

Candidate takes double-barreled aim

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George Bible and John Sonneland are both out to get Tom Foley.

But what bugs Bible is that Sonneland won't stand still so he can get him too.

Both are trying, along with Mel Tonasket, to win the Republican nomination to challenge incumbent Democrat Foley for the Congressional seat he has held for 16 years.

Bible, a relative unknown, says he is incensed that Sonneland, who claims a 58 percent name recognition factor going into the campaign, won't debate him.

"I would like to challenge you to a debate anyplace, anytime. I'll be there with bells on," Bible told Sonneland face-to-face at a joint appearance Friday at a Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee meeting.

Sonneland, who's been around the block a couple of times, wasn't having any.

I mean, why should he attract an extra audience for a guy nobody knows?

"George," he said, "I hope this (appearance) will stand in as a reasonable debate."

Bible: "No way."

Bible, whose main claim to fame is he wanted to launch an expeditionary force of mercenaries to free the American hostages in Iran, called for a show of hands among the audience of 80 orange juice-and-coffee politics watchers.

"How many people in this room feel the voters in the 5th District would be well-served by a debate among the Republican candidates?" he asked.

About half a dozen raised their hands.

"Thank you," said Bible. "That looks like about half. John, the ball is in your lap."

De-lapping the ball, Sonneland said, "Actually I feel our main target is the incumbent congressman. And that's going to be my target."

Persisting, Bible said the joint appearance was "not enough. I'm not going to rest until we get together in some kind of forum. . . ."

Sonneland: "George, do you want to come over for dinner?"

Hanging in there, Bible hand-delivered a press release—"open letter", saying Sonneland was, well, chicken. He asked voters to call Sonneland headquarters and demand a debate.

"I ask publicly," Bible declaimed, "what is he afraid of?"

Privately, the political response appeared to be: not Bible.

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the 1980 fiscal year. Similarly, his voting record reflects a philosophy contrary to a reduction in the amount of federal regulation. In 1980, Mr. Foley likewise voted against cutting taxes.

In the additional area of defense, a majority of those who responded felt our military defense posture was already weak and correspondingly favored increasing our defense budget (61 percent). Again, the incumbent's voting record over the past four years has opposed increasing our Naval and air capabilities.

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Sees inconsistencies

Rep. Thomas S. Foley recently released the results of a questionnaire circulated among residents of the Fifth Congressional District.

A comparison of the responses to these important questions relating to domestic, economic and social problems with Mr. Foley's voting record clearly reveals an inconsistency.

Some of the more prominent inconsistencies, for example, may be seen in the question relating to inflation. Eighty-three percent of the respondents favor a balanced budget, 67 percent would reduce federal regulations, and 53 percent would decrease federal taxes. Roll call voting, as published in Congressional Quarterly, shows Rep. Foley consistently voted to increase the budget deficit for

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Foley raps anti-cancer law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman and ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee questioned on Thursday the wisdom of a law that has led to federal action to ban some widely used food substances.

Chairman Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., and Rep. William C. Wampler, R-Va., commented at a news conference after this week's announcement of a new finding that there is no reason to ban nitrites from food preservation.

"I hope Congress will consider in the future the basic question of whether we should revise the so-called Delaney Clause and adopt — on the basis of scientific consensus — a new procedure which would allow scientists to evaluate the risks and benefits of food additives," Foley said.

The Delaney Clause tells federal regulators to ban food substances that are found to cause cancer in man or animals. It was the basis for Food and Drug Administration action against saccharin, a widely used artificial sweetener, and by FDA and the Department of Agriculture against nitrite, which is commonly used to preserve meat.

The new study, released Tuesday, found no basis for the ban proposed by the two agencies on use of nitrite to preserve food.

Wampler agreed with Foley and urged hearings on his bill to establish a National Science Council to decide scientific questions on suspect chemicals. He said the proposal is "the way to head off future regulatory fiascoes like those involving saccharin — and now, nitrites."

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Indians Give Foley \$1,000

Congressman Tom Foley, D-Wash., has received a \$1,000 campaign contribution from a group that one of his opponents used to chair. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation announced the contribution yesterday.

Mel Tonasket, chairman of the council's legislative committee, is one of four Republican candidates hoping to run against Foley in the November election. A spokesman for Tonasket said he turned down an equal amount of money from the group, saying he felt the tribe did not have enough money to give anyone campaign contributions.

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McCormack and Foley Blast Extremist Groups

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SPOKANE (AP) — Two political candidates unleashed a verbal attack yesterday — not against rivals but against what they branded as “extremist groups” that could change the outcome of Tuesday’s primary election in Washington state.

The candidates were part of a group of politicians, including Gov. Dixy Lee Ray, who were guests of the Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28, holding its semi-annual meeting in Spokane.

The problem, defined Rep. Mike McCormack, D-Wash., is the “emergence of new and powerful extremist groups and movements in our society today.” He said there is no doubt “the most vital, most vibrant political activity in the state of Washington comes from these extremist groups.

“They present the greatest internal danger there is to this country today,” said McCormack, running unopposed in tomorrow’s primary.

“Such activity is especially dangerous because it’s characterized by and clothed in such appealing, innocent-sounding and high-minded phrases as patriotism and morality and religion and anti-communism on the one hand and environmental protection or conservation on the other hand,” he said.

Whether the groups stand to the left or right, McCormack said, “We who are trying to build a better America are under attack.”

He called the newly founded Moral Majority an “outgrowth of the right-to-work laws, the Ku Klux Klan, the John Birch Society, the anti-feminists in our society. They are for a militaristic America, and they’re racist,” he accused.

“They are the most active political force moving today in Eastern Washington,” he said.

Michael Farris, a Spokane lawyer and executive director of the Moral Majority in Eastern Washington, was out of town and un-

available for comment on McCormack’s remarks.

Congressman Thomas Foley, D-Wash., talked about the “darker forces operating in this year’s election and some of the risks we face. I agree with everything he (McCormack) said. I hope you realize what we have at stake.”

Too many people say “this country can’t do anything, the American labor force has lost its will to work, that American industry has lost its capacity to compete, that the American defense capacity has been completely eroded.

“Most of those doom-day speakers are on the right. They’re suggesting this country has lost its capacity to exceed and excel and that’s nonsense. This country can compete with any country in the world in any activity,” Foley said.

Ray said, “I certainly understand many of the things that Mike McCormack was talking about and share his concern in many ways.”

“We do have a great state. It’s not a state without problems — there’s no such utopia. We have plenty of problems, but we can deal with them if we have honest government,” she said.