

Communications

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Why He Hunts Doves
To the Editor: In answer to the letter in the MT of Aug. 13 without published signature under the caption, "Why They Hunt Doves," the writer made very few statements of his or her own, but relied on the old subterfuge of "I have read," "I have heard" or "I have been told." I have hesitated entering in any discussion relative to dove hunting but I do not feel that such a letter should go unanswered. As one of the many hunters who enjoy dove season and the fruits thereof, I offer the following facts, not hearsay.

1. I authored one of the petitions mentioned and to my knowledge no one was high pressured into signing.

2. Dove season in Jackson county is not Sept. 1 through 28, but ends on Sept. 14. This is sufficient as the cool nights of September start the migration (doves are a migratory bird) and numbers of them have gone by mid-September.

3. The quote from Sportsman magazine relative to the erratic flight of the dove is the opinion of the majority of dove hunters, and the average hunter who gets his limit (ten birds) with a box of shells (25) is considered very good.

4. The expressed idea that anyone would hunt and shoot doves as a form of practice to improve his shooting is highly improbable and another "I am told."

5. As to the quantity of edible meat being no more than a robin, I have never killed nor eaten a robin, so am not competent to judge the comparison. As a gourmet I find that two or three doves prepared Italian style served with green salad and garlic bread makes a repeat fit for a king.

6. As to the "I am told" reports of hunters poisoning pheasant during dove season, if the writer of the letter knows of any case in which pheasant or any other game bird or animal was poisoned, then it is that person's duty to see the violator brought to justice. I too have heard this report but upon investigation it always turns out, as in the letter, "Someone told someone," etc. Even if this were true, it would not justify closing the season for legitimate hunters because one poacher killed illegal birds. No more than the deer, fishing or any other season should be closed because of game law violations.

7. As to the extermination of doves. Reports published in August "Outdoor Life" indicate the dove population has increased each year, even though hunters last year took an estimated two and one half million birds in California alone.

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"Compulsory" Dancing

To the Editor: In less than five weeks, my two small boys, ages 7 and 6, will begin school at Jewett Elementary. This year they will each take a note, excusing them from square dancing.

I took it for granted that dancing was begun in about the third grade, but my boy was taught a simplified form last year in the first grade. I did not find it out until the last few weeks of school, but I would like to see something done this school year.

I visited our school official. Here is what I found out:

The school feels that the majority want their children taught dancing. Therefore, the school places social dancing in the curriculum along with reading, writing and arithmetic. Your child can be excused by a note from home, or the minister. Only two children were excused last year. (I wonder if it was because parents didn't know — a first grader can't tell you — or many don't like to have their child hurt by being left out of the group.)

The State Board of Education does not require social dancing. Our school decides dancing. Our school decides square dancing is the same as folk dancing; therefore, it is required.

Here is what I would like to see done:

Parents notified that their child can be excused. A first grader cannot be relied upon — and probably he was not told he could be excused. It should always be made very clear to parents and child when there are two alternatives.

Dancing taken out of the curriculum and placed with the other social activities on a sign-up basis. Parents and child, with help and guidance from the school, should be able to choose the activities they are especially interested in—such as music and sports.

Editorial Comment

WHERE GOES THE GARBAGE

Jackson county is currently grappling with a problem which should serve as an object lesson to Douglas county.

It involves, of all things, a garbage dump. The Medford garbage disposal company is gutting the site of the old dump and is in the process of starting another.

The present dump is in the city limits in an area which is quickly being developed and the company is attempting to find a more acceptable site where the reek and unpleasant appearance will be removed from population centers and still be within economical transport distance.

The problem is simple but its solution is becoming extremely thorny.

The company finally found a canyon near Jacksonville, bought a 360-acre plot of land, put in roads and otherwise developed the site. It had reason to sit back and beam happily. The site was hidden in the canyon, drainage was away from population centers and the smells were wafted far from sensitive noses.

Then, the axe fell. People of Jacksonville suddenly decided it was time to protest. They are now thumping the drum for a spot zoning ordinance to shut the company out of the site. That is, they want to make just the area in which the dump is to be situated a zone in which a dump cannot be placed.

Lesson Elicited
The question of which side is right doesn't affect Douglas county particularly, but the lesson it should promote deserves plenty of county consideration. That lesson is that countywide zoning as part of an overall planning program would probably have served to make such a battle improbable.

The garbage dump could only have been placed in an area away from areas of population if zoning were in effect. Zones would have been set up for the very purpose after long preliminary study and mapping by the planning commission. The company would have known where it could set up the dump, and the people would be protected from the noxious eyesore.

This is a dramatic example of the need for such zoning. The same could be applied to such things as junk yards, foul-smelling paper mills and other installations not compatible to residential areas.

The most prevalent opposition to zoning is that it is just another way of government controlling the actions of the individuals. But controls for the general good of the people become necessary as populations grow.

The subject is not new to the county. In recent years Douglas county voters have twice soundly defeated efforts to establish zoning in the county. It appeared that one of the major contributing reasons for the defeats was misunderstanding. Many people got zoning mixed up with building codes and turned down the measure on the basis of a dislike for enforcement of the code.

Zoning Defeated Twice
Douglas county is not alone in its problem of settling zoning. Jackson county has also had the measure defeated twice in recent years.

The two counties also have a parallel in that they are still sparsely enough populated that advance planning will save them many headaches such as the location of Medford's city dump in the future.

At best, rapid growth of populations bring about severe problems. That's why any planning that can be done before dense populations arrive will avert many problems as the growth takes place.—Roseburg News-Review.

Naval Helicopter Crash Kills Three

Imperial Beach, Calif.—UPI—A naval helicopter crashed and burned in an open field yesterday, killing at least three of the fliers aboard.

that may be in need of any old-time fixtures. Old country stores and their wares seem to beckon the average tourist today.

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Truman Hopes U.N. Assembly Will Act Soon on Peace Force

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I hope that this General Assembly of the United Nations will act speedily to set up an international peace force of sufficient strength to carry out its decisions to maintain the peace in any area. All nations ought to make their contributions to such a force and help to support it. As I envisage such a force, I can see no distinction between so-called neutral nations and other nations.

We see even more clearly today that trouble in any part of the world is trouble that may engulf every nation in the world. I have always felt that military measures, by themselves, are no solution to the peace and security of a world where millions of people still need food, clothing, shelter and, above all of these, full recognition as free members of the human race.

Special Machinery
Therefore, the Assembly should speed the setting up of special machinery to deal with the economic needs and development in the Middle East intended to maintain the independence of the nations concerned for the benefit of the people of that area. Attention should, of course, be directed against the exploitation of any resources of this area by special interests of imperialist nations and by present promoters of the resources of the area for outside benefit detrimental to the local population.

We in this country have been dealing with this problem to the fullest extent of our resources since the end of World War II, and our people have borne heavy tax burdens to assist the rehabilitation of many nations, including even former enemies. We not only helped to restore war-shattered economies, but we contributed heavily to make possible the revitalization of underdeveloped countries. This policy was carried out without any hope of financial or political returns to ourselves but with a hope for world peace and happiness to the people immediately concerned.

Where in history will there be found another such unselfish act by the most powerful nation of its time?

Prepared to Sacrifice
I am confident that our people are prepared to make yet further sacrifices and contributions, and I am certain that other nations will want to join with us. This economic rehabilitation job in the Middle East would best be done by an agency acting through the United Nations. I hope that such machinery will be set up at the earliest possible moment, with the full participation of the nations involved.

I think the Arab nations ought to be assured that such machinery or agency would not be a self-perpetuating organization, but be limited to a fixed term of, say three to five years, and that, at the end of this period, the conditions in the Middle East would be reviewed by the United Nations to determine whether a renewal period is needed or whether what remains to be done should be turned over to the nations and people concerned.

This is an opportunity for the Soviet Union to join with other nations in the interest of world stability. This is no time or place for competitive rivalries, and if the project is carried out in good faith, a pattern and precedent will have been created to solve the problems of other oppressed and depressed areas, particularly in Southeast Asia, in Africa and Indonesia.

Standby Committee
I think the times are such that when this assembly adjourns, a special standby committee of the Assembly should be appointed to function as a help to the Secretary General. This committee could also be very useful in arranging meetings to carry out the will of the United Nations.

I would suggest that this might well be the proper channel to set up meetings between the various heads of state and make it possible to bring together, let us say, Khrushchev, Macmillan, de Gaulle, Adenauer, Nehru, and perhaps Nasser, and the President of the United States or other stirring up hysteria or a hornet's nest of speculation.

It would help to establish a closer working relationship between the heads of state and the United Nations, making it easier to prepare for the issues to be discussed. At this time of danger, I believe it would be desirable to have a standby committee of the Congress. Major decisions will have to be made and made promptly, and the President should have available to him on short notice the counsel of congressional leaders of both parties during the period of adjournment of the Congress.

Unprecedented Change
The world is in a state of unprecedented change. We face either total destruction or the beginning of the greatest age in the history of mankind.

The United States, born of revolution in modern times, understands the meaning of revolution in terms of freedom. The American people are sympathetic to other peoples struggling to achieve freedom for themselves. But we are not easily fooled by phony revolutions designed to serve either power-seeking rulers or the aims of a new imperialism.

We can readily distinguish between genuine revolutions generated from within and revolutions fomented and schemed by agents of a foreign power. A revolution

and do not express the will of their own people.

If I read history correctly, the Russian people themselves will one day bring into being a government representing the will of the people.

I am not now predicting that such a revolution is likely to occur today or tomorrow or that it is going to be brought about by outside influence.

Sees No Signs
I see no sign as yet that the Russian rulers are engaging the vast energies and resources of the land and people for any other purpose than to gain control of other lands and peoples. That is what happens when you have a military dictatorship as you

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have in Russia and in Red China.

A vast majority of the people of the world want peace and freedom. This is true not only in the free nations, but I am certain that it is true in Russia and China, and other countries where dictators are to be found.

But dictators are only temporary obstacles in the path of progress and freedom, and I hope that Khrushchev and Mao Tse-Tung soon recognize the trend of the times and turn to the ways of peace.

Washington—UPI—The Senate passed and sent to the White House today two big catchall tax revision bills.

CHAMPION DRIVER
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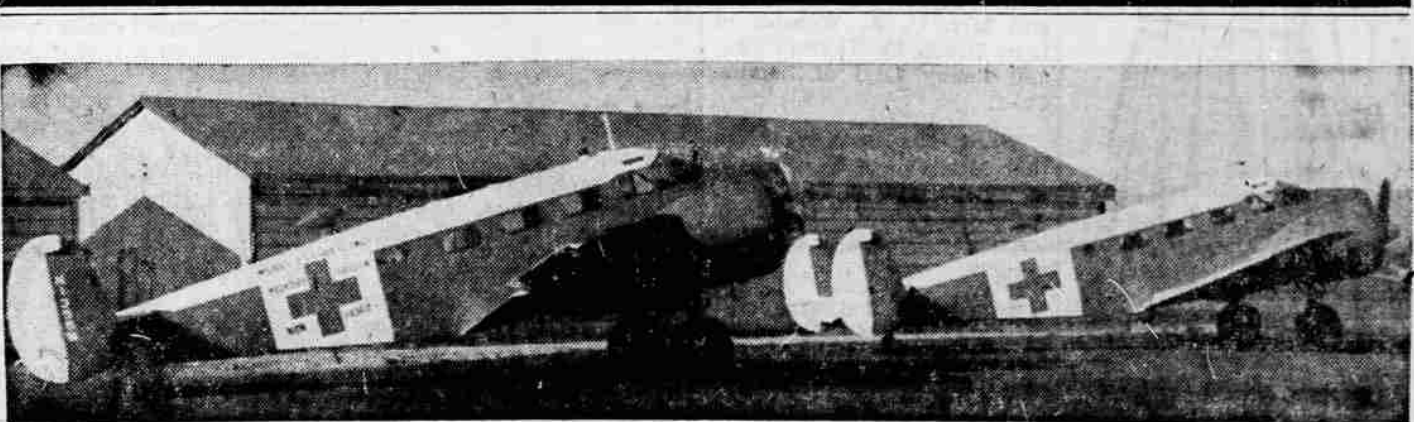


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