

MEDIA-

The Mitchell Daily Republic has given Jim good coverage the last ~~w~~ few weeks, usually run the releases on front page in "News Briefs". (Roberta will confirm that statement) Managing Editor is Dave Kranz, 30, formally of Austin Minn, and Watertown S.D. Went to SDSU (Mu U. with Tom D. and Tom Klinkel) Very much a strong Demo. and have been attending county demo. functions together. If Ron or Al can provide him with good info. on whats happening in D.C. it would be a good venture. He received one call from Ron this week. Thanks Ron...

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Jack Weiland seems to have strong support in Davison County and elsewhere, except for Charles Mix County. That County wanted Jack to act ~~fast~~ faster on the NWPS issue. They don't understand the issue. It may be a good idea to send Jack down there if possible Cecelia. Fisher has done a lot of advertizement in the papers and on radio plus TV. Ads look good and are convinicing. She is hitting many of the smaller towns around here for coverage in the weekly papers,, appears very agressive.

have contacted all of the candidates in my region. Am presently writing releases for four of them. Subjects cover "Praising Jack and the PUC on NWPS decision," "Water development for District 16 and 18" "Concern over Coal-slurry pipeline", and "Increasing limits on S.C. and D.P. Tax Relief, S.D." Releases are making the papers except in Hutchinson County. That release did make the Mitchell paper though. Will continue to write the releases for the candidates. A couple of them ~~xxx~~ (candidates) are really hard to work with and just don't understand anything and don't know what to do about anything.

Attended the Charles Miss County Demo. meeting. Still ~~xxxx~~ anti-Jim. Elvin Verelic (ran against Jim in 1970 primary came in last of 3 candidates) remarked at the ~~xxxxx~~ meeting that the local candidates have to be prepared to campaign, "If its running against Jim Abourezk or the local legislative republican candidates you have to be prepared and work to get elected." Obviously he was correct in saying you have to be prepared and work hard and was speaking from experience. There are some good folks in that county and then some real bad ones also. One of the candidates wives (he only has one) said that Verelic could now beat Jim. The county officials are really deadbeats also, really dumb.

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