

Communications

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Three Cheers

To the Editor: Three cheers and a loud hurrah for that magnificent editorial in Friday's Mail Tribune! Where in the world has this other Oregon editorial writer been all these years, from F.D.R.'s early lend-lease program to Harry Truman's amazingly successful Marshall Plan, right on down to the present administration's latest economic or technical assistance to underprivileged countries?

You quote this benighted scribe as having said, "I do not pretend to know the answer but I do know that the foreign aid program as we know it does not work." Then, so gently and generously you say, "He should have quit when he was ahead - after the eighth word." Indeed, better still, if he never had said a word about a subject concerning which he admits he is uninformed. Bad enough to display his own vast ignorance which he daily reads in the newspapers long since should have dispelled, but to spread his ignorance abroad via his own editorial column, that is well nigh incomprehensible - and almost unforgivable.

More than once since I have been privileged to read your paper during my brief residence of three months in Medford, I have cheered your excellent editorials on a variety of important issues, local, national and international - and I've bragged on them to my family and friends in the east. But Friday's, so effectively giving the lie to that silly cry, "It Does Not Work," it is superb. Many thanks for so great a service to our nation and to the nations we have been and are helping so effectively and splendidly!

Tree Burning

To the Editor: Monday eve's burning of Christmas trees is reminiscent of Ben Hur Lampman's editorializing on the same in the Oregonian in the early depression 30s. It was in reference to my protesting letter, that was triggered by the sight of a Christmas tree in a backyard mud and slush. Remnants of tinsel and ornaments were pitiful reminders of its yesterday's symmetrical and revered loveliness in an

honored place of the living room.

Only a Ben Hur Lampman lilted word appraisal could have sparked the belated drive. For, the children singing to the incensed crackling fire that lighted their young faces, lighted, we like to think, in obvious offering to Him who did choose to die on the age old cross of those times, for His "sin" in defense of His faith and teachings and salvation of all mankind as He envisioned it.

Doubtless, there were like burnings in varying degree preceding this one. Obviously, it would be gratifying to all concerned to know the where and when of such in a community-planned way. For it is a cause of constant wonderment why such pride-of-achievement to so many can be so long delayed.

But it may endure as a symbol, better than New Year's night revelry, of the sun's return in bringing welcome warmth and renewed life to all earth's children, those ever anchored to one place of nourishment as well as the gad-about kind, changing their sources of survival where favor or circumstance, if any, may provide.

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Parable for Our Day

To the Editor: I wrote a letter to Communications last year, stating that the message given by the Angel, or Lady of Fatima as she was so named, would be revealed to the world in 1960. But Pope John has not revealed the message to the world, apparently for fear of rebuke against the Church. It was the third or fourth appearance that the lady revealed the message, but at the same time that she gave them the message she also asked that the people pray for the conversion of the Russian people to God or that the errors of communism would spread throughout the world, and that nations would be annihilated.

With the atomic bombs of today, nations can be annihilated quite swiftly. Janacinta, the younger of the two girls, said in her latter days that wars are the judgement of God against nations for their evil deeds. And is also recorded in the Bible. Here is a parable, consider this well. A father owned a

large valley, a portion being good land, but the bigger portion was quite poor. Now the father had many sons. He called in the wiser of his sons and gave them to be in charge, as he was taking a long journey and would be gone many years. Now as he was returning after many years, he came first upon the poorer portion of his land and there found the lesser of his sons and grandchildren and they were in poverty and starving and had increased to a large number. As he came upon the good portion of land, he noticed that much of the land was not in use, and all the sons living in this portion were living in the best of fashion, and when he inquired as to the condition of his lesser sons, they said they have nothing to offer for our goods; and there is no profit in dealing with them.

The valley is the world, and God is the father.
T. M. Sletten
Rogue River, Ore.

Thanks For Help

To the Editor: My husband and I and our sons would like to thank those many kind people and their families who gave us bedding, linens, food and clothes, after our home burned Monday, Dec. 26, 1960, in Central Point. And those special people who loaned us furniture to use until we are on our feet again, and all members of the St. Peter's Lutheran church in Medford.

Also Dr. Turner of Central Point for his special deed on the same Monday. And Dr. Hanawalt for his work and kindness in saving our dog after she was taken out of the fire. And all our wonderful relatives and friends who have been so kind with work and understanding.

Rev. King Jones of the First Presbyterian church in Jacksonville for his kind words.

Thank you from our hearts.
God Bless you All.
Ken and Terrie Snook
and Boys
835 Cherry st.
Central Point, Ore.

No Benches for Students

To the Editor: The children who live on Morrow rd. have to walk down to Biddle rd. and stand in the sun, rain or snow, no matter what the weather. Not only on Morrow rd. but all over Medford the school children have this to do. If they get colds or get sick, just look who has to pay the doctor bills.

I guess we will get a big tax raise from this question, but I still would like to know why?

M. Turner
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Medford.

Freedom To Starve

To the Editor: Sometime back during the heat of the political campaign, I seem to remember an editorial in which one of the "ills" of the Republican Administration was "the freedom to starve." While reading "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich"

by William L. Shirer, I ran across the following paragraph which I would like to quote:

"Hitler was liquidating the past, with all its frustrations and disappointments. Step by step, and rapidly (as we shall see in detail later), he was freeing Germany from the shackles of Versailles, confounding the 'ctorious Allies and making Germany militarily strong again. This was what most Germans wanted and they were willing to make the sacrifice which the Leader demanded of them to get it: the loss of personal freedom, a Spartan diet ('Guns before Butter') and hard work. By the autumn of 1936 the problem of unemployment had been largely licked, almost everyone had a job again and one heard workers who had been deprived of their trade-union rights joking over their full dinner pails, that at least under Hitler there was no more freedom to starve. ('Gemeinnutz von Eigennutz!') The Common Interest before Self) was a popular Nazi slogan in those days, and though many a party leader, Goering above all, was secretly enriching himself and the profits of business were mounting, there was no doubt that the masses were taken in by the new 'national socialism' which ostensibly put the welfare of the community above one's personal gain."

History has noted the terrible effect on the German worker, the German citizen, and the rest of the world as the result of this loss of the freedom to starve. It probably can't happen here, but it seems to be a basic law that nobody gets somethin' for nothin'!

Gene M. Williams
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Medford

Noisy

To the Editor: This is an open letter to President-elect Kennedy:

Sir:
If you can find the time to arrange it, please come to our mess hall for a meal, but don't expect to enjoy it. Instead, be prepared to eat in a boiler factory atmosphere with expert-from long practice—coffee pot lid slingers and chair bangers (employed) to make you want to leave the place in a hurry.

If you think all this is exaggeration, come yourself, or send a representative, to have dinner with us some day.
Yours hopefully,
David Frisch
P. O. Box 292
White City, Ore.

Ugh!

To the Editor: These are some "Snacks I can do without."

Disconcerting to a feller, is the biscuit-coated fly. Or the apple's severed dweller, Or the nut shell in the pie.
Harvey W. Robertson
103 North Central ave.
Medford

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Try and Stop Me

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A SPORTING GENTLEMAN rented a horse and set out for a center in the park. Unfortunately, the horse fell down, so the sporting gentleman went back to the stable and selected another horse. That one fell down too.

The sporting gentleman angrily reported his misadventures to the stablemaster. "Nothing to get upset about," soothed that worthy. "Just go to the back of the stables. You'll find about fifty more horses, lined up there. Take any one that suits your fancy - but don't take the one in the middle - or they'll ALL fall down!"



A Providence restaurant owner had a horrible nightmare recently. He dreamed that he had to eat a six-pound marshmallow. When he woke up, his pillow had disappeared.

A glamour girl broke a New Year's Eve date last Saturday night. She went out with him.

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Announcement...

Due to illness the Patio and Toy Shop is closed until further notice.

We wish to express our thanks to all our wonderful friends and customers for their cards, letters and calls to offer their prayers and help. We hope soon to be open again to serve you.

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How to Answer The Telephone

To the Editor: What did I do in old Placerville when the phone would ring in the middle of the night? First thing I started looking for the chimney, and it wuzn't easy to find in a kitchen 30 feet square. We didn't have any electric lights, but we had a good system to find the chimney in the dark.

I would come out of my bedroom, walk along the East wall of the kitchen, run into the kitchen table, continue until I fell over the wood-box and back of the kitchen stove. When I got up I bumped my head on the stovepipe. All I had to do then wuz to follow the stove-pipe to the chimney.

The stove-pipe went into the south side of the chimney. The telephone wuz on the north side of the chimney, seven feet from the floor. It wuz made for six foot cowboys. I wuz a cowboy in the

fourth grade. I rode a burro, old Swevendorfer biscuits.

I couldn't reach the telephone receiver by about two feet, so I had still another problem. I would start looking for an apple box to stand on, and step into the mouse trap. By the time I got the mouse trap off my big toe, the party calling would be back in bed.

Der next night der telephone wuzn't ring, und we woud catch a mice.
Everett Acklin
Ashland, Ore.

To Friends and Customers

To the Editor: This is addressed to our friends and customers:

Because of my husband's recent nervous breakdown, the store is closed until further notice.

Until we can thank each of you personally, we wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone for their interest, prayers, and offers to help. It proves what we have

Durno Names Aide For This Region

Mrs. Agnes Smith of Medford has been appointed by Congressman Edwin R. Durno to serve as his part-time aide in this area. She is one of three part-time aides picked by Durno to work in Oregon.

The others are William Tugman, former editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, who will circulate around the fourth district, and look into local problems for the Congressman, and a secretary to assist Tugman.

Durno named a Portland woman to head his Washington staff. She is Genevieve Cooper, who first moved to Washington in 1941 to work for the late Sen. Rufus C. Holman. Miss Cooper and two others named to his staff, Dorothy Crockett and Sally Gjerston, are all former members of the office force of Sen. Wayne Morse. The latter

RUSSIA CHALLENGED

Washington, D.C.—The United States has challenged Russia to agree to the abolition or reduction of travel curbs within the two countries as a major step toward easing East-West suspicions and tensions.

Two women are from Minnesota.

The fourth member of his Washington staff is Mrs. Hertha Cornett of Washington, D.C., who worked for a New York congressman last year.

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