

# Porter Tells Stand on Vets Pensions, Other Objectives

Nineteen candidates for federal, state or local office, or their representatives, followed U. S. Sen. Wayne L. Morse in brief talks at a "Candidates Fair" here last night.

The meeting, sponsored by the Veterans Allied Council and held in the auditorium of the Medford Labor temple, attracted a capacity crowd to hear the senator, but the audience gradually left until the end, shortly after 10 p.m., only about a dozen people remained, many of them candidates.

**Porter Speaks**  
After Senator Morse left for a Democratic meeting, Charles O. Porter, Eugene attorney and Democratic candidate for the fourth district congressional seat now held by Republican Harris Ellsworth, told the group of his stand on veterans legislation, and the fields of legislation in which he was most interested.

He supports proposals for pensions for World War I veterans, Porter said, based on their income needs. He said the Bradley report on veterans pensions is headed in the "wrong direction," and criticized the Eisenhower administration for its stand on veterans legislation.

His three primary interests, if elected, he said would be enactment of a new, fair labor law in place of the Taft-Hartley law; new processes in the security-loyalty program to provide that those accused of violations would be faced by their accusers and not saddled with guilt with no chance at defense; and the issues of war and peace, which he declared Ellsworth has neglected.

**All Invited**  
Ellsworth was not represented at the meeting, as was the case with several other candidates, although Pat Graham, secretary of the council and chairman of the event, said all had been invited to attend or be represented.

State Sen. Phil Lowry, Medford, represented Gov. Elmo Smith, praising him for "sound leadership" in state affairs. He described him as a "sound, diligent, fine and intelligent" man and leader.

State Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Democratic candidate for secretary of state, was represented by his local campaign manager, Cecil Norris, former county Democratic party official and once candidate for county clerk. Norris recited parts of Sweetland's state senate record, praising him for his stands on education, civil rights, power and other matters.

State Sen. Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for the same office, was not represented, although Senator Lowry defended

him in his stand for progress in education after Norris had criticized his record.

**Legislative Candidates**  
Attorney Russell DeForest spoke on behalf of Bob Boyer, Democratic candidate for the legislature, who as state Democratic chairman, had to leave for the other political meeting of the evening. He told of Boyer's accomplishments and record at the age of 29.

Bob Duncan, the other Democratic candidate for the legislature, gave a brief autobiographical sketch, and advocated increasing the limit on state house and farm loans to veterans, and the liberalization of the state registration and voting laws.

Ed Mann, Republican candidate for reelection to the legislature, cited his record in the house, and the committees on which he has served, including elections, forestry and mining, welfare and medical, aviation and commerce, and military affairs.

Al Littrell, the other Republican legislator seeking reelection, also cited his record on highway legislation, and his work on the highway, labor and industry and utilities committees, as well as work on the highway interim committee.

**D. A. Candidates**  
Tom Reeder, Democratic candidate for district attorney, was

represented by William Deatherage, who cited his record and experience, urged his election of an "economy and efficiency" platform, and criticized the use of tape recorders in the DA's office.

Walter Nunley, Republican DA, pledged continued fair and impartial treatment to all citizens, and stated that in his campaign four years ago he made certain promises, which he has kept. He said those who were made unhappy by his promises were even more unhappy about the way he had kept them.

He also indicated that neither Reeder nor Deatherage knew much about the problems of the DA's office, and stated the use of recording equipment is an integral part of operating the office, saying that it is standard in progressive prosecuting offices throughout the nation.

**Others Speak**  
Other candidates appearing, who mostly confined their remarks to stating their qualifications for office, or their accomplishments in office, included Ralph James, Democrat, and L. G. Morthland, Republican incumbent, for county commissioner; Anna Scott, Republican, and Karl Janouch, Democratic incumbent, for county treasurer; and Allen Curry, Republican, and Ray Schumacher, Democrat, for county assessor.

John Snider, candidate for mayor of Medford, was represented by Councilman Don Hansen, and Paul Selby, the other candidate for the non-partisan office, spoke briefly.  
The evening concluded with a pro and con discussion of the fluoridation proposal, with Attorney Robert Dickey taking the affirmative and Vern Shangle the negative.

## Rep. Powell Joins Ike's Bandwagon; Cites Civil Rights

Washington — (U.P.) — Negro Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.), a leader of the House civil rights bloc, has thrown his support to President Eisenhower in a surprise election-year move.

Powell announced after a 25-minute conference with Mr. Eisenhower that he will support Mr. Eisenhower for reelection because of his stand on civil rights and because of his great prestige among the Western powers of the free world.

**Once Backed Stevenson**  
Powell, one of three Negro House members, supported Adlai E. Stevenson for president in 1952.

Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary committee, a fellow New York Democrat and strong civil rights advocate, called Powell a "turncoat." He said Powell "should be deprived of his seniority rights in the House as a Democrat."

**Took Pleasure Jaunt**  
Celler said in a statement that when Powell's civil rights bill was called up for debate in the House the New York congressman "went to Europe on a pleasure jaunt."

Rep. Charles C. Diggs (D-Mich.), also a Negro, said in Detroit today he does not plan to join an "independent Democrats for Eisenhower" movement.

"I don't plan to be influenced by anything Mr. Powell does or says regarding endorsement of the GOP ticket," Diggs said. "I am supporting the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket enthusiastically and wish Mr. Powell would do the same."

**ON HONEYMOON**  
Santa Barbara, Calif. — (U.P.) — Actor Donald O'Connor, 31, and Gloria Noble, 23, honeymooned here today. The song-and-dance man and his fiancée were married here Thursday.

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