

Oregon Senators Favor Change In System of Campaign Funds

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Mail Tribune Correspondent
Washington—Both of Oregon's senators support the idea of changing the prevailing system of election campaign contributions to replace large private funds, put up by business and labor, with federal funds.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger has worked out a detailed bill, which Sen. Wayne Morse is cosponsoring, which would relieve candidates of having to go hat in hand to those economic groups upon whom they are now greatly dependent for the bulk of their operating expenses during a tough election campaign.

As Neuberger has pointed out, this idea of federal financing of elections is over 50 years old and was offered to Congress originally by President Teddy Roosevelt in 1907, who said:

"The need for collecting large campaign funds would vanish if Congress provided an appropriation for the proper and legitimate expenses... which requires a large expenditure of money."

Roosevelt in 1907 couldn't have dreamed just how large the costs of electioneering would get. Campaigning in those days was still largely a face-to-face affair between candidates and voters in public squares, from the platforms of railroad coaches and in public auditoriums.

Campaign Costs Soar
The high cost of using radio and TV to communicate with the voters today has made campaign costs soar. Billboard and newspaper advertising are the other media most commonly used at considerable expense.

"The time has come to recognize that in a democracy the presentation of political candidates and issues to the voters in a campaign is not something done for the candidates, but for the public who must exercise as informed a choice as they can among them. The expense of making this information equitably available to the electorate is a legitimate cost of democratic self-government."

ment," said Neuberger. There are many methods of carrying out this principle, he said, and it might take trial and error to hit upon the most practical plan. One would be to make direct payments to the political party committees before elections, allowing them to distribute the funds as they saw fit for use in what ever media is preferable to the candidates. As it works now, candidates for Congress usually rely upon their national committees to supply them with substantial contributions.

Neuberger has another idea for allowing tax credits to voters who make relatively small contributions—say up to \$50 or \$100. This he thinks would provide incentive for more people to make contributions to their favorite candidates and diminish the need for large contributions. This would continue the basic system of today of allowing private contributions, but in effect would mean the government would be footing the bill because of the loss of taxes.

Other Problems
One problem is that even if federal funds are put up, how would private spending in behalf of candidates be controlled, curtailed or eliminated? That is, a candidate might receive his federal funds and allow private sources, either openly or on the sly, pick up the tab for extra expenses, such as printing pamphlets in his behalf. Another problem is what to do about third party candidates or independent no-party candidates?

In both cases, Neuberger suggests that public funds could be withheld unless certain requirements are met. Private spending would have to be held to certain limits in order for a candidate to be eligible for public funds. Third party candidates would have to win at least 10 percent of the total vote, let's say, to qualify for public funds to cover their election expenses. This would weed out the fellows who just enter the campaign as a lark or for personal publicity with no thought of getting many votes, much less winning.

In view of the Adams-Goldfine case, Neuberger this week wrote President Eisenhower urging him to recommend a change in the prevailing system, as his GOP predecessor did half a century ago.

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Washington Report

By William S. White

ALASKA AND THE SOUTH

Washington—Alaska, which so long has been knocking wistfully on the door, appears about to be brought at last into the Union of the States.

There are indications that the Senate is going to change its mind—a heavy, convulsive process in itself—and put Alaska's star into the flag as its 49th. The House has already voted to do so.

This prospective extension of the continental United States to the hard, icy underbelly of the Soviet Union no doubt will have debatable strategic meanings.

Its already visible political significance is the point of this piece. For what is unfolding as the Union expands northward is a quickening rear-march of the Deep Southerners.

AS RECENTLY as a year ago there would have been only the barest possibility that any Alaskan statehood bill could pass the Senate. There would have been no possibility whatever of passage without a violent Southern filibuster—or a deliberate time-killing maneuver to prevent a vote—that might have hardly been worth the cost.

But this time there is almost certainly not going to be any real Southern filibuster. The more traditional Southerners have already put their heads together. They have gloomily concluded that they cannot successfully launch an all-out attack against what now seems to be the manifest destiny of the Alaskans to have a state capitol and all the rest to fit.

What has so altered the outlook in so short a time? The answer is that most of the Southerners themselves—their basic attitudes, their basic understanding of their own power limitations—have greatly altered.

This process, with its im-

mense implications for the future, began last summer in the great debate over civil rights. Then, the more modern Southerners at first agreed to examine—and at length agreed to grant—Federal enforcing powers in this field.

THOUGH these powers were deemed by Northern all-out civil rights people to be inadequate, they were still of a kind that had been unthinkable unacceptable below the Mason-Dixon Line through the eight decades that had gone before.

All but a handful of the Southerners were coaxed into this withdrawal from their old position of absolute and total opposition by some of their own people, chiefly Senator Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the party leader.

But the process was powerfully and probably decisively aided by Western liberals like Senators Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming and Frank Church of Idaho. These Westerners understood, as many did not, that the real question was not whether an ideal or even a very good civil rights bill was to be had. The vital point was to have any kind of civil rights bill at all.

For any kind of action, as they foresaw, would open the way to a gradual chipping, a slow fissuring, of the old Southern political monolith that for nearly a century had held an ultimate veto simply by reason of its utter unity of purpose and action.

THE alliance of the new South and West sensed, in short, that a historic opportunity had come. This was the opportunity to begin to bring the South, with all its backward-looking ideas but also with all its political grace and skill, back into the United States of America.

Thus the story now comes up to date. For Alaska's foreshadowed victory is an instance of the old, obstructionist South.

Having found through the civil rights accommodation a means for doing business with the Southern moderates, the Western liberals and other more-or-less liberals have found, too, a means for progressively isolating the Southern ultra-conservatives.

The existence of this new point of reasonable contact is proving useful in other ways. For an illustration, influential Alaskans have privately indicated to the moderates a reassuring belief that if Alaska does indeed become a state, she will not straightaway send two extremist Senators here.

This has helped to weaken opposition to statehood. Most of all, however, it has become possible because Southern leadership is in a phase of a changing of the guard from the old to the new.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

EX-PRESIDENT Harry Truman spent a couple days in New Haven recently, meeting with Yale students and faculty members. As was his wont, he took his vigorous "stroll" each morning, exhausting one and all by his breakneck pace. At a farewell dinner, everybody cheered when Yale Prexy Griswold awarded Mr. Truman a richly deserved varsity "Y" for cross-country.

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Proposed Budget For EP Adopted

Eagle Point—A proposed city budget for the 1958-59 fiscal year was prepared and adopted by the Eagle Point council at a special meeting June 11. A budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, at 8 p.m. in the Eagle Point city hall.

Copies of the proposed budget are posted in Brown's Market, the Little Butte Grocery, and the Eagle Market.

At the regular June meeting of the council, members of the council and of various organizations called for strict enforcement of the city's traffic laws.

Council meetings are open to the public and citizens are invited to attend and express viewpoint on problems which arise.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Elk-Trail Forestry Squirrels
The Elk-Trail Forestry Squirrels met at the home of Margaret and Leonard Hanson's, June 17.

Their roll call topic was a test on trees and shrubs. They discussed how to mound forest specimens to exhibit in the fair.

The next meeting is planned to be at Lois Rogers', July 9. Leonard Hanson served refreshments.

Cheryl Miller, Reporter

G. E. Stitches
The G. E. Stitches held another all day work period Saturday, June 21, beginning at 10 A.M.

The club met at 1:30 p.m. on May 24 for a work period with only seven members present. Measles and mumps afflicted the other members. Diane Wheeler was our hostess.

We met again on June 7 beginning at 10 a.m. with a business meeting Mrs. Gardner gave a few tips on bias tape and showed the girls how to cut it and sew it. At our next meeting some members will be responsible for a demonstration on bias tape. A swimming party climaxed the meeting but we were rained out. Yonnie Lee Goehring served as hostess and treated us to cookies.

Connie Rae Goehring Reporter

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