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Porter and the "Guard"

The Eugene Register-Guard, commenting on Congressman Charles O. Porter, recognizes "his wit, his intelligence, his personal charm, his devotion to duty and his high-minded desire for world peace..."

It also does "not choose to join those who accuse Mr. Porter of laziness or inattention to his job." This is warm praise indeed for the Eugene Democrat. One could hardly phrase it better.

So it is a bit disconcerting to find these words of approval contained in an editorial entitled "Why We Can't Support Mr. Porter."

THE Guard, it turns out, is going to support the Republican candidate, Dr. Edwin Durno of Medford, solely on the basis of his (Porter's) foreign affairs activities.

His espousal of the Oregon Dunes Seashore (which the Guard has found attractive but which Dr. Durno flatly opposes); his work for more river development in the Fourth District; his attention to the problems of the lumber industry; his services on behalf of individual constituents; his hard work, his "wit and intelligence and devotion to duty" do not score with the Guard.

And, in endorsing Dr. Durno, it goes so in these words: "Republicans who nominated Dr. Durno last spring picked a man with a fine record in the Legislature and with a solid reputation in his home community. Although untried in the national arena, he shows promise of effective, conscientious service in Congress..."

IT IS the Guard's duty to do as its conscience dictates, and we do not question either its sincerity or its GOP-leaning motives.

But we do question its good judgment in supporting a man about whom it can say only that he has a "fine record... solid reputation... untried in the national arena... shows promise."

In explaining its decision, the Guard declares: "In our opinion, he (Porter) has not settled down to become a patient and effective member of Congress. Rather, he has continued a disruptive and disorderly course in which he has sought to make of himself a one-man foreign affairs committee. He has done so despite the wishes even of his own party which has continued to restrict him to minor House committees..."

PORTER is, no denying it, a controversial figure. And he HAS lived up to his pre-election pledges in recent years to devote a substantial amount of his time to foreign affairs.

One result has been a series of probing analyses as to what has been wrong with our Latin American policies. And within the past few months, he has been justified by seeing the Organization of American States, and the U. S. State Department, assume positions similar to those he has been advocating for years.

Porter is one of Congress' most ardent advocates of freedom, and outspoken foes of dictatorship, wherever and however it occurs.

He has advocated increased communication between nations. How else are we to achieve the understanding of others which is the prerequisite of ultimate peace?

WE HAVE respect for Dr. Durno. But Porter, now completing his second term in office, is just arriving at a point where he will be most useful as a representative of this district's interests; where he has gained the knowledge and experience to apply his energy, his "wit and intelligence," his ever-curious mind, and (to quote the Guard), "his devotion to duty and his high-minded desire for world peace" into the channels where they will do the most good, for the fourth district, for Oregon, for the United States, and for the world.

We suggest that a vote for Charles Porter for Congress is a vote for our own enlightened self-interest.—E.A.

Legislators' Terms

The first measure to appear on the Nov. 8 election ballot is entitled "Fixing commencement of legislators' terms."

On the ballot the purpose is defined thus: "To amend the Constitution to make legislators' term of office start at the same time as the regular legislative session."

Terms now start the first Monday in January. This measure would have them start the second Monday, when the legislature convenes. It also would permit the legislature to change the start of such terms, if reason for this should arise.

No opposition has been made known. We recommend a "yes" vote.—E.A.

DST--A Personal Choice

Measure No. 2 on the Nov. 8 election ballot would establish Daylight Saving Time in all parts of Oregon within the Pacific time zone between the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in September.

This is a matter of purely personal preference. Some people like an extra hour of daylight in the evening (swiped, as it were, from the early morning hours when most people are still asleep); others don't.

THIS is generating some heated debate, for it makes an economic difference to some, notably radio and TV stations, outdoor theaters, stock brokers and so on.

They will attempt to persuade the voters that it is an important issue. But for the vast majority, it remains a purely personal matter.

We shall vote "yes," but make no recommendation except to vote your own preference.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"YA JUST TURN THIS LITTLE HANDLE AN'... SEE? INSTANT WATER!"

Communications...

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Footbal Defended To the Editor: In answer to the Ashland Tidings' article on football, I would feel anything but delight if my son were to be sent out on the football field as unprepared as Ashland's eighth and ninth grade teams seemed to be.

Medford provides for its athletic program the very best of instructors, the same as they do in music, science, or any other subject. These instructors in the lower grades are first picked for their ability to teach as well as carry their coaching duties. Since many of our lower grade coaches are S.O.C. graduates I feel the Ashland Tidings is selling short its own college.

As for the coaches at any grade level, I imagine that if you were to figure their salary out by the hours put in, in comparison to the English, Science or other teachers, you would find they average far less. It has been proven that while competing in sports you build character, develop coordination, learn to get along in a group, keep young people off the streets, and many other things. It seems to me that since Medford has only won the state championship in football in quite a few years, the others being in basketball, there could be little "Sour Grapes" on the part of the Ashland writer.

As for the scholastic end of it, look up the grade average of last year's state champions. Medford players of all grades must have a signed slip from each teacher each week stating all grades are o.k. or they are not allowed to play.

As a parent and taxpayer of a boy who started competing in sports as early as the fourth grade, I will settle for the body building program, the learning of sportsmanship, and the training provided by capable instructors, to the sports program where boys suddenly reach junior high level, are put on the football field with very little football knowledge, and are expected to do a job.

If you are going to have a football team, then give the boys a chance.

As for something being rotten upstairs, Medford just happens to have an abundance of fine athletes, which Ashland could have too if they cared enough to develop them.

Watched Ashland's High School team against Klamath. They need no excuses. They are good, lacking only in depth, which is probably due to the lack of a proper athletic program whether it be in football, baseball or other sport.

It might be well to keep in mind Medford's teams are of the same age group as any they play. Mrs. Bill Barnes, 604 Whitman Place, Medford

The Climate - GOP vs. Demo To the Editor: Recently, I visited this state's local employment office. In view of the latest glowing news reports, pertaining to the glorious state of this nation's economy, I was surprised to find it still in operation.

The staff haven't as yet reduced the staff to compensate for the gigantic decline in unemployment. Seriously, do people really believe these lies, half-truths, distortions, and fabrications perpetrated by the GOP? They boast of building more classrooms in a peacetime economy than did the previous administration in time of war. In behalf of their greedy

masters, they engineered the removal of OPA, in spite of President Truman's warnings and protests, thereby causing inflation. Now they show their unmitigated brass by pointing an accusing finger at him, while claiming they have checked inflation.

They preach that the American people built nine million homes, at a cost of one hundred billion dollars, neglecting to mention that two-thirds of this wealth was accumulated under the Democrats, and during the early part of the GOP administration, before they had yet had time to strangle the economy. They boast of the number of working mothers. I think this is disgraceful. I think it is different if it were by choice, but millions of American mothers work because it is an absolute necessity, inasmuch as their working husbands cannot support the family on their salaries.

The Republicans dare not admit anything is wrong, for they would then be expected to do something about it. This will never happen, for the record shows they are still the do-nothing party. These are only a few examples of Republican duplicity. I could go on and on. Foreign aid, foreign policy, taxes, religion, and the national debt, these are important matters, but the American people are more important. If we will but create a climate wherein our own wonderful people are healthy, happy, and prosperous, I am confident they can and will surmount every obstacle.

Khrushchev's Gains, Losses at United Nations Listed; Future Still Unclear

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor On paper, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev may seem to have lost more than he won during his United Nations stay. But the paper losses may be short-term only, still capable of being turned into Communist victories.

Attract World Leaders By his own initiative draw more world leaders than ever before assembled under a single roof.

Establish himself as a relaxed leader who could stay away from home as long as he wished, meanwhile reaping a propaganda harvest.

In his own words, "plant seeds" for the future. As for his failures, many observers at the United Nations believed that this would be one of the last years of the United States and its allies successfully could prevent the entry of Red China as a full-fledged U.N. member.

More important than those who voted for or against Red China this year were the 22 nations which abstained. They included near all of the newly-admitted African nations. A switch by less than half of these in next year's voting would do the trick.

As for reorganizing the U.N. to turn it into an arm of the Kremlin, it is probable that here Khrushchev employed a time-honored Communist strategy. He asked far more than he expected, and any compromise would be a Communist gain.

"Seed" Is Planted While such prominent leaders as Prime Minister Nehru of India oppose any plan which would paralyze the office of the secretary-general, flash! They twist and turn! They wink and they wiggle! The citizens appeal to congress for some kind of control, and to the State Legislature, and at last, in Oregon, to the Ballot by Measure No. 15.

Sixth: At last the outdoor advertising companies are really alarmed. They and the national advertisers pour in thousands of dollars to support lobbies in Washington; in the state legislatures; and now in Oregon. They have plastered the roads from the California to the Washington borders with ever more signs urging the defeat of this essential control measure, whose aim is to protect this scenic state from such increasing disfiguration.

Seventh: Finally, if this measure does not pass we can look forward to a constant increase in huge, dangerously distracting billboards, until Oregon, too, has reached the saturation point; as for instance in Nevada. Who can ever forget, who has seen them, the approaches to Reno? There for miles the signs literally overlap each other; a blur of raw color; words and movement; defeating their own purpose; without effect, without reason, without result.

Our state must be protected from his hideous possibility. Mrs. Henry F. Cabell 1151 S.W. King ave. Portland 5, Ore.

Not a Candidate To the Editor: May we consider E. A.'s recent blasts at bumbling in the county court as a declaration of his own candidacy for the next vacancy on the county court?

How about the old American custom of putting your money (and effort) where your mouth is? Hugh B. Collins 107 East Main st. Medford

Editor's note: No, Friend Hugh, E.A. is not a candidate for the county court. You wouldn't be implying, would you, that only candidates have a right to be critical? Or that, unless one runs for office, he'd best shut up, no matter what happens?

Fourth: Now the national advertisers get into the picture and the outdoor advertising companies build and lease huge signboards for large sums. Tourists hoping to enjoy our scenic beauties are met with countless appeals to buy this or that cigarette, coffee, car, whiskey, gasoline, etc. The citizens begin to organize against the hideous display.

Fifth: Now we have the fine freeway - wider and still even faster. At whatever risk to safe driving the eye must be taken from the road; so now the signs move. They

Billboard Stages To the Editor: In support of the Billboard Control Measure, No. 15 on the ballot, may I, with apologies to Mr. Shakespeare, ask the voters to consider the Seven Stages of Billboard Blight and Fight?

First: A new road, stretching through the beautiful Oregon country, here and there a painted barnside, praising Bull Durham or Lydia Pinkham; at the crossroads perhaps one or two home made signs: "Hot Meals," "Hay for Sale," "Fresh Cow."

Second: The improved and faster road, and not enough barns to go around. The early signboards appear at strategic corners and scenic spots to attract the eye and mar the landscape, but still mostly local advertising: the coming circus, the rodeo.

Third: The modern highway grows straighter and ever faster. The billboards grow larger and brighter; the series signs begin to appear along the fence posts with rhymes addressed to a shaving cream. The first murmur of protest is heard from the citizens whose roadsides are being blemished.

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Dellenback Criticized To the Editor: I have read the recent press releases of John Dellenback, who is trying to run for representative. In these releases he attempts to criticize Bob Duncan by claiming that Duncan is selling out Jackson county in the O and C fund - school tax equalization controversy.

These charges are without foundation, since it has been Mrs. Nye, the Republican running-mate of Dellenback, who is on the legislative interim committee for education which will recommend a partial use of O and C funds in arriving at an equalization formula for distribution of state school support. Mrs. Nye has admitted at a public meeting that such a compromise is in process, and it is the best we can expect. So Dellenback should direct his criticism, if it has any merit, to Mrs. Nye and not Bob Duncan. In fact, the Republican

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Try and Stop Me By BENNETT CERF

A HIGHLIGHT in the long run of TV's "I've Got a Secret" came when a very fat contestant appeared with a claim that he could blow up an inner tube of an automobile tire, using only lung power, until it exploded. He proved his point, too. The explosion knocked Panelist Audrey Meadows off her chair, and sent the successful contestant flying straight out of camera range.

Another aspirant showed the panel about seven miles of string, all knotted together. "Is collecting string your great secret?" scoffed Panelist Henry Morgan. "Oh, no," chuckled the string-fancier. "That's just the work I do. My secret is, I collect lead pencils."

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nevertheless the "seed" has been planted. The Afro-Asian group is dissatisfied with its present U.N. representation, particularly in the Security Council, and may be expected to press for some sort of U.N. reorganization.

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It is probable that Khrushchev will have to bear with Hammarskjold until the latter's term runs out in 1963. Then will come the big Soviet push and a moment of decision for the United States.

Meantime, the United States and its allies must decide whether reorganization of the United Nations is inevitable and come up with a plan of its own or elect to fight it out on the basis of the Khrushchev demands.

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Right here is the fundamental flaw in a currently widespread view, which was put forward, for instance, by Vice President Nixon in the last television debate. The view is that Khrushchev has somehow failed at the U.N., because everyone was pleased by President Eisenhower's elevated and moderate speech, whereas everyone has been given the creeps by Khrushchev's wild boar-like roars and grunts.

But nobody ever had any doubt that Neville Chamberlain and Stanley Baldwin were both nicer men, and far more elevated and moderate orators, than Adolf Hitler. When war is used as a weapon, niceness and moderation only blunt the weapon's edge.

And the question to ask about Khrushchev now - as about Hitler in the 30s - is whether he had succeeded in his use of his chosen weapon, fear.

Simply by frightening people into fits, Hitler cheaply captured a whole series of key positions before Chamberlain was driven to turn and fight. The final test has yet to occur at West Berlin, the first place Khrushchev has attacked in exactly the Hitler manner. But there can be no doubt at all that Khrushchev has already managed to erode the over-all position of the Western alliance in a way that ought to cause grave concern.

The extent of the erosion is plainly revealed in the U.N. Assembly vote on the admission of Communist China. This year, the tally was 42 against, 34 in favor, and 22 abstaining. In 1955, the vote was 42 against, 12 in favor, and 6 abstaining. In 1956, it was 47 against, 24 in favor, and 8 abstaining.

Since 1956, in other words, the American policy on Communist China has lost the support of five nations. The Soviet policy has gained the support of ten nations. And the number of abstainers has increased by 16 votes, including most of the new African states, plus one NATO member, Iceland, and two formerly intimate American allies, Saudi Arabia and Laos.

The further erosion achieved by Khrushchev in the last month at the U.N. gives him an excellent chance of winning an actual majority against the U.S. next year, with the help of this year's African abstainers. In fact, some would say the best hope for the next U.N. General Assembly will not admit the Chinese Communists, now lies in the possibility of an open break between Khrushchev and Mao Tse-Tung.

MERE nose-counting is not the only way to prove the existence of this process of erosion, either. Khrushchev's personal success, in transforming the U.N. meeting into a grand rally of chiefs of state was another, quite dramatic proof. The American government was pleading with chiefs of state to stay away until the last minute. But in the end, Khrushchev even forced President Eisenhower to join the rally, not just to give a Presidential benediction as he had planned, but as an active participant.

Outside the U.N., moreover, the process of erosion is far worse than on the East River. For example, no one seems able to concentrate their attention on Laos. Yet this small but geographically crucial country, wholly sustained by American aid until very recently, now seems quite likely to slip at least three-quarters of the way behind the Iron Curtain in the near future.

The blunt truth is that the process of erosion is now hard at work in all areas of the world. Even in Britain, neutralism and anti-Americanism just week came close to taking over the Labor party, whose former leaders, Clement Attlee and Ernest Bevin, were among the great founders of the Western alliance. In sum, this is a process about which we dare not deceive ourselves, even in campaign-time.

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LET'S put it like this: If the great city of Detroit has nothing within its boundaries more immoral than a statue of a nude Indian carrying a canoe and a statue of a nude mermaid going for a moist ride on a dolphin, it is to be congratulated.

MORE on the frivolous side. In Perth, Scotland, Queen Elizabeth II appeared at a public function with two large bruises and an angry-looking cut on her left leg. There was speculation that the queen might have been bitten by one of her pet dogs, which are notable for their truculence. Or, perhaps, others said, she might have had difficulty with a horse, the queen being an enthusiastic horsewoman.

Buckingham Palace, queried by the reporters, could give no information on the subject of Elizabeth's injuries. A Palace spokesman explained: "We have absolutely no idea of the cause, nor can we check. The only medical bulletins ever issued are on the advice of her doctors. The chances of finding out anything officially are absolutely negligible."

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