

Poets' Corner

Conducted by

Arnold Eugene Jenny

The Triumphant Christ

Christ knew the searing glance of men's contempt,
The angry, scowling faces of the mob;
He stood as one disinterested, exempt
From fear, but in His breast He crushed a sob.
He understood men's hearts made vile
With galling jealousy and blackest hate;
He understood that in a little while
His death for them would open heaven's gate.
His calm, pure face revealed the hidden power
That lies beyond the things that men can kill,
And three days later at earth's darkest hour
Arose as victor over death and hell.
And shall I think my trial more severe
Who also have but one brief life to give?
In God's great strength I, too, will persevere
And "in my flesh shall I see God," and live.

—Mildred Allen Jeffery
Medford

Trilogy

Easter is a Blossom which springtime soon must open;
It's Nature's guarded secret which every year is broken.
Easter is a Bonnet, woman's rime without a reason;
It's a messenger of sunshine to accentuate the season.
Easter is a Memory of church-bells ringing loud,
Of happy, smiling faces and heads in prayer bowed.

—George Distell
Medford

Song of April

Cold is the water and white is the foam
Lacing the rocks at dawn;
Cold is the water and white is the foam,
Misty the morn in the meadow and gloam
When April saunters on.

White are the trilliums that brighten the glade,
Shining amid the gloom;
White are the trilliums that brighten the glade,
Lovely enchantment of shadow and shade
Born of a wintry tomb.

Gold is the sunshine and brilliant the rain,
Jewels of cloud and sky;
Gold is the sunshine and brilliant the rain,
April's a daughter of pleasure and pain—
Sister and kin am I.

—Iva N. Hoffman
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Good Friday

Mother of Jesus, standing there,
Hands tight-clasped in agonized prayer;
Mother of Jesus, dost thou see
Thy Son, the Christ, gazing down on thee?

Mother of Jesus, lift thine eyes;
Thy Son, the Christ, so bravely dies:
Mother of Jesus, His love for thee
Is deeper than the deepest sea.

Mother of Jesus, how sharp the dart
That penetrates thy broken heart.
Mother of Jesus, He came to save
All broken hearts. Be Brave. Be Brave.

—Eric O. Robathan
Medford

"The Lord Turned, And Looked Upon Peter"

The Savior looked on Peter. Ay, no word,
No gesture of reproach; the heavens serene,
Though heavy with armed justice, did not lean
Their thunders that way! the forsaken Lord
Looked only on the traitor. None record
What that look was, none guess: for those who have seen
Wronged lovers loving through a death-pang keen,
Or pale-cheeked martyrs smiling to a sword,
Have missed Jehovah at the judgment-call.
And Peter, from the height of blasphemy—
"I never knew this man"—did quail and fall,
As knowing straight that God—and turned free
And went out speechless from the face of all,
And filled the silence, weeping bitterly.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Recognition

When Christ went up to Calvary,
His crown upon His head,
Each tree unto its fellow-tree
In awful silence said:
"Behold the Gardener is He
Of Eden and Gethsemane!"

—John B. Tabb

In Praise of Rime

The waves come rushing to the waiting shore,
In ceaseless pounding at a rhythmic pace;
Each breaking splash sounds like the one before
As one by one the waves complete their race.

But still we see distinction in detail:

Some struggle further and more loudly crash
As unreluctantly the rocks they flail,
And as they strike, their foaming fangs they flash.

But lesser ripples on the sloping sand

Just kiss each pebble warming in the sun,
Then softly slipping down the moistened strand,
Anon they lose themselves, their course is run.

The charging breakers sounding on the beach,
Each wavelet, noiseless in its shy advance,
The welcome rimes of Nature plainly teach
The charms of Nature's art indeed enhance.

—Robert Kroosdama
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Chill Shadow

To the Editor: That gold is
where you find it, is as true
today as it was to the old-time
mining man. It also has wide
variety of interpretations.
Like the second Medford
businessman who took time
out to compliment me on my
publicly condemned defense
of the branded, fined and
jailed electrical officials.

Understandably, the Med-
ford businessmen do not want
to be identified, though both
mentioned names of the elec-
trical men they claimed to
know, speaking of them as
men above average in civic
affairs and concern for their
fellow men. To my way of
thinking, such men had to be
just that. For they were the
ones who consented to be the
goats in being branded as
common criminals, fined,
jailed and put on probation
of good behavior. This mind
you, that their fellow officials
could escape popular public
condemnation.

Just what was the "sin" of
these men representing their
companies? As told to me,
and verifying my own rea-
soning, they met in secret
agreement with other elec-
trical executives to agree on a
base rate below which they
would not go in bidding on
government and other con-
tracts. Why? Just plain grim
survival as a going concern,

which a growing number of
industrial firms have failed to
do, proven by the sharply
rising rate of bankruptcies.

My friends agreed with
me in principle, that it was
ridiculous to think that in this
day of fiercest competition,
a group of any kind of man-
ufacturers could secretly agree
to an out-of-line rise in con-
tract bidding prices. How joy-
ful competitors would rise to
such a challenge, foreign es-
pecially.

Reported in the March 27
U.S. News and World Report,
page 119, left column, "Ten
years ago, in 1950, corporate
profits were more than 9 per
cent of national income. By
1960 they had been squeezed
down by more than one third
to only about 5 1/2 per cent of
national income."

"... While hourly wage
rates have gone up 52 per
cent in a 10 year period."
All in all, this so called
trial in a U.S. District court
casts a chill shadow that is
difficult to put into words,
as it can be felt better than
explained. Bargaining in on us
so suddenly, call it commu-
nism, anti-Wall-streetism, big-
businessism, or any other
ism, we do have a standard
of living next to none, thanks
to industries that do survive.

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Communications

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Love and Tolerance

To the Editor: In response to my suggestion for a "Let's Appreciate - No Complaint" week during Easter, my desk is flooded with mail, about 70 per cent approval and enthusiastic on the idea.

It is heartwarming to realize most people prefer to be loving and tolerant, rather than critical of his fellow man. If there is anything this world is seriously in need of, it's "Love and Tolerance."

I can't think of a better time to express these two essentials than right now, and incidentally, those feelings are very contagious. Who knows how far it might spread, and what good accomplished, if we here in the most beautiful spot in the nation would "sow the seeds" of the example set before us by the only "perfect" Man there ever will be.

Let's show our faith, and appreciation of His sacrifice by our own conduct, in appreciation, tolerance, and genuine love of our fellow man, regardless of race or religion. All mankind is approximately 90 per cent decent and good, if we restrain our "pompos" ideas of judging him, and replace that with the warmth of human kindness he so needs.

Let's take this Easter week to throw out the "self ego" in our natures, the urge to convince others only WE have the best way to do things. Let's thaw that "iceberg" we call our hearts, and let the basic good in the most of us flow out to others who feel lonely and confused.

We may discover a new respect for ourselves, even, certainly greater happiness. Each of us could fill a book with our blessings.

Let's share them.
And now, to the staff of the Mail Tribune, I would say thank you for your fine paper, for your tolerance in reading and editing our badly written letters, our complaints, and gripes.

For a thousand good friends and neighbors in this area, and for the privilege of living among them - all these things and more I do sincerely appreciate.

A very Happy Easter to all.
Mary Williams
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P.S. - To all those who sent questions, and suffered to know, the "above" is your answer. To the 90 per cent who sent warm, friendly letters and lovely cards, I am extremely grateful.

The Hot Gorge Rises

To the Editor: If the lawless, unconstitutional behavior of Chief Justice Earl Warren and his concurring colleagues, as they make a mockery of our Supreme Court, brings the hot gorge up in your throat, you are in learned and distinguished company. For the brazen, criminal, pro-Red rulings of this Court has brought down the wrath and the castigating condemnation of scores of our Congressmen, and practically all of our State Supreme Court Justices.

Furthermore, the American Bar Association, representing 200,000 American attorneys and judges with the best legal brains of the nation, has listed 20 Decisions of the Warren Court, over a period of just two years, which are aiding and abetting the Communist Conspiracy in America.
Now get a good grip on yourself and read the following slowly. On Feb. 19-21, 25-28 and Mar. 3, 4, 1958, in a hearing before our Internal Security Subcommittee, the SPX Research Associates presented overwhelming, documented evidence which branded the Warren Court as probably the most important instrument of the Communist Conspiracy in their program of Global Conquest. This Report was suppressed. The general public never got to read it.

There are now approximately three dozen major, "Red" Decisions of this Court which are giving vast, untold "aid and comfort" to our mortal enemy, the Communist Conspiracy, in this country; decisions that have torn gaping holes in our precious Constitution; that have reinstated fired Communists in teaching jobs in our schools, and in sensitive Government jobs, WITH BACK PAY; that have left sovereign States helpless in the face of subversion and treason; that have freed convicted traitors; hamstringing our Congressional Committees; and handcuffed our FBI; that have struck down practically every bulwark this Nation has raised between America and the Great Red Conspiracy.

If we, the American people, take this laying down, we don't deserve the free America we are now living in. We don't deserve anything better than the East Germans, the Poles, and the Hungarians

are now getting under their cruel masters, including terror of Secret Police, slave labor camps, and execution squads.

If you think "Justice" Warren should be impeached before he utterly destroys our American way of life, then PLEASE, for the love of humanity, write our Congressman, Edwin R. Durno, House Office Building, Washington, D.C., and tell him so, not just once, but again and again.

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The Perfect Switch

To the Editor: With the announcement from Los Angeles by Eason Monroe that "The American Civil Liberties Union opposes the investigation of the John Birch Society by either the congress or the legislature of the state of California" - here is the perfect switch, for the John Birch Society has pointed the finger of unpatriotic action at the ACLU for some time. It finds the accused coming to the defense of the prosecutor.

It is understandable why the ACLU doesn't want the

American people to know that there is an organization strong enough to back up the expression of Patrick Henry when he said "give me liberty or give me death," for this is what the members of the John Birch society believe.

We welcome an investigation. The public should know what is back of all this exsati-ation of the John Birch Society - they most emphatically oppose the record of Earl Warren, our Supreme Court chief justice, for he has voted 93 per cent of the time for Communist causes. This record is available for anyone who will take the trouble to inform himself. This opposition is being felt and thus the attempt to slander and smear a group of patriotic Americans.

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Temperance Films

To the Editor: It isn't often that you can take a trip down through the air passages into the lungs, and see what goes on down there as a person breathes, particularly as that

person smokes a cigarette.

This is what you can do, however, in the brand new film, "Time Pulls the Trigger." This film, excellent for educational purposes, combines action that is partly live and partly animated. By means of a cartoon sequence the effect of smoking on the lungs and the blood circulation is made unusually clear and graphic.

The impact of this full color film is tremendous and unforgettable.

The message of "Time Pulls the Trigger," is accurate, medically and scientifically, yet the story is told in a popular way easily followed by all, young and old.

This new film, along with another brand new one, are being given several free showings here in the valley this week end. The other new film is titled, "5-7-30." This one really appeals to teen-agers and shows the actual results of America's cocktail time, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

There will be a final free showing Sunday, April 1, at the Ashland Assembly of God church. These two films will highlight the regular Sunday evening service. The American Temperance Society is promoting these worthwhile films. The writer of this letter has viewed them both. I can assure everyone they'll never regret the time spent in viewing them.

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The Minimum Wage Vote

To the Editor: Much has appeared in your paper recently criticizing Representative Durno for his vote against the administration's minimum wage law. Mr. Norton of Phoenix and Mr. Straub of Eugene have gone so far as to suggest that single handedly, Representative Durno has stopped the Kennedy administration from the accomplishment of its purpose in this field.

The current House is composed of 281 Democrats and 176 Republicans. Here in the Fourth District we should be proud indeed of a freshman congressman who can overcome an overwhelming majority of opposition arrayed against him and work his will upon the nation.

This, of course, is foolishness. Almost as foolish as the attempt to legislate wage levels. The whole history of human freedom has been the struggle against governmental power. When the children of Israel spoke to Samuel saying "Give us a King to rule us," this wise man warned them of the disastrous effects of unlimited governmental power. From that day to this the lesson of history is clear. Freedom, security, prosperity are matters of individual attainment, not governmental edict.

Speaking directly to the point, the minimum wage law in and of itself is not a guarantee of prosperity and happiness for all. Many com-

petent, thinking people are of the opinion that such a law would create unemployment and distress among that group of people whose productivity is not worth \$1.25 per hour. For people in this group the true way to prosperity is the improvement of their own dollar value. This is a personal matter, not a governmental one. To deny that this can be and should be done by the individual is to deny the dignity and worth of man.

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Fear Not Death

To the Editor: In regard to a communication by Mr. David Frisch, who seems to be somewhat concerned about heaven being over-crowded.

What, know you not sir, that you and all this multitude were sons of God in heaven, for is it not recorded in the Bible when the Lord said to Job "when all the sons of God jump with joy," he spoke here of a thing that was, but is not now? And Satan being great in glory, took glory to himself, and he had many followers, and he sought to overthrow the Father and be as the most high God. And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against Satan and his angels, and Satan prevailed; not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. But Satan and his angels finding fault with all the angels of heaven, "except Jesus," and this is why it is said of

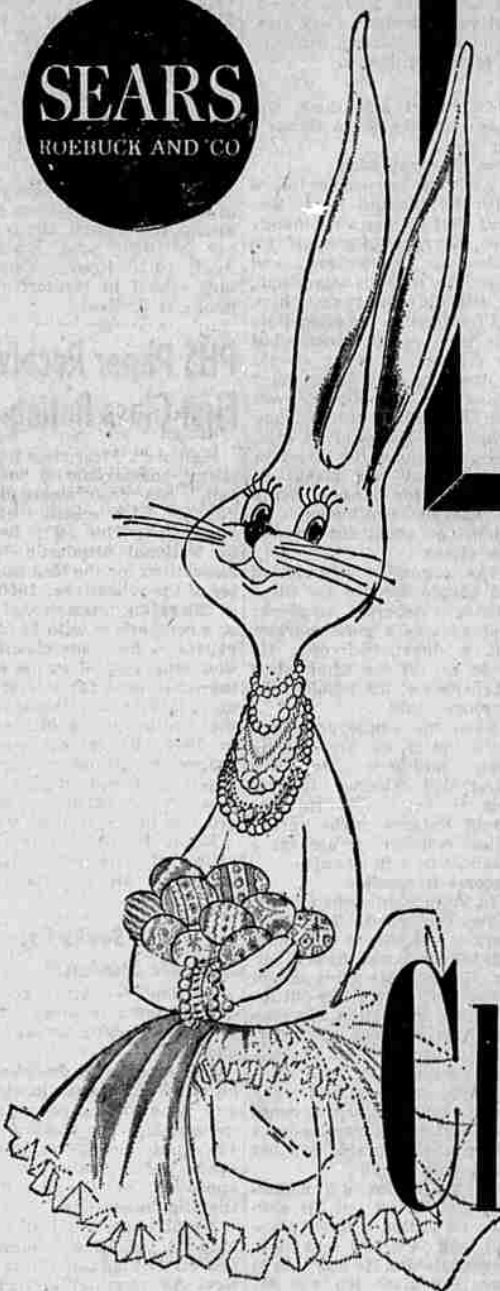
Jesus that he is the "only begotten son of the Father," and Satan said if you bring us into judgment, bring them also, for he that sinneth one sin is as gully as he that sinneth all sins. And through our sins we lost the right to be sons of God. And the Father said to Jesus, "I give you the heathen for an inheritance."

And thereby he made the heaven and earth that we know, and put us here in our appointed times in the flesh without knowledge of former things, and Jesus himself came and sinned not in the flesh, and this is why the Father said this day I have begotten thee again. For he sinned not either in heaven or earth, and he laid down his life for our sins, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life, who so ever loveth or feareth the Father will believe in him. And those who do not, their lord cometh in this generation, and it is he who the Lord spoke of when he said "I have come in my Father's name, me you will not believe but he that cometh in his own name you will believe."

Of all those who profess the Lord, only one in four will keep his faith, due to the persecution in this generation in the days to come, fear not death but fear God.

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