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Dennis the Menace



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Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

An Astronaut? To the Editor: Very likely the sky mystery we sighted on Friday, Sept. 2, at 10:30 a.m. that reminded the writer of a "flying carpet" traveling at excessive speed around two miles high in a westerly direction, could have been a Russian astronaut, according to a radio report we heard over station KYJC at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The radio announcer implied that from information received the Russians had recently launched three astronauts. The object was seen for only a few fleeting seconds, and I concluded it was a man made affair, judging by the apparent undirected movements in its unstable course towards the Pacific Ocean.

There was no sound, light or vapor trail. Just a lifeless mass of dark colored material. Bert Klasinger, 520 Boardman st., Medford.

Fool-Proof Idea To the Editor: We wish to commend the letter of David Frisch of White City, Ore. He has written two letters on the same theme. It is to provide expense money to 100,000 "every day" Russians to visit the United States every year. That would be the best investment that the United States ever made. It would convince the entire world that we as a nation are sincere in wanting peace and friendship with the Communists. We could show the Communist slaves how the Capitalist slaves live. We could prove to them that we do not want war any more than they do. That gesture would deflate much of the propaganda and brainwashing on both sides of the iron curtain.

Mr. Frisch has made a fool-proof suggestion. It is honest and practical. As the wife in the movie said, "We can't go on this way." We have been jumping with joy and "pointing with pride" every time a Soviet diplomat defected to the West. They got their pictures in the photo tabloids. Now the shoe is on the other foot. First it was the British foot that was bruised and now Uncle Sam has a sore corn.

In one case it is a boon to mankind, in the other it is his treason. No stupid old would buy that without feeling cheated. That is the case today. The American people are beginning to yell for their money back. We can imagine that if 100,000 Soviet citizens a year returned to their native land from a friendship tour to the United States they could tell their friends that they had a wonderful trip and show snapshots of death on the highway, our overcrowded jails and insane asylums, our rural slums and super highways, our five car families, factory parking lots, and learn all about our supermarkets and skid roads. They would take special interest in our speedup industrial system and unemployed.

We do not suggest that Americans visit the Soviet Union. That would be too much of a come down. Everything would be too deadly dull. No excitement. No great choice of cars to buy. People too bucolic and friendly. We would do better to go to Mexico. We are happy as we are. Walter Reece, Galilee rd., Merlin, Ore.

Mangoes, and Others To the Editor: Returning from an overseas visit, a Californian is enthusiastic over her first mango. She must have been fortunate. Some ARE sugary, pulpy; others bitter, stringy. It's fun to have exotic fruits, mangoes, cherimoyas, mamays, granddittas, papayas, jak-fruit. Even durian is delicious in taste, though its odor that makes the most redolent skunk hang its head in competitive shame. Kiddies become especially interested in zapotes. The milk of one kind is basis of chewing gum's juice.

The jungle's most wonderful fruit is mangosteen. It is not a mango, which belongs to Anacardiaceae. The mango family includes cashew, likewise California desert's smoketree. Also pistachio, relict since ancient Persia. Likewise peppertree, upon whose seeds parrots gorge, and Sumac poison oak. The mangosteen, however, is of family Guttifera. To this also belongs the St. John's wort, whose yellow stars lighten excessively-shady garden spots.

When, long ago, we were in South Java, there was competition about mangosteens. England's queen had heard yawns about their flavor. She wanted some. The British made shipments from Singapore, also Ceylon. All arrived offensively rotten. Then Holland's Queen challenged her Java subjects to outsmart the British. Holland long had shipped hothouse peaches in cotton batting. Mangosteens successfully were sent from Djocjakarta to Amsterdam.

There is also a tale of a maharajah's mango orchard and of the way American Know How brought his signature to a Rupees—180,000 check. But, as Kipling would say, "That is another story." C. M. Goethe, 3731 Tea st., Medford, Ore.

Box-Cars To the Editor: For der first time in years, we don't have a shortage of box-cars. We didn't build more box-cars, we just didn't build so many things to put in der box-cars. It's vot der Republicans call, "A slight recession."

If der Democrats vas in office, der would call it, "A slight dent in der boom." Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

One Party? To the Editor: I would like to say this for Richard Nixon. He was given work to do by his boss, and he did it well, and he has had more experience than Kennedy. But, as I see it, if elected he will give his vice president more experience than any other man. Then, if that is the reason Nixon should be elected, the freedom of the U.S.A. will be gone, for there could not be but one party, or a dictator government. In my opinion the voters should think this over.

Marshall H. Waggoner, P.O. Box 753, Central Point, Ore.

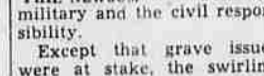
How Much Help For Vets? To the Editor: Your editorial entitled "How Much Help For Vets?" provokes this answer from me and I hope that the question is more intelligently answered, than the questions asked, in the editorial. You ask the question, "Is the veteran who got out of service unscathed, entitled to a lifetime of help that is denied to non-veterans?" Unquote. My answer—NO! But he does ask for the SAME help that is allowed to non-veterans!

Patient Indian U.N. Diplomat Losing Patience in Incredible Congo Mix-Up

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor The Man of the Week: Rajeshwar Dayal, chief United Nations representative in the Congo.

The Place: Leopoldville. The Quote: "It is particularly regrettable that Mr. Lumumba should have acted as he did . . ."

A man noted for his patience had almost run out of it this week in his efforts to restore both order and reason to the Congo.



PHIL NEWSOM was both the military and the civil responsibility. Except that grave issues were at stake, the swirling

confusion of the Congo was musical comedy too rich for any stage. As the week opened, President Joseph Kasavubu took to the Leopoldville radio to announce that he had fired Premier Patrice Lumumba, whom he accused of encouraging fratricidal war.

Scarcely was he off the air before Lumumba seized the microphone to announce that he was firing Kasavubu. The next day the Congolese parliament rescinded both firings. It had no effect on the two principal antagonists.

Each set up rival governments, ordered the arrest of the other, issued a bewildering array of conflicting proclamations and whirled like squirrels in a cage from one

conference to another. In this incredible confusion, Rajeshwar Dayal, the Indian drafted into service by Hammarskjold, was the man in the middle.

Upon his orders, U.N. forces sealed the radio station and the airfields, thus depriving both Lumumba and Kasavubu of their most effective weapons. The closing of the airports also deprived Lumumba of the air fleet of Russian Illyushins placed at his disposal by the Soviet government.

Dayal had replaced U.N. Under-Secretary Ralph Bunche who, upon relinquishing the assignment, remarked: "I'm a patient man but my patience has worn thin." Strong Language To find Lumumba's actions

"particularly regrettable" was strong language for Dayal, who, even among Indians, is regarded as patient. The action he found regrettable was Lumumba's attempt to seize the radio station from U.N. hands after promising that he would not.

A threat by Ghana to withdraw its 3,000-man force from the U.N. army in the Congo if the radio station were not returned to Lumumba, forced the U.N. into retreat. To settle the Congo situation, it was relying heavily on support of other African nations.

The peace of the Congo was at stake. So was the prestige of the U.N. Much of it rested with Dayal, patient, Oxford-trained diplomat who once raised a tiger as a pet.

U.S. Communist Aids Castro; Query: What Can Citizen Do?

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—(UPI)—James Jackson, Esq., a strange breed of American citizen, is back from a visit to Cuba and proud of his conduct there.



Lyle C. Wilson

American citizen Jackson committed himself and other similar American citizens for whom he spoke, to a common cause with the government of Fidel Castro and all of its works.

Baffling to many good citizens is how they may protect themselves and their way of life from fellow citizens such as James Jackson. Jackson's mission in Cuba was to address a national assembly of

It also seems to me that the proper authorities to inspect and recommend corrections for any affected area would be the County Health department. I know we have one because there is an amount of \$101,220 in the budget for that purpose.

Last, but not least, would someone please tell me who or what committee inspected this area in recent months, to be quoted in the Medford Mail Tribune, that the situation has become acute in recent months?

Please, let's get the facts straight and only print facts. Edwin A. Olsen, 190 Clover lane, Medford.

Conventions To the Editor: If E. A. can do it, so can I. In the middle of the road, an elephant met a donkey of culture and wit.

"It's quite obvious," he said, "I control the way yet; you're blocked. You're not going to fit."

"I shall never move over so you can pass, I'm much more important than you."

"Don't be foolish," remarked the intelligent ass, "It's imperative I should go through."

"Intellectually speaking, my brain is the best, with some thought I shall find a way round."

The pachyderm bellowed and beat on his chest "I'm established and I stand my ground!"

The young donkey brayed with much gusto and mirth. He rolled in the dust with his glee.

"You can't block my way on the strength of your girth. You're too clumsy and slower, you see."

All the sheep in a flock standing by the side stared amazed at such tactless unrest. Their leader spoke loudly, "We all will decide. It's our pasture that's apt to get messed."

For a moment they whispered of "bickering fools." All in all there was hardly a fuss. The leader said firmly, "Majority rules, take your sides, but the middle's for us. There's plenty of space on the highway," and he swelled out his chest with great pride, "I'm not clever, nor big, but in my way we can all walk along side by side."

the Popular Socialist Party, PSP is the Communist party of the Republic of Cuba. Jackson is a member of the secretariat of the Communist party of the United States.

Two Pages Used New York's Communist newspaper, The Worker, devoted two pages to Jackson and his observations in Cuba.

"You can be sure, comrades," Jackson said in concluding his speech, "That the Communist party of the United States will fulfill its obligations of international solidarity with the Cuban revolution, overcoming all difficulties that may be raised against us, come what may. Long live Cuba and its government led by Fidel Castro!"

If that means anything at all, it means this: That Jackson was committing himself and his fellow Communists to assist Castro in such anti-American operations as Castro may be able to devise.

Fine points of law, and some not so fine, protect American citizen Jackson in his subversive promises and in their publication. Not fine at all, but blunt and obvious, are the constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and press under protection of which Jackson performs.

Even so, the baffled Americans who dislike Jackson's ideas might seek to reduce their bafflement by resorting to something such as "there oughta be a law." But a law against what?

Laws Unworkable The extension of espionage and sedition acts to reach such as Jackson has proved to be undesirable and unworkable since the earliest history of the republic.

Another law which many persons are convinced "oughta be" is one which would outlaw the Communist party in the United States. The argument against outlawing the Communists is that it simply would drive the party underground but would not suppress it. Underground, the Communist party would be more difficult to watch.

Under the circumstances, had much the same effect on me as S. Drangen's literary one. And too, in my estimation, they have one identical fault; the essence of their messages being sheer rubbish.

I am curious as to why gifted people such as these cannot coordinate their thoughts in such a manner so as to create works with a more balanced or constructive substance, enabling more of us to benefit from the messages as well as by the styles.

Thelma Carson, Star Route, Box 80, Prospect, Ore.

A Discovery To the Editor: Yesterday I made a discovery and a pleasant one—a discovery I want to share with other employees and workers in Jackson county. I learned that even though I work in another town I can contribute to the United Fund campaign may be allocated to my own community.

Since hundreds of business and professional people commute daily from Ashland to Medford (and vice versa) it is only right that they support the agencies of their own home town. I suggest that when you receive your pledge card you make it clear where your contribution is to go.

I have come to the conclusion that the once-a-year all-out campaign for the combined agencies is the most efficient and economical method yet devised. If it is strictly adhered to by everyone, the annoyance and cost of overlapping fund drives will be ended.

The payroll deduction is another feature that makes it possible for many of us to give more generously than if we were asked to contribute a lump sum.

There was a time a few years ago when I was fortunate in being exposed to several of a very famous and compelling contemporary evangelist's theological discourses. His smooth and classic oratorical style of delivery

the United States can best be protected against communist subversion if each real American citizen undertakes to protect himself.

All foolish Americans should inform themselves. There are FBI pamphlets for that.

In the Days News By FRANK JENKINS I think we'll just have to talk today about Mr. Kroosh and his visit to United Nations. It's by long odds the best political story in the papers on a day when the news is full of politics.

FIRST—Why did he want to come? Well . . . presumably . . . he had it in the back of his crafty mind to make another propaganda tour of the United States. He did pretty well for himself the last time, and he probably had a cocky notion that he could do pretty well again.

But—he had no invitation. Rulers of nations don't just go barging into other nations, without an invitation, and start barnstorming around over their terrain, telling their people and the world at large how rotten their country is.

WHAT to do about it? He got a smart idea. United Nations is holding an important meeting. Russia is a member of U.N. United Nations is an enclave. It is entirely surrounded by U.S. territory. But it is a TINY enclave, only a few blocks in area. Once inside this tiny enclave, it would be difficult to keep him out of the U.S.A.

And—by appointing himself head of the Russian delegation to United Nations . . . he would have an iron-clad reason for coming to U.N. headquarters. It was a foxy scheme.

HOW did we checkmate it? Well, for once, we got smart. We said to Mr. Kroosh: "We're happy to know that as head of the U.S.S.R. you are to head the Russian delegation to United Nations. But, sir, these are perilous times. WE MUST PROTECT YOUR PRECIOUS LIFE. Under no circumstances can we permit it to be endangered."

"So—" "In order to give you the greatest possible protection—" "We must limit your visit to the United States to the area of Manhattan Island, in the city of New York, where concentrations of police will be ample to give you the protection you are entitled to have. We are doing this for your own good and for the good of your great country."

WE might have added, by way of supporting evidence of the rightness of what we are doing, that three of our Presidents have been assassinated by cranks. But we refrained from painting the lily . . . lest, perhaps, Mr. Kroosh might quote back to us this line from Hamlet: "The lady doth protest too much, methinks."

LET'S leave it this way. Our state department, rightly or wrongly, comes in for a lot of criticism. It is frequently alleged that its decisions and its actions often border very closely on dumbness.

But THIS time our diplomats were smart. Let's give them credit.

OPENS FUND DRIVES Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower has urged Americans to give generously to the United Fund and Community Chest drives this fall. In a filmed and recorded statement opening the 1960 united community campaigns, the President said Thursday that America has a proud reputation in the field of charity.