

Election Of Duncan Leaves It Up To Norblad To Speak for Oregon Conservatives in Congress

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Washington (Special)—The elections results in Oregon have posed a new responsibility for the state's lone surviving Republican in Congress, Rep. Walter Norblad, if Oregon conservatives are to voice any dissent from the proposals of the New Frontier.

The victory of Democrat Robert B. Duncan over Republican Carl Fisher in the fourth district, and the reelection of Sen. Wayne Morse and Reps. Al Ullman and Edith Green, means that Oregon once more has a congressional delegation which is decidedly liberal in its view and voting persuasion.

Circumstances New
This situation is not in itself new, but the circumstances in which it occurs are new. For the four years from 1956 to 1960 the delegation consisted of five liberal Democrats and one Republican, Norblad. But those were the years of President Eisenhower's second term, and it was the liberals who were the dissenters, voicing the viewpoint of the opposition or the "outs."

Circumstances are now reversed. The Oregon Democrats will be working hand-in-glove to a great extent with the Kennedy Administration, as they have in the past two years. During this period, 1960-62, the voice of dissent in the Oregon delegation came chiefly from Rep. Edwin R. Durno, the retiring Medford Republican, who criticized the administration's medicare plan especially, plus

other liberal proposals. As an authentic and articulate conservative, Dr. Durno played that vital and necessary role of dissenter or spokesman for the "outs"; and he did it from personal conviction rather than from the posture of a partisan sniper. His voice and vote will be missed by Oregon conservatives unless Norblad assumes this role.

Fisher Would Have
Carl Fisher would doubtless have assumed this role had he won Durno's seat; so would have Bob Chandler, the articulate Bend publisher, had he defeated Ullman. Duncan's victory over Fisher has already revived Kennedy Administration plans for creating an Oregon Dunes national seashore park.

This park issue may not lend itself to ready ideological alignment as between liberals and conservatives, although the controversial question of whether the government should take private property for inclusion in the park tends to enflame some conservatives. But Sen. Morse has disliked this feature of the park proposal, and Rep. Green has never endorsed the park at all.

Congressman Norblad has taken no position on the park, explaining it is an issue involving lands outside his congressional district. This is Norblad's customary approach — to avoid entanglement in any controversy, particularly if it can be said to be outside his district.

The proposed electric power intertie between the Northwest and California may be a more certain issue to divide liberals and conservatives. The private power companies want to build their own intertie, but the administration has held up issuing a special use permit over national forest land because of the prospective drive by the government for a federal

intertie. Interior Secretary Stewart Udall says this is on his 1963 program. It may be the biggest congressional fight involving Oregon in the new Congress, for there are some conservatives in the Washington state delegation who oppose a federal intertie.

The likelihood of any resistance or vocal opposition from the Oregon delegation appears to be fairly remote—unless Congressman Norblad begins to speak up for the conservative position.

Norblad virtually never enters debates on the House floor, although he is candid in relating his stand on any national issue. He is careful, however, to avoid taking a stand on regional or state issues outside his district which might irritate some of his sup-

porters. If Oregon conservatives are to be heard in Congress, Walter Norblad may have to change his accustomed ways.

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LIGHTER MOMENT—Laughing at a remark made by the defense attorney during the closing stages of the thalidomide mercy killing trial Saturday at Liege, Belgium, are Court President Trousse, center, and Judges LeJeune, left, and DeChamps, right. The defendant and four others were found innocent. —(UPI)

Barton Says He Has Enough Votes To Be Speaker

Salem — (UPI) — Democrats clinched their 31-29 control of the 1963 Oregon House late Thursday, and Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) said Saturday he has enough votes to be elected speaker.

Barton, an attorney and president of a title company, said "My position has firmed up since the election. I've got the votes."

Barton was co-chairman of the ways and means committee last session.

Other candidates for speaker include Reps. William Holmstrom (D-Gearhart), Richard Eymann (D-Mohawk), and Edward Whelan (D-Portland).

Whelan, however, said Saturday he is a speaker candidate only if the caucus should end in a tie. This is unlikely, he added.

Eymann withdrew Saturday as a candidate for speaker and threw his support to Barton.

"The understanding was that if any candidate got a majority, we would close ranks," Eymann said. "Barton has a majority, and I support him."

Outgoing Speaker Robert B. Duncan, new congressman from Medford, set a House Democratic caucus for 2 p.m. Nov. 18 here, in the Marion Motor hotel.

The bare Democratic House majority, the same as last session, held up with the election of James A. Redden, Medford, to one of Jackson county's three seats.

Montgomery Wins Reelection As House Minority Leader

Salem — (UPI) — Oregon House Republicans Saturday unanimously re-elected State Rep. F. F. Montgomery, R-Eugene, as minority leader for the 1963 session. It is Montgomery's second term as minority leader.

Montgomery said the caucus here deferred action on election of a new GOP House whip, the man whose job it is to steer Republican legislation through the House. The 1961 House GOP whip was State Rep. Winton Hunt, R-Salem. Hunt was re-elected to another term in the House.

Montgomery said a decision will be made on a whip in December.

Also discussed, Montgomery said, was what role House Republicans should play in the selection of the new House speaker. The Democrats hold a slender 31-29 House majority and should be able to elect a speaker.

Disenchanted
Montgomery said Republicans were disenchanted with some committee assignments in the House last session and intended to press for a better slate in the coming session.

Montgomery said the Republicans had not decided which Democrat they would vote for speaker. The committee assignment situation will decide this.

Also under study was the possibility of forming a house coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats such as a bloc would hinder liberal Democratic programs. A similar bloc operates in the Oregon Senate.

State Concedes On Balloon Loan Issue
Portland — (UPI) — The state has conceded defeat, at least for the time being, in its war against the balloon loan of bread.

Indictments against five bakeries—Langendorf, Continental, Hudson House, Stein's and Mareks—were dismissed Friday without protest from the state.

Said Deputy Dist. Atty. Sam Evans, "We neither oppose, nor acquiesce." He added the state does not plan an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Mother of Thalidomide Baby Found Not Guilty of Killing

Liege, Belgium — (UPI) — A 12-man jury found Mrs. Suzanne Van De Put and four other persons innocent Saturday of the mercy killing of her week-old daughter Corinne, who was deformed by thalidomide.

The all-male jury took less than two hours to reach its verdict after a week-long trial that stirred the emotions of the entire nation.

Those accused were Mrs. Van De Put, 25; her husband, Jean, 35; her mother, Mrs. Fernande Colpel, 50; her sister, Montique, 26; and Dr. Jacques Casters, 33, the family physician.

They were charged by the state with the premeditated fatal poisoning of Mrs. Van De Put's tiny daughter, who was born last May without arms after her mother had taken thalidomide during the early stages of pregnancy.

Mrs. Van De Put said she gave the baby a fatal dose of habituates mixed with honey because it was "the only thing to do."

Defense attorneys made no attempt to deny the killing, but pleaded instead for compassion, saying the defendants

already had suffered enough in their own personal anguish. More than 1,000 persons jammed into the courtroom meant to hold 700 in its final state. Extra security forces were stationed outside the courthouse to head off any demonstrations, so intense had been the feelings aroused by the trial — with sentiment almost universally for the defendants.

Jean Derwael, defense attorney for Mrs. Van De Put, asked for mercy in his final plea to the jury.

Derwael told the packed courtroom a verdict of not guilty would not mean there has been a lack of punishment.

"Cuzanne already has undergone punishment in the form of several months in jail, but above all she has been stricken morally," he said. "The only comfort she got is the assurance she still will be able to give birth to healthy babies."

Sentiment in the packed courtroom was clearly on the side of the family and its doctor. There were frequent outbursts of applause and shouting, and Friday hundreds of

spectators wept when Casters' attorney defended him.

"You have acted like a man and I am extremely proud that I may call myself your friend," attorney Jacques Henry said.

The defense, in summing up its case to the jury Friday, said its verdict — from which there is no appeal — would be the voice of the country.

Moratorium Proposed On Community Colleges

Salem — (UPI) — The Legislative Education committee Friday discussed a moratorium on community colleges because Oregon faces a financial bind in the 1963-65 state budget unless new revenues can be found.

Oregon's community college problem is a new one, and some legislators have complained that it is growing out of proportion. Oregon now has six community colleges, plus three vocational-technical schools that could be-

son into community colleges under present law.

Whether the state can afford any state aid for new community colleges in the next two years is the question the interim committee is asking.

The committee directed the Oregon Education department to bring in recommendations at the next meeting, Dec. 1, on a number of topics, including whether the law should be changed to restrict creation of new colleges in the next biennium.

Dr. Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, said the community college program is not a runaway affair, but he added that perhaps Oregon needs "a more definite statute to allow either the legislature or the State Board of Education to decide whether a new institution can be established."

He said there seems to be a legal question as to whether the state could withhold approval of a new institution once a local area petitions and approves a college in its area.

Election For Miller Seat Slated Jan. 22
Sacramento, Calif. — (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown has scheduled a special election Jan. 22 to fill the First Congressional District seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Clem Miller Oct. 7.

Miller, Democrat from Corvallis, was killed in an airplane accident while campaigning California election law required that his name be left on the ballot and he was re-elected posthumously Tuesday over Republican Don Clausen.

Mrs. Allen was hit by a car on U.S. Highway 99 three miles north of Drain. Lane was struck by a car on the Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway near Beaverton.

2 Killed In Auto Accidents Friday
By United Press International
Two persons were struck and killed by cars in Oregon Friday. The victims were Mrs. Arva G. Allen, 35, Drain, and Richard H. Lange, 61, Beaverton.

Articles Filed For Central Point Church
Salem — (UPI) — Articles of incorporation have been filed for Country Church Assembly of God, 5273 Table Rock rd., Central Point. They were signed by Ernest E. Ralls, Robert E. Martin, Charles E. Meade and others.

Articles were also filed for Security Lease Co., 961 SE 6th st., Grants Pass, 1,000 shares no par value, buy sell and lease cars. They were signed by Don Boyer, Lois Boyer and Gene L. Brown.

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Nixon Forces Drop Damage Suit Plans

Los Angeles — (UPI) — A \$2 million damage suit filed against the Democratic State Central committee by Richard Nixon's election campaign manager was dismissed Friday in Superior Court.

H. R. Haldman, Nixon's manager in his unsuccessful bid for the governorship, requested dismissal of the suit — filed in connection with two political leaflets about the former vice president.

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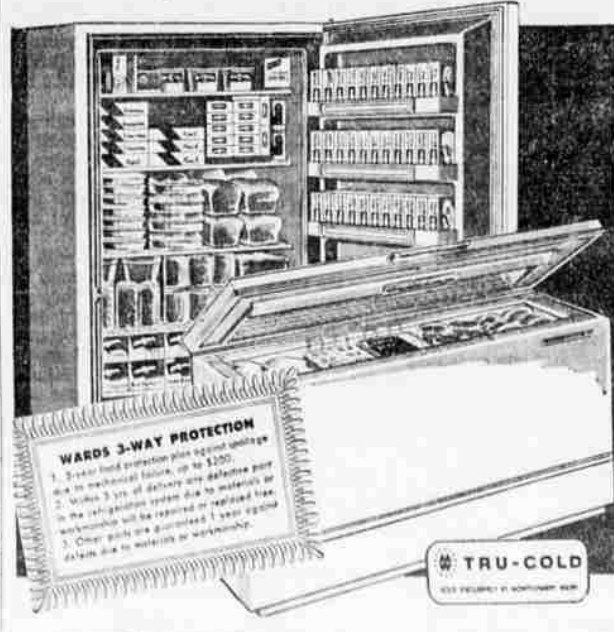
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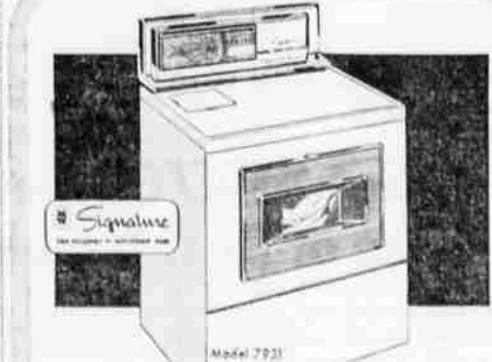


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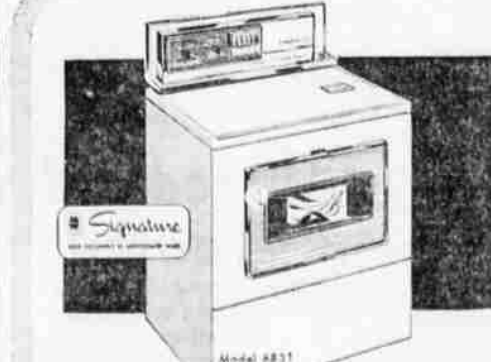


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