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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

My vote is sacred. There is very little in life of which we have control. My vote is one of those things which is mine to cast independently in the secrecy of the voting booth. I am not about to give up one more right in blind allegiance to a political party, a labor union, or any other organization. No one tells me how to vote!

Most people agree with my philosophy. So then what is this "Newsletter" all about? Aren't you trying to tell me how to vote? The answer is a very emphatic **no!** The purpose of this newsletter is to give you important information about several candidates. If it helps you in making your independent decision then it has served its purpose. If you vote the party line or only know very little about a candidate, you may not be able to find the candidate who most completely supports the same philosophy that you do.

EXAMINE YOUR COMMITMENTS

For example: what candidate will serve in government so that your wages and working conditions improve? Isn't this one of the most important commitments for you and your family?

We all have commitments in life. Some are active in church; others in service organizations, and some people belong to and support a multitude of organizations: civil rights, gun owners rights, tenants rights, etc. It is impossible for most of us to support a political candidate simply because of one special interest...and that's

probably the best part of our democratic system.

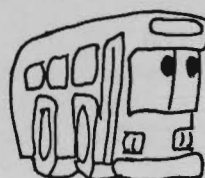
So once again, what's this "Newsletter" all about? The answer is -- information. The candidates discussed in this issue may not fit your every philosophy, but they do share a commitment to the working man and woman; a commitment to work towards legislation which supports workers and therefore their families. What commitment do any of us have today that comes before ourselves and our families? None of us can serve those other commitments until we take care of the first one.

EXAMINE THE CANDIDATES

So take a serious look at these candidates. Each one is taking a committed stand against a well known incumbent. Each one takes firm stands on the issues and suggests that it's time we reject political back peddlers who refuse to make their positions clear.

If you're tired of cardboard cutouts who try to "play it safe" on every issue, then you will appreciate the candor of the following candidates of substance.

Daniel T. Linville
Vice-President/Asst. Bus. Rep.





MIKE LOWRY

FOR

U.S. SENATE

Mike Lowry, winner of the Senate Democratic primary, is planning on repeating his win on November 8. The general election for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by the death of Senator Henry Jackson is just a week away. Lowry intends to build on the momentum of his solid primary showing, and overtake his Republican opponent. Even as the returns were still coming in on primary election night, Lowry observed that he was running a mere 10 points behind the Republican everyone had been calling "unbeatable." Lowry is confident he'll be able to close the gap in the campaign ahead.

Dubbing his opponent "St. Dan," Lowry wasted no time in attacking his opponent's voting record since Evans was appointed to fill the Senate seat last month. Lowry predicts that he'll win the general election because "Evans is wrong. He is wrong on the Reagan economic program, he is wrong on the arms

race, and he is wrong to support the Reagan arms control."

CHECK THE RECORD!

During his short tenure filling Jackson's Senate seat, Evans has voted against an 8-week extension in unemployment benefits. He's voted to allow Reagan to keep U.S. Marines in Lebanon for 18 more months, and to support development of the MX missile. Lowry lambasted Evans' vote against the 8-week extension of unemployment benefits for those who have exhausted their unemployment insurance. "That makes me mad," Lowry said.

The King County Labor Council recommended Lowry's endorsement to the Washington State Labor Council.

The Washington State Labor Council endorsed Lowry before the primary election, and after his victory, State Council President Marvin L. Williams pledged the full support of the AFL-CIO to the Lowry Campaign. At a Democratic unity rally, Williams said, "Our workers have suffered enough. We will turn it around, and we will be heard. We can set the trend for the U.S. with this election."

GET OUT AND VOTE!

At the same rally, former Senator Warren G. Magnuson urged everyone to work on voter turnout. Voter turnout will make the difference in the general election. The primary saw only 35% of the registered voters cast ballots. A strong Get-Out-The-Vote effort will help Lowry's campaign since larger turnouts almost always mean a larger Democratic vote.

Maggie also explained that this Senate race has great political significance to the nation because just one or two seats will make the difference on whether the Democrats regain control; it means Senators like Ted Kennedy will take the Chair of the powerful Judiciary Committee from Strom Thurmond, and the Chair of the Labor Committee from arch conservative Orrin Hatch. "We must be practical," Maggie urged. "It is time to vote for the Democratic Party. One seat can make the difference -- and this seat could be that one."

We can set a trend for the entire country with the election of Democrat Mike Lowry. We can turn this country around. We can stop the attacks on wage standards, job safety and health programs, and the rights of working people. And we can turn off the Reagan green light to union-busters.

DICK NELSON

FOR

KING COUNTY COUNCIL

DISTRICT # 4



DICK NELSON FOR KING COUNTY COUNCIL/
DISTRICT 4

Dick Nelson is the Democratic candidate for the King County Council, District #4. This district takes in the following areas of Seattle: Broadview, Crown Hill, Greenwood, Ballard, Fremont, Magnolia, and Queen Anne.

Dick Nelson's professional experience includes being an engineer and technical consultant. His legislative experience, which includes being a State Representative from the 32nd District since 1977 and being the Chair of the House Energy and Utilities Commission, will prove to be a great asset to the County Council. Dick Nelson helped put an energy conservation program in place which will save citizens money. He is opposed to nuclear evacuation planning and has authored the nuclear freeze memorial, worked to minimize WPPSS' impact on Washington consumers, and has secured funding for residential mental health centers and crime victims compensation.

DICK NELSON will. . . .

- . stand up to developers, to control sprawl and preserve farms, forest, and parkland while assisting environmentally sound economic development.
- . vote to reinstate the Energy Office, to encourage conservation, and to generate electricity from garbage rather than burying it.
- . vote to fund comparable worth, so men and women will be paid equally for work of equal difficulty.
- . protect Puget Sound waters from the dumping of Metro sewage.
- . work to stop jet aircraft noise from disrupting Magnolia, Ballard, and Queen Anne neighborhoods.
- . be a strong advocate for a fair sharing of County and Metro costs.

We urge all of our eligible members to take the time and effort to vote on November 8th and support a man who is concerned about people and the interests of labor.

AL NOEL

FOR

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

POSITION # 1



AL NOEL FOR SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL POSITION #1

Al Noel knows what our problems are as transit workers at Metro and he has pledged to resolve them as a Seattle City Councilman (position #1).

Al Noel received a "very good" rating from the Seattle-King County Municipal League-- matching the rating given to the incumbent. The big difference is that Al Noel supports the needs of organized labor; the incumbent has consistently voted against labor.

Al comes from a labor background, including his grandfather who helped organize Local 587 in 1912. His father, Business Representative for 587 for seven years, then became International Vice President of the A.T.U. for twenty-two years.

Al is 42, born and raised in Seattle, married with one son currently in high school. After six years in the army in Viet Nam and receiving a battlefield commission, Al continued his education by earning two degrees at the U. of W. Al has continuously worked for the betterment of labor and currently works for the Seattle Fire Department as Training & Education Coordinator.

We're asking you to VOTE FOR AL NOEL ON NOVEMBER 8th; not because of his past, his relations, or our beliefs, but for what he stands for. Al's concerns towards Metro are your concerns:

- . Elimination of wasted public money.
- . Direct accountability of Metro's managers to the public for which they serve.
- . Increased off peak service hours.
- . Improvements in Metro's labor relations and their attitude towards their employees.

We think Al Noel can win the election, but he will need your vote and your help. Time is running short. All of our members who reside within the City of Seattle need to get out and vote for a man with labor's concerns in mind.

Please help us by electing Al Noel to the Seattle City Council (Position #1).

David M. Johnston
President/Business Rep.

Will Hatch
Executive Board Officer

ONE VOTE

Is voter apathy ending in 1983? Statistics indicate that, for whatever reasons, voters will be heading for the ballot box in record numbers for this election. The increase in voter turnout has been three to five times that of the 1976 and 1980 elections.

On November 8, 1983, there is a crucial election for the Senate seat vacated by the tragic death of Senator Henry M. Jackson. It is exceedingly important that you make your vote count in this election. One vote can be the difference.

AS AN EXAMPLE:

In 1645-ONE VOTE GAVE OLIVER CROMWELL CONTROL OF ENGLAND.

IN 1649-ONE VOTE CAUSED CHARLES I OF ENGLAND TO BE EXECUTED.

IN 1776-ONE VOTE GAVE AMERICA THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTEAD OF GERMAN.

IN 1839-ONE VOTE ELECTED MARCUS MORTON GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN 1876-ONE VOTE GAVE RUTHERFORD B. HAYES THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN 1876-ONE VOTE CHANGED FRANCE FROM A MONARCHY TO A REPUBLIC.

IN 1923-ONE VOTE GAVE ADOLPH HITLER LEADERSHIP OF THE NAZI PARTY.

There are, of course, more recent examples

where an ultra-slim majority has made the decision. We all need to make every effort to vote on November 8th and make our voices heard.

Thanks to Chuck Carlton for the statistics.

Why Labor is in Politics

The American labor movement is in politics for many reasons. It is in politics:

TO SAFEGUARD THE GAINS IT HAS MADE. Not a single labor-management contract is worth the paper it is printed on if a Congress or state legislature wants to weaken or destroy it.

TO EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITIES AND TO INCREASE THE SECURITY OF ITS MEMBERS AND OF ALL AMERICANS. Through politics, progress is won. Witness the legislative record of recent years: Medicare, civil rights, aid to education. These bear directly, and beneficially, on the lives of union members and their fellow Americans.

TO FULLFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP. Our democracy can flourish only with full participation of its citizens in its political life. The AFL-CIO encourages all members to register, to vote, to educate themselves on candidates and issues, and to be active in the party of their choice.

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