

# ... Communications ...

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**"No" Means "No"**  
To the Editor: There is one thing you can say for Secretary of State Howell Appling. He doesn't care which political party button you wear when it comes time to say "no."

Editor's note: Mr. Frisch's proposal was for the U.S. to pay for visits to this country by 100,000 "everyday" Russians each year. He has received letters expressing interest from Sen. Wayne Morse, Sen. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate committee on foreign relations, and Sen. John F. Kennedy.

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According to the newspapers he turned down Democrat John Kennedy in the primary and now Republican Elmo Smith when he didn't think they were complying with the law. I venture to say that by now both political parties know that when Appling says 5 p.m. on Aug. 29, he doesn't mean a day or two later.

**Over His Head**  
To the Editor: We note in Communications that Mr. Edwin A. Olsen has built up a bogey and calls it "The Black Hole of Socialism." It appears to this writer that Mr. Olsen got into water clear over his head. As he is unable to swim in the water of Political Economy he soon began floundering about and creating a great disturbance.

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I say more power to a man who will enforce the laws impartially, even when it hurts his friends.  
Mrs. Martha E. Bishop  
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There may be some that might believe that he has sound logic while others are amused at his antics. As he goes in about every direction except up, he will find many that agree with him.

He begins his thesis with some roundhouse haymakers at E.A. that fail to connect and leave E.A. unruffled. Next he calls on the "founding fathers" for moral support and implies that some one is doing some fuzzy thinking.

**Scratching an Itch**  
To the Editor: Speaking of itching, according to Mr. Helpher's letter, I should think he has just about scratched himself to pieces, because after reading it, I am sure he must have caught the preachers' itch himself.

Next he casts aspersions at the New Deal, and what followed (not mentioning three wars, two hot and one cold). He mentions a mountainous public debt. He does not mention from whence it came or whither it is going.

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Thank God for letters like Mr. Reando's that create a little public interest, and for stirring up a few questions about the Bible. At least he was humble and meek enough to admit that he had learned that Satan was a beautiful creature. The fifth beatitude says, "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth."

Next he asks, if private enterprise contracted such a debt, would it be considered an "unqualified success?" We will answer that one: It would be a private affair with the creditors doing the worrying.

The Medford Toastmistress club meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month. Anyone interested in membership or obtaining additional information concerning the club may call during an evening either Ellen Williams at Spring 3-6332 or Harriet Watson at Spring 2-4661.

If Mr. Helpher so desires, he is free to listen to any pastor that he wants to hear. As for me, I'll stick to my Bible. There's no arguing with it. It leaves no room for doubts. It's all right there in black and white. Right from the mouth of God, so to speak.

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Mrs. Richard L. Williams  
2495 West Main st.  
Medford.

Here is something for Mr. Helpher to think about. Maybe it will soothe his itch. The Bible says, "Freely you have received, freely give." How many pastors are doing that?

Next he complains about excessive taxes, then implies that Social Security is something bad. Foreign aid comes in for a glancing blow.

We all know the enormous increase in local taxes that has occurred since 1950. My own are approximately 2 1/2 times higher now than they were then.

More Visits  
To the Editor: In Drew Pearson's column in the Oregon Journal, Joseph Curran, president, National Maritime Union, is quoted as interviewing Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Praying without conviction, he asks for more lime in the spines of people in general. In an appeal to the shade of Thomas Jefferson he asks for the public to prevent the government from squandering the people's substance.

It is really in the matter of delinquent taxes that some real surprises can be found. I would suggest that those who have had delinquent taxes examine the interest charged on their receipts, and figure the rate of interest by dividing the interest by the principal which is also stated on the receipt. I have seen receipts where the rate charged has been 6, 9 and even 10 per cent. Yet on the back of the receipt form it states that delinquent taxes shall pay 2/3 of 1 per cent per month. The Oregon tax law was made by the state legislature. The code from which the interest on delinquent taxer is figured is made by the state tax commission.

"What can be done to promote peace and friendship?" inquired Curran.  
"First, more contacts," replied Khrushchev. "There must be a greater exchange of visits by trade union officials, union members and tourists of our nations. Let more Americans come here to see how our so-called 'slaves' live. That is the best way to disprove the lies about the Soviet Union."

Fortunately Mr. Olsen did not mention unemployment, war, parasites, excessive military spending, inefficiency, inadequate education, interest on the public debt, and on into the night. The things that Mr. Olsen walls about happened under "Free Enterprise" and not under "The Black Hole of Socialism."

When the entire year's taxes are paid on or before Nov. 15, a discount of 3 per cent is allowed. Why should there be such a wide spread between this 3 per cent and the extremely high interest rate charged delinquent taxes? Why could not 3 per cent be enough to charge delinquent taxes?

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Usually delinquent taxes result because of unavoidable adverse circumstances such as illness, accident, unemployment, old age, etc. Should not the state help and protect its citizens? The present interest procedure tends to utterly destroy a person who may, for the time being, stand fighting with his back to the wall.

I have tried to have these questions in my mind clarified by the local tax personnel without success. This has been written with the hope that clarification may be had from some other source.

**One Typhoid Case Reported in County**  
One case of typhoid was reported to the Jackson county health department last week, the department said Saturday.  
The case was reported in Central Point.  
Other communicable disease cases reported during the week included scarlet fever, Ashland and Medford 1 each; influenza, Jacksonville 1, Central Point 3; pneumonia, Ashland 1; tuberculosis, Eagle Point 1; and infectious hepatitis, Rogue River 1.

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