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HERBERT R. O'CONOR

Governor of Maryland

VOTE FOR O'CONOR'S RUNNING MATES

JOHN B. GONTRUM
For Attorney-General

Mr. John B. Gontrum, candidate for Attorney-General, was born in Baltimore County 48 years ago. His father was a prominent Baltimore County lawyer. His grandfathers were farmers, and his ancesters were among the earliest settlers in Maryland.

He received his education in the Baltimore County schools, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland.

He has successfully practiced law for 27 years. He is a member of the Maryland, Baltimore County and Baltimore City Bar Associations, the Wednesday Law Club, and is president of the Barrister's Club, and a director of the Criminal Justice Commission.

P. WATSON WEBB
For Comptroller

Mr. P. Watson Webb, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Comptroller of the Treasury is a native of Dorchester County, Maryland. He is the publisher of the "Cambridge Daily Banner" and a director in numerous financial and business concerns in his community. He was at one time Secretary of the State Senate and is one of the foremost citizens of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

ELIZABETH R. MENEFEE
For Clerk of Court of Appeals

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Menefee, candidate for the Democratic nomination of Clerk of the Court of Appeals is the Democratic National Committeewoman for Maryland and has for years taken an active interest in Party affairs. She is a native and a resident of Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland, where she is a conspicuous worker in civic and social causes.

Press, Citizens, Judges Praise O'Conor's Work

Baltimore Sun Says: "Thanks To Mr. O'Conor, Common Sense Is Given An Opportunity to Function"

Speaking of a decision handed down by Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor, the Baltimore Evening Sun ended an editorial of commendation by saying: "Thanks to Mr. O'Dunne said: "Never in the his- opportunity to function."

Reviewing O'Conor's work as State's Attorney, Judge Eugene O'Dunne says: "Never in the history of this Court, as far as I know, has the condition been so wholesome, and I think the entire credit for that is due to the State's Attorney's office."

Likewise, the late Judge Albert S. J. Owens remarked: "I cannot let this opportunity go by without referring to the very able manner in which the office of the State's Attorney is being conducted . . . I feel certain that nobody has surpassed Mr. O'Conor in the manner in which he has attended to his official duties."

On another occasion, the Baltimore Sun, in an editorial, stated: "Attorney General O'Conor deserves commendation for his common-sense opinion which makes $100,000 available to the Board of Aid and Charities."

Citizens who served on Grand Juries complimented Herbert R. O'Conor through the foreman, on his ability, conscientiousness and the intelligent handling of his duties.

O'Conor, At 42, On Threshold Of Life's Ambition

After devoting the past 18 years to public service in Maryland, Herbert R. O'Conor, at 42, is on the threshold of the accomplishment of his life's ambition; namely, to be Governor of Maryland.

Mr. O'Conor was born in Baltimore. His father, James P. O'Conor, managed the famous Rennert Hotel, which was the favorite holstery in Baltimore of visiting County men. He was graduated from the University of Maryland and has Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Law degrees.

In 1920, he married Miss M. Eugenia Byrnes, a Baltimorean. The O'Conor's have five children, the oldest, Herbert, Jr., being 15 years of age. Mr. O'Conor is a devoted husband and finds his greatest enjoyment in spending a quiet evening at home with Mrs. O'Conor and the children.

O'Conor's Conservation Program Lauded

Ideas On Shore Erosion Prevention And Conservation Approved By Shoremen

Speaking on the Eastern Shore, Attorney-General Herbert R. O'Conor promised that if he is elected Governor he will immediately make use of the best scientific thought in the United States toward building up the resources of the Chesapeake Bay and returning Maryland to its former position as a leader in seafood production. He recognized the importance of this work because, for several years, he has served as legal advisor to the Conservation Department of Maryland.

Mr. O'Conor also said that he intended to seek the valuable assistance, counsel and services of Eastern Shoremen who have lived in the midst of this perplexing situation in the tidewater Counties, and appoint them to positions where they will give their time, experience and energies toward solving this Eastern Shore problem. He stated:

"I intend to do my utmost to help the unemployed on the Eastern Shore by encouraging the establishment of additional industries.

"I pledge myself to cooperate with the Federal Government in the expansion of the development at Ocean City and Sinepuxent Bay area in the interests, not only of the people of the Eastern Shore, but also of the people of the whole State."

Dudley G. Roe, former State Senator of Queen Anne's County, in a public address delivered August 23rd, 1938, praised Mr. O'Conor's stand on the matter of the handling of seafood and the Conservation of natural resources in the bay and its tributaries. He said:

"We believe that this is not merely a local matter, but one which should concern the people of the whole State. The crab and oyster output of the Bay has been dwindling for years; strong and stern measures must be taken to renew this supply, if our State is to regain its lost prestige and its lost markets.

"In this respect, Mr. O'Conor's program has been found satisfactory to the people of our section. Mr. O'Conor has publicly stated, and I believe him, that he will not permit politics to interfere with or influence the working of the State Conservation Department. He further has promised that if elected Governor he will avail himself of the best scientific and technical advice which can be obtained to solve the problems confronting the people of the Bay country. We believe that he will aproach this problem sincerely, honestly and intelligently, as he has approached the problems confronting him in the past, for the purpose of evolving a long-range program for the good of the whole State in working out a plan which will be fair and feasible in its application to the watermen.

"In this, as in other respects, we must put our trust in the good faith of the man we select to be our Governor. Herbert R. O'Conor's record is noted for its fidelity to the public interests. He is a man of character, intelligence, industry, foresight and, withal, a human and kindly man. We, of the Eastern Shore, put our faith in him. He will be nominated and elected our next Governor."

Would Help Unemployed Says O'Conor

Helped Secure $7,000,000 Relief For Unemployed By Fighting For Special Session Of Legislature

"I propose to utilize every weapon at my disposal to fight unemployment and to improve the conditions of the working men and women of our State," said Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor in a recent radio address.

"I have come to the conclusion that great help can be given by sticking to a constructive program which has, as its ultimate goal, the substitution of employment for relief. The people of Maryland want jobs. The man with a wife and family does not want to live on the bones thrown to him in the form of a relief check.

"In my capacity as Attorney General, I have drafted the necessary legislation dealing with Social Security, Relief, Unemployment Compensation and Workmen's Compensation. Because I have studied these problems carefully, I understand the immediate importance of giving a helping hand to our less fortunate fellow Marylanders."

O'Conor Stands On Constructive Platform

Simply Worded Ten-Plank Platform Considered Practical, Intelligent And Constructive

The platform upon which Mr. O'Conor is running is as follows:

(1) Abolition of politics from the State Roads Commission, better roads, and expenditure of gasoline tax funds for highway purposes;
(2) Return of County Roads to County supervision;
(3) Elimination of politics from the Justice of the Peace system of Maryland;
(4) Reform and remodeling of the entire tax structure of the State;
(5) A "breathing spell" for the taxpayer;
(6) A "well-considered" conservation program;
(7) A tightening of the State's budget system under constitutional amendment;
(8) A forward-looking program of shore erosion prevention;
(9) Broadening of unemployment compensation coverage;
(10) A forward-looking policy for the care of the insane and tubercular.

O'Conor Opposes Sales and Gross Receipts Tax

Advocates Repeal Of Tax On Movies, Cosmetics; No Increase In Real Estate Tax

Herbert R. O'Conor has been the only candidate for Governor to come forward with a definite and constructive tax program for the people of Maryland. Newspapers in Maryland and in other cities of the country have lauded the courage of O'Conor for making public his tax plan before election, rather than evade the issue and spring the bad news about the deficit after the election.

Explaining that the next Governor of Maryland faced a deficit of over eight million dollars, Mr. O'Conor said that the people of Maryland had a right to know just how the candidates proposed to meet this deficit. He urged that his opponents make public their plan of raising the money so the voters could decide for themselves just which program was the most practical. No other candidate for Governor acted upon this suggestion.

Early in the campaign, the Attorney-General made public the fiscal program he recommended so that it might be subjected to scrutiny and criticism. The response was over-whelmingly favorable. Letters, wires and newspaper editorials congratulated him upon the constructiveness of his plan, and particularly on the courage he showed in facing the problem frankly and fearlessly.

His program, briefly, calls for the repeal of the present tax on movies and theatres; repeal of the present tax on cosmetics and toilet articles; repeal of the statute legalizing and taxing certain pin-ball and gambling devices; repeal of the present tax on stocks and bonds. Mr.. O'Conor advocates no increase in the real estate tax and no general sales tax or tax on the gross receipts from businesses. He advocates a State income tax from 1 to 6 percent, keeping the present exemptions and deductions. This means that in the case of a married man with two children, if he makes $3,000 a year or less, he pays no tax. If he makes $4,000, he pays only $7.00 or less. Persons with large incomes pay up to, but no more than 6 percent. In this way, Mr. O'Conor believes that the budget will be balanced by taxing the people who can afford to pay.

MRS. O'CONOR AND 5 CHILDREN VACATION AT OCEAN CITY

Regularly, for the past 12 years, Attorney-General and Mrs. O'Conor have spent their vacation, with their five children, at Ocean City, in Worcester County. They have a cottage there and Mrs. O'Conor refers to it as "our second home."

Advocates Returning All County Roads To County Supervision

Maryland Roads Disgraceful, Says Attorney General; Proposes To Take Politics Out Of Roads Commission

Advocating the return of County roads to County supervision, Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor, Democratic candidate for the Gubernatorial nomination, said he believed the County Commissioners and other County officials can handle the situation better than has been done under the plan whereby the State has taken over the maintenance of County roads.

Mr. O'Conor further suggested that a portion of the gasoline tax money should be given to the Counties for road maintenance. Pointing out that Maryland roads are in such bad condition that they suffer by comparison with those of our sister states, he decried the past practice of diverting gasoline tax money, which has been used for other purposes when it should have been used to improve Maryland roads.

Mr. O'Conor stated his intention, if elected, would be to take politics out of the State Roads Commission. He said, "I heartily believe that Maryland can make better progress in the matter of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of its roads by having less political considerations govern these undertakings."

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EXCELLENT 18-YEAR RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO MARYLAND

Cleanest Record Of Any Candidate, Says Headquarters Official

Reviewing Herbert R. O'Conor's career of public service to Maryland, it has been pointed out that from the time of his first appointment as Assistant State's Attorney in 1921, right up to the present time where he occupies the second highest office in the State, his performance of duties, the efficiency of his office, and the excellence of his appointees, has been unmarred by either scandal or political influence.

Very few men, who have dedicated their life to public service, have managed to hold office for 18 years without, at sometime or other, being made a target of criticism by political enemies. To his everlasting credit, Herbert R. O'Conor has served so capably and efficiently that not one word of criticism has ever been uttered against his actions.

As Assistant State's Attorney, as Peoples' Counsel of Maryland, as State's Attorney, and as Attorney General of Maryland, he has distinguished himself by his excellent performance in those offices. Local, State-wide and national commendation has been given him.

Mr. O'Conor was honored by being elected president of the National Association of Attorneys General of the United States. Everyone in Maryland remembers his vigorous prosecution of the notorious gangsters in the Norris murder case. As a watch-dog of utilities, he led the fight for cheaper gas and electric rates. He organized the State's Attorney's Association of Maryland, which has sponsored and enacted many worthwhile reforms in Maryland law. Herbert R. O'Conor was the first State's Attorney to give annual reports to the Governor and to the public. He organized the first Domestic Relations Bureau in Maryland.

Concrete evidences of the approval of the people of Maryland was shown in the last election when Herbert R. O'Conor led the entire Democratic ticket, winning by a majority of 103,000 votes.

O'Conor Favors Forestry Development

Attorney General Outlines His Plan For Conservation Of Western Maryland Timber Lands

One of the most important problems for the future development of the State is in the field of forest conservation.

In particular, an adequate forestry program can do much to alleviate the distressing conditions in Allegany and Garrett Counties, due to a decrease in coal-mining operations from depletion and similar causes.

The bulk of forest lands is held by farmers, the individual tracts varying from small wood lots of 10 acres to tracts of 500 acres. The average farm woodlot is about twenty-five per cent of the individual farm acreage. There are relatively few large timber tracts in private ownership.

Coming now to my specific recommendations, I believe that an extension of the forestry program, and particularly in the mining regions, offers more prospects of a substantial return for the future than almost any other investment that could be made.

Fifteen per cent. of the income from the State forests should be allocated to the Counties where the lands are located, as the law now provides.

Finally, I invite the attention and support of the general public in the matter of forest conservation. Of all the varied activities undertaken by the Federal Government in the past decade, the use of unemployed labor in this field has met with the most favorable reception, and is best calculated to promote the general welfare, without damage to our existing industrial structure. Similarly, the problems of submarginal land, abandoned farms and soil erosion, find their most ready solution in this field.

If the views expressed herein are sound, Maryland must not allow any notions of false economy to prevent the adoption of a program which is essentially local, or to shoulder off that program on the Federal Government, at the cost of her own sovereign power and responsibility. On the contrary, she must take the lead in formulating and carrying out a long-range program to meet the needs which I have stated.

(The above is quoted in part from an article signed by Mr. O'Conor in THE SUN of August 22nd, 1938.)

By authority of Clarence W. Miles, Chairman.

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