

Communications

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Comments From Visitor

To the Editor: I have spent three pleasant weeks, recently, in your good city. The valley, encircled by hills and often shadowed by fine cumulus clouds, appears a beautiful site for a city. If I were resident here, I should hope that Medford would never grow to be a big town, although it must be realized that population pressure and business interests make such a limitation difficult if not impossible. The city is now of a good size for homes and for living. Life here can be relatively peaceful and satisfying, as it has been over the years in many communities that have remained small, in England, New England, and elsewhere.

The community is well served by business and industry, and by surrounding farm land, supplied with water for irrigation. The pears produced here are famous far and wide. Medford possesses good utility services, privately owned and municipal. The city possesses a few parks—but not yet enough. In my opinion, a serious mistake has been made in permitting the new freeway to pass over, and overshadow, the two bridges spanning Bear Creek. Irreparable damage is done to the usefulness and beauty of Hawthorne Park, and natural extensions to the park system, along Bear Creek, become impracticable. The city has incurred these disadvantages for a "mess of pottage." Many of the better managed smaller cities in the country have had the wisdom to avoid this damage by express highways constructed through town.

The city possesses many nice trees, and the continuing campaign of planting is most desirable, providing additional shade and beauty for the city. In time, perhaps, such avenues as East Main will be improved. An admirable treatment—albeit expensive—would be to provide a parking strip, planted with trees, down the middle of the avenue through the good residential portion, placing curbs along the sides of the street and making provision for sidewalks. Glen Oak court, for example, is so treated. Personally, I would be called a "crank" and old-fashioned, for I deplore the undue emphasis on the motor car, with its noise and exhaust nuisances, its parking problems and its dangers to life and limb. New York and Los Angeles are "horrible examples."

It is, in my opinion, unfortunate that the city has lost its railway passenger services which is indispensable to a proper economy. New England, in particular, is suffering from the tragic curtailment of railway services. I appreciate the opportunity of presenting my opinions in your admirable journal.

Louis Elliott,
c/o American Express Co.
Lausanne, Switzerland.

Motherhood
To the Editor: I picked up my Wednesday's Mail Tribune and was greeted by a picture of a "mother" and her pal. I perused all the news but kept seeing this picture of the nice "mother" from Oregon, who loved her children so much she murdered them. I'm really glad that my Mother did not love me that much.

On this bright sunny morning, I have my Oregon Journal before me and as usual I get the same news I got last night from my Tribune. Looking at me from the upper left hand corner is the same picture I saw in the Tribune last night of this wonderful "mother" who loved her children so much.

Of course having spent the last 24 years in Alaska, I may be a bit "old fashioned." I would think that with that much love she might have insured her own life for about \$25,000 and then dived head first over into that 358 foot deep gorge. With the children as beneficiaries she would have proved her love.

I wonder if my friend Bob Duncan, the Speaker of the House, is not wavering a little bit in his convictions regarding capital punishment, or how much of this is it going to take to break him down?

I threw the Journal in the basket and turned on the radio. Every station from here to Giles County carried the story, topmost. I shut it off at once.

Motherly love has sure changed since I was a child. Well! Hasn't it?

Malemute Slim,
White City, Ore.

Editor's note: The insurance companies might take a dim view of your suggestion, Slim.

Mail Order Customers
To the Editor: I am about to do what I have made it a point not to do before—place an order to an out-of-state mail-order house.

Since the Medford merchants are making it so difficult for us to do our shopping there, we will accommodate them by taking our business elsewhere, now and in the future.

We have, in the past, done what we could to support the downtown merchants, but this circumvention of the will of the people nullifies any loyalty that might be due them.

What is the use in voting? In view of what is happening in Oregon, how do you explain the advantages of "democratic" government to the children?

We know the loss of our business is not going to affect anyone materially, but we are hoping that enough others feel the same way that there will be a noticeable drop in revenue. This seems to be the only way to get the merchants to respect the wishes of their customers.

Mrs. Harold Sharp
Box 126
Jacksonville, Ore.

Must We Jump?
To the Editor: "Local merchants will change to 'Daylight Time'."

Are we ruled by the vote of the people or by the Retail Merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce? Must we jump every time Portland snaps its fingers?

Ida M. Simon
(Mrs. J. E. Simon)
18 Vancouver ave.
Medford

Mixed Up Clocks
To the Editor: It seems that most folks think Oregon is the only state in the U. S. that doesn't go on DST during the summer.

Such is far from the truth. I saved a clipping from the Oregonian in 1959, just two years ago, which tells how

irregular and haphazard, about half of them go about it. That is mostly a few eastern states. The Deep South never has used it.

Montana has only the city of Butte on DST. Iowa does not have it, but parts adopt it if close to a city across the line that has it.

Illinois is mixed up with some rural districts staying on standard time. Maryland's court houses stay on standard time, while the county observes DST.

Lexington and Frankfort, Kentucky, have fast time the year round while the rest of the state changes back to standard time in winter.

These are just a few samples of how the eastern states mix things up.

As of April, 1959, 24 states had none of it whatever.

Of course, we now have 50 states and other states besides Washington may have made some changes also.

Now, I believe in getting up early if you have work to do, and who doesn't?

The people should talk it over with their employers and vote on it, to set their alarms up only.

One time we had a very hot summer and I went out to hoe my garden at 3 a. m. It was light as day. I sure would hate to be such a dunc to wait until some one with a "white collar" position told me when I could get up.

In the old days we worked from sunrise to sunset. (Glad we don't now anyway.)

Some work five hours a day, others six, seven or eight hours and call it a day. Whatever set of hours concerns you, where have you saved any light?

Silly, leave the clock alone and just get up.

Mary E. Atkins
1634 Orchard Home dr.
Medford.

Dictatorial State?
To the Editor: I, and quite a number of persons that I have talked to, have been wondering what has happened to our state government.

The majority of the people of the state have voted against daylight saving time a number of times. We, the people, seem to be under a dictatorship for a state government. Seems as though these merchants could set their alarm clocks for 8 a. m. instead of 9 a. m. if they really want the trade. The mills are going to work at 7 a. m. If the merchants want to sleep at a reasonable hour they, too could get to work at a reasonable hour. Seems to me the merchants are laying themselves liable, as it is against the state law to set the time ahead, "Or Possibly We have None."

Anyway, the people of Oregon voted against Daylight Saving Time, so would it not be against the law for them to change their clocks or time pieces?

Shorty Hibbard
1302 Sailing ave.
Medford.

Naturally Gnatty Agnatomy
To the Editor: An indigenous person said, "Grats!"

Each Spring I'm belabored by gnats; The mosquitos, they pester, Their bites burn and fester, Won't someone invent plastic gnats?

H. W. Robertson
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Medford.

Innocence Not Proven
To the Editor: In reply to your latest attack upon the film "Operation Abolition":

Whether the young rioter was convicted or not does not necessarily prove his innocence of attacking the official. A movie camera filming a mob scene cannot always catch the heart of the action, unless it is staged by professionals. So the fact that the attack may not show in the film proves little. The truth is, several officers were injured.

Also, as your paper has sometimes pointed out, occasionally a person may be unjustly convicted, even of murder. It therefore follows that he may also fail to be convicted of a committed crime through clever legal manipulation.

Your reprinted Washington Post editorial tries to attribute the riots to spontaneous student activity, without com-

munist influence, while conceding some communists "may have been" among the students. The film clearly shows well known communists among the students and at all times leading the heckling, no amount of editing could place these vociferous characters where they were not.

The communist party, as you may know, at its 17th national convention in New York City in December, 1959, passed a resolution for activity to abolish both the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Their activity to wreck the San Francisco hearings began in early 1960 when the hearings were finally assured. Therefore communists did not just happen to be among the rioting students. Communists never "just happen" to be anywhere. They are master planners, now planning our destruction.

This information is taken from J. Edgar Hoover's report on these riots entitled "Communist Target—Youth."

It also outlines all the background preparation made by the communists in arranging these riots. Parents of college students and those about to enter college, and all others wishing to be truthfully informed may obtain this report from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 15 cents, or from Representative Edwin Durno, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.

In closing I should like to add my voice to that of Howard Commons in asking, "Why does your paper consistently appear to espouse the communist line?"

Marie B. Franklin
1470 Kings Highway
Medford.

Editor's note: We were taught as a youth that in this country a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Is this no longer true?

Logger's Wife Laments
To the Editor:

When I married t'was just my luck to hook a guy with a logging truck.

And I'm weeping o'r my ills, have not a cent to pay my bills.

I've swept with a broom, no vacuum case, scrubbed the floors on my hands and knees

I've owned not a dress, 'tis britches I wore, and washed on a board till my fingers were sore.

I've dragged out of bed at four in the morn, and lost so much sleep that I'm wrinkled and worn.

I've built hundreds of lunches and caught tons of hell, and to think in this trap I deliberately fell.

My mother once told me of women's sad woes, the conceit of a man as husband, not beaus.

But I didn't listen and in best bib and tuck, grabbed off this nut with a big logging truck.

The grand attitude of my heart's desire, is "after me, you first, if I don't need a tire."

It's reaches and binders, fithooks and scale, broken rear ends and motors that fail.

There's gas bills and tow bills and a bill from McGee, what's left will be grabbed by the old P. U. C.

It's a losing game I plainly can see, for never a penny is left over for me.

I just left the market with a mere bag of beans, and drooled as I passed a big rack of greens.

But there's payments to make and winter to buck, for my husband owns a big logging truck.

Collectors are beating a trail to my door, the sheriff's department is sure getting sore.

They're taking the stove, the kids ain't been fed, the old man's in hiding under the bed.

In the summer it's heat, in winter it's rain; fall brings deer hunting and that's a big pain.

When spring comes the wind blows, I hang on in vain, till my hubby is back to his hauling again.

Mrs. Art Backes
P. O. Box 1
Jacksonville.

Phoney Palliative
To the Editor: Undoubtedly many people have wondered where they could get the other side of the story about the John Birch Society. This letter is written for those who may be interested in the truth about the J.B.S. and their slogan "This is a Republic, not a Democracy—Let's keep it that way!"

I wondered where one could

get such information . . . I found it in the Dan Smoot Report, dated May 8, 1961 (Broadcast No. 301).

Send for this report, to Dan Smoot, P.O. Box 9538, Lakewood Station, Dallas 14, Texas, 25 cents a copy, or six copies for \$1. This Report shows what the J.B.S. stands for and how it functions.

Read our Constitution. No where will you find the word "Democracy" mentioned. This is a Republic. Our Pledge of Allegiance states it. Thomas Jefferson habitually referred to America as "Our Republic."

The word Democracy has come to mean a phoney palliative for every ill that besets a civilization. This is the myth that destroyed the Greeks, the Romans, and is responsible for France's troubles in Napoleonic times, and France's recent crises.

Send for this report and judge for yourself.

Leslie R. Wedekind,
116 Granite Hill rd.,
Grants Pass, Ore.

"Target-Youth"
To the Editor: Instead of publishing an editorial from the Washington Post in defense of the Herblock cartoon of May 8th, which criticized the film "Operation Abolition" and the H.C.U.A. in reply to Mr. Howard Commons protest, why didn't you publish the report by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I. entitled "Communist Target Youth" in which he states on page 8, "One student provides the spark that touches off the violence when he leaps over a barricade, grabs a police officer's night stick, and begins beating the officer over the head."

Also, on page 4 of this same report he says, "The Communist attack on the H.C.U.A. in San Francisco was in line with a longstanding party aim to destroy not only the H.C.U.A. but also the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee" and every other "enemy" he seeking to expose the threat

which Communist activities represent to the internal security of this Nation. The party (Communist Party) reaffirmed its dedication to this aim at its 17th National Convention, held in New York City, December, 1959, when it passed a so-called political resolution calling for activity to abolish the "witch-hunting" H.C.U.A. and the Senate Internal Subcommittee.

Mr. Hoover adds on page 10, "Looking at the riots and chaos Communists have created in other countries, many Americans point to the strength of our Nation and say, 'It couldn't happen here.' The Communist success in San Francisco, in May, 1960, proves that it can happen here."

We believe that you owe it to the readers of the Medford Mail Tribune and your country to publish this J. Edgar Hoover report in full, inasmuch as there has been so much controversy over it. If you do not have a copy we shall be happy to give you ours or you may obtain one by writing to Congressman Edwin R. Durno, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Being a Pulitzer prize winner doesn't mean that a person is loyal to this country. Arthur Miller, author of the "Crucible" and many others was a winner, too, however he was convicted of contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions put to him by the H.C.U.A.

Yours for a patriot America.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Yerxa,
Star Route,
Trail, Ore.

Editor's note: We have read Mr. Hoover's report. Since a jury of 12 unanimously found the accused youth (first paragraph in letter above) innocent of the charges, we have written Mr. Hoover to inquire as to his present views. We will report them when we hear from Mr. Hoover.

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