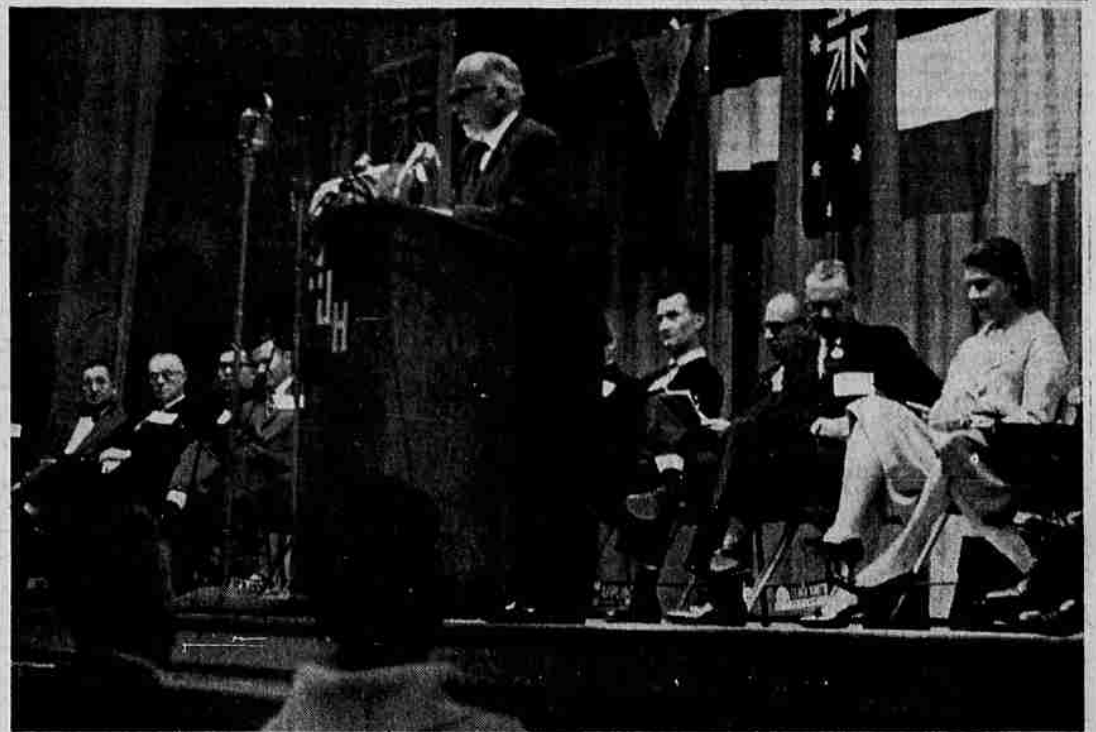


CROWD AT FAIR—A part of the more than 800 persons who attended the Medford League of Women Voters Candidate's Fair listen to Mrs. Thomas Rutter, Medford, League voter service chairman, during introductory remarks at the event last evening. Congressional, state and

county candidates spoke during the Fair, and afterward interested persons talked with them during a coffee held in the school cafeteria. The flags of UN countries were loaned by the Medford chapter, United Nations association.



CANDIDATE SPEAKS—Dr. Edwin R. Durno, Medford, Republican candidate for the congressional seat from the fourth district opposing Congressman Charles O. Porter, was one of the 24 candidates who spoke at the Medford League of Women Voters Candidate's Fair Thursday evening at Hedrick Junior High school. Durno and Porter

debated "The Role of a Congressman in Foreign Affairs." Also debating at the Fair were Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, Democrat seeking the U.S. Senate seat, and Ex-Governor Elmo Smith, her Republican opponent. Other speakers included state and county candidates from both political parties.

Affidavits Claim Statements Wrong In Bengtson Case

Two statements indicating that a woman juror allegedly was prejudiced in the O. H. Bengtson embezzlement case are not true, Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell said today.

Scannell produced other affidavits and one statement from members of the Jolly Stitches club. They state that prejudiced statements allegedly made by Augusta Barneburg, a woman juror, were not made, Scannell said. Two other members of the Jolly Stitches said there were hard feelings at times between Mrs. Barneburg and Gladys Rammin, one of her accusers.

Four women at the sewing club quoted Mrs. Barneburg as remarking only that "Bengtson is guilty and that is unanimous." Jean Edwards stated she heard Mrs. Barneburg say "Bengtson is guilty. I think she also said he is to be sentenced Tuesday," Mrs. Edwards added, according to Scannell.

Myrtle Atwood, according to Scannell, refused to sign an affidavit but did give him a statement agreeing with the sworn statements made by the other women. She said she sign an affidavit for Bengtson and remarked, "I didn't know what else to do." She quoted Mrs. Barneburg as saying, "Bengtson is guilty. He got what he deserved," Scannell said. Scannell explained that Mrs. Atwood said she didn't see any sense in signing two affidavits.

All of the women agreed that Mrs. Barneburg had never used bad language in referring to Bengtson which the two women, Claire Bringle and Mrs. Rammin, said she used, Scannell said.

All the women signing affidavits or giving a statement said Mrs. Barneburg had never discussed Bengtson before in their presence as she was charged with doing in the two accusing affidavits, the deputy district attorney added.

Power Companies Discuss Merger, Copco Announces

A. S. Cummins, president of the California Oregon Power company, said today that an offer to merge Copco with the Pacific Power and Light company will probably be made within the next 30 to 60 days.

Cummins said the two companies have been "discussing" the proposed merger for the past several months. He stressed that the discussions were initiated by PP&L and any offer would have to come from that company.

Cummins said if the offer to merge is made it will be considered by the board of directors. If the board thinks the proposal is a good one it will then pass it on to the company's stockholders with a "favorable" recommendation.

Portland Based PP&L is a Portland-based firm serving much of the Willamette valley and Columbia basin. It also serves a large portion of Wyoming and northern Idaho.

Senate Candidates Debate Issue of Talks With Russia

The nuclear age world is not thrilled by countries bickering with Khrushchev, Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, Democratic candidate for the U. S. senate, told the audience Thursday evening at the League of Women Voters Candidate's Fair.

They are interested in those men who can sit down with him at the bargaining table and negotiate, she continued. "Who is wise and who is foolish?" she asked.

Estimated 800 Attend Fair at Hedrick High Gym

An estimated 800 persons attended the Candidate's Fair sponsored by the Medford League of Women Voters at Hedrick Junior High school Thursday evening.

Congressional, state and local candidates spoke during the event. Highlights of the meeting were the debates between Congressman Charles O. Porter and his opponent, Dr. Edwin R. Durno and U.S. senate candidates Mrs. Maurine Neuberger and Elmo Smith.

Both contests became heated at times, and some booing and hissing as well as applause and cheering was heard. State candidates were given two minutes each to state their qualifications for office. They included Howell Appling Jr. (R) and Monroe Sweetland (D), for secretary of state; Howard Belton (R) and Ward Cook (D), for state treasurer; Carl Francis (R) and Robert Y. Thornton (D), for attorney general.

The four candidates for state representative from Jackson county also spoke two minutes each. They were John R. Dellenback and Mrs. Evelyn Nye, Republicans, and Robert B. Duncan and John L. Gregory, Democrats.

Candidates for Jackson county offices were given one minute in which to give their qualifications. Those speaking included Alan B. Holmes (R) and Gerald Scannell Jr. (D), district attorney; Paul Rynning (R) and Edwin H. Taylor (D), county commissioner; Karl Janouch (D) and Chester L. Rapp (R), county treasurer; Herbert Hunter (R) and Ray J. Schumacher (D), county assessor; and Mark E. Boyden (D) and Edward A. McGinty (D), county surveyor.

A stuffed toy elephant was received by the Republican party for having the greater number of registered voters attending the Fair. The final tally showed 323 Republican and 145 Democrats.

Porter, Durno Air Stands on Foreign Affairs at Event

Congressman Charles Porter, Democrat, and State Sen. Edwin Durno, Republican, clashed in a heated debate last night at a candidate's fair sponsored by the Jackson County League of Women Voters.

Porter promised to continue his active efforts in foreign affairs if elected. He challenged Durno to discuss the "real" issues facing America.

Durno said Porter had declared "he would be willing to stand on his Congressional record before the campaign began." However, when I attacked this record he called it foul play," Durno commented.

Porter thinks he is the self-appointed representative of the Liberals in dealing with foreign countries," Durno charged.

Durno defined the role of a Congressman in foreign affairs as:

- 1. Being informed on all world conditions.
2. Insuring that personnel in state department branches in foreign countries be of high quality.
3. Supporting foreign policy of the administration if sound, and criticizing it if weak.
4. Not identifying himself with political factions when visiting foreign countries.
5. Carrying his full share of responsibilities on foreign affairs committees while in Congress.

Porter responded by saying that Congressman should be active in foreign affairs, "not like the current administration in forming policies."

Ike Accused of Partisan Attack On Sen. Kennedy

San Francisco - (UPI) - California Democrats charged today that President Eisenhower made an "openly partisan" attack on Sen. John F. Kennedy. They demanded equal radio and television time to answer it.

Eisenhower Thursday night indirectly accused the Democratic presidential nominee of debasing the truth in campaign statements that U.S. prestige abroad has fallen sharply in recent years.

Roger Kent, state chairman of the Kennedy forces, immediately labeled the address before the Commonwealth Club as "an attack on Sen. Kennedy and an endorsement of Vice President Richard M. Nixon," the GOP nominee.

"This shows that the Republicans are crudely using Mr. Eisenhower's office to advance Nixon-Lodge," Kent said.

It was the first official Democratic anger expressed since the President began taking oblique pokes at the opposition during a cross-country tour called "non-political" by the White House.

The President flew to San Diego today.

Bremerton Officials To Visit Medford

A group of business leaders from Bremerton, Wash., will arrive in Medford Monday to study this city's successful Park and Shop plan, Medford Chamber of Commerce Manager Don McNeil said Thursday.

GOP Rally Set Saturday Night

An old-fashioned political rally will be sponsored by local Republicans on the county courthouse lawn Saturday night.

Main speech will be given by Gov. Mark Hatfield. Short talks will follow by Republican candidates Dr. Edwin Durno, for representative from Oregon's Fourth Congressional district; Mrs. Stephen (Eve) Nye and John Dellenback, state representative candidates; Alan B. Holmes, for district attorney; Herbert Hunter, for county assessor; Paul B. Rynning, for county commissioner; Chester L. Rapp, for county treasurer; and Mark E. Boyden, for county surveyor.

Medford Mayor John Snider and County Judge Earl Miller will meet the public with the candidates at an information booth.

Refreshments will include coffee, hot dogs, cookies and soft drinks. A barbershop quartet and a Dixieland band will provide entertainment.

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy and smoky tonight. Cloudy Saturday and occasional rain likely by afternoon or evening. Low tonight 45. High Saturday 60-65.

Our Skies Tonight

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Prominent Stars

Square of Pegasus, high in the south 9:30 p.m. The lower right-hand star of the square is Markab; the lower left-hand star is Gamma Pegasus.

Noise Ordinance Suspension Sought

The majority of the council was in favor of considering the matter last night, but Mayor John W. Snider used the power of his chair to postpone the request until a special meeting.

Miller said if the contractors on the project are not given a special permit to work during the hours prohibited by the noise ordinance then they would have to figure the penalty in their bids to the state. Miller said the penalty money would be taxpayers' money.

Miller said he would like to have the ordinance suspended so construction could be done between 5 and 6 a.m. and 1 and 2 a.m. inclusive.

Not Prepared Mayor Snider said the matter should not be considered last night because "I don't think we could be prepared to give an opinion tonight on something of such magnitude."

Snider said if the ordinance is there for a good reason then "it should be observed."

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Candidates' Parade

(Editor's note: These are the fifth in a series of statements by candidates for congress from the fourth district, state legislature candidates, and candidates for county officials. Statements are either from the candidate personally, or a representative of the candidate with the candidate's approval.)

(Space for the statements has been offered by the Mail Tribune following a long-standing policy of the paper. Today's statements are from Edwin H. Taylor, Democratic candidate for county commissioner, and Robert A. Dickey, Medford, on behalf of Paul B. Rynning, Republican candidate for county commissioner.)

PAUL B. RYNNING Paul Rynning's many years experience with our county government makes him an ideal candidate for county commissioner.

EDWIN H. TAYLOR I, Edwin H. Taylor, the Democratic candidate for county commissioner, have been a lifelong citizen of Jackson county. I was born on a farm on the slopes of

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