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Duncan for Congress

"Bob Duncan is a tightwad."
This assessment, by an upstate editor of our acquaintance, is true, in part. Certainly as a man proud of his Scots ancestry, Duncan has been tight-fisted with the tax dollar during his three terms in the legislature—so tight-fisted, indeed, that he has been the despair of some state employees and department heads who are dependent on legislative appropriations for their empire building desires.
However—and it is an important however—Duncan is also a man who will spend a dollar if he can be shown that it is necessary to, or beneficial for, the public welfare; if it will ease human suffering; if it will assist progress; if it will eventually make subsequent and higher spending unnecessary.

DUNCAN, as is well known, is the Democratic candidate for Congress from the Fourth Congressional district of southwestern Oregon. His qualifications are remarkable. As a legislator, he was twice chosen by his colleagues to serve as Speaker, an honor never before bestowed on an Oregon legislator, and one not bestowed lightly. He is a skillful lawyer. But he has also worked as a merchant mariner, and as a laborer in mines and forests. He is an educated and intelligent man. He is also close to and aware of the problems of farmers, loggers, businessmen, of the down-and-out as well as better-off citizens. And he is articulate in presentation and debate. His is a "liberal," but is not a "knee-jerk liberal" who reacts to challenges by instinct. Duncan thinks.

HIS Republican opponent, Carl Fisher of Eugene, is Duncan's equal in sincerity and personality, and in ability to express his point of view. He is a bit smoother than the rough-hewn Duncan in appearance and presentation. He lacks the breadth of experience that Duncan has, although he too has served in the legislature. His contacts as a public servant and radio station manager have not been such that he is fully familiar with the problems and needs of the broad spectrum of people in the Fourth District. He could be classified as a moderate conservative, politically, just as Duncan could be classified as a moderate liberal. However, these labels don't really mean very much.

IF we read the two men correctly, Fisher would use the powers of government as little and as sparingly as possible, while Duncan would judge the uses of governmental power by what they can accomplish in the way of general welfare, defense, and economic and human progress. We believe that the respective positions of the two men on current issues are actually somewhat less important than their overall approach to the business of government, for today's issues can be gone tomorrow, to be replaced by new issues and new problems. On this basis we support Bob Duncan (a tightwad combined with humanitarian, a thoughtful leader of men) for election to Congress from this district.—E. A.

Tax Base Proposal

For several years, Jackson county has levied no property taxes for county purposes. (All property taxes paid have been for cities, school districts and other taxing units—none for the county as such.) This was made possible because other sources of income, notably from O & C timber sales receipts paid the county, provided sufficient income for it to operate without a tax. Such income was probably adequate even before the county stopped levying a tax, but for a long time a levy was made at least once every three years. The reason? So the county would not lose its tax base. Thus, some hundreds of thousands of dollars were taxed which may not have been at all necessary.

MEASURE No. 7 on the Nov. 6 election ballot would eliminate such a situation in the future. It provides that a taxing unit can go on indefinitely without levying a tax, and still not lose its tax base. Thus counties and other taxing units will no longer levy unnecessary taxes solely for the purpose of saving a tax base. But if needed, a tax can still be levied, based on the last three years when a tax was levied. It also provides that taxing units which through economy or other income, will not be penalized by losing a tax base, as was Jackson county when it rejected a base-saving levy some years ago.

THE same measure makes two other minor changes—one that elections to establish a new tax base shall be at a regular statewide primary or general election, rather than an election in the taxing unit only; the other that counties can incur indebtedness in excess of \$5,000 if required or permitted to do so by state law. The latter two changes are not substantive in character, and are more of a "housekeeping" nature, although the election provision would tend to insure that more voters would vote on tax base proposals than they do in elections confined to a taxing unit. We believe the arguments in favor of the proposal are persuasive. There is little or no outspoken opposition. We recommend a "yes" vote for measure No. 7.—E. A.

"You See Anything Real Plain Yet?"



... Communications ...

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Robinson Replies to Editorial

To the Editor: The editorial of Oct. 17 by Eric Allen regarding the candidates seeking the high and honored office of Mayor of Medford should have some further consideration. First I want to make it clear that I don't believe you build up one candidate by character assassination of the others. Our esteemed editor is constantly harping on this theory ever since the so called McCarthy days until it appears to him that this is the only method by which he can accomplish his own ends.

Now this isn't my first political campaign. Eight years ago Phil Lovry was a very honorable and worthy opponent. Phil was elected by a close majority and I feel I was completely correct in my convictions of Phil, who I have known since our high school days. He was one of the best state senators this county has ever had.

Now it is obvious I would like to be the next Mayor of Medford, but both of my opponents are capable men. I know for I have served with one on the Council for six years and the other for two years and have known both of them for many years. I would highly recommend that no one flee Medford after the election as though Castro was elected. I urgently request my supporters to support me on my qualifications and not by running down my opponents. Eric Allen further stated I resigned as Council President referring to the press of business. This is correct as at that time I was in the process of putting in the Park and Shop lot next to Penney's and also enlarging the lot behind my store. I have an artificial limb and some of the time my leg got so tired that I missed the council meeting when the agenda was more or less routine business. This is not only true this year but last, which was mentioned, but if he would be honest and check my eight years of service he would find I have had years in which I have had almost perfect attendance, but I have kept myself informed at all times on matters that have come before the council and I am sure my fellow members will verify this. There is also a point of ethics involved in holding the Council Presidency that is chosen by your fellow members and is the highest position in the Council under the Mayor, and running for Mayor at the same time some of the other members are running that helped in selecting you as their President.

Now the religious issue brought out leaves me absolutely cold relative to the liquor question but Eric Allen had the problem with wine bottles and the alcoholic I have had for the past 16 years and would have spent as much time and thousands of dollars as I have in the Medford Gospel Mission in doing everything possible to rehabilitate and correct this problem. I am sure he would feel as I have felt that in absolute fairness I should abstain from voting and let the other seven members give a fair and impartial decision. I am not the only member that abstains when they feel a matter before the Council has a direct effect on their decision, this was done by another member at our Oct. 4 meeting, also this issue is less than 1 per cent of the matters that come before the Council for consideration. The shotgun approach to tax cutting referred to by Eric Allen seems ridiculous unless he feels eight years is a short acquaintance; I opposed the ordinance six years ago in which an attempt was made to exceed the 6 per cent limitation. I opposed this year the 7 mill increase levied because the attorney general said it was legal without giving the voters a chance to decide if they wanted their taxes increased for these so called city services or if they preferred to continue on a planned priority basis as the rest of us must plan on our homes and business.

He said he hesitated to mention personality and speaking ability and I can understand why as our Mayor has sent me a number of times to fill such engagements for him, the last just a few weeks ago at which convention Dr. Elmo Stevenson was one of the speakers and after the dinner he told me he thought I made the delegates feel the welcome, we all extend to the visitors of Medford in about the warmest welcome he had ever heard. Do please let's continue with this campaign with honor, dignity and respect as I don't propose to keep answering this type of gutter tactics. Fred E. Robinson, Candidate for Mayor and Councilman for Ward 1, Medford.

The Best Man: To the Editor: Your editorial of Wednesday, Oct. 17, was a disgraceful display of political acrimony! It is the policy of the Mail Tribune to justly report the facts, or must you resort to open and malicious slander in order to support your choice of candidates? Your descriptions of William Singler and James Dunlevy are, without question, honest and fair appraisals, but your bitter attack upon Fred E. Robinson is shameful and obviously an underhanded "slap in the face" for the man who is in my opinion, and in the opinion of many, the best qualified candidate. Medford has had in many years. Medford voters are aware of the Mail Tribune's political policies, as are they aware of the rigid conservative convictions of Fred Robinson. I believe you are presuming too much on the slight edge in registered Democrats and are overlooking the many who will forget "party" when they choose the man who has done the most for Medford. If you were to run a parallel column, listing the countless labors and efforts of Robinson, as well as the pressure and state and national stature this man has obtained, it would be much bigger than your accumulation of unfair criticisms. Let's not forget the man who has come the closest to unseating Wayne Morse in the U. S. Senate. Let's not underestimate the man who has led the fight to save the downtown businessmen from the fatal effects of urban progression. Your criticisms of Robinson's record on the city council are unfair, to say the least. He has purposely abstained from voting on liquor issues when he has known his vote must be a no, and at such times left the verdicts to those with less stringent religious convictions. Why not tell the voters the whole story? Where was Robinson during these council meetings? Tell them! The Medford voters will not elect their next mayor for his abilities as a "mixer," an "entertainer" or a sales-

Alliance for Progress Disappointing So Far; Opposed by Far Right and Left

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
Last March 13, observing the first anniversary of his \$20 billion Alliance for Progress program, President Kennedy declared that the goal of welfare and equality for peoples and nations is "within our grasp."
But for those Latin Americans who might oppose his program for reasons of privilege, the President had a warning. "Those," he said, "who make peaceful revolution impossible, will make violent revolution inevitable."
This week in Mexico City, United States and Latin economists have been studying results to date. The results were disappointing. The economists found that not only had most Latin American nations failed to achieve the 2.5 per cent increase in per capita income sought annually by the Alliance, a number either had

stood still or actually had suffered an economic decline. Many had failed to submit detailed plans for projects under the alliance. A "committee of nine" set up last February to keep tabs on progress found a lack of understanding of Alliance goals among the general public and strong opposition to it by "powerful political and economic interests," from the Castro-Communist left to the entrenched wealth of the right. In short, the Alliance for Progress program—designed to lift the living standard of 200 million Latin Americans—in a state of "crisis." Colombia and Venezuela had gone the farthest toward carrying out the self-help de-

Washington Report

By William S. White
(UPI United Feature Syndicate)
CHICKENS ROOSTING
Washington—The chickens have come home to roost. They are roosting all over that good degree of bipartisan national unity on foreign affairs which had been the one true distinction of the Kennedy administration and which had helped protect this country in a world of danger.
What has befallen is the inevitable consequence of an unnecessarily partisan-minded congressional campaign from the White House over comparatively two-bit stakes. Angered at criticism by President Kennedy of his own foreign policy record, former president Eisenhower has now repudiated it. So the long armistice maintained between them on perils beyond the water's edge is now broken.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
Field Enterprises Inc.
LARGER THAN LIFE
As a corollary to my recent piece about people not wanting to become human beings, and using every device to reject the essential humanity, there is a contrary process that we continually use with public figures. At a luncheon recently, two men I know were arguing bitterly about Franklin D. Roosevelt. One of them was an implacable Roosevelt-hater; the other was a passionate Roosevelt-idolator. Despite their diametrically opposed positions, what these two men had in common was a refusal to admit that Roosevelt was a human being—both viewed him as much larger than life, as something approaching a saint or as something close to the Devil incarnate.

Bad Game Laws

To the Editor: I am not in favor of what is being done in the Game Commission! I am specifically concerned with the killing of doe deer and cow elk and the \$5 tag for the unit hunt. Also with the Game Commission's requiring each hunter of antelope to apply individually for a tag instead of applying for them in groups of two to four the way it has been done in the past. The present system almost eliminates the wage earner or anyone needing to pool resources from going. I am in favor of replacing the five men on the Game Commission. All of you who are dissatisfied with the present Game Commission or the game laws, write a letter. Have all of your friends and relations write one too. Write to Governor Hatfield or candidate for governor Thornton, our Attorney General. If we all do this, they will know before they are elected or re-elected, just how the people stand on this issue. Remember!! Write to Governor Hatfield or Attorney General Thornton. Mark E. Norton, P. O. Box 85, Phoenix, Ore.

Living Proxy

To the Editor: All Granges are supporting a "get out the vote" campaign, and I thought maybe you'd like to share this quote I found with your readers. MY SACRED BALLOT "The blood of free men, shed since the founding of my country, stains my ballot sheet. What ever others may do, I will not carelessly make my mark. Those who died for this, my voice in my government, had a right to expect that I would prepare with every faculty to use it wisely, honestly and courageously. They did not die that blind partisans or reckless men might make a game of free elections. I will not be confused or deceived by propaganda, slogans, or histrionics, I shield my eyes to the glitter of personal alitae, purge my mind of passion and prejudice and search diligently for the hidden truth. I must be free of all influence save Conscience and Justice. I vote as if my ballot alone decided the contest. I may lose my preference, but I will not throw away my sacred vote. For within the booth I hold in my humble hand the living proxy of all my country's honored dead."

Ontario Semi-Weekly Newspaper Sale Told

Ontario, Ore.—The semi-weekly Ontario Argus-Observer newspaper has been purchased by two Idaho men. The paper was bought by William MacKnight of Jerome, Idaho, and Larry Robinson of Salmon, Idaho, from Mrs. Agnes Lynch of Ontario, and J. Don Lynch of Portland.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The news was full of sadness Wednesday. In San Francisco, for example, where the Chronicle's Ron Fimrite starts off his End of the World (Series) with this lugubrious paragraph: "There was a rising scream in Candlestick Park, a sudden silence, a stunned pause... Then the 43,000 who had hooked their dreams to the Giants' crazy star picked up what marbles they had left after two weeks of pennant and Series madness and headed home; the mocking strains of "Bye, Bye Baby" still ringing in their ears." From Ron's story, one gathers that Candlestick Park and the Field of Armageddon were one and the same on the black day of Oct. 16, 1962.

SO SAN FRANCISCO, TAKE HEART

You aren't the first to see the world come to an end. THEN There is Portland, where the Oregonian's Gerry Pratt, wiring from Chicago, leads off his dirge in this manner: "Portland was the bridesmaid in Chicago Tuesday as the United States Olympic Committee nominated Detroit the American candidate for the 1968 Olympic Games."

ALWAYS a bridesmaid, but NEVER a BRIDE!

No, it isn't that bad. Gerry goes on to say: "But the bride's bouquet, the flowers that could mean WE ARE NEXT went square to Portland, and even as the announcement was made the City of Roses was laying plans for a bid for the 1972 Olympics." That's the spirit. It may be long but it won't be never.



Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 19, 1952 (Sunday)
The Rogue River Valley Irrigation Association's board of directors have gone on record in favor of state legislation for the regulation and control of cloud-seeding and weather control experiments. The Army corps of engineers has scheduled bid calls for the first three phases of constructing a new, stand-by Camp White.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 19, 1942 (Monday)
Donald G. Darnelle inducted into armed services in Portland. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Snudge Pot" column: "A nation-wide drive for tin cans is in the offing. By sending trucks to the rural areas with the best scenic view of Mt. Hood, the quote for this county could be obtained before noon of the opening day."

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 19, 1932 (Wednesday)
Central Point man killed in hunting accident; second hunting death in week. Jacksonville miner dies when Forest creek mine tunnel caves in.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 19, 1922 (Thursday)
Time extension given six men accused of Ku Klux Klan "night riding" activities when Circuit Judge V. M. Calkins postpones trials until after election. Jackson county grand jury recommends construction of iron fence around county jail in Jacksonville.

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 19, 1812 (Saturday)
Fay Canon, son of Medford's Mayor Canon, seriously injured in gas explosion in Siverton. Medford contractor reports he will construct "fine, large \$5,000 home" just outside Medford city limits.

What's Your I.Q.?

- Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. Who was the hero of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War?
2. Should the word "federal" be capitalized if it is part of a title?
3. In area, Argentina is the second largest country in South America; is it one-third, one-half, or two-thirds the size of Brazil?
4. In the U.S. what is the supreme law of the land?
5. Which U. S. city is nicknamed "Quaker City"?
6. Does a hexagon have six, eight, or ten sides?
7. Should the seasons of the year be capitalized?
8. In Iowa located east, west, or both sides of the Mississippi river?
9. The limbs on a tree do, or do not, remain the same height from the ground as the tree grows?
10. Is Portland, Maine farther north than Portland, Oregon?
ANSWERS: 1. Commodore George Dewey, 2. Yes, 3. One-third, 4. Constitution and laws, 5. Philadelphia, 6. Six, 7. No, 8. West, 9. Do, 10. No.