

Thornton Endorsed By Polk Committee

Monmouth—(UPI)—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton has been endorsed for governor by the Democratic Central Committee of Polk county. The vote was by secret ballot.

Other committee choices included Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) for reelection, Blaine Whipple for Congress in the first district, and State Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilson for reelection.

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Amsterdam Cab Drivers Learn Judo for Defense

Amsterdam—(UPI)—I had to type this one-handed because I wouldn't take a cab driver's word for it that he learned judo.

Not only my driver, but hundreds of other Amsterdam cabbies are learning the time-honored art of self defense. They learn, among other things, how to put a hand out of action with a swift blow against a tiny bone in the wrist. That's what happened to me.

The judo training for cab drivers here came about after a series of alarmingly brutal attacks by apparent customers. On one night recently, a cabbie took a passenger to a lonely stretch of road. Suddenly, the man fished a piece of plastic cord around the driver's neck and strangled him.

Attacks on cabbies here have been frequent. Police statistics show that since World War II fatal or near-fatal attacks have averaged five a year.

One driver, Cor Wilson, was confronted recently by an extremely unruly passenger. It took four armed policemen and two medical squad warrants to subdue the man who turned out to be a dangerous psychopath.

Wilson contacted judo expert Rinus Brecht and the two discussed what could be done to make cab drivers safe from nighttime attackers.

Wilson and Brecht on several occasions drove to a secluded spot and practiced defenses against various attacks to which a cab driver is vulnerable. The experiment looked promising.

Brecht then built a home trainer which was a carefully copied cab interior. He showed it to police and to operators of the agency controlling all of Amsterdam's taxis. They were convinced that judo lessons, using Brecht's training device, would be a useful safeguard.

Within a few days, 300 cabbies enrolled in Brecht's school for a 10-lesson course for a fee of \$1.50.

Brecht starts his course by sitting in the front seat of his trainer and inviting the cabmen-students to attempt an attack in any manner they choose. They are impressed quickly with the value of judo training.

Amsterdam's cab drivers have found judo skill is a comforting companion when a late-night passenger asks to be taken to a lonely address.

Personnel Officer For Bonneville Named

Portland—(UPI)—Roy F. Renoud, Portland, has been named chief personnel officer effective May 16 of the Bonneville Power Administration, BPA Administrator Charles Luce announced today.

Posthumous Award Given Oregon Man

Salem—(UPI)—Ingvald S. Johnson, who drowned on the Oregon coast last July 16, while trying to save two men, has been given an Interior Department national valor award posthumously. It was given to his widow, the former Doreen Evans of Long Island, N.Y.

The award was issued to Johnson, who was a civil engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation here, by Interior Secretary Stewart Udall. The citation and medal were presented by Gov. Mark Hatfield. Johnson, 49, was at the beach at Delake with his family. He saw two swimmers in trouble in the surf and lunged in to save them.

Although Johnson drowned, man then paddled into the ocean on an air mattress and brought the two swimmers to shore. Although Johnson drowned, another man was rescued.

Your Money's Worth
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HOPE GONE FOR BALANCED BUDGET

There's no longer hope even among the most optimistic that the Federal budget will be balanced in the year to begin July 1, less than eight weeks from now. It will be in the red by billions of dollars and the only question now is by how many billions.

Maybe the deficit will be in the \$5 billion range, as both the respected Senate-House Internal Revenue Taxation Committee and Senator Harry Byrd, the Virginia Democrat who heads the powerful Senate Finance Committee, recently estimated. Perhaps it will be in the \$7 billion range, as a just-completed analysis by the House Republican Policy Committee forecasts. Or the red ink could come to a whopping \$10 billion—a figure being whispered in as well as out of Washington.

Whatever the precise deficit figure when the books are closed on the 1963 fiscal year, the pivotal point is that the budget is fast sinking into the red—and President Kennedy's January prediction of a hairline surplus of a half-billion dollars already is in the ashcan.

This coming year's deficit will mark the third in three fiscal years of the Kennedy Administration, the 11th in the past 17 years of both Democratic and Republican Administrations, the 27th in the past 33 years of our history. In all the years since President Hoover, our budget will have been in balance a scant six times.

It will reflect primarily the fact that good as our economy's performance is in 1962, it simply isn't good enough to produce the corporation and individual income taxes to cover the government's scheduled spending. Profits are way up, yes—but not up enough to reach the \$56.5 billion initially projected. Individual incomes are way up too—but not up enough to offset the short fall in corporation earnings. Moreover, with apprehension growing that unless our economy is given an additional push, we may be facing another recession during the 1963 fiscal year, pressure is building for new spending programs.

No one in the Administration is yet saying this out loud but Kennedy came near it when in his Chamber of Commerce speech the other day, he assured the nation's businessmen that he is trying "to bring our budget as closely as possible to balance." That's more than a hint.

It will mean that our national debt will soar past the \$300 billion mark and Congress will have to raise the ceilings above the \$300 billion now authorized. It will have no tolerable alternative.

It will mean that the government will be borrowing heavily and pouring far more money into the economy than it is taking out in the form of taxes. In itself, this will be a spur to business.

It also will mean that we could have a tough, nasty job on our hands of convincing our foreign creditors that our dollar's integrity is unimpaired. On deposit in our country are billions of dollars in claims against our gold hoard accumulated by foreigners through recent years. These creditors have hailed Kennedy's determination to balance the budget, have shown their confidence by keeping their balances here. Should another big deficit pile on top of the deficit with which we're ending fiscal 1962 shake this confidence, we could be in a bad spot.

This question of foreign confidence in our dollar's stability is one of the truly dangerous aspects of the emerging budget deficit.

Getting back to the deficit itself, though, while it's probably no consolation to Kennedy, the record of his predecessor, President Eisenhower was no better at this stage. Eisenhower chalked up three deficits in his first three years, achieved only three surpluses in his entire eight years and had the dubious distinction of rolling up the biggest peacetime deficit in our history to date in the year before he left office—\$12.4 billion. Former President Truman's record was hardly a fiscal conservative's delight either—three surpluses in his entire tenure.

Deficits have been a reality of Federal budget life through this whole generation. They still are.

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