

... Communications ...

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Editor's note: We have on hand several letters that lack sufficient identification to be used. We need both name and address. Also, several letters have been received far in excess of our 400 word limit. They will be condensed, if time allows, or returned to the writer for condensation.

Letter From Japan

My dear Mr. Editor: If you can spare a little of your precious time I would be appreciated it very much.

What I want is this: I always wanted to make some friends in your country through letterwriting. But I did not know how to do it. Recently, however, I was told by the Youth Council For International Contact (20, 1-chome Jimbo-cho, Chiyoda-ka, Tokyo, Japan) that the best way is to write to the newspapers and give me your name. So, I'm writing this letter to you.

If you can insert this letter somewhere in your pages so that I can start communications with your readers, I would appreciate it very much. If such insertion was not able to be done, then may I ask you to pass this letter to some schools or cultural organizations or some individuals? That will help me, too.

Yours very truly,
Yoshinori Uno
P. S.—Let me introduce myself briefly: Name: Yoshinori Uno; sex: male; age: 16; address: 39 Watsuya-machi, Kitaku, Osaka-city, Japan.
Hobbies: Stamp-collecting and collecting coins and collecting records, taking snapshots and skating and swimming, looking at movies.

Strength of An Idea

To the Editor: I am sorry that I cannot name the author of the statement, "There is nothing stronger than an idea of which its time has come."

But regardless of who said it, its contents and meaning seem valid. We have in mind a brochure that we received in the mail dealing with ways and means to stop Communism in America. It points out that the schedule devised by Lenin before he died for the Communists to take over the earth is a comprehensive one and it is running on time at present. With a beach-head established in Cuba, the Communists are launching a campaign to encircle the United States with Communist satellites.

This organization that gets the brochure out is called Freedom Crusade. Their master plan is to teach the aims and goals of Communism. (At least that is what is implied). Somehow the thought creeps into my mind, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Is it possible that the super-abundance of material that we have been reading about Communism is false? Could it be that the Freedom Crusade has come into possession of the real McCoy?

On that point we are skeptical at the employment and exploitation of renegade Russians to carry the torch of truth.

Yes sir, at last we are to get the real lowdown on the Communists. However there seem to be a few "ketches" in the program. First there is the question of money involved. The student of Communism must pay for his own education. There are record tapes of speeches and motion pictures to carry conviction. There is also literature. But the Communist bible, the Communist manifesto, was not mentioned. (For the benefit of the curious it can be obtained in most any public library.)

A fatal quality in education

is that it is a double edged sword. It cuts both ways. Another handicap is that Americans demand pay for everything that they do, or the promise of it even in gaining knowledge. We are not crusaders. Without pay there is nothing doing. That is a folly that Communists exploit. They are great on promises. And not for something in the hereafter, but here and now. Communists do not promise Freedom but fried-cakes. So the best way to combat Communism is to deliver more doughnuts. It is as simple as that.

The great handicap to Freedom Crusade is that Freedom is being priced out of the market. There is too much short weight and short change. We need only observe health care for the aged. They are frustrated by society while their pockets are being picked. A clear case of the denial of freedom. Attention Crusaders.

Walter Reece,
Galice rd.,
Merlin, Ore.

Gold

To the Editor: Reminded that Thursday evening would be the last winter-time meeting of the Northwest Mining Council of Jacksonville, and given five minutes time on the tightly scheduled affair to elaborate on our "Gold Is The Answer" letter of that date, we managed to be there.

The meeting was well attended, and there was considerable optimism due to recent heavy rains, that triggered discussions of getting hydraulic operations going by operators, over second fillings of coffee of the pot-luck dinner. Following election of officers, my own talk was given, that seemed to claim close attention and a very good hand.

From following discussions, it all boils down to the hamstringing of gold that was an emergency measure during the FDR administration, and instead of being terminated as was proposed, it continues on into this late day, that many members feel is one of the reasons why the American dollar is in trouble today. The idea of a time-limit bonus equal to the established price of gold for the production of new raw gold here in the homeland, is almost too much to hope for. Most of them, especially the old-timers, feel that just a \$5 or \$10 upping of the gold price would put a

horde of hopefuls back in the hills. "stead of settlin' on their fannies wondering what to do, what with no jobs in sight or even in the making." All this, providing the gold-panner could take his ounce, or part thereof, of gold to a handy grocery - supply store and trade it for the so necessary beans, bacon and bread-flour and a few gallons of gasoline. They are equally sure that it would take much of the load from the public welfare department.

Some of the better informed are sure that there is much raw (new) gold being hoarded. One assured this writer that given 30 minutes, he could bring some 40 or 50 ounces of "poke-gold." Given 24 hours he could produce that amount multiplied by a hundred. He told how, some time ago, there was some sharp interest stirred down Nevada way of a black-market buying gold at some \$75 per ounce, raw or fine. But the vigilance of Uncle Sam's FBI in pouncing on such illegal activities, made it too risky. So, both tunnel and placer raw gold is still waiting for a price that will yield some manner of profit to the producer.

F. J. Clifford
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Who Benefited Most?

To the Editor: With all the sniping, bickering, and wrangling one usually reads in the communications column, we are apt to forget that most of the inhabitants of our community are truly kind and concerned about their fellowman when the need arises.

I wish to present an example that will illustrate this truth. The community of Central Point was recently made aware of the severe illness of the wife of one of our public servants, and the attendant distress and problems of the situation. From all directions there was voiced a desire to help. With some discussion this desire was developed into action, and the results have been astounding to many people.

This willingness to help was not generated by a "do-good" attitude, but because of respect and appreciation for a man who did his job with a feeling of concern and respect for the people of his community. This was also evidenced by fellow members of organizations to which he belonged. These include the Peace Officers Association, Lions club, Jaycees, Ameri-

can Legion and Naval reserve. We all wish to thank the following for their fine cooperation: The Mail Tribune, the TV and radio stations, the Milk Producers League, the engineering department of Camp White, the merchants of Central Point, and the many individuals who responded so generously with time and funds.

It remains to be seen and can be debated as to who benefited most, the helpers or the recipient!

Ruth I. Arndt,
Chairman of Verna
Bowen Fund,
38 Vancouver ave.,
Medford

"Shadows" Praised

To the Editor: This is an open letter to "The Shadows". May we express our most appreciative thanks to "The Shadows" for the wonderful entertainment you provided at our "Founders Day" program at Griffin Creek School, Feb. 2, 1961.

This community is indeed fortunate to have, and should well be proud of, this fine group of talented young men. Griffin Creek Parent Teacher Association
Mrs. Larry Briggs,
Publicity

It Is Very Late

To the Editor: The strength and effectiveness of the United Nations is contained in the attitudes of her leading member nations.

Maintaining peace and security throughout the world is without a doubt the most desirable of the U.N.'s ideals. But I fail to see how we can preserve something that does not exist, and never will as long as the cold war persists.

Until the threat of communistic expansion is removed, the free world is not only in grave danger, but peace is impossible. My personal views may be considered drastic and pessimistic - but to me the actuality of the situation is, victory or surrender.

When more of the American people trade their attitudes of expediency and illusion for those of patriotism and reality, then and then only can we make any real progress in our U.N. attempts.

It will take money, lots of money, most of our spare time, courage and all of our efforts, to back up the aims of the U.N.

Developing friendly relations among nations and spreading the principle of equality should have become uppermost in our endeavors, upon our arrival at the stage of world leadership.

Now it is very late. But with great effort and determination we may be able to block communistic expansion into neutral and free countries by strengthening the U.N.'s economic, social, and humanitarian aims. Our chief weapons are aid to relief of world poverty, some degree of educational benefit to all underprivileged peoples, and last but not least, recognition of and respect for, their rights as human beings.

But this all begins at home; in our advertising mediums, in our educational fields, in our moral standards—especially racial attitudes—in our in-

dividual efforts, and thence to the U.N.

Keeping informed on current events, and organizing or attending one of the Great Decisions groups, would be a very good place to start.

The effectiveness of the U.N.'s achievements greatly depends upon us.

Thelma Carson
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Prospect, Ore.

Der Edsel

To the Editor: We listened to Der Bingle croon

Praising the Edsel to the moon

But me being such an awful snook

I felt that we should take a look

And boy, o boy, did we get took.

Der Bingle got himself a wife

(But woe is me we just got strife)

And to the desert he did go. But with us, it wasn't so

Because our Edsel would not go.

If we hadn't heard Der Bingle croon

Praising the Edsel to the moon

I wouldn't have acted like a shmoe

And bought an Edsel that would not go.

To us this was an awful blow.

So after the troubles we have had

With our Edsel, it's just too bad.

We listened to Der Bingle croon

And purchased an Edsel too darned soon.

We should have listened to Pat Boone.

Leo J. Townsend,
Route 1, Box 620,
Eagle Point, Ore.

Gold Economy

To the Editor: What Uncle Sam really needs is a U.S. gold economy based upon the national industry—not a world wide economy of the Bretton-Woods international bankers agreement.

The natural resources of gold mining in the U.S.A. should be controlled, operated and under the protection of the people to act as a safety measure for the purposes of American labor and industry at all times. Even though gold is not recognized as a monetary standard exclusively, the U.S. mints should not be allowed to rust-out and remain idle in a bloated economy.

Why let all gold in storage drain out of our country simply because of inflation of paper currency? What is good business for the international banker may sooner or later prove to be the people's loss of security.

When gold was a basis of standard, the small individual free enterprise man commanded an equal amount of real wealth because he was not handicapped by spiraling prices due to an unstable economy, thus he could afford at least to mine the precious stuff.

Bert Kissinger
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Medford

Pretty Stupid

To the Editor: I am writing this letter in regard to the little article on the front page of the Feb. 1 paper concerning liquor by the glass.

I was just wondering what kind of man would propose (and what kind of people we are to let him do it) a bill that would help to increase our crime rate in Oregon by providing an easier (than al-

ready is) way to obtain this mind-destroying and will-destroying drink.

I wonder if Senator Al Flegel realizes that he will be (in part) responsible for the crime and juvenile problems that arise out of these new (106) places where liquor can be obtained so easy.

It seems pretty stupid that on one hand people are trying their very best to stop drunkenness and the results of it, and on the other hand men like Sen. Flegel are providing the means by which (in part) it grows.

I wonder how Sen. Flegel would feel if a man who had just come from a bar would attack and kill one of his children (if he has any), or a drunk would run into him as he was driving along one of our highways? Yet he has proposed a bill that is going to provide the weapon for this very same man.

Robert E. Martin,
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Work With Medco

To the Editor: At our home we read your column with interest, as it gives a cross section of local views on local subjects, as well as state and national levels.

The Medco private road seems to be a live issue now, as the election is over.

I think a lot of people are alarmed in advance. I know where private roads are operated at Springfield, and the Mollala-Canby private road, they cause no hardship or ill feelings. As for a truck every eight minutes, this is quite slow traffic, and I believe there will be safety devices installed.

I think we have plenty of logging trucks on our highway without adding more, as mentioned in one letter.

But Medco should not be condemned for modernizing. The logging railroad is an obsolete system, and costly to operate. Not many of the people affected would go back to horse and buggies or model T Fords. The road is coming, so why not work with Medco as a community group, and get some ample warning system for the crossings. You catch more flies with honey than vinegar. Ask for road sprinklers and proper muf-

flers and noise control. These things can be worked out in a diplomatic way.

Medco, like any business, must operate at a profit or close up shop. This would be a sad blow to the valley economy as perhaps two to three thousand people's livelihood depend on them, partially or in whole.

I am not in any way connected with the logging industry or Medco, and have never worked in a mill or in the woods. But we need their payroll and supply accounts here in Jackson county.

Charles A. Lasher,
2810 Elliott st.,
Medford

Fire Season

To the Editor: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for extending to us such excellent cooperation during the 1960 fire season.

The 1960 fire season was rough in Southwest Oregon District. While our acreage burned was not nearly so great as 1959, we did have a greater number of fires. As always we feel that the public should be kept well informed as to the occurrence of fires and the daily progress of control. This we could not do without your help.

Many times it is quite difficult for members of your staff to get a complete story from us and meet your deadline. At these times of course we are all quite busy trying to

bring the fire under control. Through it all you have been most patient and kind and we are grateful.

If there is anything that we can do to make your job of reporting our activities easier, please do not hesitate

to contact us. Your suggestions for improvement in this field will be welcomed and appreciated.

Curtis Nesheim,
District Warden,
State Forestry Dept.,
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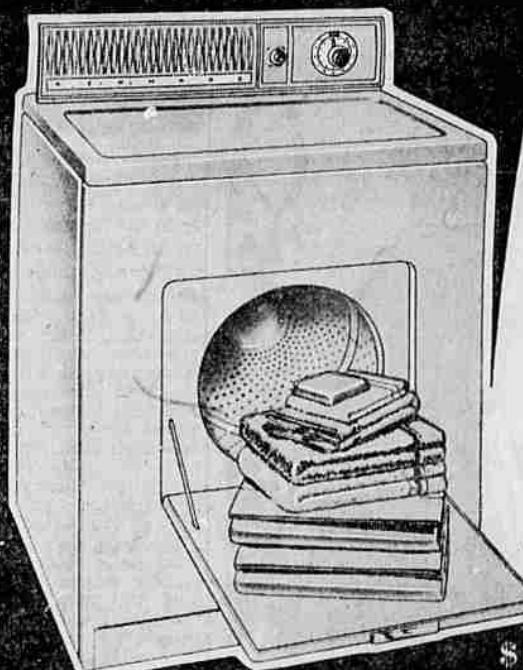
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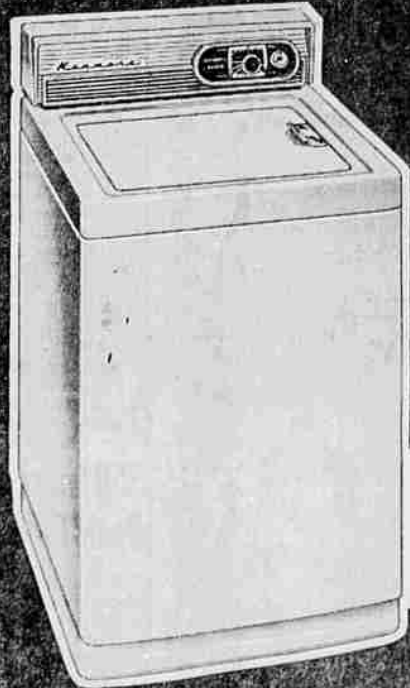
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