

# State's races attract big \$ making the news

SALEM (AP) — This fall's general election spending reports show that Oregon is moving quickly into big-money politics. Ballot Measure 5, which would allow makers of false teeth to sell directly to consumers instead of only to dentists, has attracted more than \$300,000 in out-of-state dentists' money.

The American Dental Association in Chicago donated \$290,000 — by far the largest single donation ever involving an Oregon ballot measure.

Dentists heavily fought the proposal in the 1977 Legislature and succeeded in getting it killed in the Senate in the final weeks of the session.

Backers of the measure then gathered enough voter signatures to put it on the ballot as an initiative.

Dentists fear the law might spread nationwide if it passes in Oregon.

Advocates of the measure say it would substantially reduce the re-

tail price of dentures.

Candidates are attracting big money, too.

Gov. Bob Straub and his Republican challenger, state Sen. Victor Atiyeh, have collected about \$500,000 so far, with Atiyeh accounting for \$337,000 of the total.

National Republican committees have poured \$22,000 into Atiyeh's race, and the state GOP organization has kicked in another \$10,000.

In 1970, Straub spent \$107,000 in his losing bid for governor against former Gov. Tom McCall.

McCall spent \$199,000 to win his first term.

Congressional contests don't come at the price they used to, either.

Beaverton contractor Nick Bunick has spent \$173,000 so far in his bid to defeat second-term Democratic Rep. Les AuCoin, while AuCoin has garnered close to \$200,000 in the 1st District contest.

Eight years ago, former Rep. Wendell Wyatt spent \$78,000 to retain his seat in that district against his Democratic challenger, state Sen. Vern Cook.

Utilities are laying out lots of cash to fight two measures.

Those are Measure 4, which would make it easier to form publicly controlled utility districts, and Measure 9, which would forbid utilities from charging customers for power plant costs until the plants are operating.

Pacific Power & Light Co. has spent \$130,000 so far against the measures, and Portland General Electric Co. has spent \$100,000.

PGE also has spent \$11,000 to oppose formation of a public utility district in Lake Oswego.

The state Republican Party doled out all of its candidate money prior to the Aug. 4-6 convention at which ultraconservative preacher Walter Huss captured control of the GOP machinery.

The GOP organization has spent \$361,000 so far.

From Associated Press reports

**DUBLIN, Ireland** — The Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army voted Sunday to ask its Protestant enemies in Northern Ireland to join in seeking a British withdrawal from the strife-torn province, IRA sources reported.

They said the proposal was approved at the annual conference in Dublin of the Provisional Sinn Fein, the political arm of the militant Provisionals.

According to the sources, the Provisionals want to enter into talks with Ulster Protestants that could bring about a removal of Britain from the British province and prepare the way for a permanent settlement.

**WASHINGTON** — The Carter administration, with one big energy victory behind it, is preparing a second energy program to close what it views as gaps in the first plan.

Federal energy officials say the new plan will be aimed more at boosting U.S. energy supplies than was the big energy bill passed in the closing hours of the 95th Congress.

And Energy Secretary James Schlesinger disclosed to reporters last week that it will include some kind of proposed tax on oil intended to curb imports.

The administration is expected to submit its "National Energy Plan Two" to Congress in January or February.

Proposed federal grants, loan guarantees and stepped-up research for a wide variety of energy projects — ranging from transforming coal into clean-burning fuels to better utilizing wind, geothermal, solar and hydroelectric energy — are expected to be included in the plan.

**STOCKTON, Calif.** — A gasoline storage tank exploded in flames Sunday at a Shell Oil Co. facility on Rough and Ready Island and burned out of control for hours.

Shell officials said the blaze, which had created a "potential fire bomb" that could have engulfed other tanks, was brought under control shortly after 3 p.m. PDT and no injuries were reported.

About 100 firemen were at work as the fire sent big black clouds billowing over Stockton.

Gasoline was being pumped from a Southern Pacific railroad tank car through a pipeline into the Shell tank, containing a reported 1.8 million gallons of ethyl gasoline, when a spark from a hot water heater in a security guard's shack ignited fumes, investigators said. Flames shot straight toward the tank and it exploded, they said.

## U.S., Soviets work on treaty, but still can't resolve conflicts

MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. and Soviet negotiators wound up almost eight hours of talks late Sunday without reporting a breakthrough on a new treaty to limit strategic arms. But the Americans sounded an optimistic note.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance described the day's second round of talks aimed at clearing key obstacles to an agreement as "constructive," a Vance spokesman said.

Though no details were provided by U.S. officials, it seemed clear that after outlining their position in the morning the Soviets had refined their proposals in a gesture of compromise when they returned to the table in the Kremlin.

Driving the upbeat message home, the spokesman, Hodding Carter, said he could not claim "progress" but wanted to underscore Vance's choice of the word "constructive."

"The secretary is not given to excessive use of adjectives," he said.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was expected to join the talks late Monday after another morning session between Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Each is assisted by two top aides — chief U.S. arms negotiator Paul Warnke and Ambassador Malcolm Toon on the American side, and Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Korniyenko and Washington Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin for the Russians.

The two-day round of talks is scheduled to wind up Monday but spokesman Carter said Vance "obviously is willing to stay as long as it takes."

The impediments to a treaty restricting strategic bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles, which would be effective until 1985, are more than just matters of detail, although some compromises have been struck over the past several months.

"At this point in negotiations, the issues that are left can only be described as substantive, no matter how they appear in the overall package," Carter said.

The four major issues still in dispute are:

- The kind of limitations to be imposed on the American cruise missile.

- Details of restricting the types and sizes of new U.S. and Soviet missiles during the life of the treaty.

- The timing for retiring about 250 Russian bombers and missiles to reach the tentative ceiling of 2,250 weapons.

- Details of the way the Soviets will agree to limit deployment and refueling of their Backfire bomber.

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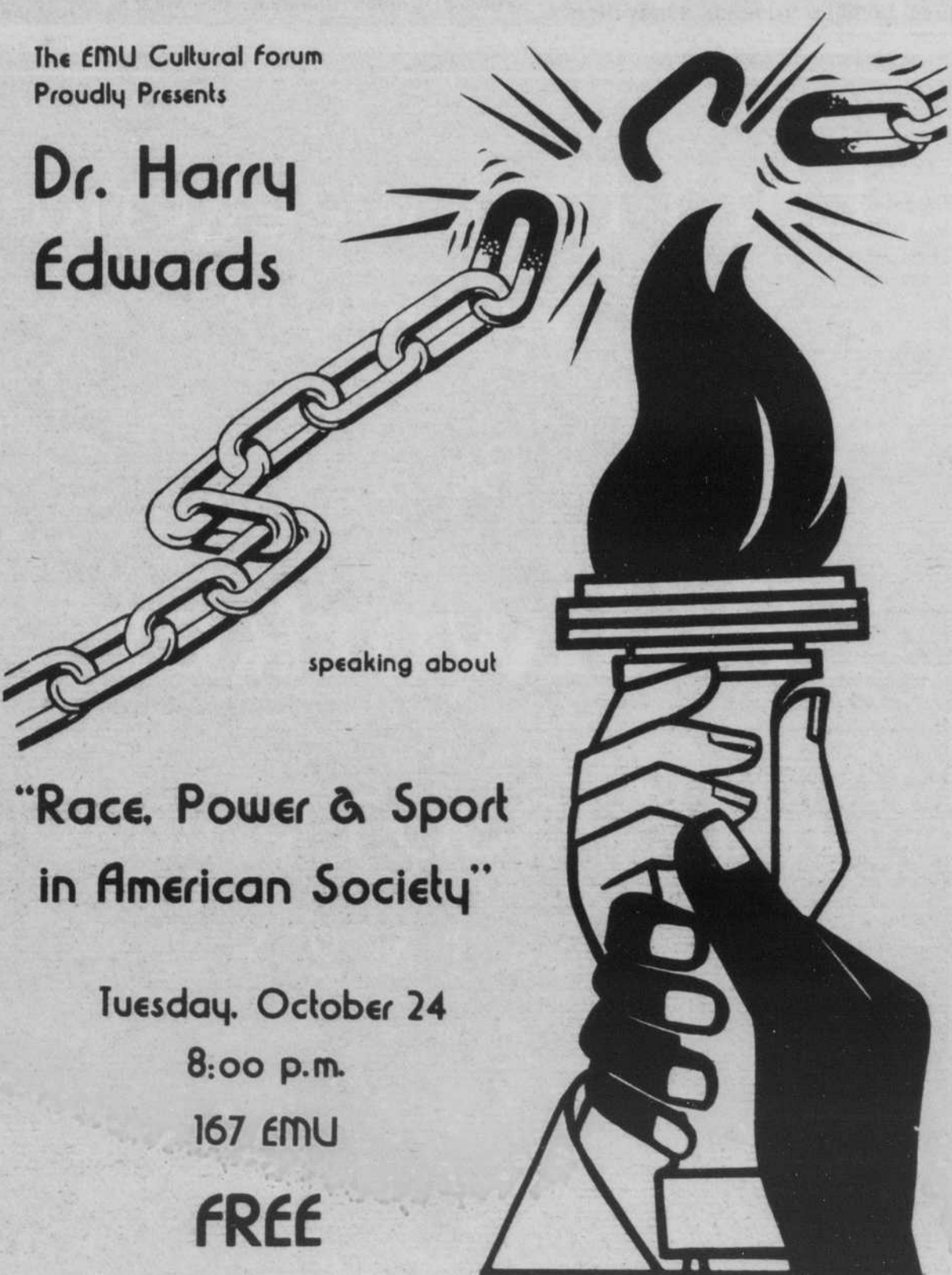
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