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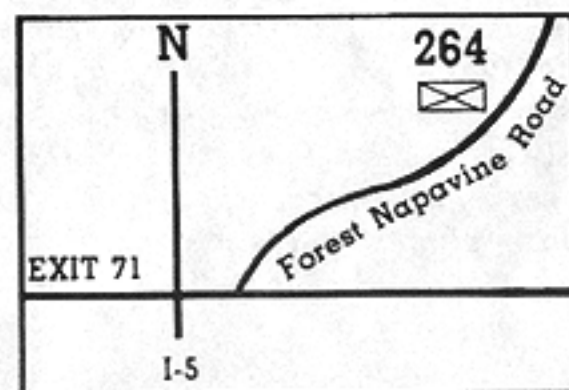
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Bonker holds fund raiser October 17, 5:00 Kalich, Halsan, Wiatrak

Set aside October 17 for a trip to Jackie and Lee Druckman's house south of Chehalis (see the accompanying map), where Congressman Don Bonker will host an evening of festivities designed to boost the campaigns of the three District 20 legislative candidates — Hugh Kalich, Position 1, Representative; Phil Wiatrak, Position 2, Representative; and Stu Halsan, Senate. That's Wednesday, October 17, 5:00-7:30 p.m. A ten dollar donation is requested.

DIRECTIONS: Take exit 71 east from I-5. Turn left at Forest Napavine Road East. Follow the signs to 264 Forest Napavine Road.



Jefferson / Jackson Day dinner planned

In place of the regular monthly central committee meeting Lewis County Democrats will host the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner Wednesday, October 31 at the Chehalis Eagles as a fund raiser for Democratic candidates. The social will begin at 6 p.m. with the dinner following at 7 p.m.

The dinner will be Hawaiian Luau style with George Ansel providing the music. Phil Talmadge, candidate for State Attorney General, will be principal speaker. Also in attendance will be Congressman Don Bonker, State Lieutenant Governor John Cherborg, State Auditor Robert Graham, State Treasurer Robert O'Brien, candidate for State Representative 20th District Phil Wiatrak and other local elected officials and candidates.

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Things to do and Places to go

Monday, October 15, 1984

Halsan Fundraiser
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Call 736-8679 for specifics

Wednesday, October 17, 1984

Bonker Fundraiser for Halsan,
Wiatrak and Kalich
The Druckman residence
Forrest Road, Onalaska

Saturday, October 20, 1984

Blue Grass/Roast Pig Fundraiser for
Tony Fries - 1-5 p.m.
324 Zannecki Rd., Chehalis
\$12 per person

Monday, October 22, 1984

Thurston County Central Committee
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Thurston County Courthouse

Wednesday, October 31

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner
Phil Talmadge, guest speaker
Chehalis Eagles
6 p.m. - Cocktails; 7 p.m. - Dinner
Don Bonker will be present
December Reorganization Meeting
Details to be mailed to participants.
Please call Jody Hamilton
(736-2793) for Halsan work parties.

A democratic agenda Representative Don Bonker

Despite all of the glowing national statistics, Lewis County and Southwest Washington have yet to see much benefit from the current economic upswing. Our wood products industry remains depressed, several firms have shut down entirely and many more are struggling, and our unemployment rate is far above the national average.

If Lewis County is to experience economic growth in spite of the Reagan Administration's indifferent economic policies, we will all have to work together.

Earlier this year, for example, I joined with the recreational community, environmentalists, and other Members of the Washington delegation to forgo compromise wilderness legislation. This bill sets aside a number of unspoiled areas for future generations, and allows timber development to move forward in many other areas. For Lewis County, the legislation will allow expansion of White Pass into a world-class ski facility, attracting far more skiers and creating many new jobs.

Our hard-hit timber industry is desperately in need of help. In Congress, I am working to provide relief for our logging firms saddled with inflated federal timber contracts, to maintain

federal reforestation programs, to deal with the problem of ever-increasing Canadian imports, and to reduce tariffs and open up new markets overseas for Northwest wood products. Closer to home, I have conducted forums on several topics, including the problem of mill closures and the potential for increased wood products sales through export trading companies.

An export trading company seminar was recently held in conjunction with the new Lewis County Economic Development Council, and attracted many participants from the forest products industry, other manufacturing sectors and local government. I have worked with the EDC since its creation to help attract new business to the County, strengthen our existing firms, and expand international trade opportunities.



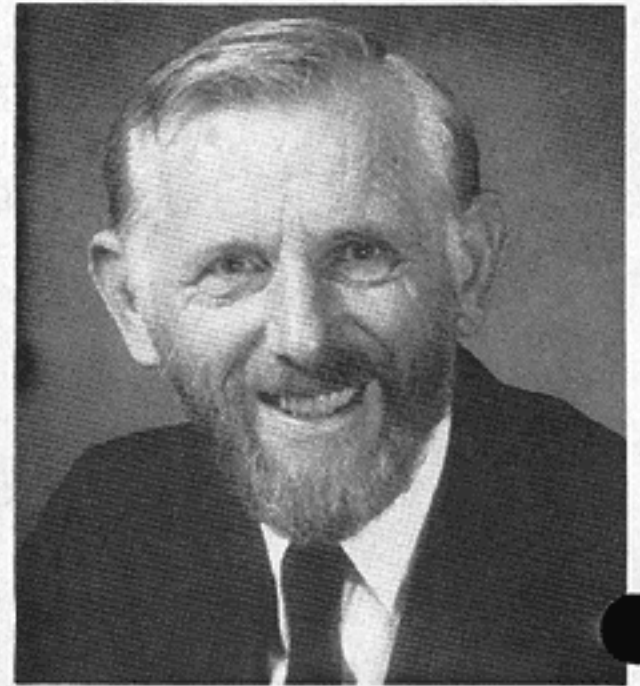
Given our area's traditional dependence upon timber, wood products, and agriculture, however, we will not see lasting economic recovery until we bring both federal deficits and high interest rates under control.

I believe we need to attack the deficit through a comprehensive approach. There can be no "sacred cows." We must (1) scale back the President's massive defense spending increases to a real growth rate of 3-5 percent, (2) generate more revenue by modifying or eliminating some of the unproductive tax give-aways in the President's 1983 tax bill, and (3) continue to restrain domestic

spending and make further cuts where possible, recognizing that these programs are where most of the cuts have been made during the past three years.

I am concerned that the Republican party - and President Reagan in particular - are playing election year politics with the deficit, and refusing to meet this critical problem head-on.

Fries likes his role



Tony Fries declared at the Central Committee meeting last month that although he has an uphill battle for the job of Lewis County Commissioner he likes it that way. His plans call for a strong month of campaigning between now and the election. Fund raisers and other campaign activity will be announced. As Paul Harvey would say: "Stand by for news...."

Reflections

One wonders:

How many more Mondale-Ferraro signs would be on display if the state Demos had not decided to charge people for the privilege.

How many of the 2000 members of the International Flat Earth Research Society are part of the Republican administration.

How state control of education (damaged by the present state and national administrations) might have prevented excesses if that control had been extended to private day care centers.

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Republicans' platform makes choice easy for Democrats

Whatever the real cause for confusion in distinguishing between the Democratic and Republican platforms in past elections, the difference now is obvious. The political and social philosophies of the two parties are far apart; and all Democrats, especially those conservatively inclined, should be made aware of the direction in which Republicans are headed. The ultra-conservative Right has taken charge; even some Republicans find the 1984 platform too reactionary and have given it something less than genuine support.

A glance at the county Republican platform on education alone will explain why. Education is fine, they appear to say, but not when it is state controlled. Parents have a right to choose how and where their child is educated, whether at home or private or public schools, whether "state accredited or not." According to this philosophy, apparently, anyone can teach, and anyone or any group can claim to have an acceptable school, whatever its purpose.

Republicans, strong on school prayer, believe students have a right to hold religious observances on school grounds. They assume, as would most Americans, that these observances will be in the Christian faith. However, Moonies, Buddhists, and perhaps Ra-

Kalich lauds Allen



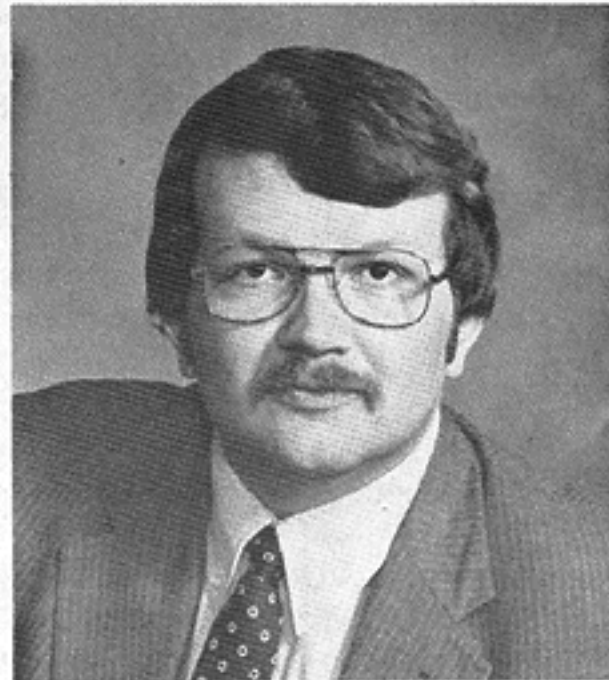
Primary victor Hugh Kalich appeared at the September Central Committee meeting briefly. He said in part that in his thirty some odd years in politics he had never faced a better candidate than Denny Allen (his opponent in the primary election for Position One in the legislature).

jneeshees from Antelope, Oregon, would be entitled to equal access. The potential for trouble seems unlimited as other beliefs clash with fundamentalist Christian doctrine.

The Republican national platform appears to be nothing more than an expanded version of the county Republican statement. The Equal Rights Amendment is ignored, the concept of comparable worth rejected. Rejecting a nuclear arms freeze allows for no let up in the escalation of the arms race. Further intervention in Nicaragua is endorsed, and the platform bristles with hostility toward the Soviet Union.

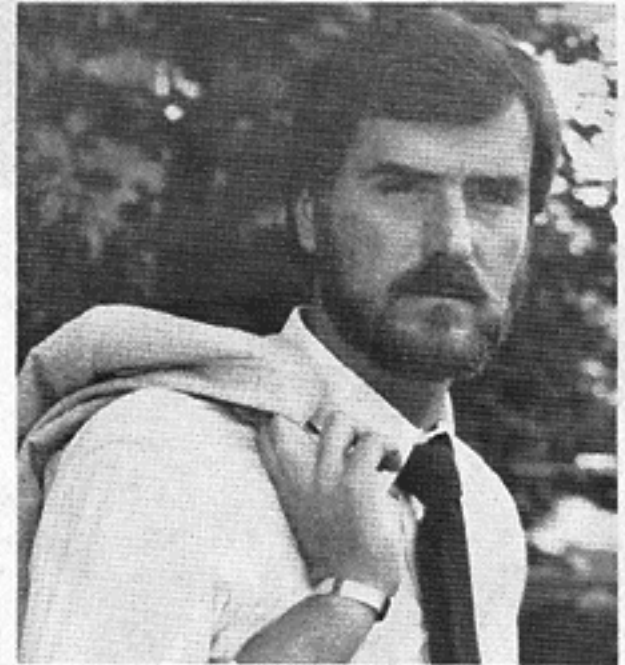
Democrats will find little in the Republican position as laid down in its platform worthy of support. While few people remember the various planks of a platform once it is adopted, it nevertheless represents a trend, and it is this trend that even Republican moderates find difficult to accept...all of which should help to make Democrats' choice easy this November.

Halsan calculates



With a deft use of figures, Representative Stu Halsan pointed out to the Democratic Central Committee attending the September meeting his strong position in his race for the state senate. He demonstrated that, although he was outpolled in the primary, typically the heavy Democratic vote comes in the general election and that the primary margin was so slight that the outcome of the November election should assure him a seat in the state senate in January.

Wiatrak speaks



Phil Wiatrak discussed with the September Democratic Central Committee Meeting at King Solomon's Restaurant the direction his campaign for the state legislature will take. He felt our state industry, particularly our timber industry, could be greatly enhanced with the opening of the Far Eastern market to Northwest timber (two billion Chinese could use a lot of lumber). He also spoke of a concern for education, especially junior (community) college education where unemployed and never-employed people could be trained to fit into today's work force.

Wiatrak himself said that the governor had told him if his (Wiatrak's) campaign is successful he would be looking for a new job in state government. But then not to worry. Spellman won't be around in January, anyway.

Wiatrak was introduced by Rita Cleary, chairperson of the Lewis County Democrats.

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Smoke gets in your eyes

In the style of a Mike Lowry or a Geraldine Ferraro we might introduce the following article with the rhetorical question "Hasn't this been a beautiful summer and fall?" And of course the anticipated response would have to be a rousing "Yes!" But to those of us in Southwest Washington any response would have to be couched with the parentheses "...when Weyerhaeuser wasn't burning." For nothing can besmirch "The bluest skies you've ever seen..." (as the song goes) faster than a clear-cut burn. Recently we asked a friend of ours if something couldn't be

done about such messy and wasteful practices. The friend happens to have conducted a year long study on the utilization of wood waste. Herewith is his report:

Each year countless tons of usable wood goes up in smoke. That smoke covers summer skies in brown haze. As we all know timber companies in this area burn logging residue to clear their land. Although economical in terms of profit for the big companies, this is not necessarily the most efficient use of our country's most valuable resource.

As electric rates rise and costs of fossil fuels reflect their diminishing availability, wood is again becoming a practical source of heat. Technology has advanced even this ancient heating technique with the introduction of highly efficient wood stoves to suit any climate.

Unmillable wood burned on the site creates the highest possible pollution. An air tight stove eliminates ninety percent of the inefficiency as well as makes use of the otherwise wasted energy.

The cost of salvaging logging residue has prevented companies such as Weyerhaeuser, Scott Paper, and the state DNR from entering the firewood market. However, a careful analysis shows that a salvaging effort would be worthwhile. Our skies would be kept clear, our homes heated with a local fuel source, and more jobs would be available for local logging operations. Although the timber companies might not show as large a profit margin (if they had to finance the clean-up operation), local interests and county citizens would stand to gain, as would the environment.

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