

... Communications ...

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He's Responsible

To the Editor: Some time ago, I wrote a letter to the Mail Tribune about my first trip into the Trinity Alps, and I said: "Aye fixed 2 dozen flat tires and pumped them up with a hand pump." The other day, I got a letter, it says: "You was a liar, dere wasn't dot much vind in all of California."

VELL! Aye didn't say dere vas. Aye used SMOG. Aye use vot efer dere vas handy. Today, somevun told me: "Dere wasn't any smog in California ven you drove der 1912 Reo into California." Maybe dere wasn't ven Aye drove to California, but before Aye got back dere vas. Yun ting for sure, Aye sure smogged up der Siskiyou.

Thanks - Special People

To the Editor: We would like to use this method of communication to say thank you to some very special people.

On Aug. 25, 1960 Mrs. Hazel Mundlin was confined to Sacred Heart hospital. On Sept. 26 she was moved to a nursing home where she remained until her death on Oct. 9.

We are most grateful for the excellent care she was given and our appreciation and thanks go out to many people - to her doctors; to the Sisters, nurses, and personnel of Sacred Heart hospital; to the minister who was so faithful in his visits to the hospital; to the nurses and personnel of the nursing home; an especially to a group of licensed practical nurses who gave their own time to give special care to Mrs. Mundlin day and night during those first critical weeks of her illness. You have rendered unto us a service we can never repay but we will never forget.

We would also like to thank all of our friends who attended the funeral on Wednesday, Oct. 12 - your presence, your warm handshakes, your words of comfort were most appreciated. And we will always remember the women in white who came to pay their final tribute.

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- Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mundlin Jr. Klamath Falls, Ore.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mundlin Denver, Colo.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mundlin Wichita Falls, Tex.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mundlin Central Point, Ore.

Serious Mistake

To the Editor: Quite a number of employees would like to have money taken out of their monthly checks to contribute toward a new hospital run by the Sisters. And if it were started, the employees would be 100 per cent backers for the project. We all know the Sisters' hearts are all for the patients' welfare. To them they are not a business proposition. No one is refused admittance because they have no down payment. All are given equal care even though many are financial risks. An employee is never told to give a V.I.P. special care, as is done elsewhere.

As elsewhere, the number of employees could be cut down to give a boost for finances. But then the patients will not receive the tender loving care that Sacred Heart hospital is known for, never see a nurse unless they receive medication, and are just lucky to get their lights answered. Working a p.m. (3-11:30) shift, the patient load here is eight patients for an aide or practical nurse, and in an emergency, where one aide load is divided because of illness or that she is specializing a seriously ill patient, it may be eleven patients. It is unfair to the patient and all concerned to share one aid with twenty patients. The R.N. is kept busy with medications and book work. She doesn't have time to make rounds.

A hospital run by a business administration that is more concerned about the office and maintenance than a nursing staff is a cold place for the patients, and quite a number of nurses who are just working because of the need for nurses will refuse to work in such an atmosphere. Nurses have always been taught that the patient's welfare comes first above all things.

At Sacred Heart hospital, families are allowed to stay

with seriously ill and dying patients. Is this allowed elsewhere? The Sisters go out of their way with kindness and understanding towards these families. The people of this valley and from distant areas will truly miss the Sisters. It will be a serious mistake to let them leave.

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Unfair Practices

To the Editor: Some people bring up employment and unemployment as a political issue saying three million out of work, etc.

Really that illustrates, as a clear picture, one of the most unbelievable miracles of our day: Counting the few hundred thousand emigrants permitted to enter the United States by legal quota records, there is an estimated total of six million people having entered as residents by various methods of sponsorship, etc.

Then to that sum, add as extra people the thousands upon thousands that hold more than one job, plus all other members of a household that also bring in wages. There would be no need for any unemployment or welfare aid, were not these unfair practices of greed and self-satisfaction used.

But that would not fulfill prophecy of what human animals will do.

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"Thank You" To Sacred Heart

To the Editor: So the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital won out, and the Sacred Heart hospital is closing up, and the Sisters leaving town.

I bet, in spite of money, the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital won't be able to keep going, cause there's lots of people in this valley that don't like that place and will go out of town for hospitalization. You just don't get the care, attention or loving kindness or consideration there that you get at the Sacred Heart. And believe me I know, as I have been a patient at both hospitals, in and out since 1921, and that takes in many a year.

I had hopes of my great grandchildren being born there, as my husband, children, and grandchildren also have been patients there.

I wish I had a million dollars. I'd give it to Sister Mary Norbert and Sister Peter Francis.

I am no Catholic and not much on prayers, but I know that the Sisters at the Sacred Heart have said prayers for me and mine, and I'd like to say "Thank You" to them - to the nurses and aides and everyone up there who all work so very hard and put up with so much - sometimes - that I don't see how they can take it - and get so little for it.

If I am ever sick again I'll lie here at home and die, cause there won't be a hospital in this town that I'd consider going to.

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In All Things, Charity

To the Editor: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity," is a motto that graces every Grange hall. It's a splendid formula to live by but the Grange seems not to think that international justice and peace are essential.

Religionists are practically "in the same boat" although their most revered leader has placed considerable significance to peace-makers. I recall also a passage which says "Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and a command to love our enemies.

Two churchmen are offered up for leadership. They are contesting over the means to attain some rather non-essential things. Their only disagreement on foreign policy seems to be to make a policy of conceit, fear, and hatred a little more vicious and deadly. The U2 incident and the more recent tragic happenings in the Congo are about as logical and charitable as a person who would set their house afire and then curse the house for burning.

However, we will settle for Mr. Hammarskjold if he will ban in this country from the communications sources all inflammatory utterances as he did in the Congo. Some might think this an infringement of constitutional rights, but after all, our supreme court has decreed against crying "fire" in a crowded theater. We think a world about to ignite to be quite comparable.

Anyway what is sauce for the Congo should be good for the United States. Besides it would relieve us of the drive

handed out by Frank J. Joseph A., Phil N., and other columnists and commentators too numerous to mention in a 400 word communication.

As for loving our enemies, I think that might be accomplished. Already I discover some dents in our unchristian armor, for instance the love shown Syngman Rhee, Chiang Kai-shek, and Franco of Spain, who have records fully as black as the ones we choose to call our enemies.

Surely we should go as far as to grant to our enemies the same privileges we are taking, namely, to make friends with whomever we can use in our business of maintaining the idealism of our own particular liking.

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Contempt

To the Editor: How come you failed to tell us that Cousin Castro visited Medford? He didn't? Shucks, I was sure that he did.

And what made me think that? Well, I've received four anti-Catholic pamphlets (unsigned naturally) in the past month, and had they borne a U.N. postmark, I would have been sure Fidel sent them, especially after reading where some chap saw a louse in his beard.

So when the fifth came today from a Ross Lane number I was positive he'd been in Medford.

My dictionary does not contain the word, or words, to adequately express my contempt for anyone using such methods, or any candidate who condones their use.

History repeats itself, so I've heard, and a friend who lives at Whittier, Calif., tells me that these tactics were used, via phone, in Dick's campaign against Helen Douglas, branding her and her folks as Commie lovers.

Should any of the good folks on Ross Lane feel that this places them behind the 8-ball, just say so and I'll gladly give them the number.

Anyway, "Ole Leapin' Lena" will continue to proudly carry my home made slogans of "K and J all the Way" and "NIX on Dick, he don't Click."

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Be Tolerant

To the Editor: When we sing "land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride," we sometimes forget about the Catholic fathers who founded St. Augustine, Florida - the oldest town in the USA - some 40 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, and who fought, bled and died along with the other colonists so that this country might have religious freedom and separation of church and state.

When we say, "We Protestants are a missionary people," let us not forget the Catholic fathers who founded the mission of "Our Lady of the Angels" around which the city of Los Angeles gradually sprang up and which is today one of the most revered and sacred shrines in the entire city.

Let us not forget the mission at San Diego, the one at San Luis Obispo, the one at San Juan Capistrano - where the swallows return every spring - the one at Carmel, at Monterey, at Santa Barbara, at San Francisco, at Lompoc and all the others.

While the colonists were killing off the natives by the thousands in the east, the Catholic fathers were patiently and with great loving kindness gathering them into their folds in the west, and ministering both to their physical as well as to their spiritual needs. By their patient endurance and long suffering they finally made the desert to blossom like the rose and provided some of the greatest attractions for the tourists that our country has to offer.

When we think about the early explorers let us not forget Father Juanipero Sierra, the story of whose life, journeyings and explorations, reads much like the story of St. Paul.

Also, when we feel inclined to criticize the Belgians for their not being able, in the 75 years they were in control of the Congo, to prepare the natives to assume control of their independence, which came too suddenly upon them, let us not forget that we Americans have never, in the more than three centuries that we have been in this country, been able to, or even tried to, teach the "natives" to assume control of this government.

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