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DROP US A LINE

By Charles V. Stanton

The current campaign for the office of circuit judge and the argument which has developed has been exceedingly pleasing to me in one respect. It has brought out a number of letters for the Reader Opinions column, many of them from people who wrote letters to the editor for the first time. I sincerely hope it will not be their last.

Nearly every day someone stops me on the street with the comment, "I was tempted to write you a letter about —." I suppose I should have written but I just didn't get around to it.

Every newspaper likes to receive letters from its readers. We never get enough of the right kind.

There are a few people who would fill the page for us, if we permitted. We have certain writers who would love to provide a column every day. They must, of course, be limited.

Then we have a few readers, bless them, who write intelligent, pertinent letters on subjects of particular interest to them. We wish we had hundreds more like them.

We receive a few — surprisingly few — "crank" letters. We get an occasional anonymous letter, usually one calling the editor names. And we get a considerable number of circular-type letters from writers who send printed or mimeographed letters wholesale to all newspapers everywhere.

Criticism Welcome

Some readers seem to have the idea that letters of criticism are not welcome. Such is not the case. Honest and constructive criticism is one thing any newspaper welcomes.

This column, unlike a great many "editorial" columns is a personal column. The name of the writer appears at the top. The writer, being the editor, makes the news policy. Having made policy, I don't try to hide behind anonymity. I use no disguise. If I throw brickbats, you know who is doing the throwing.

Because this is a personal column, and because I express my personal opinions, I know that I am often in conflict with the opinions of readers. Whenever this column becomes one with which everyone can agree, it will be time for me to stop writing. So long as it causes people to think, even though it may arouse anger, it has a purpose.

But because it is an opinion column and, I hope, arouses debate, letters of criticism are always welcome. I prefer letters that contain argument rather than abuse, but abuse is acceptable if couched in respectable language.

It is my hope that many more of you will get the habit of writing letters on subjects of general interest. An increased number of letters during the election year is anticipated.

Suggestions Given

In inviting letters I would like to offer a few suggestions:

We set no limit on length. However, we prefer letters not exceed 300 words. It is difficult to find space for longer letters. Short letters always get preference.

Every letter must be signed by the name of the writer and his mailing address must be given. We have so many people in the county with similar names that identification by address is necessary. Unless there is an exceptionally good reason why the identity of the writer should be protected, we will require that the writer's name be printed. This is particularly true with reference to controversial matters. Letters should be on topics of general interest. No person may be addressed directly. If you want to write to another person you can send him a letter through the mail. But if you want to comment on something some other person has written, your agreement or rebuttal will be welcome, just so long as you credit him with an equal right of opinion. During election year, letters pertaining to issues connected with any candidate or campaign are permissible, but letters which contain no more than individual endorsement of candidacy should appear as paid advertisements.

No writer need worry about spelling and composition. I know that writing is a chore to many people and that some, even though well educated, have not kept up with writing and may be "rusty" on spelling. Our editors will do their best to make all necessary corrections, while striving to preserve the writer's ideas and opinions. We ask only that you write legibly: that you write on one side of the paper only; that you have the letter type-written (double-spaced) if possible, but handwritten if no typewriter is available; that you sign your name and give your mailing address.

One writer who has flooded us with letters, recently sent us two letters with different names and mailed from different post offices. But his misspelling and composition error, most pronounced and identical, gave him away. We don't like attempts at deception.

However, if you have honest convictions, opinions and ideas that you desire to get before the public, we will welcome your letters for the Reader Opinions column.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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this business of taxing less and at the same time spending more doesn't make much sense to you. You're probably amazed that your congressman or your senators should even consider it.

But you must remember that your congressman and your senators spend most of their time in Washington. For that reason, they live and work in an atmosphere of complete unreality — a lotus land in which VOTES are food and drink and air to breathe, and nothing else really counts.

You'd better write to them. Your letters will help to bring some REALITY into their lives.

What to write?

Write what you BELIEVE.

If you really believe in taxing more and spending less, you should say so. But if — as seems more probable — you can see nothing

but grief and trouble for the future of your country in such a weird procedure — you should write and tell your congressman and senators so.

Whom shall you write to? If you live on the Oregon side, your senators are Wayne L. Morse and Richard L. Neuberger. Your congressman is Charles O. Porter.

If you live on the California side, your senators are William F. Knowland and Thomas H. Kuchel. Your congressman (in our part of Far Northern California) is Clair Engle.

How to address them? The Washington office address of senators is Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. The Washington office address of members of the house of representatives (that is, congressmen) is House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

That's all the address you need.

"I Still Say It Won't Go on the Rocks"



—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK — You may think there's something wrong with your neighbor's head — but the chances are much greater there's something wrong with his feet.

"Nine out of ten American adults have foot trouble, but most don't do anything about it," said Dr. Joseph Lelyveld of Rockland, Mass.

"And American children have more foot defects now than a generation ago. Their feet aren't in as good condition as the feet of European children."

"Today 85 per cent of our girls and 65 per cent of our boys have foot defects by the time they leave high school."

To Dr. Lelyveld, a podiatrist renowned as the founder of the National Foot Health Council and inventor of the phrase "athlete's foot" this is eminently disturbing.

"All but about 15 per cent of adult foot defects are unnecessary," he observed. "They could have been prevented in childhood."

Dr. Lelyveld, who helped design shoes for the Dionne quintuplets and has advised European royalty on pedal problems, has a mind full of odd historical footnotes.

"Napoleon had bad feet," he said. "Hitler had such terrible feet some psychiatrists think they may have been a factor behind some of his atrocities."

Abraham Lincoln had trouble with his feet — they were flat and distorted. He had his own foot doctor and custom-made shoes. Woodrow Wilson wore custom-made shoes, too.

Contrary to popular opinion, policemen and postmen don't suffer most from foot troubles. "They know how important their feet are to them, so they take better care of them," said Dr. Lelyveld.

"Weak feet can give you everything from headaches to twitching eyeballs — and the symptoms of arthritis, when you really do not have it. The tired businessman would feel better if he walked three to five miles a day."

What if your feet get tired, doc?

"No matter what your boss thinks," said Dr. Lelyveld firmly, "the best way to rest your feet is to put them on a desk for five or ten minutes."

Something I've been saying for years.

—Bruce Biossat—

If anybody doubts that this is the age of streamline design, an idea being studied in Wisconsin should convince him that the age of leisurely living is about gone.

According to this suggestion, police motorcycles would carry cash boxes for fast collection of traffic fines.

There are bound to be some reservations about such cash-and-carry justice, but maybe those cash boxes sticking out for all to see, would be a factor for safety, at that.

THE PRECARIOUS BALANCE

A serious charge against the administration has been made by the House Information Subcommittee. The charge: Excessive security regulations, issued in the name of national security, stifled this country's scientific progress and enabled the Russians to beat us into space.

To get our scientific programs out of this "swamp of secrecy," the subcommittee recommends, among other things:

A uniform security clearance system. As it is now, scientists must be cleared over and over by different agencies.

Stop trying to hide discoveries of basic laws of nature.

A workable declassification system for releasing information when secrecy is no longer needed. [This brings to mind the recent "how and arrow" incident in the Pentagon.]

The subcommittee's charges have been attacked, both by one of its own members and by the Defense Department, for exaggeration and biased reporting. But at the center of the situation probably is the simple statement that balancing the public's right to know against the need to preserve security is not easy.

No one advocates stripping government agencies of all regulations for guarding vital secrets. But any attempt to push-point well-known cases of excessive secrecy is no less detrimental to the public interest.

What is needed is an honest effort to find and preserve that elusive balance between necessary security and bureaucratic secrecy, which will result in an informed public having confidence in the

RAINMAKERS ORGANIZED

PORTLAND — The Rainmakers, a new fun organization, was formed this week by Unlimited Progress, a Portland businessmen's group.

It said the aim is to promote, publicize and honor Portland's "most outstanding and beneficial asset" — rain. The sun was bright in a clear sky on its organizational day.

Members will wear green ties and red Tyrolean hats, and will carry green-and-white striped umbrellas in public appearances.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

NEW IDEA?

Klamath Falls Herald & News

Back in Detroit the car people are still busy dreaming up new and startling ideas about automobiles which will, supposedly, stimulate sales.

One of the later gadgets announced is what General Motors calls the "unicontrol." This is a new idea if you don't remember the first horseless carriages. The idea is that in a unicontrol car the steering wheel is replaced with a single stick just like the first horseless carriages.

Of course the modern people have gone further. The idea is still the same. You push the stick forward to speed up, pull it back to brake and shove it to the right or left to turn. But instead of a simple lever this one is all fancied up with electric motors, computers, hydraulic systems and what not. Even the throttle is controlled by an electric motor and works from the control lever.

According to the release I got the driver moves the lever. This causes an electric signal to go to the computer which in turn evaluates it and sends the proper orders to the electric motors. These, in their turn, drive the hydraulic steering and braking systems.

It works in reverse, too. If the car goes into a skid the computer on the tires is fed back into the computer which thinks it over and decides on the proper move to make — and then does it. The makers claim that if you go into a skid with the car all you have to do is let go of the lever and the car will automatically straighten up.

It would seem that we are getting closer and closer to the car that will drive itself.

Now if they will design one that will fix its own flats, empty its own ashtrays, wash itself automatically at night, keep the glove compartment neat and drive sideways to get into parking spaces it looks like all the driver will need is money.

—Bill Jenkins

Nixon Warned Russia Cutting In On SA Trade

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — Warned that the Soviet Union is cutting in on U.S. markets in Latin America, Vice President Nixon was urged by local U.S. businessmen last night to back moves to revive Uruguay's wool sales to the United States.

Nixon, here on the first leg of a good will tour of eight Latin American nations, discussed the wool situation for 40 minutes with a 15-man delegation, Assistant Secretary of State Roy R. Rubottom and Samuel C. Waugh, president of the Export-Import Bank, sat in on the talks.

The delegation said the United States is losing the Uruguayan market because of the high prices and stiff duties imposed by the United States.

The group urged that the United States buy wool from Uruguay for its foreign aid program with payment in dollars instead of letting aid recipients purchase the wool in local currencies. It was suggested that the Export-Import Bank loan a loan to tide Uruguay over the balance of payment difficulties.

Henry H. Miller, 1900 Grant Smith Road, Roseburg, Oregon

Unemployment Bill Is Cleared For House Action

WASHINGTON — A disputed \$1-billion dollar unemployment relief bill was cleared for House action Tuesday by a split vote of the Rules Committee.

The bill will be open to virtually unlimited amendments on the floor with Republicans free to try to substitute for it President Eisenhower's rival program.

Leaders hoped to schedule it for debate Wednesday if Chairman Howard W. Smith (D-Va.) of the Rules Committee acted to place it on the House calendar.

Smith is opposed to the bill, calling it an "outright dole" and socialism.

The bill was drafted by Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee over Republican opposition.

The reported vote of the Rules Committee to clear the bill was 8-4.

Commercial Fishing Opens On Columbia Monday

PORTLAND — Commercial fishing opened on the Columbia River this week, and 700 to 800 boats were out. Success was reported fair, with most of the run still in the lower reaches of the river.

The season had been opened two days early on the forecast by the Oregon State Fish Commission that the run was coming in ahead of schedule.

High, muddy water apparently kept the run from reaching Bonneville Dam, where only 122 Chinook salmon went up the ladders in the three days preceding the opening. Last year in the three days before the opening the count was 24,064.

Gov. Faubus To Appeal For Legal Support

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Gov. Orval Faubus plans to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court for legal support of his move blocking integration at Little Rock Central High School last fall by use of Arkansas National Guard troops.

The 8th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis yesterday upheld a U. S. District Court decree prohibiting Faubus from using troops to interfere with a court-ordered integration plan.

Tom Harper, an attorney for the governor, said the next step was an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Governor Rosellini Refuses To Extradite Fugitive

SPOKANE — Gov. Robert D. Rosellini refused Tuesday to extradite convicted bank robber Howard W. (Norman) Cook, 49, a fugitive for 15 years from a West Virginia prison camp.

With Cook and his wife standing by, the governor told a news conference that he is satisfied the man has rehabilitated himself and earned his freedom by living a good life since his escape in 1943.

The Cooks beamed happily and shook the governor's hand, then posed for pictures.

"From my position and other positions I have held," Rosellini said, "I know it costs society to rehabilitate a man. I feel he has rehabilitated himself."

Cook robbed a West Virginia bank of \$5,000 in 1937, spent 19 years in prison, then was jailed again as a parole violator. In 1943 he ran away from a prison work camp and fled to Oregon, moving on in 1955 to nearby Newman Lake, Wash., where he worked as a logger.

Arrested March 6, FBI agents, acting on a tip, arrested him March 6. It shocked friends and neighbors, more than 200 of whom later signed petitions asking Gov. Cecil Underwood of West Virginia to pardon him.

Underwood refused and requested Rosellini to send him back. Cook hired two lawyers to fight for his freedom and was granted a hearing by Rosellini last April 2. The governor then asked Prosecutor John Lally and Sheriff William Reilly of Spokane County to check on Cook's life since 1943. They found no bad reports on him and suggested continued freedom.

Rosellini said he talked with Underwood by telephone twice this week, the last time Tuesday morning.

"Underwood was unwilling to waive his extradition request, but felt that under the circumstances he could permit us to make the decision," he said.

Cook and his wife of nine years have no children. She said he told her he was a fugitive three days after the marriage and offered to annul it. She stuck with him, however, and the two plan to remain at Newman Lake.

Cook has been free on his own recognizance.

"Good luck to you now," the governor told Cook. "Don't let us down."

"Thank you," Cook said. "I won't."

Twining Says U. S. Could Strike At Once

WASHINGTON — Gen. Nathan F. Twining told Congress Tuesday some U.S. forces are ready now — without the legislation asked by President Eisenhower — to strike back within 30 minutes of attack.

House Armed Services Committee critics of Eisenhower's defense reorganization proposals promptly seized on the statement by Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Rep. Herbert (D-La.) said the President's proposal, to strengthen the military role of the secretary of defense, is being sold to the American public with slogans about "the need for direct command because of the rapid action needed in the space age."

"Now it appears there is no need for this legislation to trigger immediate action," Herbert said. "What Prevents Action?"

Taking up another part of Twining's testimony, Rep. Price (D-Ill.) asked what present law prevents the military establishment from setting up its major unified commands in advance of war.

Twining said the question gets into deep water and should be answered behind closed doors.

The committee got at least a partial answer, however, from Charles A. Coolidge, special assistant to the secretary of defense for reorganization. Coolidge said the principal problem is the specific command authority assigned by present law to the chief of staff of the Air Force — but not the Army chief of staff.

"Our problem is one of language," Coolidge said.

Before the session got under way Rep. Durham (D-N.C.) said he is having a study made to determine whether the Eisenhower proposals might change U.S. atomic weapons policy.

River May Have Swept Away Missing Boy, 5

MILWAUKIE — The Clackamas county sheriff's office believes the current of the Willamette River has carried away the body of a 5-year-old boy who has been missing since Tuesday afternoon.

Deputies Sunday called off the search for the youngster, Steven W. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Phillips of Oak Grove.

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