

# Young Republican Chairman Pledges Neutral Stand on Candidates

Editor's note: Barry Goldwater for president . . . Repeal of the federal income tax . . . withdrawal from the United Nations . . . arming of Cuban exiles. These are some of the policies advocated by the strongly conservative new head of the National Young Republican Federation, which has come to wield increasing influence in the GOP. What if Goldwater isn't the 1964 Republican presidential nominee? What about the Birchers? What has been the reaction of senior GOP leaders to the swing to the right

by the "Juniors?" Donald (Buz) Lukens, Young Republican president, gives his candid views in the following exclusive interview.  
By **RAYMOND LAHR**  
And **FRANK ELEAZER**  
Washington-UPP-Donald E. (Buz) Lukens, elected Young Republican national chairman after a public endorsement of Sen. Barry Goldwater for president, pledged himself today to a neutral stand on potential GOP candidates and promised to support whoever is nominated.

But the outspoken 32-year-old minority clerk of the House Rules Committee, in a question-and-answer session with UPI reporters, reaffirmed his belief in the Arizona senator's conservative philosophy; said a conservative Republican would run better next year than a "me too" candidate; and predicted defeat of President Kennedy no matter who gets the nod.  
Lukens, a bachelor from Xenia, Ohio, is a self-styled "amateur" and newcomer to politics. He won the chair-

manship of the Young Republican Federation in San Francisco last month after what he conceded was a "tempestuous" convention and what his predecessor called a "nightmare" session at which police once were called to keep order.  
**Committed to Goldwater**  
In his campaign for the two-year office Lukens, who previously had won chairmanship of the federation's District of Columbia unit, publicly committed himself to Goldwater, advocated repeal

of the income tax, and called for withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations.  
Lukens, whose campaign and election prompted some concern among senior Republicans about the GOP image projected from the Young Republican Convention, said nobody in the party hierarchy had censured him. And he said he had met nothing but friendly cooperation at party headquarters here.  
Q. Accounts of your convention appear to show the

convention was solidly for Goldwater. Is that a correct assessment?  
A. That accounting of the convention, yes. I wouldn't agree with many others.  
Q. And you yourself endorsed Goldwater. How can you be neutral now?  
A. I can be neutral, simply by doing my job. The federation always has been neutral and as far as I am concerned, and as far as anybody working under me, it will be neutral. We will endorse any Re-

publican nominee who has been officially selected.  
Q. Your predecessor in this job (Leonard Nadassy of Minnesota, who presided at the convention) said that he saw in the convention evidence that the real objective of the John Birch Society "is to subvert the Republican party and to seize control" of the party.  
A. I don't know about the subverting, and I am not a member of the John Birch Society and never will be. Along the same line I will not

condone or condemn them. My politics are Republican. I have room for anyone in the Republican party and I will not take part in any political activity outside the Republican party.  
Q. Do you think the position of conservatism espoused by this convention should be the position of the GOP?  
A. Basically I do think the conservative philosophy is the predominant philosophy at this time within the framework of the Republican party. And, yes, I think it should be listened to, I think the overriding conclusion from the convention is that Young Republicans want to have a voice, and want their voice heard.  
Lukens said an important factor in the coming presidential election is the possibility of Republican gains in Congress. He said with a conservative standard bearer the party could pick up 10 to 25 House seats "permanently and quickly" from southern areas previously written off to Democrats.

Lukens said he favors withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations "as presently structured." He said the United Nations has not accomplished its mission. As a substitute he suggested creation of a "United Nations of the free world," as proposed by former President Hoover.  
Q. Do you have any general advice for the Republican party on how to win elections?  
A. I think what we have not done is sell our positive accomplishments over the past 30 years. This is one of the things this new group (The Young Republicans) wants to do. We need to educate the general public as well as our own party as to the accomplishments of our party within the recent years. We need to tell the people about our stand on civil rights, a stand that actually is stronger than the Democrat party's.

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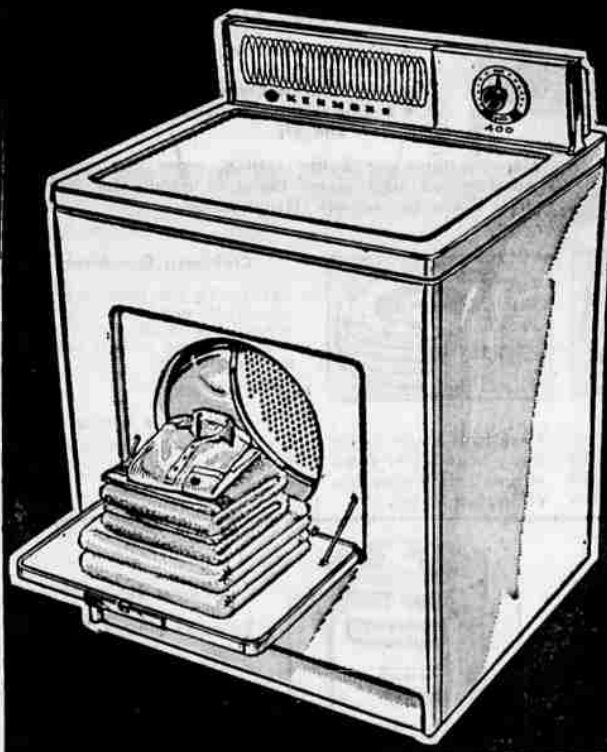
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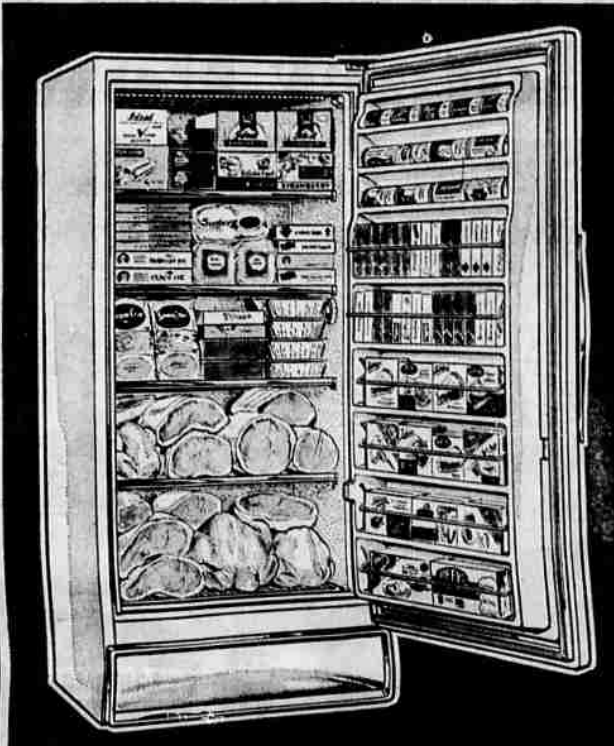
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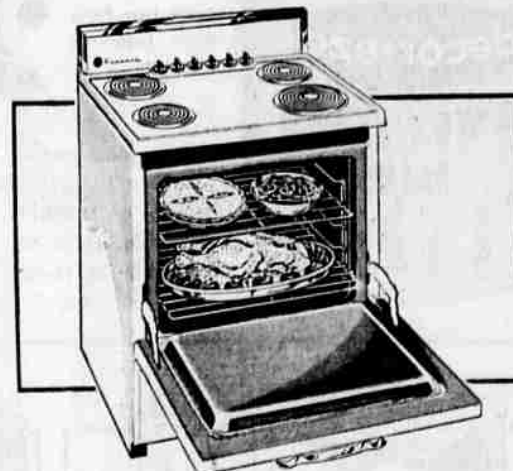
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## Program To Reduce Number on Welfare To Be Inaugurated

By **ZAN STARK**  
Salem-UPP-A concentrated program to get people off the welfare rolls is being planned for the coming two years, Public Welfare Administrator Andrew F. Juras said today.

Welfare programs in Oregon during the 1963-65 biennium will cost \$106.8 million. Of this total, \$41.9 million will come from the state's general fund, \$13.4 million will be paid by counties, and the federal government will make up the balance.

"Better services to help people toward self-support, and a closer watch on eligibility will be among top objectives for the coming biennium," Juras said.

The legislature provided funds so the agency could hire an additional 124 case workers. Juras believes this can result in longrange savings as more recipients are guided into self-supporting activities.

**New Program Planned**  
The agency hopes to implement its case classification program statewide by 1965. Under "case classification," residents who will respond to intensive assistance are separated from those who cannot benefit from such attention.

As many as 200 of the non-responsive cases will be assigned a single case worker, but only about 35 cases are assigned workers who deal with those who seem to be likely rehabilitation prospects.

A pilot program in Multnomah and Jackson counties indicated the system paid off. Plans are being made for a training program to enable able-bodied but unskilled welfare recipients to prepare for employment.

This program was authorized by the 1963 legislature, Juras said.

**Rehabilitation Work Eyed**  
Also planned is a demonstration project aimed at quicker rehabilitation of disabled persons through teamwork between welfare and vocational rehabilitation.

Improvements in eligibility determination also are planned. "If only those who are eligible receive aid, we can do a better job with them," Juras commented.

A new federal directive will require continuing reviews of eligibility in all programs by next January. This order resulted from the nationwide check of Aid to De-

pendent Children cases completed in May.

Also given major emphasis in welfare planning for the biennium, Juras said, were improved health services including expanded payments for medical care, support for recipients from responsible relatives, improved business operations and work simplification, administrative improvements on the county level in both business and social service areas, and staff training.

### Iowa Man Named to University Faculty

Eugene - Dr. Arthur Mittman, presently director of the university examination service at the State University of Iowa, has been named associate professor of education at the University of Oregon and will take up his new duties Sept. 1.

For the next four years, he will divide his time between the school of education and the Oregon Curriculum Study Center (Project English).

At the center, he will advise and administer tests for the evaluation of a new sequential curriculum in English for secondary schools. Plans for writing the curriculum are just getting under way, and the new material will be introduced into pilot classes in participating public school districts during the next few years.

Dr. Mittman is an expert on test construction and statistics and has extensive experience in the development of tests and other evaluations for a wide variety of academic subjects, including all phases of English.

The new Oregon faculty member directed and conducted the research leading to the financial aid program adopted by the Big Ten athletic conference and has been technical director of the Iowa College Scholarship and Placement Testing program.

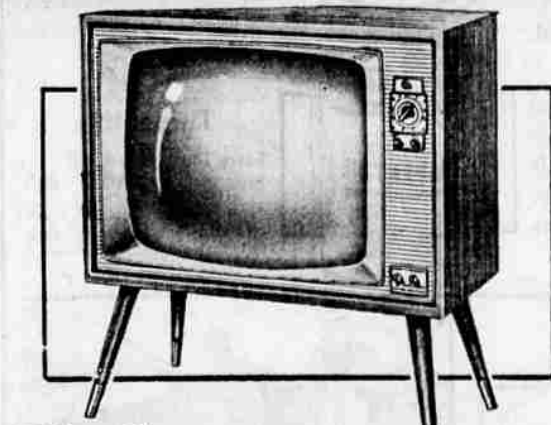
He received his academic degrees from the State University of Iowa and has had high school teaching experience in Muscatine, Iowa, and Chicago Heights, Ill.

**TWO SOLDIERS MISSING**  
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