

Communications

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Veterans' Problems
To the Editor: Being a Veteran of W. W. I and W. W. II, and at present an indigent member of a veterans' domiciliary, I find myself in a precarious position. I would like to express my opinion regarding the present political campaign, and am somewhat skeptical.

As a member of this domiciliary, which is under a Republican administration at the present time, my fortunes could change with the coming election in November, 1960.

The veterans' domiciliaries and other affairs are supposed to be non-political, non-sectarian and non-everything-else, as far as I can see. We are afraid to ask for too much fearing that we might lose something we already have and appreciate.

In 1917 no one cared if we were Republicans or Democrats. "Get him into the olive drab uniform" seemed to be the big issue. I am a Democrat and if I could publish what I really think about the treatment given to the veteran, especially the vets of WW I, I'd get sent back to Alaska tomorrow morning. But, as I said before, I am thankful for what little I am receiving, a DOLE to an indigent veteran.

All W. W. I veterans are at the age of 60 and up. Enlisting at the age of 17 would make him 80 years old. Thousands are unemployed, arthritic and other disabilities. Our generous government, which can send 4 billion dollars yearly to foreign aid, grants these men \$66.15 per month pension. He must be disabled.

Can these veterans live outside of a domiciliary on this pension?
Most of these veterans have a social security account which will be payable at the age of 65 years, but 90 percent of them will not live to draw the first check.

Have you heard either of the candidates running for the presidency say anything about reducing this 65 year age limit to 60 years? The money is there to pay with and self-supporting.

Pay them the social security NOW and see these domiciliaries empty out. OR DON'T THEY WANT THEM EMPLOYED OUT????
Just a thought.
Malemute Slim
White City, Ore.

Not the Nineties
To the Editor: Thanks to the three broadcasting networks, American listeners, 100 million strong, will now be able to make some intelligent moves; namely, to eliminate both the contestants from consideration as future presidential timber.

From their own statements, we the populace gathered that while Kennedy is decidedly more consistent and trustworthy than the Nixon fellow, he himself demonstrated that in vital areas he is unfit to cope with the tremulous history-making phases now besetting us.

For instance - on the question of federal aid to education he did not come near giving the one GREAT reason why this is necessary. He is naive, like a child. Instead of jockeying with the alleged alternative, whether the aid was to be given to construction or to salaries, he should have been a real patriotic leader and called for total participation in this mightily stepped up educational effort. Not one parochial-minded sleepy-headed local board, according to life and death itself (he should have admonished) was to be tolerated for a moment. He should have posed single-headed, incomparable leadership and inspiration. He obviously is not acquainted with the pattern of local school boards . . . who surely cannot be relied upon to foresee our national peril and the urgency of counter-measures to it.

Our foe certainly is not silly enough to bicker over things. It allows no partition whatever, personal whims notwithstanding. Federal TOTAL aid, federal directives on subject matter, far from being a bogey, are necessary to assure our national continuance.

We have no other choice. We are not living in the peaceful "nineties."
Walter Gabriel
Howells, Neb.

Waiting for the Next Round
To the Editor: As we see it this presidential campaign is a boxing bout in four rounds. The first round is over and we are waiting for the second.

As we took our seats for the exhibition we were not entirely unbiased. Mr. Nixon was behind the eight ball for various reasons. The main one being that we wanted him to step out from behind the president so that we could get a good look at him, to see what he stood for.

life interesting for either. They have free wheeling and free swinging.

We await with interest for the next round.
Walter Reece
Galice rd.
Merlin, Ore.

Taxes and Equality
To the Editor: T.M.S. of Rogue River, by the letter of Sept. 28, gives one opinion which results from each paying equal share of one's taxes. One farmer has more than enough; the other has just enough, and the third has not enough from which to pay taxes. The last being in debt because of taxes.

Is that not the same situation today? If one makes money he pays his taxes first and lives afterwards. The other makes just enough to live and pay taxes; the last makes just enough to live on without taxes and can't pay taxes; and, by the tax debt goes further in debt trying to pay them or loses his property and source of income.

It all seems to be the same by whatever name you care to call it; it still is discrimination.

Guardian Dogs
To the Editor: This may never get in print but here goes.
I don't know of a single case of wicked cruelty that makes me so angry as the little girl in the bean fields. If only she had had even a small, loud mouthed dog to follow her everywhere. But NO! She had to be unguarded.

Maybe it leaves me so MAD, because I have been baby sitting for three years for the loveliest little girls in the world, and God help the stranger who was foolish enough to ever talk to them. Why? Because an 85 pound unfriendly German shepherd is their constant guard and playmate.

To see their tiny hands on his back, or to hear their voices calling or ordering the great dog around makes one respect the loyalty of such dogs.

At nap times the big dog is right by their bed, and I go about my work outside and in with little doubt about their safety.
Yes! the dog control law is fine for some old stuffed shirts or skirts who have laws too nice to walk on, but it takes half the good out of the lives of underprivileged children, and even the lives of poor and rich alike.

Put a dog, large or small, on your child's bedroom rug or in its arms and let our children live and be safe.
Harriette Gibbs.
1375 South Columbus ave.,
Medford.

No Parking Problems
To the Editor: I do not exactly agree with Floyd McCabe (last Monday's M.T.) concerning the parking meter. I am quite willing to pay 5 cents an hour to park while I shop, and I think out-of-town customers should be willing to do likewise.

But what gets me down is that on every corner downtown is a meter where one must pay 10 cents an hour, and that really is an outrage. Who can do much, if any, shopping in a half hour? Yet most people drop in only a

nickel, wishfully hoping that by some miracle they can dive into a store, buy what they want, and be lucky enough to make it back to the car before the red flag goes up.
It can't be done—what with the eternal shortage of help in the stores.
One morning about 40 minutes after the stores had opened, I saw that little man who scoots around town on his go-buggy-go, flitting from car to car, merrily sticking his red tags on them. He was gleefully doing "his duty."
If the downtown merchants had a nifty forethought or gumption, they would demand that those 10 cent meters be abolished.

I for one never get caught over-parking. I haven't had to pay a single fine since the new shopping-center opened. Me and a thousand others.
Nena Chambers
791 North Newtown st.
Medford.

Ray O. DeMarrs,
798 West Second st.,
Medford.

Yonones Not So Goot
To the Editor: Vere you watching der Yone's family lately? Last year der Dow Yonones was doing so goot. Den vot happen? Dey took der wrong elevator. Yust ven Ve tink dey vas going to der penthouse, dey went kaput into der cellar.
Everett Acklin,
Ashland, Ore.

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