

## Tri-City Politics

## Fletcher Urges Representation In Primaries For All

Art Fletcher, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, called for improvements in Washington's primary election system.

In other political news:

● State Sen. Jack Metcalf endorsed Referendum 18.

● Two appointments were made to the Benton County Nixon-Agnew campaign staff.

● Initiative 32 may cost Washington jobs, opponents of the measure declared.

## PRIMARIES

Fletcher told an audience in Wahkiakum County, "the system as got to be changed so that all people are represented in the selective process, so that everyone has a little, individual influence over the way in which men are selected to represent their party and their interests in elections.

"I agree with Gov. Dan Evans, Secretary of State Lud Cramer and the large number of our legislators who feel that it is time in this state seriously to consider the use of a presidential primary," Fletcher said.

"The use of secret precinct caucuses and closed conventions," he said, "have disturbed both political parties

in Washington."

Fletcher said Democratic opponent John Cherberg, has failed to support presidential primary legislation in the last session of the Legislature.

"The House of Representatives passed the bill overwhelmingly," he said, "but it died in committee in the Senate."

"Considering Cherberg's experiences since the State Democratic Convention," Fletcher said, "the incumbent lieutenant governor now might look favorably on a different system of choosing candidates and national delegates."

Cherberg has been criticized for his handling of the State Democratic Convention of which he was temporary chairman.

Fletcher renewed his challenge to Cherberg to debate. "The incumbent is like a ghost candidate," he said. "In over 1,000 appearances, I have yet to be on the same platform with him at the same time. I may have the opportunity, though, on Oct. 28 as I understand we both have agreed to appear at a candidates night at Vashon High School."

## METCALF

Metcalf, candidate for the

U.S. Senate, endorsed the Referendum this week.

Speaking at a reception in Seattle, Metcalf urged Washington voters to pass this important bond issue which will provide \$40-million for acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities throughout the state.

The funds will be used to install public parks, game refuges, golf courses, boat-launching ramps and swimming beaches.

"Everyone will benefit when this referendum is passed," said Metcalf.

## NIXON STAFF

Mrs. Stewart Koepcke, Woman's chairman of the Nixon-Agnew staff in Benton County, appointed Mrs. Melvin Ammerman, Prosser, and Mrs. Roy Nilson, Benton City, to head up women's activities in those two towns.

Mrs. Ammerman has been active in civic and political, and Farm Bureau functions. She is secretary-treasurer of the Prosser Republican Women's Club which she helped organize.

Mrs. Nilson has also been active in civic, church, and party functions and she is vice-chairman of the Benton City

Republican club.

## INITIATIVE 32

"A myth fails to become fact in the process of being repeated." Mrs. James E. Peck, co-chairman of the Resource and Trade Committee Against Initiative 32 said.

"This, however, seems to be the wish of those who favor Initiative 32 as many of their campaign statements fail the test of truth when considered on their merit alone.

"Their claim that log export restrictions will create new jobs has been often said but cannot be proven. Not one new job will be created by export restrictions. Only new markets can create new jobs, and nobody can guarantee a new

market for Northwest lumber.

"In fact quite the opposite is true," Mrs. Peck said, adding the initiative, restricting the sale

of logs to Japan, could invite retaliatory measure from the Japanese on trade which would cut into Washington jobs.