

# Republican Candidates Express Views on Questions at Luncheon

The three Republican legislative candidates agreed with their opponents Monday that if elected they would not be ruled by party caucuses in state house voting.

Dr. Edwin Durno, who seeks the senate seat vacated by Sen. Phil Lowry, went further in fact. "I despise the caucus," he said. "It is un-American and foreign to my way of life."

"Any action that will depress independent judgment, has no part in my political philosophy," he said.

## Answer Questions

Dr. Durno, and the two candidates for representative, Evelyn Nye and Melvin Lattie, answered six prepared questions before 40 people at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon.

The three Democratic candidates, Gordon Hudson for senator, and Robert and Marjane Duncan for representative, answered the same questions at last week's session. On the subject of the caucus, they agreed that if elected they would vote as individuals. But Duncan and Hudson saw nothing wrong in party meetings to exchange ideas and discuss policies.

The "caucus" question read, "At the 1957 legislature, the caucus system was used to a far greater extent than ever before. Do you favor the principle of the caucus system at the state legislature?"

"No," Mrs. Nye said. "A legislator's loyalty should be to his constituents rather than his party."

## Opposed to Caucus

"I am opposed to the caucus," Lattie replied. "If elected, I would certainly agree not to be bound to any caucus."

As referred to here, the "caucus" means a meeting of party members in the senate or house to decide on policy and then urge, or even use pressure for, unanimous adherence to that policy in voting.

This marshalling of party forces is considered especially useful to the minority party, which can hope by presenting a solid bloc of its own and picking up some independent votes from the other party to gain a majority in some cases at least.

The first question asked Monday's candidates was whether they thought unemployment compensation benefits and eligibility requirements should be restricted,

remain the same or be made more liberal.

## Eligibility Requirements

"The eligibility requirements," Dr. Durno said, "should be tightened to represent the true labor market. The benefits derived should be geared to the cost of living index."

"I think eligibility requirements and administration of the act could be improved and tightened," was Mrs. Nye's reply.

"We've got to do something about the whole picture," Lattie said, "as 2.7 is rather a heavy burden on management. I am against any increase of benefits or eligibility. They should be restricted more."

Next, would they favor employment contributions to an expanded unemployment compensation program?

"Yes," Dr. Durno said, "if such a move does not complicate federal participation in the program."

"I think I would oppose the expansion," Mrs. Nye said, "and favor keeping the contributions where they are."

"The whole fund should be reconsidered," Lattie said. "It would be a very good idea if management came out with an idea of its own before other measures are submitted as bills."

All three opposed changing the name from "unemployment compensation" to "employment security."

The candidates were asked if they would favor a proposal permitting manufacturers to include equipment and machinery as a personal property tax offset against their 6 per cent corporate excise tax and extending this broadened tax offset privilege to all business firms in Oregon, not just those in manufacturing and food processing.

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# Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WHEN I LECTURED in Akron, O., I heard a story I liked very much. It concerned a young married woman who reminisced often about a teacher she had studied under and adored when she was 12.



One day her mother told her the beloved teacher had come back to town after several years on the West Coast. "Why don't you visit her?" urged the mother. "I'm sure she'll remember you."

The daughter did visit the teacher, and was delighted to learn her old charm and graciousness was unimpaired. Of course she had aged considerably, and worse still, had several jagged scars on her face.

"She's still wonderful," enthused the daughter when she next saw her mother, "but what a pity her old beauty is gone. She's all scarred today. Must have been in a serious accident."

"My dear girl," said her mother gently, "your teacher's face was always that way. You loved her so much you never noticed."

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# 'Count of Monte Cristo' Reasonably Disarming; Blubber Not Hacked Away

By WILLIAM EWALD  
UPI Correspondent

New York—(UPI)—In a review of a play like Tuesday night's CBS-TV special "The Count of Monte Cristo," some things must be conceded at the start:

1. The Count of Monte Cristo is hokey.

2. The Count of Monte Cristo is creaky.

3. The Count of Monte Cristo is preposterous.

However, now that we've swept the trivia under the rug, we can proceed to say that Tuesday night's "Du Pont Show of the Month" production of the Dumas diversion was a reasonably disarming

90 minutes.

Scripter Had Trouble

The TV piece had its faults. The story is whale size and scripter Summer Elliott seems to have had his troubles hacking away the blubber. He was not entirely successful. There were times when it was difficult to grasp who was doing what to whom and during one lumpy sequence when the count was shutting between Constantinople, Parma, Zurich, Rome and Paris, I felt myself losing the road a little.

But despite its blemishes, "The Count of Monte Cristo" struck me as a beguiling excursion in corn. This sort of thing can remain playable over a long span only if its members seem to believe in it and bat it out with great seriousness and style. Director Sidney Lumet saw to it that

the actors did swash their buckles with dash and splash and swagger. What's more, he kept his cameras moving in for the big image—the trembling hand, the tortured eye—at crucial moments and somehow, managed to carry it off.

Fine Performances  
There were several fine performances. Colleen Dewhurst held together two terribly difficult ballroom scenes almost singlehanded. Hurd Hatfield as the Count gave

that gentleman just the proper amounts of desperation and the demonic. Solid portraits also were chipped in by Torin Thatcher, Max Adrian, Douglas Campbell and John Colicos.

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# Thornton To Seek Test on Pinballs

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"The question of the legality of the so-called 'free play' pinball machines in Oregon should be settled by the Oregon Supreme Court," Thornton said. "Our court has never passed on this question."

Fourteen state Supreme Courts have held the machines illegal and seven have taken the opposite view, Thornton said.

Thornton said earlier the machines were illegal, but that view was upset by the ruling Monday of Circuit Judge Arlie Walker of Polk County.

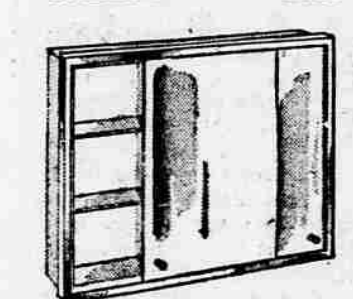
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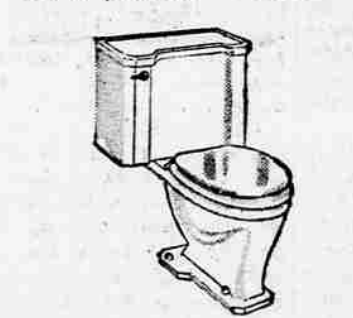
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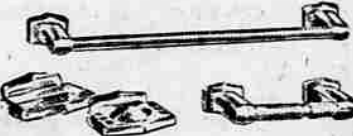
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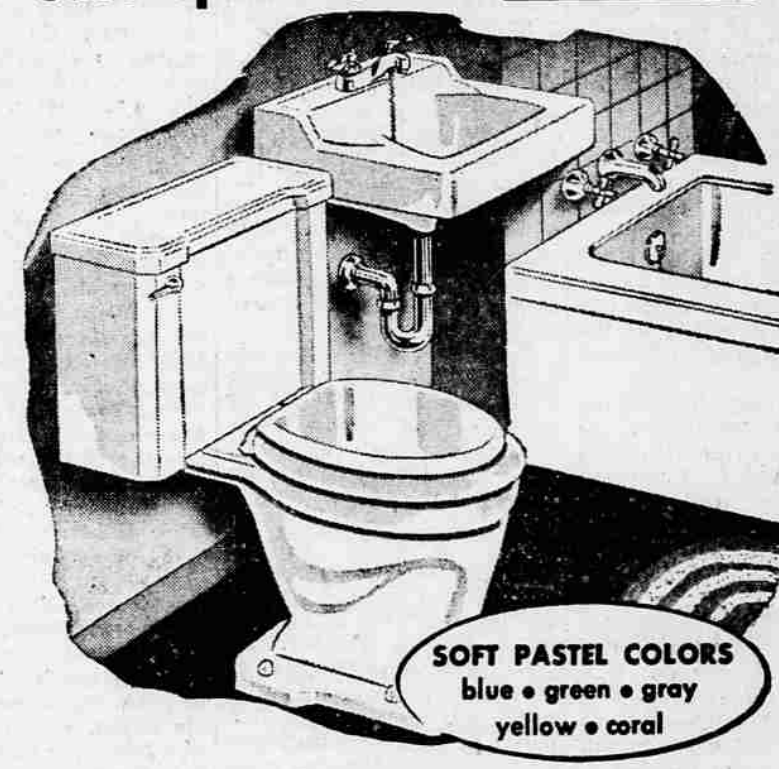
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by MEL LATTIE  
Republican

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