

Norblad, Facing Opposition at Polls; Steps Up Voter Contact

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Washington—Congressman Walter Norblad, amid reports he will have strong Republican and Democratic opposition for reelection this fall, is stepping up his contact with Oregon voters by sending them a fancy questionnaire about current events. The 1st district Republican representative said he is mailing out about 85,000 copies to what he considers a suitable cross-section of the voters of the congressional district.

The questionnaire, under a large photo of Norblad superimposed over a picture of the U.S. Capitol, lists 16 questions ranging from missiles to a state sales tax. "As your representative in Congress, I am interested in knowing your viewpoint on many of the issues coming before this current session," Norblad wrote each recipient. "This is the best way I know to make the federal government more responsive to the ideas of the individual American."

Norblad said he phrased each question "so they would be unbiased and not an indication of my own feelings."

The only Republican in the Oregon congressional delegation, Norblad may have heavy opposition this year. Philip Hitchcock of Portland is a likely GOP challenger in the primary. Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton is considering running for Norblad's seat, if he gets the Democratic nomination.

In a reflection of what issues he considers prime ones for the coming session of Congress and the election to follow, Norblad posed these questions:

Should defense spending be boosted a billion or more for missiles and satellites, and should domestic federal programs be curtailed?

Should the farm price support program be continued, and should it be extended beyond basic crops?

Should Congress require labor union books to be audited publicly, and should anti-trust laws be applied to unions?

Should postal rates be raised to reduce the post office deficit?

Foreign Aid Question

Should foreign aid program be continued?

Should a federal school construction program be launched?

Should veterans with non-service connected disabilities continue to get government payments, and access to veterans hospitals? And should all World War I vets get a pension without regard to financial need?

Should we trade with Red China?

Should we impose a protective tariff program instead of continuing our reciprocal trade agreements?

The last question dealt with an issue not before Congress. "As you know, there is a great deal of discussion in Oregon currently on a state sales tax," observed Norblad. "Do you favor an Oregon sales tax?"

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. L. P. — Frank won't stop going out with a 13-year-old.

Frank P. — Nobody's going to push me around.

Mrs. L. P. — My husband and I are quite concerned about our 17-year-old boy, Frank, who is very short and young-looking for his age.

Frank is very eager to date girls, as all of his friends do, but the girls of 15 and 16 just won't go out with him. It was pathetic to see him call girl after girl and get "no" for an answer when he wanted to go to one of the school dances.

As a result, Frank started going out with a 13-year-old girl whose parents objected to her going out at all—especially with a boy as old as Frank. The kids started going out on the sly, but her parents heard about it and asked us to stop Frank. We have cut off his allowance, but he refuses to stop seeing this girl.

Frank P. — It's not that I'm so crazy about this girl Gloria, but I'm not going to have everyone treating me as though I'm a 2-year-old. I don't need any allowance to take Gloria out because I make enough money working weekends in a store.

Everyone seems to think they can push me around as though I was nobody, just because I look young for my age. Some guys I know have the minds of an infant in the crib, but girls go out with them because they are six feet tall.

Gloria and I are doing nothing wrong by going out. Her parents have some nerve to complain about me. She has gone out with other boys on the sly before. She isn't any innocent baby when it comes to boys and dating.

The Council: Frank, bursting with adolescent energy, resentment and the desire to prove himself, plus Gloria, a tricky, rebellious 13-year-old, add up to a dangerous combination. The L. P.'s would do well to heed the warning of Gloria's parents and try to control the situation from their end.

Frank needs lots of reassurance about his appearance and his future with girls, but his parents can't give this to him if they let themselves be drawn into his feeling of despair. His mother shows a bit too much sympathy for him on this subject—and too little grasp of reality.

Frank should be made to realize that he can expect to grow and change quite rapidly within the next few years, but that in any case, physical appearance counts less and less with girls as they grow older. They honor ability and personality far more. Frank should be encouraging to sit out this difficult period, work at improving his school grades and gaining new skills so that within a couple of years he can shine as he would like to.

One way of getting Frank to calm down a bit is on the subject of dates and girls is to treat him as much like a



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grownup as possible. He should be shown that his opinions and attitudes will be respected if they are reasonable. Then he can be shown that his attitude about Gloria is unreasonable. A responsible man of 17 does not take out a child of 13 against her parents' wishes. He'll get the idea, if his ego gets the right kind of lift at the same time. (Copyright 1958, General Features Corp.)



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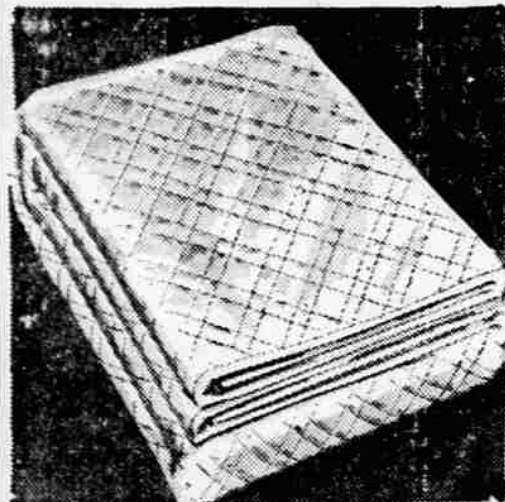


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