

Morse Refuses To Go on Defensive In Shrugging Off Effects of Books

Portland, Ore. — (UP) — By plunking down a few cents, Oregon voters can buy two books about Sen. Wayne Morse, the state's Maverick lawmaker.

Morse, campaigning for his fourth consecutive Senate term, doesn't like the books — "The Tiger in the Senate" by Washington newsman A. Robert Smith, and "The Record of Wayne Morse" by former Republican National Committeeman Harrison E. Spangler.

Neither do other Democrats in Oregon. Young Democratic organization President Merlyn Gubser called the Spangler book "filled with untruths, misquotations and misleading information."

Effect Shrugged Off

Morse, until 1952 a Republican and now a Democrat, shrugs off the effect of the books with one caustic statement:



SEN. WAYNE MORSE
A Republican Target

"I have nothing to be defensive about. God couldn't

create a person as bad as the opposition would like to portray me."

Challenging the volatile Morse is wealthy Portland businessman Sig Unander, a good vote-getter when elected state treasurer in 1952 and re-elected in 1956.

Unander has been running hard, speaking daily and traveling throughout the state, while Morse has been tied down in Washington tending to the business of the Senate.

Although Morse has been tagged a prime Republican target in the West this year, observers concede it would take a Republican miracle to unseat him.

Would Help Democrats

He has been stressing his record of gaining public works projects for Oregon and has so far refused to get involved in a personal campaign.

A victory for Morse would

simply help shore up the Democrats' favorable situation in the 11 Western states from the Rocky Mountains west, excluding California where incumbent Edmund G. Brown and former Vice President Richard Nixon are battling for the governorship.

Going into the November general election, the "New Frontier" of President Kennedy, which won only two Western states in 1960, has a good edge in the Old Frontier.

In the Senate, with 11 seats involved, Democrats now hold nine and the Republicans two.

In the House, the Democrats sport a 15-12 margin and with eight governorships up

for election this fall, it's a 4-4 standoff.

In California, 38 House seats are at stake, up 8 because of population gains. The

present alignment is 16-14 in favor of the Democrats, Republican Sen. Thomas Kuchel is opposed by Democrat state Sen. Richard Richards.

Phoenix Grange Sets Candidates Night

Phoenix Grange will serve a ham dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, preceding the "Candidates Night." A charge will be made for the dinner.

All state candidates will be represented and local candidates plan to attend.

The public is invited to attend and get acquainted with the candidates.

Not Abiding Issue

The "New Frontier" — support of Kennedy — isn't an abiding issue in the West. It's more of a side issue and supporting the administration down the line can work to the disadvantage of some lawmakers in such states as Arizona and Montana.

In many states, local issues have sparked the most vigorous campaigns.

An example is Idaho, where gambling has become a major rallying point between incum-

bent Republican Gov. Robert E. Smylie and Democrat Vernon K. Smith.

Smith favors local option, casino type gambling for Idaho, and on this issue he grabbed 43 per cent of the

vote in a six-man Democratic primary.

But Smylie, who seeks an unprecedented third four-year term, calls Smith's plan "a fiscal phony and a moral fraud" which is unconstitutional.

Changes Proposed Legislative Salary

Klamath Falls — (UP) — A report of a citizens committee to Senate President Harry Boivin Wednesday outlined suggestions for changing the salary and reimbursement of Oregon legislators.

The report recommends a salary of \$150 per month and \$15 per diem every day the legislature is in session, up to a maximum of 110 days.

The committee recommended elimination of all present expense allowances with the exception of one round trip from the legislator's home to

Salem at 10 cents per mile. To be eliminated would be the present \$75 per month expense money in sessions and \$150 per month between sessions.

Boivin said, "I think the committee report is excellent and I know it will be a useful guide in determining fair compensation for the legislature."

Making the report were Clay Myers, Portland, chairman; James O. Burns, Condon; Car Gilson, Portland; James J. Walton, Salem; and William Stollmack, Bend.

tional. The State Supreme Court in 1954 threw out gambling in Idaho on grounds it violated a constitutional lottery ban.

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