

Space Doctors Concerned About Vast Nothingness Beyond

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Open The Door, Nikita

To the Editor: Thank you for publishing my letter and may I presume upon you to print another on the same subject?

First, may I thank the many who took time to write or phone approval. May I also express surprise and regret that I have read or heard on T.V. or radio a single candidate commit himself on the issue of the time controversy, not even the candidates for Governor. Does this mean that those seeking office think that the disgraceful handling of this issue by the recent Legislature and the Governor is of so little importance? Do they ask the people to support them when they do not support the people when such a vital principle is at stake? Is there not one of them who realize this is a threat to the popular ballot? And in particular, Mr. Thornton as present Attorney General and candidate for Governor, where does he stand?

If we vote NO on measure 6 (Daylight Saving Time) we will have the same confusion again, and if we vote YES we will admit that we do not know what we want. Either way we will, in effect, condone the action of the last Legislature and the Governor in overriding the popular vote and thereby imply that we relinquish our right to Government by consent of the Governed.

Shades of Khrushchev! Did he know the apparent tendency of the Oregon politicians and the apathy of the voters to allow it when he said "I'll bury you?"

What has become of Americanism and the red blooded American? Has he lost his voice? Does he think there is no use for him to vote? And if so, can you blame him? But, if he neglects to vote or demands his vote be honored he is playing directly into the hands of those who would like to manipulate our policies. If such is the trend, Nikita, open the door, we'll soon be with you.

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Votes Lost
To the Editor: As a public service to all the voters of Jackson County, Ex-Sheriff Mr. Walsh desecrated his duties as a sheriff and resigned his position. At this time he comes before you (Jackson county voters) to consider his choice for the sheriff on Nov. 6.

I question a backward step in the office of sheriff if Mr. Stephens is elected, as from what I read, and experienced from his past police work, Mr. Stephens' outlook is the concern for all the people of this county, employees alike.

Throughout our past 12 years, our sheriff's office has been controlled by the financial strings of a few, by people whose privilege of ruling was inherited rather than earned, and by people as our ex-sheriff, who put together statements concerning some of his not doing nothing employees, rather than having a concern for the people in general.

I say Ex-Sheriff Mr. Walsh had a clean housekeeping group in the sheriff's office four years ago, but he failed to sweep his surroundings and remain loyal to the people of Jackson County.

I am sure Mr. Walsh's recommendation for sheriff in the coming Nov. 6 election has lost the candidate votes from his own party. As for myself and other Republicans I have talked with, we will vote for Mr. Stephens and support his adjustments when elected to the office of Jackson county sheriff.

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Why Vote for Morse?
To the Editor: In answer to the question posed by Edith Fraley's interrogators all over the U.S., "why do Oregonians continue to elect Wayne Morse?" (M.T. 11-4-62)

I think the chief reason is that most people like what Morse has done for Oregon. What is Edith thinking of? Doesn't she know that Hal-lorwen is past? Then why does she dish out this muddy mess of witch's brew, unless she figures it too late for any effective defense of the Senator?

I don't know how this lady makes her living, but I'm sure she doesn't the way I do—with my hands. Wage earners everywhere should know on which side their bread is buttered.

However, Edith has diluted her tirade with a few facts. We must admit, Wayne has, at times, been quite rough on

the coupon clippers. And if that was the way I made my living, I'd wince too. But people who work with their hands (this has a distinct advantage: it leaves the head free to think) are going to continue to support Wayne Morse. I am sure that if there were more men in the Congress like Wayne Morse I would not need to mortgage my home in order to give my children a college education.

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No Kin
To the Editor: In my campaign I have discovered that many voters think that I am a member of an old-time family by the same name. Many remember Frank Redden and think he was my father.

In all fairness I must say that my family are Oregonians by choice and are not related to the former residents of this area.

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Will History Repeat?
To the Editor: I feel this is well worth publishing.
Mrs. Carl Neuber
Williams, Ore.

One of the most widely read books of all times is "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," written by Edward Gibbon in 1777. It sets forth five basic reasons why that great civilization withered and died. These were:

The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home which is the basis for human society.

Higher and higher taxes: the spending of public money for free board and circus for the populace.

The mad craze for pleasure, sports becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.

The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within, the decay of individual responsibility.

The decay of religion, faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people.

The oft heard warning that history repeats itself has an ominous meaning in the light of the above.

It depends on you. The average age of the world's civilization has been 200 years. These nations passed through this sequence:

From bondage to spiritual faith.

From spiritual faith to great courage.

From courage to liberty.

From liberty to abundance.

From abundance to selfishness.

From selfishness to complacency.

From complacency to apathy.

From apathy to dependence.

From dependence back to bondage.

In 14 years the United States will be 200 years old, this cycle is not inevitable.

It depends on you.

(From the P.G. & E. "Progress")

A Solution

To the Editor: To the voters of the State of Oregon.

Here is a solution for the Daylight Saving Time that should make everybody happy.

Holmes and Hatfield will realize that they are not as dumb as they showed by their action toward us. I see no reason why if one person jumps in the river why the rest of us have to.

I say if the business places, the mills and industries and their employees want to go to work an hour earlier or even at midnight, we do not care (that is fine) but let the clock and standard time of the day alone. Why should everybody be ruled by such crazy notions? Meier and Frank might even have the doors open at 9 o'clock instead of us waiting in the cold.

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Right to Vote

To the Editor: I have not read one comment about No. 1 on our ballot. Some changes in the military code are in order, with reference to women serving in state defenses and better provisions in regard to conscientious objectors.

The amendment states that if passed one basic privilege, the right to vote for their officers, will be taken away.

The military code of our Oregon Constitution, I believe, now provides that all troop commanders be elected by their subordinates.

In order to qualify, the military training and education of these officers must be such

that they are recognized by the federal government. Fifty officers are elected by their men. Through the course of promotions and transferred personnel this may affect approximately 1,000 officers.

To empower one man or woman with such appointments, and purely political at that, is too great a concentration of power in such a vital area as our National Guard.

A man must be fully qualified to fill these positions. If the men electing commanders wish to reject one of the nominations, according to the military code and constitution, their wishes should be accepted by the state. They should not be subjected to pressure, as has been done in the past.

The former Adjutant General was appointed for life by Ex-Gov. Holmes. The Withycombe troubles and deficiencies in our Medford Armory stem directly from that appointment and political pressure.

Our right to vote is a priceless possession. Let's not vote to take away the right of these men to vote.

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Cuba and the Election

To the Editor: When Ike cut Cuba's sugar quota off he was sure Cuba would come crawling back to big brother U.S.A., or that they would be a push-over for the guerrilla army that was in training in the Florida Keys. Had Nixon been elected President he would have given Ike's guerrilla army air and naval support, which might have brought Russia into a war with us.

Ike was determined that Cuba would have no right of self determination. He would deny her the right to nationalize her industries and would have handed her back to the same bunch minus Batista who together were the cause of Castro's revolution. The best families of Cuba, as Ike called them, would have been riding high again as they in turn would have handed the sugar and oil barons' their former holdings, and they would be back in business at the same old stand and the Cubans would be living in squalor the same as they have since the coming of the Spaniards.

Cuba has too few natural resources to divide them with any foreign country. If the Cuban people are going to have a decent standard of living.

Every vote cast for Carl Fisher or Sig Unander is a vote to keep the underprivileged of both Cuba and the U.S.A. under the iron heel. And every vote cast for Fisher, Unander and Hatfield will be a vote to delay the multiple development of our water resources. And every vote for Hatfield will be a vote to give the operating engineers another raise in wages next year.

We still get the same amount of work that we did each day, but we pay four thousand dollars a day more for it.

Why not send the same bunch of Democrats back to Washington where they have done an excellent job, and not only brought back the bacon but most of the hog, yes, just what Oregon needs. Unander also knows, and so did Dr. Durno, but he didn't help very much.

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Locomotive Housed

To the Editor: A short while back the future of the Forty Eight locomotive looked very dark. The locomotive has been housed in its own building on the rear of Mack's Garage property. The property was sold and we had no place to move the building or store the locomotive.

A letter to the editor which was promptly published brought quick results from many quarters. It seemed there were many barns, etc., which were empty and available.

However, a very busy man by the name of Troy Dean who owns the Medford Moving Company came to Mack and offered his services and equipment to move the building. Tex Nash offered room on the rear of his property on Crater Lake avenue. These offers were accepted and Troy Dean showed up with his crew and a lot of equipment and moved the building in short order. All this time, men and equipment was donated as a public service to this community.

The Forty Eight along with thousands of citizens of the community wish to thank Troy and his crew and Tex Nash for coming to our rescue. Thanks a million.

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Teaching Peace

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By the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSN.
Written for
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