

Will Oregon Get Hurt by Cross-Fire Of Its Congressmen in Washington?

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Washington - Now that the feuding which began in Washington, D.C., between Oregon's two U.S. senators has become a bare-faced reality in Oregon - and is no longer being denied by Sen. Wayne Morse - the principal consideration is this: Will Oregon get hurt in the continuing cross-fire?

Will Morse and Sen. Richard L. Neuberger cancel one another out or, more importantly, cancel out the legislative efforts of one another to the detriment of Oregon? Will their differences, which are now plainly personal as well as tactical, so preoccupy them that they will become ineffective in the main work for which they were sent to Congress?

Only the record of the next two years during the forthcoming 86th Congress can reveal the answers to these questions. But some advance clues can be evaluated from what has been going on in recent months when the feud was boiling mightily, while Congress was in session, although not out in the open as it is now.

Sentimental Concept
The delegations that represent the various states in Congress frequently value the creation of an image in the public mind of all "working together" - a sort of sentimental concept which is hardly much below the level of motherhood and country in the hierarchy of good old American values. This is perhaps more true of delegations from less heavily populated states who are outnumbered in the House of Representatives.

Oregon's five Democrats cherished this concept highly, so highly that they were loath to abandon (for all to see) the biweekly breakfast meetings instituted in happier bygone days when everyone was fresh from the new glow of victory over the Old Guard Republicans in Oregon. These

breakfast meetings, from all accounts, had degenerated into an arena for defensive maneuvering somewhat more than slightly disruptive of the digestion of many who attended them.

This concept of "working together" is usually based on the elementary notion that if all are harnessed to the same wagon tongue, the load they can pull will be all the greater. It is highly doubtful, however, that this sort of crude analogy applies to the legislative process here in a meaningful way, especially in the case of Morse and Neuberger.

Separate Areas
When members of Congress cooperate best, instead of pulling the same wagon they pull separate wagons. That is, they are assigned to different committees having different spheres of interest; and since it is in the committees that most of the work of Congress is done, each senator applies himself mostly to problems within his own area of competence and primary responsibility.

Neuberger, for example, is taking the lead in conducting hearings on a regional corporation power bill that would have a vital bearing on the state, for it is Neuberger who is on the Public Works committee which has jurisdiction in this area. Just as it was Neuberger, as chairman of the Indian affairs subcommittee, who did the work of putting the Klamath timber bill through the last session.

Morse, on Foreign Relations, talks more of international issues than does his colleagues. And he is always involved in labor or education legislation because of his seat on the labor committee. Morse, of course, limits himself to the areas of his committees perhaps less than anyone else in the Senate. He ranges the field far and wide.

On no occasion during the last Congress did any evidence crop out of one senator blocking or seeking to undermine the legislative effort of the other on major legislation affecting Oregon. There were some minor incidents in which differences that blocked legislation might have been avoided had the two senators been on speaking

terms, as on Neuberger's bill for a Roseburg historical museum which Morse stopped in a surprise move on the Senate floor.

Perhaps a stronger drive in politics than the desire to "work together" is the competitive instinct, the compelling force that drives many a senator to try to get there "first with the most" for his state - and to herald the achievement, quite properly, in a press release which overblows the efforts of all others.

This has been a noticeable drive in the offices of Morse and Neuberger, and the probabilities are that it will become more so in the coming session. Some observers contend that a state is usually benefited by having a split delegation for reasons of this competitive drive which seems to impel men to labor beyond the call of duty. While a "split delegation" is customarily thought of as one composed of members of both parties, it may apply just as surely to the Morse-Neuberger split.

Porter's Independence
The only close alliance operating between members of the Oregon delegation in the past year was that of Morse and Rep. Edith Green. Rep. Al Ullman seemed closer to the Morse camp than that of Neuberger but was too cautious to take sides with abandon. Rep. Charles O. Porter maintained his independence of either side, but sought ways of breaching the Morse-Neuberger gap.

Because all of these Oregon lawmakers rank well above the average in intellectual capacity for creative endeavor, none of them are dependent upon following a leader. But in the last year or two, as they approached the 1958 election, one incentive to "work together" was the common desire to reelect Porter and Ullman, both freshman congressmen who would be most vulnerable their first time out in seeking reelection.

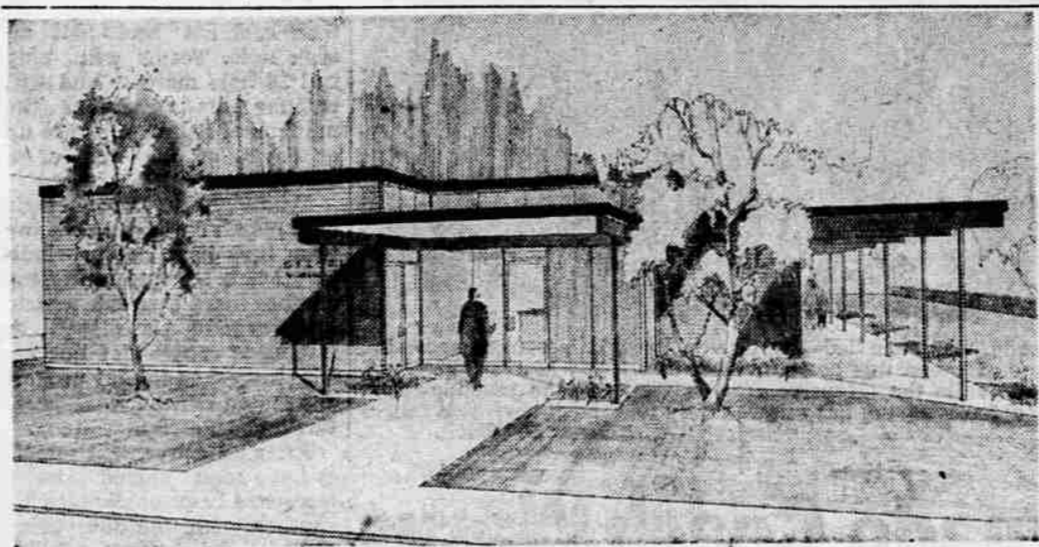
Now the delegation, having succeeded in this endeavor, looks ahead to 1960, when the big race will be that one for Neuberger's seat, if not to 1962 when Morse will be up again and his opponent might well be Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield.

Immediate Question
Perhaps the most immediate political question leading into this period is whether

er or not Morse will try to knock off Neuberger openly or maintain a hands-off attitude. When asked about this last August, Morse was non-committal to this reporter. He allowed only that "time will tell."

There will, quite probably, be much backstage maneuvering here in the next year or two within the delegation. But this is the stuff of which political action is made.

It remains to be seen whether Oregon's interests will be hurt or helped as "togetherness" is abandoned with abandon in favor of independent, and often competitive, action.



'SECURITY BUILDING - This new building at 48 Hawthorne st., designed by the Medford firm of Seibert and Sites, is scheduled for completion next month. Its full name is the Security, Insurance and Realty company building, signifying the types of offices it is expected to contain. According to Medford building department records, it is valued at \$44,218.

Quotes From the News

By United Press International
Hollywood - Linda Christian, former wife of Tyrone Power, is bowing to a request of Power's widow that she avoid his funeral.
"It is difficult to believe that any woman Tyrone would marry would have such an inhuman streak."
Rogers City, Mich. - Mrs. Elmer Fleming, wife of one of two survivors of a ship sinking that took 33 lives: "I'm happy my husband is safe but I can't be completely happy because so many others are still missing."
El Toro Marine Air Station, Calif. - Engineer Bill Ryder of a Santa Fe train that crashed into a crippled Marine jet fighter which skidded onto the tracks: "It was like hitting a truck."
New York - Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, former Army research chief, in charging the United States is only making a fragmented effort to meet the Soviet space challenge: "For reasons characteristic of our economy, and sometimes out of an understandable concern for national security, we have tended to compartment our work."

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Greenville, Miss. - UP - Sounds like a bargain when a firm acquires a piece of land 125 feet in length for just a dollar but not in this case.

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Josephine Historical Group Has Meeting

Cave Junction - Mrs. Earl Boyd requested her name be drawn from the nomination for president of the Josephine County Historical society at the meeting in Kerby Wednesday.

Mrs. Boyd stated her duties as president of the Illinois Valley Federated Women's club would not leave her sufficient time to carry on the task.
Mrs. Boyd also stated that the women's club had adopted as a club project for the next two years the job of assembling historical data of the county with a view toward an eventual museum.

New York - UP - Hans Heinrich von Twardowski, 60, a stage and screen actor and stage director, died Wednesday of a heart attack.

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Bowmer Honored in Fraternity Magazine

Ashland - "The Founder of a Famous Shakespearian Festival," is the title of an article by Dr. Dorothy E. Stolp, Southern Oregon college associate professor of speech and drama, in the annual issue of The Playbill, a publication of the Alpha Psi Omega dramatic fraternity, which honors Angus L. Bowmer, director and founder.

Students Pictured
Students in the picture with Bowmer are Molly Walker, Medford; Mrs. Robert Lytle, Phoenix; Carolyn Schoenberg, Klamath Falls; and Nancy Davies, Medford.

Appearing in the same issue is a picture of "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial" production, also directed by Bowmer, and a short resume of the year's drama activities at Southern Oregon college. Students pictured include Peter Lungreen, Klamath Falls; Isaac McCarley, Ashland; Orion Hammett, Ashland; and Dale Flowers, Medford.

Dr. Stolp's article tells of the origin of the Festival and its early successes; the tragic fire which wiped out the stage and properties in 1940; and its revival in 1947.

Festival planning procedures, the extent of its casting range, the national reputation of the organization, and its Institute of Renaissance Studies in cooperation with Southern Oregon college and Stanford university, all are discussed, as is the current drive to build new a theatre.

The Oregon Shakespearian Festival was also mentioned in the same issue under the Humboldt State college section in reference to the presentation of selected scenes for the student body assembly by Bowmer and Richard Graham, well-known Festival actor.

Eisenhower Starts 10 Days of Rest

Washington - UP - President Eisenhower was to fly south today for 10 days of golf and, in the relaxed setting of an exclusive country club, some work on his legislative program for the new Congress.

The Chief Executive's flying destination today was the Augusta (Ga.) National Golf Club where, weather permitting, he was expected to be swinging away at his favorite sport by mid-afternoon.

Mrs. Eisenhower, not an enthusiastic air traveler, planned to go to Georgia tonight by train, joining the President at the club Friday. The First Lady could not leave with her husband because she was entertaining at lunch for woman delegates to the United Nations.

This was the President's 21st trip to Augusta since his 1952 election and his first holiday of any duration since his September stay in Newport, R.I. He will remain in Georgia with his wife through the Thanksgiving week end, probably returning to his White House desk by Dec. 1.

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