

Communications

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To the Editor: One-third of the population has latent tuberculosis germs, which can become active if the general health of the individual declines.

For that reason, general health is one of the biggest factors in the nationwide, 100-year-old campaign against TB.

The Jackson County Public Health association, therefore believes that anything which can be done to improve the health of everyone is a direct blow against tuberculosis.

It is for this reason that it has, for 37 years, conducted a general health education program in Jackson county—one which has received nationwide recognition for its excellence.

It is for this reason that it is vitally concerned with dental health, as well as other kinds of health.

It is for this reason that it provided expert, informed and authoritative men to give anyone interested the facts on fluoridation—the most thoroughly tested public health measure ever initiated.

The "political campaign" for fluoridation is being conducted by the Better Health Committee, which has its own donated funds.

The Jackson County Public Health association, on the other hand, is interested in health education, and in facts. Its board of more than 40 members, who donate their time, are responsible for the way the Christmas Seal money is spent. If we are to be criticized for permitting our stationery to be used to call attention to a public health information meeting, so be it.

Janet Guichex, Ex-President and Case-Finding Chairman Jackson County Public Health Association.

The Issue Is Health

To the Editor: I would like to explode one of the many current anti-fluoridation rumors.

Leaping, as usual, to false conclusions, and with no effort to explore truthful fact evidenced.

FOR MAYOR
JOHN SNIDER
HAS THE ABILITY,
THE EXPERIENCE,
AND THE TIME
TO DO A
GOOD JOB!

VOTE FOR JOHN SNIDER FOR MAYOR

FOR MAYOR
Snider for Mayor Committee

anti-fluoridationists lately seem bent on assailing the Jackson County Public Health Association—charging that group with misappropriation of funds.

May I point out that it is the Better Health Committee, and not the J.C.P.H.A., that is promoting fluoridation through radio, TV and newspaper advertising. The Better Health Committee has its own bank account, has solicited and collected its own funds, and its books are to be submitted to the Secretary of State after the election just as with every political candidate or issue.

Who are the Better Health Committee? They are a group of doctors, dentists, lawyers, merchants and, mostly, just parents—citizens interested in one thing, better health.

Fluoridation means just that! With dental disease our most pressing health problem, and with prevention of that disease partially possible through fluoridation, this group was organized to help dissolve the fears based on ignorance and unsubstantiated by any scientific fact.

Mrs. Edward Sickels, Chairman, Better Health Committee, 2608 East Jackson Dr., Medford, Ore.

Is Fluoridation 'Pollution'?

To the Editor: Well we have good water and we were told so, for many years—even had signs on the drinking fountain at the corner of Main and Riverside telling the ones who come for a good drink, I believe it read 98.9/100 per cent pure. That means we had good water then, and still have it. And the tourists have enjoyed this good water, all of them, so far as I know, and so have the people of Medford.

I and most all of Medford people want to still enjoy this good water. But in order to do so, those that want it contaminated with fluoridation let them put it in the water at home, and not pollute the whole water supply. To accommodate those who want it, let the city buy a desirable amount and sell it to those who want it, giving them complete mixing instructions, and save the cost of that machine which mixes it in the water.

Personally I think the fluoridation is of no help to the fully grown ups. In the first place it isn't right to force anyone to use stuff they don't want, and then make them help pay for it, for those who do want it.

Those who want it should put their names in to the water commission's office, telling how many there is in the family that need fluoridation, and let the water commission furnish the necessary amount of fluoride needed, and pay for it.

Fellow citizens, stand up for what you think is right. Don't let anyone poison your minds. God has blessed us with good water, let's keep it that way.

S. T. Shultz,
410 Kenwood Dr.,
Medford, Ore.

Democracy vs. Republic

To the Editor: For the past 20 years the use of the word "Democracy" has been used rather loosely. People say "This

is a Democracy, you know." Actually they are wrong. The United States is a Republic. We pledge "allegiance to the Flag, and to the REPUBLIC for which it stands . . ." Many people fail to understand that in a Democracy such as Russia has, the minority has no voice while in the United States, which is a Republic, the minority does have a voice and as such, acts as a balance wheel to keep our Democracy a free people.

Let us keep this in mind as we continue to consider the many socialistic proposals such as Fluoridation, that are continually being presented to our people at each election.

J. Verne Shanley
1445 Kings Highway
Medford, Ore.

She Trusts Her Dentist

To the Editor: After reading some of the letters against fluoridation, I would like to protest against the impression they give that the dentists are in favor of the bill for monetary gain to them, rather than to assist parents. When we call a doctor to treat our ill children we wouldn't call them unless we trusted their judgment to use medicines that would cure, not prolong, an illness. When our dentist stresses the need for fluoridation, I know we can trust his knowledge, the studies he has made and his integrity, or we would have chosen another dentist.

As a mother I am going to vote for Bill No. 56 because I want it for my children.
Mrs. Richard W. Pedley,
932 Reddy Ave.,
Medford, Ore.

The Morse Smeareds

To the Editor: On Tuesday evening, Oct. 23, the TV audience in this area was assaulted with a 15 minute program sponsored, we were told, by the McKay for Senator committee. The more I see and hear of these presentations, the more appropriate it seems to rename this committee "For the Villification of Wayne Morse." Whatever Means Possible." By far a greater share of time is spent for this purpose rather than presenting a positive case for Douglas McKay.

There are many things that could be said to refute the sort of diatribe to which we are subjected, but I will confine myself to point out one especially glaring error of Tuesday's "discussion." One of the men made the bald-faced statement that Senator Morse refused to answer, or evaded answering the loaded questions with which he was greeted in a full-page paid advertisement in the Oct. 10 issue of the Medford Mail Tribune. The exact opposite is true, as anyone who attended his speech at the Esquire theater on Oct. 11 can attest. There was also a fine account of his appearance in the Oct. 12 issue of the Mail Tribune for everyone to read who would.

It is true that Senator Morse preceded his reply with the reminder that this method of attempting to put the opponent on the defensive, in order to divert him from a positive discussion of the issues, is one of the oldest and most obvious tricks in the world. He stated that he did not intend to be thus diverted, BUT, in this particular case he felt it would be a good springboard for making a number of

points regarding the issues. He then proceeded to go right down the list of questions, attempting to discover the purpose of each, and answering each in a full, concise manner.

As further proof of the falsehood of this particular accusation, the very next issue of the Medford Mail Tribune carried a letter to the editor from Senator Morse, explaining his stand on the question relating to the Gore Highway bill, because he had missed answering it in person during his appearance in Medford. Does this sound like the action of the kind of man our Republican friends are trying to tell us about?

Judge for yourself who is trying to mislead the people of Oregon.
Lenore Zapell
Route 1, Box 482
Talent, Ore.

1776 Versus 1956

To the Editor: In 1776 we declared ourselves free from the oppressive control of the King of England and shortly thereafter started paying the price for freedom and independence. The Revolutionary war was but the first installment.

From the British Isles were heard cries of "Treason" and the lips of their leaders poured forth threats of disciplinary action. How dare this maverick, upstart of a colony across the Atlantic ocean, repudiate what England believed to be good for England!

The oppression that existed yesteryear is gone, but there are always those who try to tell us that obedience to political cliques comes first and is best for the country, irrespective of personal principles involved. To reason otherwise, is traitorous. Sen. Wayne Morse has been accused thusly by some of his opponents and it is as uncalled for now as it was in 1776 when the British Empire accused us of treasonous independence.

Independence is not a vogue to praise and cherish when there is need of it, and condemn it in others when it doesn't suit us. Independence never changes, and like the earth, offers us the essential stability that prevents us from drowning in the seas of dictatorial oppression. But there are types of individuals that never change through the centuries that nurse the deep scarring wounds left by the discrediting of their political philosophies. The results of their bitterness have filled our history books with what they might have called discipline but what we all know so well as revenge which is a product of self-esteem and a cohort of wars.

The decisive vote was cast by the Great Ruler of the universe for this privileged nation of people at its inauguration in 1776. May we never have cause of another such supreme election because we refuted these ideals of free, unrestrained, independence performance. Throughout America's annals, independent liberals like Wayne Morse helped build our greatness with the ever present fact before them that—in all of modern history independence that has been trifled with and lost by a nation has never been regained.

Ken Corliss
1584 Myers lane
Medford, Ore.

AMA and "Poison"

To the Editor: Do you honestly believe that the American Medical Association would endorse the introduction of "rat poison" into a municipal water supply?

The recommended concentration of one part per million is not poison.

Mrs. Dorothy Webber,
2324 Aloha,
Medford, Ore.

Jud Compton Assumes Duties as Director

Judson (Jud) Compton, 38, 508 Whitman place, Medford, assumed duties Oct. 16 as new scout executive for the Crater Lake area council, Boy Scouts of America.

He is replacing Clifford Hansen who recently moved to Minneapolis, Minn.

Compton entered professional scouting in 1943 in Eugene. Later he was district scout executive in Kalispell, Mont., and in Richland, Wash. He came to Medford from Richland.

Compton is married and has four children. He is also a member of the Kiwanis.

MURDERS FOUR

Hannover, Germany — (U.P.) — Peter Wolf, 53, who was about to be evicted from his home, murdered four members of his landlord's family, blew up the house with dynamite and then took his own life with a gun, police reported Saturday.

WEATHER
By United Press
Northern California: Fair Sunday with heavy frost likely Sunday morning.

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This has been accomplished while at the same time the striking power and state of readiness of our forces has been steadily increased.

The clear objective of our national defense policy, under the Eisenhower administration, is to preserve the security of the United States and its fundamental institutions. The current threat to our security comes from world communism. Another devastating war is no solution for this problem. It is a challenge to the free world to prevent such a war and to achieve the objective of world peace on terms consistent with the growth of freedom in the world. To meet this challenge, patience, imagination, understanding and dedication are required. The Republican party recognizes that it cannot be solely a military struggle.

Under President Eisenhower, the Defense Department recognizes the obligation it shares with the rest of the executive branch, the Congress and the American people to improve understanding throughout the world if mankind is to avoid the destruction and horror that would inevitably result from a global war using today's fantastic weapons. The administration also recognizes that only through maintaining a sound defense as a continuing policy will we preserve peace, even though it be uneasy, until men of good will throughout the world have had time to lay the foundations for a sound and lasting peace.

Fortunately for the world, as well as our country, President Eisenhower combines actual experience in combat with a thorough understanding of the peaceful instincts and desires of the American people. No other individual is so well qualified to determine our military requirements or to direct the implementation of our military programs at home or abroad as our present Commander in Chief. At the same time, no nation is ahead of us in proclaiming sincerely and unequivocally its faith in the wisdom of war as a means of settling disputes among nations.

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Medford Firm Gets Appreciation Award

The Sixth Army certificate of appreciation was awarded this week to the Verl G. Walker company, 205 West Jackson st., Medford.

The award is tendered by the commanding general, Sixth Army, to civilian agencies, firms or organizations which have cooperated in supporting the Army reserve program.

The award was presented by Capt. Ten Christensen, a reserve officer of the 417th engineer aviation brigade. Verl G. Walker accepted the award on behalf of the company.

The company is the first agency in Medford to receive the certificate.

perity, real progress? Our peace is uneasy and dangerous. Sec. Dulles relies upon get-tough statements and threats instead of negotiations and partnership with our allies and friends.

The Eisenhower administration has failed to offer or even consider a single new solution to the world's great problems. While Russian communism is making inroads all over the globe, an air of complacency dominates Republican foreign policy.

Complacency too, they view our economy. When they talk about prosperity. Too many millions of Americans are not sharing in our material abundance and the prosperity Republicans boast about.

I know that each American woman will think seriously about the Republican Peace, Prosperity and Progress. Do we have real peace, real pros-

25-MINUTE SPREE COSTLY

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — Gordon G. Brenner discovered it not only doesn't pay to get up some days, it even costs \$400. Brenner was fined that amount for a 25-minute spree in which his car collided with another one, he punched a service station attendant who told him he couldn't repair the damage and for then driving into a parked police car.

MR. O. E. RACKLEFF
Coquille veteran says

"VETERANS ARE VOTING FOR DOUG MCKAY BECAUSE . . ."

All through his personal and public life McKay has worked hard for veterans. He will do the same in the Senate of the United States. We need a man like McKay that other legislators like and will help. McKay will deliver!"

Vote DOUG MCKAY Senator
P.O. Box 100, Medford, Ore. • W. L. (Bill) Phillips, Chgo., 1117 S.W. Wash., Portland 3, Ore.

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