

Communications

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She Is Confused

To the Editor: With my sample ballot before me I am a very confused voter. Proposition No. 15 states: "Prohibiting certain advertising signs within 800 feet of inter-state highways and throughways." What does "certain" mean? It sounds discriminatory. So Oregon roads are considered inter-state highways and throughways? There must be more than two, but the petition listed only 99 and 30. Now I see why that petition was so rightly called "Petition of Deceit."

No. 15 continues: "Regulates permissible on-premise and business signs." How would an on-premise sign benefit a farmer? No farm has direct access to a freeway. But at every inter-change or clover-leaf on-premise or business signs would be of terrific benefit to the owner of adjacent property giving him a monopoly on highway advertising. And the rest of us, who also pay taxes to help build better roads and better schools, would have our advertising shoved 800 feet away from every major highway in Oregon.

When numerous businesses fall because of loss of tourist trade and so are forced to quit paying taxes to support such things as schools, the Izak Walton Leaguers, the Garden Clubbers and all the other misguided anti-billboarders are going to find beautiful green Oregon very blue.

I have a particularly personal interest in this issue because my husband, who has one-half of 1 per cent eye-sight left, is frantic with the thought of losing his way of earning a living. We have a restaurant on a side road and our business is highly dependent on tourists leaving Highway 99 and coming up here. He does not believe tourists will see billboards an eighth of a mile from 99.

All voters should know that a regulatory billboard law was passed by our legislature in 1955 and just became effective August 1, 1960. Our present law includes spacing and upkeep of signs and authorizes the Bureau of Labor to take steps toward their removal when signs are not in good condition. Why not give our present law a chance to work?

Both Mrs. Maurine Neuberger and Mr. Elmo Smith support No. 15. What a blow it was to realize that we in business have no candidate for the U. S. Senate. As a protest, many of us in southern Oregon are turning to a write-in vote for E. E. Carpenter. You may have read his recent letter in this column . . . on October 11.

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Cheer Up

To the Editor: Cheer up folks, the worst is yet to come. We are heading into one of our periodic depressions, and it is going to take a good aviator to pull us out of this nose dive. When we do pull out of it we will not look the same. Of course we could get in a war with Cuba but we would not advise it.

Mr. Nixon says if he gets in the White House he will outstrip Russia and then some. Now we don't crave to be stripped any more than we are now, but we are not masters of our destiny. Neither will Mr. Nixon have it all to say with a democrat Congress. It might be better to elect Mr. Kennedy because the Democrats are more promising.

But no matter which boy is elected it is the opinion of this writer that we will be trailing the Soviet Union in science, education, steel production, electric voltage, foreign trade, social security, sports, standard of living, lumbering, building and general progress.

However, we will excel in crime, ill health, death on the highways, cars, highway construction and all the other pursuits of "Freedom." But from our judgment of the two men we will be more happy with Kennedy. He looks the part. He has that sincere expression that is so hard to grasp with a willingness to do plain and willful. Yet he does not imply that he is an indispensable man. That is all to the good because we do not wish to be struck with a man that had to be replaced. We have had too much of that already.

There is a campaign technique against Mr. Kennedy that has us puzzled and worried. The puzzle is: Who is providing the money for all this anti-Catholic propaganda

that we get in the mail? Why did it happen to show up during the campaign and not during the primaries? Who is to benefit by this militant throw-away of little booklets? We wonder? We have seen the pattern before in California. We think the queen doth protest too much.

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All the Way

To the Editor: Let us all vote for the candidate who can do the working man the most good, democratic Senator J. F. Kennedy!

How any man who works for a living can vote for a party which has long been known for its tight money policy, is more than I can imagine! For it not only affects the living standards of the working man and small business alike, but it also affects the economic growth of America as well.

Extravagant spending, I agree, is not the key to progress, but investment by our Government, to help stimulate employment, especially here in the lumber industry, the backbone of the Northwest, provides the working man buying power, to help him purchase what he helps to produce.

It is not enough to vote for a man and his good morals, or his ideals, which are important, but also to take a good look at the party platform, which he represents. It is strange to see the Republicans have the most liberal platform ever, and I wonder why!

Let's make it, "All the Way, with J. F. K."
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Oh, Oh, Oh

To the Editor: In these critical times, we need to acquaint all of our citizens, even the very young, with the foreign policy issues which the presidential candidates are debating. Putting the issues in simple language, like their school books, might help. For example:

My First Reader,
How Sally Kept Her Prestige

Run, Sally, run.
Try to beat the Russians.
I don't have to run!
Why, Sally, why?
Because Mr. Nixon says so.
We have the Russians beat.

Run, Spot, run.
Try to catch the ball.
That is not a ball.
That is Sally's head.
Oh! Oh! Oh!
George W. Rode,
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Big Lie Technique

To the Editor: I've been listening on radio to the most concentrated, vicious, misleading campaign ever—the one against billboard regulation. They label it the unemployment measure, the depression measure, and assert that it will ruin our tourist industry—which is so ridiculous that I would not be concerned if it were not for the demonstrated truth of Hitler's theory that, if you told a falsehood often enough, many would believe it.

I do considerable travelling by car and believe I know something of the feelings of those touring. Before leaving, I know which brand of gasoline I'll use; I know whether or not I'll want cigarettes, beer, or soft drinks and what brands I'll want; I am NOT interested in the many billboards advertising these things that clutter up the roadside and obscure signs of tourist accommodations that DO interest me, and which would still be allowed in appropriate places under the proposed act. If one state forbade unnecessary signs on a few of its through highways and another did not, I'd travel through the state that regulated signs if it were half-way convenient.

So much for the big lie that this measure will ruin tourist industry. As soon as people hear of it, it will improve it.

I see many signs along highways I travel, urging one, if tired, to travel by a certain railroad, plane or bus line. What do you think that will do to the business in the motels?

This is a fight between selfish interests—most of them big ones with big money—and the rest of us who want to make it enjoyable to travel in our beautiful state.

I can see the interest of the big beer companies; auto and gasoline manufacturers; cigarette, soft-drink and patent drug brands, even a few of the largest motels that do saturation advertising many miles from their locations might profit. But I cannot be-

lieve with some of my friends in motel business that they will be hurt—on the contrary. With more tourists on the road enjoying uncluttered scenery, and with proper signs in each vicinity advertising the motels, restaurants, etc., in that share of you'll get your fair share of that increased business.

Let's vote "YES" on this; uncover our scenery; increase the tourist business; and get that small but substantial extra money for roads that the federal government gives for such enlightened action.

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"Awake"

To the Editor: In last Wednesday's Tribune a letter written by someone from Jacksonville who had been given a copy of "Awake" magazine. Accompanying his letter were comments by the editor.

I, too, received a copy of this special issue of "Awake". And I also felt as did the writer from Jacksonville that here was a series of articles which all persons should read, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

It is difficult to see how anyone could become offended at these articles, or how anyone could claim that they misrepresented the Catholic church. And this because the majority of the statistics and quotations were direct statements made by the Catholic clergy themselves and other members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. If prominent Catholics who administer and control that religious system speak out on Catholic belief and practices, is it wrong for non-Catholics to quote them as authority for statements made?

I believe that you as a newspaperman will agree that Catholic policy has been considerably different in lands where this church is in a minority than it is in lands where it is in the majority. One doesn't have to go back into Dark-Age history to learn of this; but merely look at the modern-day examples of Spain, Quebec, Columbia, and other South and Central American countries.

So isn't it rather important to know of these facts, and what the Catholic church's position is on the Bible, freedom, schools, etc.?

This copy of "Awake" magazine is in no way trying to deny Catholics the right to practice their religion, but only to alert the American people to what happens to freedom and other democratic ideals when an authoritarian church system gains control of the political government.

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Texaco Clarifies

To the Editor: Our attention has just been called to the editorial appearing in your Oct. 10 issue entitled "Too High For What?" We do not agree that gasoline prices are too high. As a matter of record, the price of gasoline itself has gone up over the past ten years far less than any other commodity purchased by the consuming public, while the quality of this gasoline has increased substantially.

What we do say is that the tax on gasoline is too high, and we are trying to point out to the American public that the taxes they pay when they buy gasoline are unnecessarily high for the purpose they ostensibly serve.

I think all of us agree on the need for and the advantage of good roads and we recognize that they must be paid for by taxes. Our quarrel—and it forms the basis for the warning we are trying to sound to American taxpayers—is with the unnecessarily high taxes being charged motorists.

The facts are that even without the "temporary" one cent Federal gasoline tax imposed last year, the Government already collects enough revenue through existing gasoline taxes and other automotive user taxes, to pay the entire cost of the Federal Highway Program—if some of these funds were not diverted to other sources.

Over \$1.5 billion in special taxes paid by highway users are currently diverted into the general fund each year. These taxes include excise taxes on automobiles, trucks and buses, parts and accessories, and lubricating oils. Of every dollar the motorist contributes in special Federal taxes, 40 cents is withheld from the highway program and spent for the support of the general Government.

Texaco does not agree that the motorist should pay special taxes which he thinks are

being used to provide good roads, and then have a substantial portion of those taxes used to support other governmental functions. We believe this is unfair discrimination against an already over-burdened tax payer.

This is the substance of our message. It is being sent to our customers, not to find fault with the principle of taxing motorists for highways, but simply to alert motorists that their taxes are not being fully used for the purpose they believe they are paying.

Robert T. Kenney
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Vote Democratic

To the Editor: In common with thousands of other serious minded people I think the most pressing economic question confronting the people of Oregon and especially those of the 4th District is the extremely sick condition of the lumber and plywood industry and the hardships it works on a large segment of the population, not only the mill owner and his employees, most of whom were not getting rich on a full week, let alone on the part-time or no job at all, but also the merchants, service station owners and countless trades and services.

The ills of the lumber industry were caused by political factors and must be cured the same way. The light money, high interest policy of the Eisenhower-Nixon administration, the financial fiasco that made it almost impossible to get either an FHA or veterans loan, a cut in the federal highway program so we could have several hundred more millions to dump into foreign aid, a veto of the public works bill, an aid to education killed by Nixon's vote, and three vetoes (count 'em) of housing bills passed by the Democratic congress, are some of the factors.

Now, in view of this sorry record, that amounts to bankruptcy and worse to many of us, the Republican party has (I hate the word "guts" but that is what it is) to ask the people of Oregon to send them back to Washington. If we are stupid enough to do it we might as well rent Oregon out for goat pasture.

We are going to have a Democratic congress anyway, so for Pete's sake what could Smith or Durno do for us if they wanted to, and does anyone think they really do want to help the common man? So let's send Neuberger and Porter to Congress so that when they help pass a bill that will put the loggers and lumbermen back to work, they know their labor is not in vain because a great president, John F. Kennedy, will sign anything that helps the people.

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Eve, John, Eddie

To the Editor: In reading the campaign promises of one of the Democratic candidates for the legislature in last Tuesday's Mail Tribune, we had to read one proposal twice before we could believe anyone would propose such a ridiculous measure, as that the holder of the mortgage on the one who makes the loan on a farm or home should have to pay the taxes on their equity.

What individual or what loan agency would be so dumb as to make any loans in the state under such a law? Might as well make their investments in Cuba.

While we feel confident that such a vicious measure would never get off the floor when it came to a vote, we feel that it would well behoove the voters of Jackson county to give careful consideration to whom they select to represent them in the next legislature. Oregon needs more investment money, not less.

Mrs. Eve Nye has well proven her qualifications, and John Dellenback shows promise, and we feel that we should speak a word for Dr. Durno.

We have known Dr. Durno as our physician and friend for over 25 years. As a doctor, we have found him thorough, capable, and conscientious, and as a friend, frank, fair, and considerate, and we believe that the people of the 4th Congressional District would be very fortunate to have a man of such integrity and qualifications to represent them in Congress. There isn't much danger of Eddie's grabbing the ball and running in the wrong direction.

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Vote for the Man

To the Editor: A week or so ago you published a letter from a lady (name forgotten) recommending several Republican candidates. In closing she also recommended that everyone vote a straight Republican ticket.

The voting of a straight party ticket now days is about as popular as a horse and buggy or having a "Chick Sales" in the back yard. If

the Democrats feel this way there would not be a Republican elected to office in Jackson county, because of the Democratic majority.

The fact that our two major parties are so evenly balanced, is what makes our country the best place on earth to live. If either party were in complete control, we would be very little, if any, better off than the dictator or communist controlled countries. So let us keep it this way by voting for the man and forget the party and religion.

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People Laughed, They Did

To the Editor: A few days ago, someone predicted dere would soon be 2 cars in every garage, and people laughed. Vot do you tink to-day, ven you got vun barbecue pit in der backyard, 2 cars in der garage, 3 barbecued chickens in der rotisseries, und 4 service stations in der front yard?

On my first trip into der Trinity Alps, Aye run out of tires und gasoline in Peanut's Creek, or vas it Hyampoom, Chanchelulla, Yolla Bolly or Bully Chooop Creek? It don't make no difference, it vas still 60 miles to der nearest service station. Did you efer try packing 5 gallons of gasoline und a set of tires on a burro? Ven Ve vot to Veaver-ville, der burro decided he vas going to stay dere, so Ve loaded him into a vheelbarrow, und took him to Peanut's Creek.

A few weeks ago, Aye had a flat tire in Medford. It vas der only place left to have a service station. Two attendants run out und changed der tire before Aye could get a penny in der parking meter, und Aye vot to yall, und paid 50c. Today, if you run out of gasoline, you got to run out in somebody's service station, und you say, "Times vas getting worse."

Everett Acklin
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S.O.S.

To the Editor: It will perhaps be well to title this letter an S.O.S. for help. No I'm not calling for help and neither has anyone asked me to.

Some months ago one of my friends began to present an inspirational type of radio program in this area. His over 20 years of active radio experience, plus one of the finest Christian characters of any man I've ever met, have caused me to evaluate his efforts most highly.

Recently an Ashland man had a local person tell him that the "Quiet Hour" had saved her life. Because of certain pressing problems, despondency had set in and she was about to take her own life.

She tuned in to the "Quiet Hour." She is alive today because of the Heaven-sent message that day, which she says was just for her.

I am not partial to this particular program. However if you parents who read these lines had a child with a broken arm, you'd give that child some particular attention.

Pastor Tucker has written that he has been forced to discontinue the "Quiet Hour" beginning Nov. 1, unless a "miracle happens." That miracle is, perhaps, up to some who read these lines. You can't operate a radio program on just good will. It costs money. It is hoped this letter is in print ere the "final" broadcast.

It's on Sunday at 12:30, 730 KC on your dial, a good strong Medford station.

For any who might question the intentions of this broadcast, just listen in once. It's only object is to help its listeners. Pastor Tucker does not receive a cent for his personal use. He is a retired minister, but not too tired to still work for his Master. The writer will be happy to furnish more particulars to those who desire them.

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Grasping at Straws

To the Editor: In speaking at the Candidates' Fair Thursday evening, Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, insofar as I understood her, defended the proposition that efforts of the United States to negotiate with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have

born fruit and will continue to do so. She has offered as one plum that peace has been preserved, that a policy of negotiation is a seed well sown and to be cultivated.

While I admire Mrs. Neuberger, I feel compelled to express a point of view from another part of the garden. The course of events in the last few weeks to the contrary notwithstanding, negotiation may be of some help. But Mrs. Neuberger's position appears nebulous when it is considered that the intent of the Soviet Union has not become clear as one which advocates the honoring of contract, order, and indeed, of peace itself. The question is raised whether the Soviet Government is treating the conference table as a means to its own design, and not to settlement of the several questions before it in a just and equitable way, such settlement to be governed by the adherence to the contracts it has produced.

Several obligations of the U.S.S.R. are in default, including those of the Imperial Russian Government, which, acknowledged or not, the present Russian Government has inherited. Among others there is a question concerning \$11,260,343,803 in U.S. goods delivered to the U.S.S.R. under Lend-Lease. Negotiations, begun in May, 1947, aiming at a settlement of this debt, ended without result.

In assuming further negotiations to be worthwhile, one might at least have the lack of adverse experience upon which to base his assumption. Yet, question remains as to the intent of the U.S.S.R. at Potsdam, Tehran, Yalta, its agreement with the state of Egypt to help with the Aswan Dam, etc., etc.

In my opinion, advocating a policy of negotiation with a government which has not demonstrated its intent to uphold the agreements into which it has already entered, is advocating a policy of grasping at straws.

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Reliable Elephant

To the Editor: Some of the campaigning Democrats are being true to their emblem, "The Donkey," unpredictable and un-dependable, either kicking or braying, with HST being the Chief Brayer.

A Grants Pass writer said the Demos were builders and referred to the Columbia dams. Where was he when the Columbia dam construction began? Then the Demos came in and stopped the construction, saying there was a surplus of stock and grain, why have more irrigation to raise more grain to burn and more stock to knock in the head? Russia said if they would go ahead and finish they would buy the surplus (which they didn't do) and made alliance with U. S. Now the Democrats take the credit for the dam was built during Republican administration and the Demos couldn't take the credit, they changed the name to Boulder during their administration. Poor, steady, dependable and reliable Elephant doesn't get credit for anything.

Much is being said about unemployment, yet there is a decided decrease and wages are at an all time high. Few families have less than two cars plus a boat and all kinds of electrical appliances. Does that look like our nation is starving?

One candidate says we are secondary to Russia in progress and are losing prestige with other nations. One thing America is ahead of Russia. That is the consumption of "alcohol beverages." Yale School of Alcoholic studies give these figures. America consumes 7.18 quarts per capita while Russia consumes 1.85 quarts per capita. THIS should make America blush instead of boast. Is it any wonder America has lost prestige with other nations?

We hear little about this because America's Liquor King with his multi-millions is trying to buy the White House for his son Jack. It is time Christian America wakes up and save the youths from this damaging demon "Alcohol."

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