

Udall: jobs, jobs, jobs

By DON MCLEOD
AP Political Writer

Morris Udall looked straight at his audience at the Milwaukee Police Training Center and declared: "The best way we can reduce crime in Milwaukee and in the nation is to give people jobs."

"People who have jobs are not the muggers, burglars and hold-up men who are causing the national crime statistics to rise," Udall said.

It was just one of countless speeches the Arizona congressman has made in his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination, but it provides some important clues to his campaign.

It wasn't the most popular line a politician could take with a police audience: telling them that conditions in society lead to crime and the best way to fight crime is to fight its causes.

But Udall also leaned hard on the need for law and order, a point he made just as strongly in Harlem a few days before.

And he told both the New York ghetto and the Midwestern police department that there are no easy answers.

"The mayors and the police commissioners have the responsibility to fight crime," Udall said. "But I can assist from Washington."

Udall had been just as frank in talking about the future of Israel in a suburban New York synagogue: "No one has the solution. The best thing we can do is to hunker down and just live it out."

Another clue to Mo Udall in the Milwaukee speech is the way he brought a complex and controversial issue around to his main theme — unemployment.

"J-O-B-S. It's the centerpiece of the Morris Udall campaign," said Tom Kiley, Udall's national campaign director.

"The issue before the voters is jobs," Udall told a labor convention in Green Bay, Wis.

Everywhere he goes, Udall talks about jobs. In the inner cities it's high unemployment among minorities. In the blue collar wards it's more work and job security. In the suburbs it's higher employment as the best cure for a lagging economy.

His reception is generally friendly, although audiences occa-

sionally seem surprised at some of his frank statements. Other listeners view his candidity with a bit of incredulity.

"He's too nice," said a woman in the affluent New York City suburb of Scarsdale. "He'll never get in."

Recently, as the field of Democratic contenders has narrowed, Udall has turned to attacking his remaining rivals, particularly as he approached the Wisconsin primary in which he felt he had to do well to survive as a candidate. (He came in a close second to Carter.)

"The first order of business is to put America to work."

Even on the attack, Udall employs humor and the soft approach. In a pickup basketball game at the Milwaukee YMCA, he paused, turned to the spectators and took a shot at Sen. Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson's position on defense spending.

"This is the Pentagon scoop shot," he said as he sailed the ball toward the goal. "You give it all you've got."

Later he commented, "This is the detente dribble. It only goes one way."

His criticism on another occasion was bipartisan. "If President Ford and Jimmy Carter become the candidates in the fall and abortion is an issue, all sides will be represented," he says. "There will be Ford in the middle and Carter on both sides."

(Carter was criticized after the Iowa precinct caucuses for allegedly misleading supporters on abortion. He said later he thought abortion was wrong, but did not favor passage of a constitutional amendment to prohibit it. Ford favors giving each state the power to adopt its own regulations through legislation or public vote.)

The strongest Udall outburst in quite awhile came in New York as he described former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter's position on the jobs bill. "Fudge, fudge, fudge," he shouted.

But the bottom line is always jobs. When he's attacking Jackson on defense spending, it comes down to jobs.

"We don't need B-1 bombers and Trident submarines," he said in Neenah, Wis. "We need more jobs."

"Defense spending spree — as suggested by some in this presidential contest — actually cost jobs," he said in Stevens Point.

(Jackson has urged increasing the size of the Navy from 477 ships to over 600. He says he is opposed to the B-1 bomber program and would cut it from the defense budget.)

Environmental protection, Udall contends, is good for the unemployed. "Here in Stevens Point," he said, "environmental efforts have created jobs."

In Manitowoc the local issue is a rail ferry service about to be discontinued.

"I stand with Mayor Anthony Dufek of Manitowoc in urging all



possible assistance to preserve Lake Michigan rail ferry service," Udall said. "It means the savings of jobs that would be lost."

Udall supports a bill in Congress sponsored by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., and Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif., which proposes to create five million jobs and bring the unemployment rate down to about 3 per cent in 18 months.

Everywhere he goes, Udall makes a pitch for this bill as the answer to the jobs problem, which he pictures as the central problem of the economy.

"People in America want to work," he says at every stop. "The sun came up this morning and America went to work today. But eight million of them wanted to go to work and there wasn't any work. The first order of business on Jan. 20 (presidential inauguration day) is

getting to be to put America to work."

The phrasing and emphasis may change slightly from place to place and audience to audience. But the solutions offered are the same.

To the nation's mayors, meeting in New York, Udall says the federal government should protect the major cities from financial collapse as it did for New York last winter.

Then he goes into the suburbs and says the same thing. "And I said it in George Wallace's Alabama," he reminds crowds in upstate New York and agricultural mid-state Wisconsin. "If New York falls, Rochester might be next, or Milwaukee or Phoenix."

Udall also talks about foreign policy, saying he agrees with efforts toward detente with the Soviet bloc but, like other administration critics, arguing that the United States isn't getting enough in the bargaining.

He praises the Ford-Kissinger proach in general terms, but says maybe Kissinger has gotten more in the Sinai, principally Egyptian agreement to negotiate directly with Israel.

As part of his economic program, Udall hits strongly at the corporations which he accuses of controlling the economy's competition-killing monopoly.

"We're going to break em, told an election eve rally in Milwaukee. "And the big oil companies. What we need is some American competition."

Udall continues to stress an identity problem despite a campaign. One of his sitting in the lobby of a New hotel when someone notes campaign entourage passing, and asked what all the commotion was about.

Listen Up

Generalizations unfair

Editor: I am writing this letter in reply to your article in last week's Battalion (Wed., April 14) concerning the housing problems faced by international students attending Texas A&M.

It is true that international students arriving at A&M from all over the world face problems with housing — just as many Americans also find difficulties in finding places to live, and this problem will be greatly accentuated next fall. In this respect, the article showed some resemblance to quality journalism — "telling it like it is."

I have been at A&M long enough to experience generalizations made by people such as the apartment owners cited in the article. I have finally put this down to simple ignorance. There exists definite problems with some internationals concerning leases and the condition of the apartment when the tenant vacates. But, is it not also true that similar conditions exist with many Americans — then why the singling out of the internationals? I challenge these apartment owners to cite actual cases of such abuse, and to refrain from generalizations. Nothing can be gained from generalities.

There are real problems — problems we must work together to come to a satisfactory solution to all parties. The International Students Association works closely with the International Advisors office during orientation.

I hereby extend an invitation to a representative of the apartment owners of this community to attend this orientation session, to discuss problems concerning housing for new students.

Understanding can break down ignorance, so let's get together.
Anthony Neil
President, International Stu. Assoc.

Discrimination

Editor: The implications of the story dealing with the problems of international students arriving at TAMU smack of outright racism. Speaking as president of the apartment association Dr. Roy Hann, Jr. listed the following general problems encountered when leasing an apartment to some international students:

- (1) International students often have trouble understanding contracts and rents.
- (2) International students sometimes vacate without giving advance notice.

(3) International students are often unclean.

(4) International students tend to overcrowd their apartments.

(5) International students are often helpless in such matters as properly operating a dishwasher or disposal, or flipping a circuit breaker.

(6) Some international students fail to pay their rent.

If these are grounds for discrimination then surely apartment owners would be hesitant to rent to a large percentage of the student body at any university regardless of race, creed, or sex. I'm sure that in a matter of a few hours one could easily locate some good clean American students who are guilty of many of these same "offenses". If TAMU is to truly become a respected university and center of learning then it will have to learn to educate people (not just Americans!) Since I have only recently come to A&M, I sincerely hope that the views expressed in the story are not held by the majority of the population (and I don't really think they are).

Lastly, one apartment owner said he was going to require larger security deposits from international students. I'm no lawyer but the legal implications of such a policy should certainly be investigated.

John Hogg

Laundry blues

Editor: Caution: to all those using the university laundry service. The A&M Laundry is literally attempting to "take the shirt off your back."

Upon opening my laundry on April 2, I found the following articles missing: three dress shirts, four T-shirts, one pair of pants, two pair of cutoffs and one pillowcase. After filing my claim, I waited 13 days, five days more than the normally required time, before returning to the laundry. Even after this extended time, Mr. Williams, the laundry manager, asked me to wait another week. Already tired of wearing the same old shirt for two weeks, I went to see Colonel Johnson, head of the Laundry Board. He invited me to the next Laundry Board (composed of five students and five staff members) meeting to be held on April 15.

Upon hearing my story, the board proceeded to settle my claim using a standard policy for lost articles. First, they figured in a depreciation factor which lowered my original replacement estimation from approximately \$80 to \$66.70. Next, according to this policy the following stipulations were made. If I find any of the lost articles, the laundry will reimburse me only fifty per cent of the depreciated amount for the remaining lost articles. If the laundry finds any of the lost articles, they will reimburse one hundred per cent of the depreciated value minus the returned clothing.

And, if this doesn't make your col-

ors run! If none of the articles are found, the laundry "service" will reimburse only 75 per cent of the \$66.70. (This 75 per cent is actually 25 per cent higher than the rates set by the policy. This generosity was extended by the board because, as they put it, I seemed sincere.) Thereby implying that I am 25 per cent at fault for turning my laundry in to begin with. Although this may be a lost cause, I feel it is only fair to warn present and potential future users of the "service." After all of this I would not be surprised to see a second-hand clothing store opening on campus.

Scott "Threadbare" Sarine

Rats abound

Editor: How fortunate for those University of Texas athletes that they did nothing wrong in accepting payment for work not performed. The fact that the university carried out its own investigation certainly had no bearing on the results. Of course not! The investigating committee (according to one published report) "labored mightily and . . . brought forth a mouse." Look again, gentlemen. It was probably a rat.

Again, according to the same published report, Travis County District Attorney Robert O. Smith stated "What is involved here is a bucket of worms . . ." True, Mr. Smith. What you failed to mention is a second bucket — the one full of whitewash used to cover this report.

As a payer of state taxes, I vehemently protest the use of one cent of my tax dollars to pay these athletes. Further, I also protest use of any of this money to pay the salary of Charles Schnabel, now and in the future.

Too bad Texas A&M was not allowed to carry out its own investigation of the allegations against Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams. Perhaps these two men would have fared as well as the Texas athletes. To paraphrase an old saw — it depends on whose longhorn is being gored.

Bell Nelkin

Times columnist receives award for CIA stories

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seymour Hersh of The New York Times was awarded the \$5,000 Drew Pearson award for his stories about alleged domestic surveillance by the CIA.

The award, named in honor of the late columnist, is given for excellence in investigative reporting. Hersh's stories led to government investigations of the intelligence agency.

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