boy Scouts here that they stood for "the things that make America great."

Nixon spoke at ceremonies making the opening of the fourth National Boy Scout Jamboree on the historic ground where Gen. George Washington and his poorly-clothed colonial army suffered during the winter of 1777-78.

The vice president said the Scouts would remember the jamboree "as one of the finest experiences of your life."

"The things that make America great are the things that the Boy Scouts of America stand for."

Earlier, Dr. Arthur A. Shuck, chief scout executive, read a telegram from President Eisenhower who said the Scouts would return home "better citizens" as a result of camping at Valley Forge.

The huge jamboree began when an aerial bomb burst over the 2,000-acre campsite.

The Scouts, representing each state and virtually every nation of the free world, snapped to attention and delivered their famed three-finger salute as the Stars and Stripes was unfurled while a 160-piece band played the National Anthem. Then the official jamboree flag, showing Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge was raised.

The ceremonies opened a full-week of activities and contests designed to keep the Scouts going until the jamboree ends next Thursday.

BAD OMEN

Troyes, France — Albert Marchal, 42, and his fiancée started married life somewhat deliriously but not necessarily at the prospect of matrimony. Marchal was hit on the head and knocked unconscious by a 75-pound painting while waiting in the town hall to be married and his bride promptly fainted from shock.

per cent of the time. Neuberger was on the winning side 72 per cent of the time. The year before Morse was with the majority 70 per cent, Neuberger 80 per cent.

Four years ago when Oregon had two Republican Senators, they had the highest record of voting difference of all states. That was understandable because Guy Cordon, an orthodox conservative Republican, and Wayne Morse, then a maverick liberal Republican, held thoroughgoing differences of political and social philosophy. It was, indeed, a remarkable and rare occasion when they could agree for long on any issue of political controversy.

At that time, the administration was Democratic—and yet Morse was personally friendly and often a supporter of President Truman. Cordon had little use for this regime.

Morse and Neuberger hold much closer political philosophies, both being members of the northern liberal bloc. What has impelled many of the voting differences between them has

been a fierce opposition on the part of Morse for the Eisenhower administration's foreign policies, whereas in this area Neuberger has not ventured to become a critic and more often than not has resolved any doubts in favor of the president.

Not Anxious To Be Expert

As a freshman Senator, Neuberger has demonstrated no anxiety to become a foreign affairs expert. Possibly in time that may change. But to date he has concentrated almost exclusively on resource, conservation and social issues—the areas of concern which have engaged his attention as a writer for years.

But both Senators have shown themselves to be independently unpredictable—not voting as the "Morse-Neuberger" team some supposed would be the case—and therefore, as members of the Senate, they have been disdained by those who wish they would "stay put" and courted by those who recognize them to be free wheeling operators who may wind up on opposite sides of any issue by the time the last word has been said.

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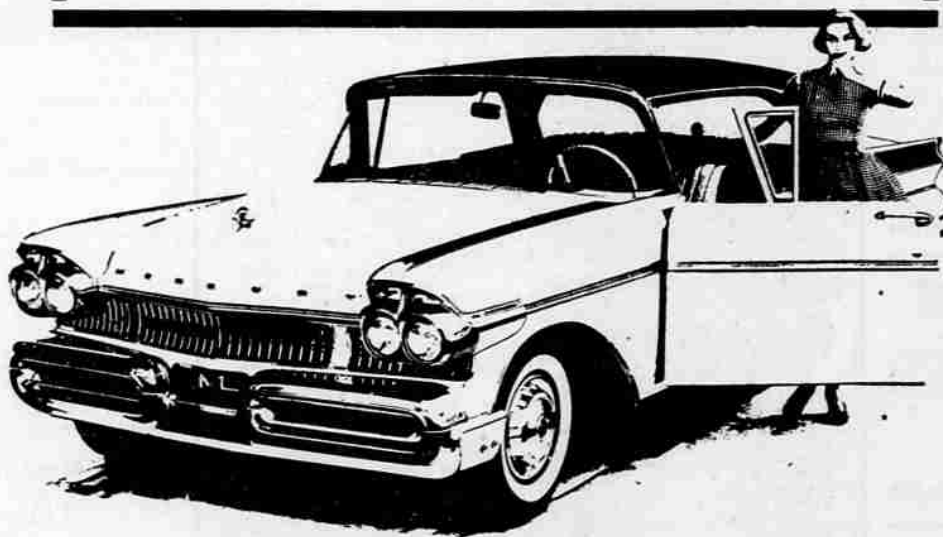
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