

Communications

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Food For the Hungry

To the Editor: Half the world is slowly starving, while our government has over 6 billion dollars worth of surplus food in storage. American people are standing helplessly aghast at the heartlessness of this situation, and also over the fact that it is costing our taxpayers more than \$700,000 daily for the storage of this food.

Why can't we spend, NOW, a portion of that enormous sum, and send this food to needy areas, both at home and abroad? Much less expense would be involved, and we would be using the strongest weapon possible against Communism—the weapon of "Amazing Kindness."

Something should be done immediately. If every taxpayer would write to Washington, D.C., and make this suggestion to our Secretary of Agriculture and also to our Senators and Representatives, I believe we would get swift action.

From the Parable of the Good Samaritan we would conclude that any one in need is our neighbor.

We who are longing with unspeakable desire to see our beloved country survive the threat of future war are deeply inspired by the words of Jesus, "I was hungry and sick, naked, in prison and a stranger, and ye took me in. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

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Gas Regulation

To the Editor: Since you profess to be an independent newspaper, I hope you will see fit to publicize some of the facts about government regulation of natural gas production.

Your editorials and news items on this subject appear generally to favor the socialistic views expressed by our "New Deal" politicians.

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Screens For the Dam

To the Editor: A copy of your editorial "Screens for the Dam" published in your Jan. 25 edition was referred to us by our division vice-president, Col. Paul H. Weiland.

As you mentioned in this editorial, the Oregon division of the Izaak Walton League passed a resolution at its 33rd annual convention relative to the screening of the turbines at the Savage Rapids dam.

We wish to take this opportunity to commend you and thank you for your very timely editorial comments, in support of one of the activities of the Oregon division. Your support of this particular position is certainly a fine contribution to the cause of resource conservation.

Allan L. Kelly, Secretary,
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Stand Up To Ivan

To the Editor: To "convince someone against his will who'll be of the same opinion still" is surely a futile and unrewarding task. But the obviously hasty, and critical, letter of Mr. W. R. Johnson's in the Feb. 1 M-T contains so much more proof of our people's concern of the Soviet bluff and bluster across the world map that additional comment might help some, for it's worse than foolish to be like sheep who rush to their own destruction when a predator appears.

We should be ever prepared and ready to march straight to "the brink of war" when challenged. Like little but courageous Norway when Ivan, "scheming mit der brains," invading Norway's recognized territorial water, got some 14 "chips" knocked off his shoulder in the way of fishing-boats that include a sizable one of a mother-ship, which are now under Norwegian guns in Aalesund Fjord. Now this may trigger all-out war, but my opinion is otherwise. At least it did not when modern "Ivan The Terrible" in bloody handed Stalin backed off from little Yugoslavia who challenged

him at "the brink of war."

Stalin lost a lot of face but nothing like his henchmen, Khrushchev and Bulganin, who recently staged a coyote-grinned baggy-pants parade to win the redoubtable Tito back to the Kremlin fold. Had the other now-slave satellite small nations under the Russian heavy yoke displayed the same courage, they would also likely be free and independent people.

Don't forget for one moment that the Soviet is watching our every move, even to the letters like Mr. Johnson's and mine, for he must know how bewildered and uncertain we are in order to further his "scheming mit der brains," rather than all-out fighting. For he must remember that little June 17th uprising in East Germany that could spread to fatal proportions if he was engaged all-out otherwise. FDR refused to enter World War II till we were steamed up and united by the Pearl Harbor sneak attack. Napoleon was not defeated by the Russians or Wellington at Waterloo. It was the fading faith of his men and people that halted his world-conquering ambition.

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More About Hospital

To the Editor: I, along with hundreds of others in Medford and surrounding areas, wonder why Osteopathic physicians and surgeons are not going to be allowed use of the new hospital? Being that the large funds donated by Ford Foundation, a thoroughly democratic institution, which believes in helping all races, creeds and colors, and as America is supposed to be a country where free enterprise thrives, do you think Henry Ford would like it, if he knew a certain click is going to use the fund?

I know personally and feel sure many hundreds of people who have and will have Dr. Rutter and his fine staff and hospital take care of their loved ones know, what a fine doctor he is, and the well run and efficient staff in his hospital can't be duplicated anywhere here. The personal care he and his staff give you is perfect. I fail to find any doctor or hospital that can beat it around here.

I work among the public and know their feelings in this thing, as the hospital is supposed to be for good of valley and people therein. Then where does a certain click get off, barring their choice of doctors to take patients there. I know Klamath has such a reputation, but I never thought Medford would. I thought people who donate to the hospital would have choice of their personal doctor. I can tell you, there will be many more donate if they can use their own doctor. As some of the money was appropriated by government, then I feel we should be allowed our choice of doctors, as government is supposed to be democratic. I don't feel it is fair.

I would have been a widow today if it had not been for the immediate care and quick response, when I called of Dr. Rutter and his wonderful wife.

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Who Is Satan?

To the Editor: Many people are perturbed about the evil they see in the world about them. They seek to know the cause. They ask, "Why so much sin and crime and war in a world the Creator evidently intended to be a good world?"

I don't know all the answers, no one does. But I think I can see some parts of the answer. An important part of the answer to the sin in the world is our human propensity to shift responsibility. We look for some one to blame when things go wrong. So few are willing to stand up and say, "I am to blame."

In the third chapter of Genesis, the Bible tells of the first sin. It is a story of an attempt to satisfy selfish desire contrary to the will of God and unselfish love. When Adam was confronted

ed with evidence of his sin he quickly said, "The woman gave me to eat." Eve just as quickly added, "The serpent beguiled me." The poor old serpent, unable to find some one else to blame, snuck off into the bush and he has been sneaking ever since. Thus began the human pastime of passing the buck.

We may follow the story on through the Bible and through life. Always at the root of sin is the attempt to gratify selfish desire. When the tempter said to Jesus, "Make these stones bread," Jesus rejected the idea. He rejected it not because it is wrong to eat bread to satisfy a legitimate hunger, but He considered it wrong to use His divine power to do what human hands and effort are supposed to do.

What did Jesus mean by calling Simon Peter a Satan, Mk. 8:32-33? He did not call Simon Satan. He was speaking to the selfish spirit Simon represented when he tried to dissuade Jesus from the way of the cross. Sin, Satan, Selfishness, they all stem from the same root.

If you take the selfishness out of a man you find a saint no matter what nomenclature you apply to the process. As the Holy Spirit is the essence of unselfish love and obedience to God, so Satan, the antithesis of all good, is the essence of self-love and rebellion against God. Who then is Satan but a personification of selfishness to the lowest extreme.

Sin, Satan, Selfishness, one and the same. You may not agree with me, but "them's my sentiments."

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Resent Discrimination

To the Editor: We were impressed, but not favorably, by the appeal made by two medical doctors last Tuesday night over KBES-TV for public support, by donations to the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital project. They related how the hospital would be open to everyone and all classes of people; that it would be closed to certain groups, such as osteopathic physicians and surgeons; that to do otherwise would cost the hospital its recognition by the American Hospital association, etc.

We are wondering how long certain communities, as our own, are going to put up with prejudiced and discriminatory tactics because these medical societies refuse to accredit institutions that allow physicians, other than their own societies' members, to participate in their use. We know that there are a few hospitals in Oregon as well as many more in other states less prejudiced where the two professions share the same community facilities.

Both professions spend the same number of years in their pre-medical and medical training, depending on the degree of specialization desired. The fact that osteopathic doctors of medicine may have a slightly different or independent approach, should not "outlaw" them. Consider the progressive work done by Sister Kenny.

According to last June's Oregonian, a team of expert medical educators examined the osteopathic colleges and teaching hospitals, then made a favorable

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, we have just engaged in another diplomatic exchange with Soviet Russia. Premier Bulganin proposed to President Eisenhower a 20-year friendship treaty whose first article reads:

"The contracting parties (meaning the U. S. and Russia) will develop and strengthen, in the spirit of sincere cooperation and mutual understanding, friendly relations between the peoples of the Soviet Union and the United States of America on the basis of equal rights, mutual respect for state sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs."

In addition, the treaty proposed that the United States and Russia agree, in conformity with the charter of the United Nations, "to settle all their international disputes by peaceful means" and to contribute to the development and strengthening of economic, cultural and scientific cooperation between the two states on the basis of the principle of mutual benefit and equal rights.

ALL THIS was put on paper and delivered to the President of the United States with a perfectly straight face by the rulers of the Soviet Union despite the fact that for ten years all these things have been provided by the Charter of the United Nations, which was signed by both the United States and Russia, and during all these years of cold war Russia has been VIOLATING THEM!

Can you beat it?

TO ALL of this, President Eisenhower replied that "a stroke of the pen cannot bring peace."

He asked bluntly how there can be hope for peace through words, when the SPIRIT has not changed.

He reiterated: "We know that it is DEEDS and not WORDS ALONE which count."

He added: "Since Geneva the world situation has deteriorated

report to the AMA hierarchy, suggesting closer cooperation between the two professions. But the politicians of the ruling body, by a close vote, vetoed the recommendations of its own educators and examiners, and assumed again the attitude of "whole hog or none." We maintain that if such an attitude must prevail here in the Rogue Valley's "public" hospitals, and if medical societies rather than our local citizens are to dictate the policies that must be followed, then why not make the medical societies build and finance their own hospitals, just as they have made the osteopathic physicians do for years? Then, let us use the truly public hospitals for all the people, and staffed by all the doctors—limited only by their state practice rights.

We agree that a better hospital is imperative. We agree that the public should support such a project. But we deplore a policy which calls on the public to build a work shop for just one politically-powerful group of doctors under the guise of an "all-community" benefit.

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and 19 others.

further because to us it has seemed that your government had, in various areas of the world, embarked upon a course which increases tensions by intensifying hatreds and animosities implicit in historic international disputes."

THEY THEN declined to accept the proposed "treaty of friendship" (when the Communist rulers have made it crystal clear by their actions that there IS NO FRIENDSHIP and isn't going to be any friendship so far as they are concerned) because acceptance of such a proposal might work against peace by creating a false illusion of accord.

So that's that. Personally, it seems to me that in this latest international sparring exhibition we came out ahead.

ESPECIALLY so since President Eisenhower's rejection of this latest Communist offer of sucker bait was phrased in words of the gravest and most thoughtful courtesy.

He spoke softly, but made it plain that we carry a big stick which we shall not be afraid to use in defense of right and decency and international fair dealing.

WHAT were the Russians up to this time?

I wouldn't know. But I suppose they were offering us this phony "treaty of friendship" to see if we would be saps enough to accept it. If we had accepted it, I'm sure they would have said to themselves: "Aha! These Americans are SCARED OF US. Being scared of us, they're still willing to APPEASE us."

"We've got 'em on the run!"

IF THE Communists ever become convinced that we're scared of them, LOOK OUT! The next thing will be bombs on our cities.

To Call Bids Soon On Shopping Center

Bids will be called soon for a new Medford shopping center on South Pacific highway, according to Thornburn Reid, president of Medford Shopping Center, Inc. and Roseburg Shopping Center, Inc. Safeway will be the key occupant in both the Medford and Roseburg structures.

Plans for the Medford center were announced last February by O. R. Blair, Portland realty manager for Safeway.

The 22-acre site is located east of the highway between Kim's restaurant and a Standard service station. Two other buildings are planned for later construction, one for one tenant and one for several shops. More than \$1,000,000 is to be spent on the project, according to Blair. The first building, for Safeway and adjoining shops, will provide 43,750 square feet of floor space and an additional 30,000 square feet will be added with the two other structures. Local sources indicated that space in the first building have been rented to a number of local and Portland firms. It was not known when construction would begin.

Extortion Attempt At Inglewood Bank

Inglewood, Calif. — (U.P.) FBI agents said Saturday non-explosives were inside two suitcases planted by an extortionist who threatened to blow up the Inglewood branch of the Bank of America unless he got \$100,000.

The suitcase, left at the bank's headquarters Friday were ripped apart by police and demolition experts and were found to contain only non-explosive but inflammable highway flares.

A note wired to one of the suitcases was reported to have stated, "want \$100,000 in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills." It went on to tell where the money was to be left. Inside one of the suitcases were 27 highway flares, the insides of a radio set which was made to appear like a detonat-

ing mechanism and a sheet of glass. The other suitcases, to which the note was wired, contained newspaper clippings of last year's sabotaging of a United Air Lines plane near Denver.

The suitcases were found in the bank after a switchboard operator received a telephone call saying they were in the bank. Bank manager H. R. Smith summoned authorities because a note attached to the luggage indicated the suitcases contained

explosive which could be detonated by radio.

The note was reported to have demanded \$100,000 on threats of setting off dynamite in the suitcases by remote control.

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