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To The Editor
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To The Editor:

In your "Insider" column for February 10, you gave me a piece of news which I appreciate, "Liberals Eye Atiyeh's Heel." However, the article has two items which are listed as "Facts" demonstrates inadequate investigative journalism and carrying hearsay beneath the integrity that I viewed your paper to have.

The first "Fact" states is "He is one of the most consistent no voters in the Oregon Senate" is not true with the use of the word "Consistent." All too often a "No" vote is proper because of defective legislation and I work at my job, read my Bills and will cast a responsible "No" vote whenever appropriate, politics or not. So if the word "Responsible" has been connected with "No" you would have had no complaint.

Probably the most devastating and untrue "Fact" was the statement that I opposed the Bottle Bill. My use of the word of "Untrue" is restrained and the shorter, more descriptive word should be used. During my campaign for Governor the "Big Untruth" was repeated many times, never with any proof because there was not any.

The real fact is that I read the Bill, found a real defect in it, knew the law would get a lot of flack here and nation-wide and that it best be solid, so I moved the Bill back to committee. The committee agreed with me, amended the Bill, passed it back out and I voted for it. That is the fact and anything else is untrue.

I sure wish this letter would get the same prominence as your "Insider" column.

Very truly yours,

Victor Atiyeh
State Senator, Washington County

INSIDER

Liberals Eye Atiyeh's Heel

VIC VULNERABLE? A group of liberal Republicans is urging John Piacentini, owner of the Plaid Pantry stores, to challenge Senate minority leader Victor Atiyeh, R-Beaverton, in the GOP primary. The liberals consider Atiyeh vulnerable because of his conservative record (he is one of the most consistent "no" voters in the Oregon Senate), and they note that Gov. Bob Straub beat Atiyeh in his own back yard — Washington County — in the 1974 gubernatorial race. Piacentini was busy losing to Bob Duncan in a U.S. congressional race that year but gained some public points for his outspoken support of the bottle bill, which Atiyeh opposed. (If Atiyeh is in trouble, insiders think it could be because his voting record was aired widely in the Straub campaign.)

METERS TICKING: Prospective parking meter repairmen are taking Civil Service exams this month in hopes of replacing those five city employes indicted in December for stealing motorists' change from meters in Portland. Since then, the city has been using other Public Works employes to make meter repairs, but officials hope to hire at least three successful applicants as soon as tests are completed. (But don't rush down to sign up — Civil Service aides stopped taking appli-

cants for the five jobs when they hit 200.

BIG BUCKS DEPT.: Would higher legislative salaries mean more competent state legislatures across the country? No, according to a recent study, but at least better salaries wouldn't discourage bright legislators who could make more money doing something else. A Princeton scholar notes, "The drones and hacks like a good income as well as the competent.

But at least the competent who would be able to earn a decent salary otherwise would not be so likely to forfeit a legislative career . . ."

(New York now pays its legislators \$23,500 per year, while New Hampshire scrimps along at \$100. Oregon salaries fall about in the middle, depending on the length of the session.)



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OIL MONEY: Big, old English homes Britons can no longer afford to keep up are the latest fad among oil-rich Middle Easterners, who wish to establish residences in politically stable areas. Houses of 10 to 12 bedrooms with swimming pools are selling quickly with \$500,000 to \$1.2 million price tags.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Your Tuesday, October 28th "Voters Should Have a Voice" went clearly to the heart of the matter.

Your identifying the Democrats who oppose the Open Primary was a statement of actual fact and I am delighted that you have perceived this difference. I know for a fact that the leadership of the Republican Party in the Oregon Legislature support the Open Primary and did so by sponsoring or co-sponsoring legislation. The Democrats stayed away from that issue.

In a recent letter to me by some one who does not support the Open Primary, the question was asked had the Open Primary been in effect during the last gubernatorial election would the name Victor Atiyeh have appeared on the ballot in the general election? I might frankly have to answer 'no' but that is not the point, and that is the trouble with many politicians. They think of themselves rather than the issue.

Thank you for your perceptive comments.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh

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