

# Congress Hopefuls Clash On Economy

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The three candidates for the 19th district Congressional post who include incumbent Jack McDonald (R), of Farmington; Fred Harris (D), of Farmington; and Hector McGregor (AF), of Redford Township, were asked "What steps do you feel need to be taken to maintain a sound U.S. economy?"

The three answered questions last week in a panel at Scholcraft College sponsored by the League of Women Voters and Jaycees.

McDonald, who is seeking a third term, was the first to take the stage.

"IF YOU recall, a statement was made a few years back which read the state of the economy is fine and it was made by President Lyndon Johnson after eight years of deficit spending by the Democrats," said McDonald.

"We must have full employment without inflation, and I feel the present administration is moving in that direction. There are vigorous supports of housing; establishment of moderation in budget balancing; and a shift to moderate monetary economy. "We are planning additional action to keep and maintain economic stability. We are planning a National Commission of Productivity. I feel we are on the way to job

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stability and steady economy under the present administration."

HARRIS HAD an entirely different viewpoint. He charged that the administration established unemployment and was guilty of economic mismanagement.

He asked, "Why not establish jobs instead of eliminating them and thus adding to the unemployment picture? I see no effort on the part of the administration to curb prices."

"Why in a period like this do some of the giant companies get tax breaks while others receive none at all?"

Harris shrugged off the figures showing national unemployment at only 5.5 per cent or a total of six million workers.

"These figures don't mean a thing in some of the big cities and the large industrial centers where unemployment has soared as high as 25 and 35 per cent," he charged.

HARRIS ALSO accused McDonald of receiving campaign contributions from centers in New York City and Washington that are supported by the large steel and oil

companies and many of the giant public utilities.

McDonald promptly denied the accusations when given a chance to rebut.

McGregor, a candidate from the American Independent Party, based most of his talk on the need for adequate containers and garbage disposals to aid in the pollution fight.

IN THE question and answer period that followed, the three had some hard queries.

Q - "What is your position on a volunteer army and the Vietnam war?"

A - Harris: "I favor termination of the draft. I don't feel we need a large standing army. The Vietnam situation can be corrected by (1) land reform and (2) turning the matter over to the government of Vietnam. We should get our troops ready and tell the Vietnam government we're going home and do it."

McDonald: "I believe (1) an all volunteer army is necessary and desirable and (2) we should make our position clear by negotiating dates and then clearing out our troops."

McGregor: "I am against a volunteer army. I feel everyone should serve his time in the army."

Q - "Would you support a National Health Insurance program?"

A - McDonald: "I would support such a program. But it must work through a private enterprise system and not a socialistic system."

McGregor: "I am against such a program."

Harris: "I would favor a national health insurance program."

Q - "Would you vote for more anti-ballistic missiles?"

A - McDonald: "I have opposed the ABM program and still do."

McGregor: "That program should be left in the hands of the military."

Harris: "I'm opposed to the ABM program."

Q - "Would you support voting for 18-year-olds?"

A - McDonald: "I feel they are very qualified, and I would support voting for 18-year-olds."

McGregor: "No, I am opposed to such a proposal."

Harris: "Yes, I would support voting for the 18-year-olds."

THERE WAS a bit of byplay between Harris and McDonald over the former's statement that McDonald had received contributions from special interest groups such as gas and oil companies with offices in New York City and Washington.

Harris charged that many of the companies don't pay their fair share.

McDonald's answer was that he has received nothing from special interest groups.

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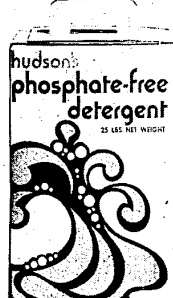
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