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Agreement Violated

To the Editor: Contrary to an agreement reached last Thursday, Mr. Ray DeMarrs stood on the steps of the Medford High school last night, handing out "literature" on the Home Rule Charter.

Conditions for joint sponsorship of the debate between Mr. Deatherage and Mr. Day had been worked out by Mr. DeMarrs and myself. (No speeches by either of us, split expenses, no political introductions or solicitations; no handouts.)

After Mr. Day and Mr. Deatherage had worked out the format for the evening and agreed upon a moderator, I prepared a release to the press, radio and TV. Mr. DeMarrs called before we did and since I do not read shorthand, the secretary read him the release. He agreed to it with no changes but asked that Mr. Deatherage clear it. The notice was then read to Mr. Deatherage, who had a suggestion that mention of questions from the floor be added to the release. This was done. The notice was mailed Thursday night.

Not until 7:30 Monday night did Mr. DeMarrs tell me he was going to "change the rules" and hand out a mimeographed sheet he had prepared. I had been available by phone since last Thursday if he wanted to discuss new conditions for the program. He had time Monday to have Mr. Phillips call me to ask for my check for the split expenses. BUT, he did not have enough time or the integrity to phone me that he planned to violate our earlier agreement.

Certain members of my committee wanted to give out material when they saw that DeMarrs had broken his pledge. I stopped them. We had given our word to the public that there would be no handouts and we would stand by our word.

Since I was co-sponsor of the evening, I feel I must apologize to the public for Mr. DeMarrs' action. He is quite free to prepare any literature he wants, but he was not free to hand it out at that meeting.

We had made an agreement. I had given our word to the public. I am disappointed that Mr. DeMarrs treats his trust so lightly.

Robertson E. Collins,
Chairman, County
Citizens for Home
Rule Charter,
235 South Oakdale,
Medford.

Where They Stand

To the Editor: I think that in light of the charges made by the Porter group, some light, rather than heat, is needed. All concerned know that Charley Porter has stated that the contenders for the 4th district nomination for Congress did not differ on major issues.

Robert B. Duncan took issue with this, pointing out differences between his stand and Porter's stand on three main issues.

Porter favors recognition of Red China, trade with Red China, and admission of Red China to the U.N.

Duncan's stand is opposite and he is opposed to recognition, trade and admission of Red China.

There is nothing unfair about pointing these differences out. The voters know, or should know, where the candidates stand.

We all await Straub's position on these important points. He hasn't taken a stand as yet.

Doris Chinn,
101 Lotz Lane,
Medford.

Where He Stands

To the Editor: And all Senior Citizens:

Next Friday is election day; the day that we choose party candidates for the general election this fall. Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, I stopped them. We had given our word to the public that there would be no handouts and we would stand by our word.

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That is a peril

that every honest man faces, a cross that he must bear.

A man of integrity cannot hedge and trim. He must face the facts. To quote Charley Porter: "We fight for what we believe in. Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose."

There we have Porter the man, also his philosophy. There is not a man in the whole Oregon legislature that I would consider a match for Charley Porter.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." Witness the general attitude of that body toward the elderly. Its conduct is inept, to say the least.

I read an editorial in a conservative newspaper, stating that the American people are economically illiterate. The last Oregon legislature did nothing to disprove that statement.

Charley Porter is a man of intelligence, a learned man, a man that is interested in our national welfare. Charley Porter is a man of integrity. Integrity is a word that must be used sparingly when referring to politicians, as experience will attest.

I have never met Charley Porter face to face, but as a social scientist I have studied his career. I know that as a Congressman he is an asset to Oregon. Like Wayne Morse, he was a big man in Washington, D.C.

Charley Porter is not a "yes man." He has a mind of his own and the principle to back it up. If you want a man of courage, a man of wisdom, a man of solid principle to represent you in the national capitol, you can do no better than to nominate Charles O. Porter.

Walter Reece,
77 Manzanita St.,
Ashland, Ore.

Firm Stand

To the Editor: Charlie Porter's position on Red China is no different from that of President Kennedy, high administration officials, and other far-sighted individuals.

This was clearly defined in his 1960 campaign when attacked by Durno and other Republicans on the premise that anyone who subscribed to such views was pro-communist.

There is nothing sinister or subversive about admission of Red China to the United Nations or U.S. recognition of Red China. Charlie has never been an advocate of hasty action in regard to these questions, but, like most of us he believes that Red China's admission to the U.N. followed in due course by recognition, is inevitable sooner or later since a nation of that magnitude won't go away, no matter how we try to ignore it.

Why Bob Duncan should attack Porter on issues like these is incomprehensible to me. He campaigned for Charlie in 1960, so presumably his views were similar to Charlie's at that time; since Charlie's position hasn't changed, we can only conclude that Duncan's has. Nothing wrong with that, but what is he making such a fuss about? It seems to me that Duncan is the one who should clarify his position; not Charlie Porter who already has, time and time again.

I'm inclined to agree with Duncan on one point, at least: there is a difference between the candidates. Charlie Porter takes a firm stand and makes his position clear. He doesn't cloud the issue with phony issues. Nor does he attempt to smear other Democratic candidates. He has the courage of his convictions and is a Democrat for Democrats to be proud of.

I urge all Democrats to support a man they can depend on, Charlie Porter.

Wilbur L. Gardner,
Jackson County
Chairman,
Re-elect Porter to
Congress Committee,
Medford.

Medical Society "Alert"

To the Editor: As President of the Oregon State Medical Society I wish to alert the people of Oregon to some very important events which will occur in the near future. I would like them to observe closely and critically the coming maneuvers by the Kennedy Administration to force through Congress the so-called "medical care for the aged" bill. It is my sincere hope that they will listen to and watch President Kennedy when he addresses approximately 20,000 hand-picked "senior citizens" in Madison Square Garden on this subject.

Since the doctors of this country have always tried to make available the best of medical care to all of the people, and since we actively support programs of government assistance for people who need help, we want the citizens of our state to ask

themselves some questions about the proposal being offered in the King-Anderson Bill.

First, does a program which pays only one-fourth of the cost of illness for social security beneficiaries provide the solution to the problem of "medical care for the aged"?

Second, do the American people sincerely desire to have the expense of medical care for the aged fall most heavily on the lowest income group in our population, those with \$5,000 or less income?

Third, is it the desire of the American people to use more than two-thirds of this money to pay bills for people who can afford to pay them themselves?

Fourth, do you believe that a program which excludes the 3 1/2 to 4 million newly aged not receiving, nor eligible for Social Security is any kind of answer to the problem of "medical care for the aged"?

If you can answer "yes" to these questions as the massive powers of the Presidency are directed against those in Congress who oppose this type of program, then write your Congressmen, Senators and the President and say so. If your answer is "no," you have a clear duty as an American citizen to forcefully express your opinion to these same people.

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Portland 5, Ore.

Pew!

To the Editor: I do not like home rule because with permanent appointment of managers, sheriff, and other officials, each person will get information and services from their friends and soon a solid friendship clique will run Jackson County. This is not necessarily dishonest but leads to a bad situation.

But any honest man in office and in good faith doing his best, he will of course buy, sell, and trade help or get help from those he feels will serve best his plan. Other good men that he does not know personally are not. If these men are not replaced by vote a corrupt stacked deck is in power.

Also if county commissioners are not picked by district and are elected by county wide vote, Central Point, Ashland, and Medford can and will pick and elect who they want and run the county the way they want and the rural area and the farmers can go to H—, I like some parts of the home rule charter but much of it I do not, it stinks, PEW!

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Keep Stathos Home

To the Editor: The voters of Jackson County have a splendid chance to save themselves a possible large increase in future taxes by going to the polls Friday and NOT voting for Don Stathos.

He has stated his intention to work diligently for a state sales tax if he is elected Senator. His smooth sounding arguments pertaining to saving the taxpayer money by adopting a sales tax do not hold water.

The sales tax is just one more excessive tax burden on the already over-burdened taxpayer. It is a well known fact that once a sales tax is on the state's books, it opens a Pandora's box to further sales taxes in counties and cities.

Also, it is a fact, that a sales tax takes a tremendously larger proportion of tax from the low to medium income group than from the higher brackets group. True, it is a subtle tax — it goes out a little at a time but it adds up to from \$100 to \$300 per family per year depending on income and family size.

No, let's keep Don Stathos out of the State Senate!

M. J. Olsen
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Medford.

Right to Say No

To the Editor: I wish to urge each and every registered voter in Jackson County to get out this Friday and exercise his right of choice. Let's keep the right to say "no."

We do not need a change in the form of this, the most wonderful government on earth. We just need to develop more CHARACTER in order to operate it.

Quoting from a message by the Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks, William A. Wall, recently regarding Flag Day: "It is a flag which was made the

pride symbol of a great freedom by individuals who derived theirs and the nation's greatness and strength through practicing democracy's highest ideals — faith in God, integrity, honor, courage, hard work. On Flag Day let's resolve to be worthy of Old Glory and what it represents. And let that resolve be transplanted into conduct in our daily lives, reflecting deep respect for high moral values, which will in turn contribute to the reinforcement of our society's moral fiber."

Yours for "a new burst (sic) of freedom, and that government of, the people, by the people, and for the people."

Mrs. R. E. Randless
1300 Stewart Ave.
Medford.

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To the Editor: Ireland tried Home Rule three times and gave it up in 1914. So it isn't so new.

I heard a TV speaker say, "The people just tell the commissioners what you want done and they will do it." I laughed right out loud. What people?

We have been here in Jackson County 35 years. It didn't take long to notice which people had the front of their property kept neat and clean.

Anyone that has driven down Kings highway can't help but notice how clean and neat the gutters and ditches are all along it.

Instead of moving the city limits to encircle farms that would rather stay the way they are, more might be encouraged to move outside the city limits. That would improve the landscaping wonderfully.

Those that are not in the upper class and can't afford to just pay the interest on their taxes wouldn't have the privilege of getting anything done by the Home Rule more than they do now.

Our Constitution was fought for long and hard to get justice for rich and poor alike. People have the general idea that the colored people were freed just out of compassion. The truth is that the rich were coming in from other countries and gobbling up thousands of acres of cheap land and making slaves of poor whites as well as colored people.

There's one outstanding condition here that would improve our government wonderfully and that would be to make a law that one office holder could not stay in more than two terms at most. A man that stays in for 20 or even 30 years, just gets too big for his britches.

I know full well that no one would pay any attention to anything I say, just being common folks that pay their taxes and other bills promptly.

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Overheard in an East End of London pub: "Ow did poor old Alfie die?"

"E fell through some scaffolding."

"Whatever was 'e doing up there?"

"They was 'angin' him."

Notes that wise Cleveland, Bill Feather: "If a writer gets hold of a fancy word like caducity, he is likely to overdo its use. Another silly word to add to one's vocabulary is cacography. I learned about that one for the first time just now when I was looking up caducity!"

A pert Southern miss was outraged when she received a letter from her beau at Baylor with several X's at the bottom. "The skunk," she muttered darkly. "I'll teach him to double-cross me!"

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Mary E. Atkins
1634 Orchard Home dr.
Frying Pan To Fire

To the Editor: Sec. 15 of the proposed county charter states:

"A board of seven commissioners is hereby established as the principal LEGISLATIVE and policy making agency of the county."

Sec. 27 states:

"Responsibility for ADMINISTRATION of the affairs of the county shall reside in the board of county commissioners and officers and employees who function by authority of the board."

The very able men who founded this nation knew first hand the evils of too much

power in too few hands, so they most particularly separated the powers of law making from those of administration. But the above sections of the charter would place both in one body.

Would you Democrats wish to abolish the state legislature and let Gov. Hatfield both create and administer the laws of Oregon?

Would you Republicans wish to abolish the Congress and let President Kennedy both create and administer the laws of the nation?

I do not think it wise, merely for expediency, to abandon one of the very foundations of our system of government.

I hope that the majority of our electorate will not "jump from the frying pan into the fire" where a majority of the commission, possibly only three, could roam free. See Sec. 21 and 24.

Horace W. Thompson
3642 Hillsinger rd.
Medford

Data Asked

To the Editor: The "promising" Mr. Stathos continues to make promises without due regard to fact. I would greatly appreciate it if he would provide me with the following:

1. Documented proof of any company which has failed to locate in Oregon because of the state's property taxes.

2. Tell us property owners what the average percentage of tax reduction will be under his proposed sales tax bill and provide an estimate of the average amount each citizen (or family) will pay in sales taxes each year.

The latter figure should be easy for him since he already knows how much the elusive tourists will pay and it should be less difficult to provide an estimate for the known permanent population. I hope that Mr. Stathos keeps in mind that we will be having much larger grocery bills since taxes will have to be paid on soap, floor wax, detergents, Kleenex, paper napkins and everything else which is not edible but purchased at the grocery store. He fails to mention, too, that such a tax applies to every single garment we purchase.

Marina S. Gardiner
3777 Old Military rd.
Medford

Don't Be Fooled!

To the Editor: So many half-truths and deliberate misinterpretations have been voiced by opponents to the proposed Home Rule charter for Jackson County, one wonders how an ordinary citizen can remember the truth about the charter's history and intent.

There have been endless derisive charges against members of the charter committee, and arguments based on deliberate, or ignorant, misinterpretations of Home Rule.

Attorney William Deatherage surely knew he was in error when he said in Eagle Point Friday night that under home rule taxpayers would have no recourse in disagreements over property

tax assessments. (He ignored the permanent safeguards of the newly established Oregon Tax Court, and erroneously reported that the county board of equalization would disappear.)

He was again incorrect in stating that there has been no need in recent years for state legislators to pass laws pertaining to county government. (Counties sought 27 such bills in the last legislature and only three were acted upon.)

Deatherage said county residents have no say in public health matters. He surely knows that the Jackson County Public Health association and Public Health department work continually for public health improvements on a LOCAL level.

Opponents to the charter have declared their support in circulated flyers for a single requirement (that a candidate be 21 years of age) as sufficient qualification for technical officials in a growing county with 76,000 population.

This opposition group questions the motives of a diversified committee of citizens appointed by their elected state representatives and county court under a state constitutional amendment passed by Oregon voters two-to-one — a committee which includes a former county judge, state tax commissioner, and state legislator who has lived in the valley for over 50 years; a farmer who has been a resident for over 40 years; and seven other members who have lived in this area for from 5 to 30 years.

Let us still decide the issues concerning our government on the basis of facts. Refuse to be misled, especially when motives of a number of opponents are suspect.

The American tradition keeps government as close to the people as possible. The Home Rule charter will do that!

Mr. and Mrs.
John Ousterhout
Route 1, Box 174
Eagle Point, Ore.

Montana Fight

To the Editor: I read the Communications first in my Mail Tribune each day.

This Home Rule sounds the same to me as the city-county planning board did back in my home town of Great Falls, Mont.

The Big Wigs of Chicago moved in on this Montana town and were going to zone the city and area 12 miles all around it. The plan called for some of the most fantastic things, like those people having cows, chickens, etc., out of the city limit; could no longer keep them unless their place was designated so by the planning board. We would have to tear down our barbed wire fences; we could park no more than one car in our driveway at one time at our homes.

The director of the board was to get a salary of \$25,000 a year, which the city could use. The building inspector was to get a raise in his salary to \$1,500 per month. Our

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for
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Melvin Lattie

at the urgent request of civic-minded citizens, agreed to be a candidate for
COUNTY
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He was petitioned because of his long range experience and first hand knowledge of the financial and economic problems confronting Jackson County.

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MEL
LATTIE
COUNTY
COMMISSIONER
May 18th

Pd. Ad. Lattie for Commissioner Comm. Dick Gray, Chmn., RFD-3, Medford

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Harry Boivin,
President of the Senate

Pd. Pol. Ad. by Neighbors for Newbry Committee
Chas Hubbard, Chmn., Medford.

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