



# DON'T BE MISLED!

## Gambling takes \$21,000,000 annually from Oregon pockets

### WHO REAPS THIS GOLDEN HARVEST?



Dog and horse wagers far exceed the total instructional expense for all elementary and secondary schools in Portland—the amount gambled on dog races alone is more than double the total tax bill on all Multnomah County property. This resulting golden harvest—diverted from productive business channels—goes to line the pockets of out-of-state gambling promoters who own all but 55 of the 1250 shares of greyhound racing stock.

### PHILANTHROPY OR BRIBERY?



For every well-publicized gambling dollar directed toward socially-approved ends (such as the 4-H clubs) twenty-fold go to the support, profit, maintenance, and expansion of the gambling interests and the promotion of gambling. Figure the odds! Building and developing the character of Oregon youth with tax income from our vices is a losing proposition.

### HOW ABOUT PARIMUTUEL BETTING?



The Kefauver Senate Crime Committee report and every other survey on gambling document the shocking fact that the inevitable result of professional gambling—legalized or not—is increased crime, corruption and lawlessness. Are the revenues worth the price Oregon might have to pay for its partnership with professional gambling interests? How much does it cost to put a boy through reform school? To send a man to the penitentiary? To maintain relief rolls?

## Here is the truth about Pari-Mutuel Gambling VOTE 326 X YES to destroy Commercialized gambling

**THEY SAY** if you cut out pari-mutuel gambling, you'll hike taxes or kill the Fairs

**THE TRUTH** IS an honest tax to raise every dollar to replace the "tax" for government and Fairs from gambling in 1951 (\$835,799.00) would amount to .596 per capita per year or about 1¢ a week for each Oregonian. What price decency and self-respect? Oregon had sound Fairs and Clubs before the gambling interests moved in. We are too proud of our Fairs and character agencies to "give" them "30 pieces of silver" or 835,799 "pieces of silver" from gambling.

**THEY SAY** you'll drive DOG GAMBLING to Washington.

**THE TRUTH** IS Washington prohibits pari-mutuel betting on dogs.

**THEY SAY** you can't legislate morality.

**THE TRUTH** IS the oldest legislation is on morality. "Thou shalt not kill" — "Thou shalt not steal" — "Thou shalt not covet." Every state legislates against murder, stealing — law is made to support morality and to restrain and punish agents of vice.

**THEY SAY** people will always gamble.

**THE TRUTH** IS some people will always steal, murder, lie — So what? We do not pass laws licensing thieves, murderers, slanderers. We pass laws to punish and correct offenders — and to protect law-abiding men. The State dishonors itself and prepares for its own destruction when it betrays justice by licensing, and so protecting from judgement the lawless, the agents of evil in their brutal struggle against righteousness. Government, in the words of St. Paul, is "the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrong-doer" (Ro. 13). We will not appease the gambling interests.

**THEY SAY** "history shows pari-mutuel wagering is fair and honorable."

**THE TRUTH** IS "gambling has increased enormously since pari-mutuel machines were legalized in 23 states—the problem of enforcement of laws has increased tremendously, through legal sanction of race track wagering." —Virgil A. Peterson, Director, Chicago Crime Commission, formerly with the FBI.

\* Oregon parimutuel gambling laws were enacted by the legislature without any vote of the people. Now for the first time in history Oregon voters have the opportunity to . . .

#### HERE'S WHAT ESTES KEFAUVER SAYS:

"Gambling profits are the principal support of big-time racketeering and gangsterism . . . the history of legalized gambling in Nevada and in other parts of the country give no assurance that mobsters and racketeers can be converted into responsible businessmen through the simple process of obtaining state and local licenses for their gambling enterprises."

Senate Crime Committee Report

"The principal argument being used by words, we are being offered a bribe to permit opponents is that the loss of racing revenue will wreck our county and state fairs. In other continuation of legalized gambling."

Roseburg News-Review

"Statutory discrimination in favor of legalizing one form of gambling (parimutuel), with all its evils in diverting earnings of people of low income from family use, is not warranted in our opinion. We therefore recommend a YES vote."

The Oregon Voter

"Are there two kinds of gambling in Oregon—one where the state splits the profits with the gambling operators and one where there is no split? . . . this is the first opportunity the voters have had to pass on their partnership with professional gambling. The Journal counsels that they vote . . . 326 X YES."

Oregon Daily Journal

"We had county and state fairs a long time before we had parimutuel betting — and we will have them a long time after parimutuel betting is again abolished."

Elmer McClure, Master, Oregon State Grange

**STAMP OUT  
COMMERCIALIZED  
PROFESSIONAL  
GAMBLING  
IN OREGON**

**VOTE  
326  
X  
YES**

**To prohibit  
Lotteries, Bookmaking,  
Parimutuel betting on  
animal racing.**