

Porter Looking for Angel to Finance International Meeting

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Washington (Special)—Rep. Charles O. Porter is looking for an angel—any peace-loving philanthropic organization with \$300,000 to spare will do—to finance an international conference of parliamentarians.

The Rockefeller, Ford and Carnegie foundations have yet to be heard from. Cyrus S. Eaton, the Ohio industrialist, has donated \$1,000 to help arouse interest in the idea of a meeting of parliamentarians from most of the world's countries who would meet here in Washington. Porter has used Eaton's donation to hire a man, Tom Blake, to prepare for the conference by sending letters about it to prominent political figures throughout the world.

Small Groups Seen

As Porter envisions it, this conference would break down into small groups and deal with such knotty international problems as improving international courts, revising the UN charter, plans for disarmament, prevention of war by miscalculation. It would be under the auspices of the World Parliament association, American Bar association, United World Federalists and the Members of Congress for World Law. The state department has endorsed the general idea.

Purpose of the conference would be to focus attention on these problems, to muster public opinion in favor of negotiations, to spread the concept of government settling

disputes according to international law. Porter would like it to be held next spring, if some means of underwriting it can be secured. The estimated cost of transportation, lodging and other arrangements, he notes, would be far less than the cost of one missile.

Favors Method

The Oregon congressman, who has attended numerous international conferences in his four years in office, concedes that he strongly favors this method of seeking rapprochments between East and West. Said Porter: "I don't know any other way. If man's reasoning power is going to save him, we have to do as the old preacher said, 'Let's come reason together.'"

He noted that President Eisenhower, in telling the American people about the breakup of the Paris Summit meeting, said: "We must continue businesslike dealings with the Soviet leaders on outstanding issues, and improve the contacts between our own and the Soviet peoples..."

Porter said among those who favor his idea for a world rule of law conference are Arthur Larson, ex-advisor to Eisenhower, and now college president; Charles S. Rhyne, ex-president of the American Bar association.

While trying to foster interest and financial support for this venture, Porter has been participating in meetings in Europe of an unofficial group known as East-West Parliamentary Disarmament Conference. He became involved after a radio commentator, Tris Coffin, asked if he would be interested in attending such a meeting in London last winter. Coffin's broadcasts have been sponsored by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, of

which Cyrus Eaton is chairman of the board. Eaton offered to pay expenses of any "forceful" Congressman that Coffin selected. Porter accepted and went to London in February.

There he became the American member on an executive committee assigned to plan for a future disarmament conference to be held late this year. It was for such a planning session that he went to Stockholm two weeks ago.

For the trip to London, Porter received \$1,075.20 in estimated expense money, but upon his return sent back \$23 to Eaton. For the Stockholm meeting, he received \$1,316, and upon his return he gave back \$37 to Eaton. Porter's staff had slightly overestimated his expenses, and so the congressman returned what was left to the man who is reputed to be worth \$100 million.

Valley Men Named To Committee

The appointment of Donald G. Root, R. W. Gray and their alternates, all of Medford, to the pear marketing control committee, has been announced by the U.S. department of agriculture.

The committee will administer the amended marketing agreement, and order regulating the handling of winter pears grown in Oregon, Washington, and California.

First alternates for the positions are David B. Lowry and Joe Naumes. Second alternates are Paul Culbertson and Harold A. Holmes.

Ten other men from Oregon, Washington, and California and their alternates will also serve on the committee.

Members and their alternates will serve for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1960, and ending June 30, 1961, or until their successors have been selected.

far in accepting and trusting the Communists," said Porter. "Even though we deal with Communist states, we should always make clear that we believe in freedom."

Porter is inclined to think Eaton is "naive" in his appraisal of Communist Satellites, but he admires his effort to persuade Premier Khrushchev that American capitalists would much prefer peace and a decline in taxes that are now required for defense spending, to the profits to be gained from war munitions.

Devoting Himself

Eaton, at 76, is devoting himself with missionary zeal to his crusade for understanding between East and West. A Republican who favored Franklin Roosevelt, he is reported to control a \$2 billion

Area People Attend Shoe Conference

Wilbur Gardner, proprietor of Gardner's Shoe Service, Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jahnke, owners of Art's Shoe Repair, Central Point, attended the West Coast Shoe Serviceman's Day in San Francisco recently.

During the conference they heard John S. Ferber, president of the Shoe Service Institute, and Dr. E. O. Dille, marketing consultant for Shoe Service Institute and head of the University of Tennessee retail merchandising department.

Exhibits included the newest in shoe service machinery and a model repair shop.

As a result of the trip, Jahnke will receive a "Model 25" five to one bench machine, used to cut and trim soles, roll welts, and bevel edges. It is valued at \$125.

"In some ways he goes too

empire in iron and steel, coal, paint, rails and shipping. He has invested considerable sums in recent years in his peace mission. Mainly Eaton has sponsored meetings of world scientists and scholars at his boyhood home, Pughwash, Nova Scotia, and subsequently in Europe.

Porter said he is convinced these conferences have helped make people more aware of the dangers of atomic weapons.

Several weeks ago Eaton was criticized in the Senate by Sen. Dodd (D-Conn.) for visiting Khrushchev after the blowup of the Summit meeting. Dodd suggested the Attorney General take action against Eaton under the Logan Act, which provides penalties for any private citizen who, without authority, deals directly with the head or representative of a foreign government in an effort to influence that government in relation to its policies toward the U.S.

Defends Eaton

Porter took the House floor subsequently to defend Eaton by discrediting Dodd's attempt at "restricting the efforts of citizens like Cyrus Eaton who believe that peace is too important to be left to the president, the State Department, the generals or anybody else." Porter said the Logan Act would apply only when a citizen tried to negotiate with a foreign government about a specific dispute or controversy.

"Communication among nations must increase not decrease, if we are to attain peace and avoid war. We can disagree profitably. We should not seek a legal pretext for denying others the right to speak and act. In our crusade for peace, we need all the help we can get. We have too few thoughtful and concerned citizens like Cyrus Eaton spending their talents, time and money for world peace," Porter concluded.

Cancer Research Chair To Be Set Up at UO School

The American Cancer Society, Oregon division, has agreed to establish a chair of cancer research at the University of Oregon medical school.

Announcement of the agreement was made by Dr. Robert H. Buck, president of the Jackson county unit, and Dr. David W. E. Baird, dean of the medical school.

Under the terms of the agreement, the American Cancer Society will contribute a maximum of \$20,000 annually for the occupant's salary. The grant is a portion of the money left to the society by the late John R. Tomlin, Medford.

Purpose of the chair will be to enlarge "the scope of research in this field, train young men in research and stimulate research in the field of cancer by others at the school."

Selection of the chair's occupant will be made by the school, subject to the approval of the ACS research advisory council. A committee of the faculty has been appointed to seek and screen applicants. Dr. Baird said, pointing out that it may take several months to get "an outstanding man."

While the agreement places no limitations on the fields of cancer research, it does stipulate that the chair occupant must be potentially able to carry out research in fields relating to cancer and must be potentially qualified for appointment to a full professorship.

Approximately 80 per cent of the appointee's time will be spent in research. The remainder will be used for teaching.

In addition to the \$20,000 annually for salary, the Cancer Society has also agreed to provide \$5,000 annually for the first three years for supplies, equipment and part-time secretarial and technical assistants.

It is anticipated that after the initial three-year period, research grants will be available to support the program.

No definite time limit has been set on the society's support of the chair. The only stipulation is that the society will make funds available from the time the man is appointed until his retirement, or until his appointment is terminated by the school, Dr. Buck said.

Other direct benefit from the Tomlin bequest is the John Tomlin Memorial Cancer Lecture program scheduled in Medford June 24 and 25.

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