

# ... Communications ...

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## Differences

To the Editor: The other day a friend dropped in for a little visit. I had known prior to this call that he in his younger years was a member of the same religious organization that I represent. In spite of the fact that we have differences of opinion, we are on very friendly terms.

Yet some things my friend told me have caused me concern. Not just for him but for others.

Our first parents in Eden were led astray because Eve listened and believed the false report of the first apostate. Today as then many well meaning individuals still follow the same course. Summing it all up, it is not always safe to listen and believe someone who, because of a critical attitude, has apostatized. In other words, can we be assured that ours is a safe course when we listen to those who completely turn around and repudiate beliefs they once held?

In the religious realm, the only safe course is to follow it, that if these new views agree with God's Guidebook, then and only then, is it safe to turn our steps and follow them.

You see my visiting friend had been reading some material put out by one who had for years held a high position in a well known religious organization. He has been dead for a number of years but his damaging and defaming denunciations still take their toll.

The only safe course for any one, is to follow our Lord, not man. If we live and do as Jesus taught we'll be on the safe side.

Many volumes have been written down through the years. On those dealing with religious matters we find many writings that are very helpful.

Not so long ago another friend who had also read and believed the writings of the apostolized gentlemen, was talking with me on the phone. That morning I had been reading some paragraphs from the pen of one that this gentleman despised. I shared them with him.

"Isn't that wonderful!" he said. I agreed.

I have come to the opinion that it isn't what some people know about it but it is what they think they know about it.

I am afraid that preconceived prejudice is keeping many people from the full joys of the happiness that comes in fully serving our Lord.

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## Questions Asked

To the Editor: This is a letter to Secretary of Labor Goldberg, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: There is an increasing number of free-enterprise people who want and soon will be demanding an answer to the why and wherefore of the yearly demands of organized labor for increase in pay, fringe benefits, etc.

There was not too much concern on this vital issue till just recently. In a news release, certain unnamed economists agreed, even though (in a tentative way), that "about 8 per cent would be a reasonable request in a yearly wage rise". Why such semi-official admission? By what reason other than private greed should an organized minority be entitled for such special dispensation, all at the expense of the free-enterprise majority?

The USA is in a difficult position. Sen. Paul H. Douglas (Dem.-Illinois) referred to it as a "very serious recession", proven so by loss of profits and dangerous increase of bankruptcies. High labor costs of manufactured articles make it increasingly difficult for our industries to meet competition in lower labor cost foreign country's products in world markets. Note the increasingly frenzied efforts of local merchants in advertising by TV, newspaper and radio to buy, buy, buy.

At the request of others and our own interests, we have written several letters to people we felt were able to answer what we are requesting of you. One of the answers was of official source, of full page length. They answered much we already knew, but skirted around what we wanted to know. Strangely, they warned that the letter was strictly confidential and it or no part could be quoted.

Your past position, Mr. Goldberg, as attorney for the AFL-CIO, as we have been given to understand, should make it possible for you to answer our question, why and for what reason should there be a yearly raise in wages granted to organized labor, in view of lowering prices and so many of us trying to get

by on fixed incomes? Also the farmer putting in 12 to 16 hours a day to keep his home and land from insurance loss and tax foreclosure, and organized labor demanding a 8 hour day?

Most sincerely,  
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## County Roads

To the Editor: This is an open letter to the county court.

Sirs: Why is it that you are so ready to lend a helping hand on roads that lead to recreational places, and neglect the essential public roads?

Sirs, I haven't a thing against recreation. It's wonderful! Yet it would be a pleasure to drive on a decent road, which we have to (mind you), have to drive over daily.

Sure, you send a grader out after a rain to skim over the top. What if it should keep raining, then the road is sure to be a hazard to drive over.

There are strips of the road that are like a wash board (the old fashion type). Surely that's damaging to decent cars besides a hazard to drive over.

Is it that an accident must happen before you will come to the aid of the people?

Lorene Davis  
Galls Creek rd.  
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## The "Unbalanced" Mind

To the Editor: Our newspapers carry frequent accounts of all manner of crime against society, including suicide. During the holiday season two southern Oregon men died of self-inflicted gunshot wounds. More recently, a staff member of a well known screen magazine leapt from the towering heights of a building. Almost every day one reads of someone, somewhere, whose mind has reached that stage of hopelessness where it can see no other way out.

It is the writer's opinion that this last desperate act (the act of self destruction) can be cited as an example of an individual's twisted thinking over a long period of his life, and that other lesser crimes against society stem from the same source. How many crimes are committed because of a desire, by "tortured" minds, to escape from reality?

Why is it that the sale of tranquilizers is steadily mounting to an alarming figure? How many people are guilty of overindulgence in (for example) liquor, because of the inner turmoil that masters so many minds—yes, and destroys them?

A person who finds life too exacting and restrictive—one who THINKS the cards are "stacked" against him, is quite likely to become a victim of an unbalanced mind.

He feels neglected and alone, and begins to indulge in one or more of the cardinal sins of thought—the sins of envy, jealousy, resentment and hatred. Everyone knows that this line of thinking will, in time, destroy the balance of the mind.

Not everyone, however, is aware of the enormous number of wrongs that are indulged in by individuals in order to ESCAPE from their par-

ticular inner struggles which they do not understand.

Many of the writer's friends believe that here is a great opportunity, for each community, on a nationwide basis, to do more for humanity than has ever been done before by numerous civic and community organizations.

Why not choose a worthy organization, such as the Junior Chamber of Commerce, to appoint an outstanding man of sterling character to serve as counsellor to mankind? This counsellor would serve a great and crying need! He would be available to anyone in strict confidence. His service would be non-sectarian, and any fees he collected would be on a purely voluntary basis.

Ordinary people, all over this nation, would give small sums in support of their own community counsellor which could be handled by the sponsoring organization.

What do you readers think of this idea to help make America strong?

Phillip Lee Burns  
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## The Polio Drive

To the Editor: The drive for funds for polio research is on. May I present a little known fact about the cause of polio?

President Teddy Roosevelt's secretary of agriculture was Mr. James Wilson from Iowa. He had a real concern for the financial welfare of Iowa farmers. The man in charge of the Bureau of Chemistry then was Dr. Harvey Wiley. His great concern was the preservation of the health of Americans.

During this time it was discovered that corn starch treated with hydrochloric acid is changed to another form of carbohydrate called glucose or corn syrup. To separate the hydrochloric acid from the glucose requires the use of sulphuric acid. Traces of both remain in the glucose. Mr. Wilson saw in this product a means of increasing the profits of Iowa corn farmers. Dr. Wiley regarded it as a menace to the health of Americans. Thus ensued a contest between the two men which was won by Mr. Wilson. Dr. Wiley, the foremost food chemist of that time and a thoroughly honest and patriotic man, was publicly disgraced.

Unlimited quantities of glucose are now used in our food. Fruit is canned in it, icings and candy are made from it, soft drinks and ice cream are sweetened by it, and babies' formulas depend on it, this in spite of the fact that its use in food is prohibited in Canada and the western European nations.

Our excessive use of glucose is one cause of polio and diabetes. It is also a carcinogen. It produces polio because it destroys the sheath which surrounds each nerve fibre. It produces diabetes because it does not need digestion but passes into the blood stream immediately it reaches the small intestines. To get from the blood into the cells insulin must be present in the blood. Large amounts of glucose demand large amounts of insulin

which is manufactured by the pancreatic gland. When this gland is unable to supply the needed amount, the excess glucose is filtered from the blood by the kidneys and thrown from the body as sugar in the urine or diabetes. So much glucose is used by Americans every day and we have so many diabetics now, that it is estimated that by 1985 every man, woman and child in the United States will be a diabetic.

Would it not be wise to unite now and demand of

Congress that it ban its use in food forever?  
Anna M. Streed  
36 North Peach st.  
Medford.

Editor's note: While we respect Miss Streed's sincerity, it should be pointed out that the opinions in her letter are not supported by the findings of most nutritional scientists.

Orchids to Potpourri  
To the Editor: Congratulations to Olive Starcher for her recent statement concern-

ing an adequate auditorium for Medford, rather than a sports arena. We agree wholeheartedly!

When we arrived in this valley 14 years ago, we were amazed to find no community building in such a progressive town; no adequate place which would accommodate concerts, opera, plays and lectures, as well as local club activities. Many really small towns have excellent buildings of this type.

As each new project has been presented to our city fathers, we have looked hopefully for plans for an auditorium worthy of our town; no luck to date!

We think sports are splendid; but we also feel that cultural life must be an integral part of the development of any good American town. Medford was well known for many years for its fine concerts and road shows, in the days when small theaters could accommodate such events. Today, it is very dif-

ficult, even impossible, to present feature attractions which would draw people from the entire State of Jefferson, because we have no auditorium with size and ACOUSTICS!

It would appear that our vision is getting just a bit one-sided; perhaps we had better think it over more fully before considering more sports for Medford.

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## Dick House To Move

The House of Insurance, owned by Dick House, formerly of 113 East Eighth st., is moving to the Standard Insurance building on East Main st.

According to House, the firm will now be called The House of Security, and has taken on a line of investments, King Merrill and Company Inc., in addition to insurance. The firm will open in its new location on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

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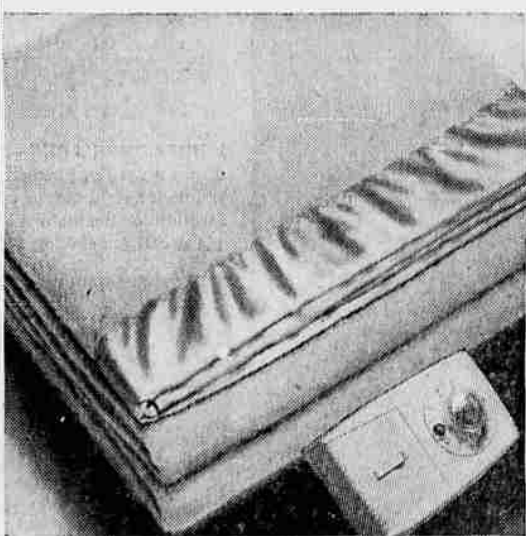
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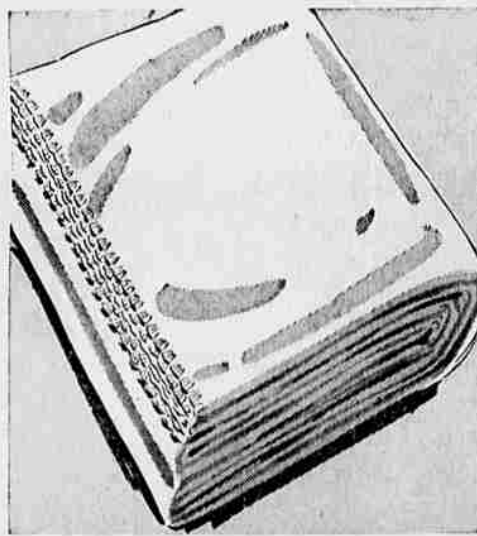


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## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A VERY SMART young man in Houston, Texas, has compiled a list of rules for "How to raise a juvenile delinquent in your own family" that the Police Department there is distributing in pamphlet form. Some of its highlights:

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. This will insure his growing up to believe that the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh heartily at him. This will make him think he's cute. Soon he'll acquire a vocabulary that will blow off the top of your head.
3. Give him all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn a penny of his own.
4. Take his part against neighbors, teachers, policemen. They all are prejudiced against your child. He never is wrong.
5. Finally, prepare yourself for a life of grief. Brother, you're going to have it.

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