

# Communications

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**Editor's note:** No letters to the editor on political subjects will be printed by the Mail Tribune election day. To be considered for publication in Monday's edition, communications must be received in the newspaper office not later than 9 a.m. Monday.

**Plans and Tactics**  
To the Editor: I am still waiting for Mr. Geddes to develop his theme of returning southern Oregon resources to the people by telling the voters just how he proposes to do this.

Does he intend to abolish National Forests and the Bureau of Land Management? If so, I am sure he would encounter some very sturdy opposition both from the people of southern Oregon and from the rest of the country as well. It has seemed to me during my six years of residence in this area that we are already receiving a very fair return on our resources under federal supervision and I have no special yearning for a change in the present status.

As to the kind of campaign that is being conducted for Mr. Geddes, I see no cause for undue concern on the part of the Democratic opposition, for it is precisely these tactics that result in making good Democrats out of erstwhile good Republicans. At least it did with me, and I am sure there are others who will wish to make their personal protest effective by changing their registration as soon as the election is over.

Meanwhile, they can vote Democratic candidates into office to put an end to this kind of "S-m-a-r" campaigning. Such methods only denote panic and desperation on the part of those who use them, and imply that they have given up all hope of winning by honest and fair means.

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**Fears "Democrat" Causes**  
To the Editor: Since mid-March when I accepted an invitation to speak before a group in Medford I have felt additional interest in Jackson county politics and have followed your local papers closely.

As you know, I am a former Democrat and am now a Republican. After having been nominated and elected by both parties as a Democrat, I changed by registration to Republican as my protest at what was happening to the Democratic party. Many Democrats like myself were repulsed by the caucus tactics which were directed by the Multnomah county bosses, but I am the only one to take action.

I now fear for all Oregonians when the Democratic party endorses "legislation by caucus". The Democratic party of Oregon just will not tolerate any legislator who thinks independently or has an independent idea.

I have watched your own Rep. Robert Duncan willingly go along with the Multnomah Democrat leaders and voting step by step as directed by the strategists who evidently say to him in effect, "... vote as we say or we will see that you are on the outside looking in." He may have privately protested at the domination by Multnomah county, but he has never objected publicly or strenuously.

For confirmation of this established policy of legislation by caucus contact Democratic Rep. Katherine Musa. She fought the bosses and with the Republicans tried to get all Oregon citizens a 20 per cent cut in taxes at the special session of the Legislature. This courage resulted in her being held up to public scorn by her own party. She was pushed out of their caucus. I know, because I was in the Legislature at the time.

Ask Democratic Rep. Emil Stunz. He did the same as Mrs. Musa. He objected to bossing of the Democrat leaders and was vilified and then purged from his party by members of his own party.

This "conform or be purged" philosophy is one all Democratic legislators must now accept. When a man is elected by the Democrats he goes to Salem to serve the Democratic party and nobody

else and he must leave his independent thoughts at home. I have watched the Jackson county situation closely and I feel it my duty as an Oregonian to let the people know what is going on.

Joe Rogers  
State Representative  
Independence, Ore.

**Confusing?**  
To the Editor: In the October 30th edition of your paper a Mr. Roy R. Picard objected, in a letter to the editor, to a statement made by Mr. Paul Geddes on television that one bill introduced by his opponent passed Congress while his newspaper says two. I believe Mr. Geddes stated on television, some time before the newspaper ads appeared, that one and possibly two had passed and that he was checking on the second one.

Apparently your correspondent missed two statements by Mr. Porter that appeared in the Mail Tribune, the first saying it was "technically true" that only one of his bills had passed and the second saying, at the Phoenix Grange, that two had passed.

It seems to me, that everyone, including Mr. Porter, is a little confused as to exactly what Mr. Porter has been doing for the past two years. C. B. Foley  
128 Chestnut St.  
Medford

**"11th Hour Attack"**

To the Editor: I call upon every decent citizen of the state, without regard to political party, to vote against any candidate associated with the vicious and contemptible 11th-hour attack upon a man of the caliber and character of Mark Hatfield.

The tragic accident to which Wayne Morse refers happened more than 18 years ago when Mark Hatfield was a boy of 18 years. For all these years, the facts have been known and a matter of public record. Nothing has been hidden and concealed. The facts have been known in Mark's own community where voters of Marion county have repeatedly elected him to the legislature and where they gave him an overwhelming vote for Secretary of State.

Wayne Morse has waited until the 11th-hour before an important election for governor, obviously in the hope that the public would not have time to learn all of the facts with reference to the accident.

It is a sad day in Oregon politics. Politics in Oregon have plummeted to a new low with this degrading last-ditch effort from the camp of a defeated candidate. It is unbelievable that a man who represents the State of Oregon in the United States senate—which has heard the voice of Charles McNary and George Chamberlain—would stoop so low. Did Governor Holmes not have the moral courage to make the attack himself but chose the vicious tongue of Wayne Morse?

Since the day of that tragic accident Mark Hatfield has served his community, his state and his country with devotion and distinction even while bearing this sorrow. His life has been devoted to public service. His deep religious faith and Christian leadership has been an inspiration to thousands and particularly to Oregon's young people.

Those who have not had a tragic occurrence in their lives and to whom fate has never been unkind may not understand his feeling about what happened to Mark Hatfield as a boy. But tens of thousands of Oregon people will understand and will look only to what Mark Hatfield has done and can do for the people of this state.

Lamar Tooze,  
Chairman, Hatfield for Governor Committee,  
Portland, Ore.

**From Porter**  
To the Editor: A correspondent of yours earlier this week claimed in your letters column that I supported high price supports for so-called basic crops and that I "deliberately" attempted to misrepresent my record in this respect.

Yes, I know there is a campaign on. However, let me repeat the facts I have been

repeating for many weeks all over the fourth district in answer to the same charges made by my opponent.

First, I do not support such legislation. I never have—except for a short period as a recession measure. I oppose it. Second, I cannot correct every misquotation that appears in newspapers. Third, if, as my opponent has publicly stated, I am a "past master of distortion and deception" why would I misrepresent my position on a matter so easily checked as a vote or as here, lack of vote, on a particular bill?

Perhaps it is too late in this campaign to meet all the charges with facts. I only take time to write this letter in case some supporters of mine or fair-minded undecided voters were in doubt as to the facts.

Charles O. Porter,  
Member of Congress.

**On "Honor Roll"**

To the Editor: I have before me a pamphlet put out by the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education which "grades" congressmen and senators on their voting records.

Congressman Porter of Oregon made the honor roll! According to COPE, he voted right every time!

When you look at the heavy contributions made to his campaign by Organized Labor outside of Oregon, both in 1956 and again this time, one begins to wonder if he is free to serve the best interests of our people in this area. He cannot be all things to all people and I am not convinced that what is good for Eastern labor bosses is good for us.

Leila A. Morrow,  
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Medford.

**The Kind We Need**

To the Editor: I hope from the bottom of my heart that Representative Charles Porter is re-elected. But we lose hope when we draw Mr. Porter as the element of greatness and statesmanship in taking a stand for what he believes is right and letting the chips fall where they may.

A man who will sacrifice personal gain and political advantage for his principles, whether you agree with him on every point or not, is the kind of person whom we need to represent us, especially in these critical times.

Edith Y. Ingle  
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Medford

**From Geddes' Manager**

To the Editor: I consider the news story published in the Mail Tribune Thursday, in which Mr. Porter claims credit for 21 pieces of legislation, gross misrepresentation. At most, only two of these laws came from bills bearing his name. In other cases he is taking credit for bills introduced and guided through congress by others. His claim of having sponsored or co-sponsored these bills is not factual. He admitted to me on a television show in Eugene on Oct. 25 that a member of the house can neither sponsor nor co-sponsor a bill. A U.S. representative either introduces a bill or he does not. We asked in a recent release that Mr. Porter name the bills he introduced and the laws they became. You misquoted us in your first paragraph by saying we demanded to know which bills he had "sponsored or signed" in congress. By misuse of our release and implying that Porter had answered our question when he dodged the issue again, I consider you guilty of, at best, unethical journalism. If you will also read the front page of your own paper for Oct. 28, you will find that the Mail Tribune quotes Mr. Porter, in a speech at Phoenix, as admitting that only two bills which he introduced were enacted into law.

Curtis Beecher,  
Campaign Manager  
Geddes for Congress  
Committee,  
Roseburg, Ore.

**Editor's note:** General Beecher is quibbling. The words "introduce, sponsor, sign, co-sponsor" may be technically different when applied to legislation, but they are

similar in common usage, and General Beecher knows it. The undeniable fact remains that more than 20 public laws are now on the books including legislation "introduced, signed, sponsored, co-sponsored" or initiated by Congressman Porter, who tells us he believes that it is the legislation itself that is most important, less so whose name appears on the bill. The total record of effective legislation would be higher if the bills he actively supported were included in the total.

**Wendt Criticized**

To the Editor: Our Mr. Stathos made quite an issue out of a few pennies Mr. Porter spent mailing out some pamphlets. But let's take a look at how our tax dollars are being spent. I will enumerate a few of the projects and pieces of equipment where our tax dollars have been badly spent.

1. How come the county took over the road now known as Coorey Road when it was only outlined and spent so much of the county monies when it is little used? We know the main one to benefit was Mr. Hoover as it makes it more attractive to sell off lots on both sides. We need roads, but couldn't this money have been used a lot better on logging roads where it is as much as your life is worth to travel when the trucks are running? It seems that Mr. Hoover is working for you, but he is not entitled to this kind of consideration.

2. How come, Mr. Wendt, that the bridge over Bear Creek at the Kirkland farm is so low that it will carry about one third of the water and will allow water to flood stage to flow on the ranches and nothing is done about it. This also applies to the bridge over Bear Creek at Valley View near Ashland, where piling is in the middle of the creek bed. Perhaps you don't know that we sometimes have high water. These are not the only places where new roads have been put in and no provision been made for the water to get away.

3. And how come, Mr. Wendt, that so much heavy equipment is bought when it is so little used? Take the carryall sitting around there that has been used once or twice and the big shovel in a gravel pile. These two pieces cost at least \$50,000 and depreciate rapidly. A little loader would do the job better.

4. And why aren't the scrap iron, the junk batteries, and some other pieces of equipment put up for bids before being disposed of?

The budget for roads and maintenance this year was over one and a half million dollars and this is a sample of how the money is being spent. And don't let's overlook the fact that Mr. Wendt signed the voucher for a thousand dollars to save Mr. Keating's neck. We got rid of Keating, now let's get rid of Wendt. It doesn't make any difference how you look at it, our tax dollars are being badly spent.

Burt Smith  
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Central Point

the many widened and improved roads are an advancement keeping pace with the ever increasing heavy traffic of our day. Our commissioners are doing a good job—let's keep Chet Wendt in office.

Jack R. Sides  
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Medford

**More on C.P. Politics**

To the Editor: "Politics makes strange bedfellows," but not so strange in the case of Central Point politics when we find whose bed is being feathered.

Friday a "communication" endorsed certain candidates for offices in Central Point over the signature of a man who two years ago wrote letters to the editor, letters nicely couched in polite phrases, which started a scandal which then defeated the city recorder and put this man's candidate into office.

The reason behind this was that the then recorder had refused sewer and water lines to be run into the 40 acres of farm land for purposes of subdividing and building homes, a subdivision which, if fully developed, could show a profit of a million and a half and up to the owner. Efforts on the part of the subdivider were made to annex to the city and were turned down, at that time the subdivider was on the city council.

We property owners in Central Point now have our sewer and water systems mostly paid for, and could see no reason for giving such service to a subdivision and then bonding ourselves again to the tune of half a million dollars for the expansion of the two systems.

On Aug. 18, 1958 the subdivision south of Central Point was given approval by the Central Point planning commission without a by-your-leave or announcement of a public hearing. Freeman Mason presided and Bill Colley was a member of this planning commission. Lyle Paul is and was city recorder.

All this, it seems to me, speaks for itself.

As a result many Central Point property owners are going to vote for sound, open city government, by casting our ballots, for Mayor, for Merv Gleason, Ward 1 councilman, Art Rupp, Ward 2, Dale Bartley, Ward 3, Cal Bowers, and Mrs. Bette Parker for city recorder.

K. C. (Swede) Wernmark,  
Box 421,  
Central Point.

**It Is There**

To the Editor: Facts we cannot ignore are that on 3 million square miles of this Earth exists Red China with its more than 400 million people. Blustering and fuming under the night of Communism leadership, they have developed into one of the major troublespots of the world today. Very unpleasant, but, like a cancer, it is there, something we must acknowledge. Are we to recognize, ignore or destroy them seems to be our problem.

We spend millions combating and investigating the sources of cancer, a disease we do not ignore, but recognize. Heretofore we have not had the means of negotiating with Red China because we have not recognized her existing government. Our Congressman, Charlie Porter, has stated that in order to meet and confer with the Red Chinese Government we first must acknowledge it. Does this show a leaning for Communism? Absolutely not! We

cannot deal with a problem when we refuse to acknowledge its existence.

Our government has acknowledged the existence of dictatorial governments by pouring money into those countries. We do not believe in dictators, yet we still give them financial aid. This Congressman Porter has strenuously objected to, even when personal threats were made against him.

Does it make sense to ignore the heaviest populated area on Earth on one hand because we do not want to acknowledge this cancerous area, and yet, on the other hand, dole out millions of dollars to dictatorial governments? We do not directly pour money into Russia, however, they do benefit by financial and other aid furnished by us to dictatorial countries closely associated with Communist Russia. Yet we acknowledge Russia's existence.

Red China is not a satellite shot into outer space. It is here and now, on this Earth. We do not abolish it by ignoring it. We can deal with Red China, just as now our scientists are dealing with cancer—by acknowledging first that it is here.

Congressman Porter does not approve of Communism because he believes we should deal with Red China, just as he does not approve of our financial support of dictatorships.

Wilda M. Hegdahl  
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Ashland

**Home Rule Measure**

To the Editor: The county home rule amendment has been widely discussed and approved in Jackson county in the last two months. However, the writer of a recent communication seems to misunderstand the measure. In order to clarify a few points, may I set forth these facts:

The county home rule amendment, if passed, will not in itself change any county government but will make it possible to change it if, after proper study, a change would seem to be an improvement. The necessary steps would be as follows:

1. The passage of the constitutional amendment (County Home Rule).

2. Passage of enabling legislation by the legislature.

3. Selection by local people of a new statutory form of government designed to fit local needs.

4. Approval or rejection of the suggested change by majority vote of the people of the county.

This measure merely authorizes the legislature to devise a system whereby counties may adopt a charter that will give them authority over matters of purely local concern. The legislature could then set up a number of statutory forms of county government which would be as varied as the counties are varied.

This is not a new and untried theory. California has the longest and most comprehensive history of home rule for counties. Up to 1956, 10 California counties had changed to county home rule. All of them have various elected county officials, according to their needs. All of them elect the district attorney and the assessor.

Only one, one of the three having "county manager" types, elects that few in addition to its board of supervisors and its school administrator. The rest have from two to eight more elected officials. I give these details to

show there is nothing hostile either to political parties or to county officials in our neighboring home rule state.

County home rule will not do away with service districts. It would make this difference: at present when a local service district needs a change or enlargement of its powers it can only be by the authority of the state legislature; under county home rule such a need could be fulfilled by local authority.

The passing of this amendment just means that we, the people, go along with the legislature in thinking that county government could be more efficient and effective, and that we think it is right for a county to have authority over local matters if the majority of the voters of that county think it will mean better local government.

Mrs. Ben Day,  
County Home Rule  
Chairman,  
Medford League of  
Women Voters

**Hatfield Supporter**  
To the Editor: I very sincerely believe that Oregon industry and business cannot survive another four years under the unfriendly, restrictive atmosphere created by Governor Holmes. Under his governorship new industry will not come to Oregon and existing business and industry cannot operate, cannot prosper and cannot expand.

I would suggest that each voter make a thorough investigation of business conditions in the state and of the heavy burdens placed on industry during the past two years under Governor Holmes.

Everyone interested in industrial growth and expansion in Oregon, economy in government, and in a governor free of entangling alliances should vote for Mark Hatfield next Tuesday.

Wallace G. Iverson  
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Medford

**Fears Sales Tax**

To the Editor: Eve Nye's answer to the sales tax question leaves her in the position where most politicians are before election—directly on the fence. Afraid to make a definite statement as to where they stand on controversial subjects.

She seems to favor what she call "tax equalization" plus helping to relieve the tax burden on the low income groups, state supported old age pensioners and those with fixed incomes. While helping these groups with one hand she would be taking away from the with the other via the sales tax gimmick.

Most of those favoring a sales tax are people in the upper income groups and owning considerable property. They are laboring under the delusion that if only they can foist the sales tax on the people of Oregon—the revenue received would lower or elim-

inate their property taxes. It sounds good but it does not work that way. Talk with people from a sales tax state. Many veiled promises are made to them by the greedy politicians hoping for the added revenue. Once the tax is on the books the promises gradually fall by the wayside and the only thing the people have is still another stiff tax to pay—plus the ever-present possibility of the sales tax being raised again and again without your vote, even by county and city governments when once legalized in a state. Note the state of California.

You are flirting with sales tax pressure by voting for Nye or Durno.

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Medford

**Opposes No. 10**

To the Editor: The electric power provisions of the Oregon Constitution are the finest in the nation.

The purpose of ballot measure No. 10 is to cut the heart out of this basic reservation of authority for Oregon's people to take any direct steps in electric power supply or rates.

Since many of Oregon's 29 public and cooperative electric power systems are on record in opposition to ballot measure No. 10, I do not hesitate to urge your readers to vote against this poor proposal.

This bill, then known as S.J.R. 40, slipped through the Legislature at the last minute. There was not even a printed copy available.

Some Legislators voted for it when assured falsely that public power leaders favored it. Our people not only opposed it but didn't see the worst amendments until after passage.

The ballot title is misleading. The measure practically ties the hands of the Legislature. No investment house would buy the electric revenue bonds under the drastic restrictions of ballot measure No. 10, unless they were guaranteed by means of tax subsidies.

The many labor, farm and citizen organizations which comprise the Oregon Electric Consumers Council are on record urging a vote against No. 10.

Gus Norwood  
Executive Secretary  
Northwest Public  
Power Association  
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Vancouver, Wash.

**Support Reasons Told**

To the Editor: Shortly before election day in 1956, I wrote a letter to you regarding my personal convictions about Robert Duncan.

I said I was going to vote for Bob Duncan because:

1. Of his high personal integrity;

2. From close personal

friendship and association I knew he represented no special interest group or groups;

3. Mr. Duncan would be independent in thinking and action and that he would vote on all issues honestly and intelligently, keeping in mind what would be best for the state, local constituents and the nation;

4. I was aware of his sincere interest in good government and the continuing success of the State of Oregon and its people;

5. In my opinion Mr. Duncan was the best candidate running for the office of state representative.

As a registered Republican, I wish to strongly reaffirm my convictions of 1956. From Bob's record in office he has earned your vote again in 1958. On more than one occasion he voted for the best interests of the state even though he was in opposition to his own party, and that it was entirely possible the vote he cast would be politically unwise, personally, at election time.

Again I unequivocally reaffirm my support of Mr. Robert B. Duncan for State Representative.

Dan Hull,  
7 Eastwood Dr.,  
Medford.

**Pope John To Explore Vatican; Travel Considered**

Vatican City—(UPI)—Vatican sources said Friday that Pope John XXIII plans to explore every corner of the Vatican and later may travel abroad.

The sources said the Pope, who never has lived in the Vatican, also wants to meet every one of the 1,000 persons in the Holy City and eventually to go to know all about them.

He told a former aide that he hoped to travel to France next February to attend the closing of the Lourdes centenary. He said he would like to stop off in Venice en route to re-visit his former parishioners.

**To Depend on Situation**  
However, Vatican sources cautioned that much would depend upon the situation of the church at the time of the projected trip.

The visit of a reigning pope to any place an appreciable distance from the Vatican would be an epoch-making event. A papal visit to France would have added significance in the annals of the church.

The last pope to travel outside Italy was Pius VII, who went to Paris in 1804, ostensibly voluntarily, to crown Napoleon emperor.

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