

Oregon's Congressional Delegation Praises President's Speech

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WASHINGTON (Special)—Oregon's congressional delegation universally praised President Lyndon B. Johnson's maiden speech to Congress. "Liberal Democrats who in the past have been critical of Johnson because he wasn't liberal enough now see Johnson in a far more favorable light. Even Oregon's lone Republican in Congress, Rep. Walter Norblad, said he thought Johnson had "made a very good statement" when he spoke to a joint session of Congress two days after the burial of John F. Kennedy.

Rep. Robert B. Duncan, the freshman Democrat from Medford, called the speech "superb and strong — what I would expect from Lyndon Johnson." "It comes as close to expressing my philosophy as anything could — civil rights to economy in government," said Congressman Duncan.

Rep. Al Ullman, Baker Democrat, called it a "very great speech very fitting, very strong — he didn't hedge on any of the issues. It's the kind of statement I wanted him to make." Rep. Edith Green thought it was "magnificent." She said she agreed with the views Johnson expressed 100 per cent. The Portland Democrat who headed Kennedy's campaign in Oregon said: "I am tremendously pleased that he called for us to go forward and put into action the program for which President Kennedy lived and died."

Fears Are Squelched
For these liberal Democrats, that is the heart of the matter — that Johnson gave every indication of taking up where Kennedy left off, like a relay runner, and running the next lap with a fresh burst of energy. Any fears they might have had that Johnson might ditch the Kennedy program were squelched by his initial pledge to try to put it across successfully on foreign and domestic fronts.

aid. Morse recently led an all-out Senate attack on the administration's foreign aid program, resulting in a reduction of \$500 million in the current foreign aid authorization bill. Otherwise, the major question is the congressional timetable. Mrs. Green, Ullman and Duncan interpreted Johnson's speech as a request for speedy action this year rather than

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Budget Keeping Pace With Population Growth

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The county parks budget has increased from \$3,000 in 1957-58, first year of the program to an estimated \$105,472 for the current fiscal year. In other words, in 15 years the population has almost doubled, and the total county budget is four times what it was in 1948-49. The county road budget has tripled in that time. The county parks budget in five years also has tripled. Forestry receipts, the county's main income, has just about kept pace. "This shows how important to our local economy the forestry industry is," Miller pointed out. He also pointed out that O and C land in Jackson County covers 386,562 acres, national forest and public domain land, 488,138 acres, other non-taxable publicly owned land 7,502 acres and private land 519,298 acres. In other words, public land consists of 51 per cent in this county. Jackson County for the fiscal year 1962-63 ranked sixth of all Oregon counties in budgeted expenditures. Multnomah County was first with \$29,799,072; Lane County second, \$10,383,727; Douglas County third, \$8,805,685; Marion, fourth, \$5,158,076; Clackamas County, fifth, \$4,728,352 and Jackson County, sixth, \$4,373,761.

Ribbon Cut Opening Teen-Age Club Here

Medford Parks and Recreation Director Robert Haworth cut the ribbon Wednesday for the grand opening of the Sugar Shack, a teen-age night club at 415 E. Main St., the old Walker's Dreamland. The club is operated by Floyd Courtright and is for members only, from ages 13 through 20. Courtright said the club has an adult staff and a teen-age advisory council which includes two each of junior and senior high and college age. Membership in the club cost 25 cents and more than 200 teen-agers have joined, it was reported. The club has a soft drink bar and a juke box and live music is provided for Friday and Saturday night dances. An admission charge is made in addition to membership charges, it was explained. The club is open Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p. m. and Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p. m.; Fridays from 7 to midnight; and Sundays from 1 to 7 p. m.

crats think the time to strike for favorable action on these controversial bills is now, while there is a lessening of partisan opposition, a heightening of bipartisan co-operation with the new president. But the conservatives who hold many key legislative posts are expected to try to defer action until after Congress returns in January, when perhaps the era of good feeling toward the slain president has diminished and is less likely to influence votes in favor of his pending legislative proposals which they oppose. Johnson's first task, in short, is to get Congress to go to work on his program before the honeymoon spirit evaporates in the cold days of a presidential election year ahead.

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