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True Charity

To the Editor: Halloween has come and gone but happy memories linger among our little folk who traipsed merrily from door to door with their UNICEF boxes to collect funds to aid the needy of the world. Many grown-ups remember happily, too, the light in the eyes and the joy in the hearts of their children as they told of their evening's adventure — especially of the warm welcome at most homes and the kindly response of their occupants.

Unfortunately, there is another side to this story: of the few homes where the children's appeal was rebuffed with some curt, though vague, comment about not being "interested in helping communists." Tracking down a few of these instances, it was not surprising to learn that the source of this confusion was the base and mischievous propaganda circulated by the so-called but badly misnamed "Freedom Center" of Portland, and other organizations and individuals similarly claiming to be "Christian" and "anti-communist" but who often out-do the communists in misrepresentation and perversion of the truth, as illustrated by the following horrible examples from a recent "Freedom Center" leaflet:

"There is more TRICK than TREAT to Halloween these days, boys and girls . . . (You) are being tricked into collecting money which will go to PRO-COMMUNIST NATIONS . . . The great majority of the money it (UNICEF) raises goes to COMMUNIST DOMINATED COUNTRIES and is used against us by our enemies . . . It is another TRICK to deceive Americans into financing their own destruction."

Monstrous nonsense! Nothing could be farther from the truth. It is downright wicked for anyone thus to try to poison the minds of our children who have caught the real spirit of America and of our Lord's parable of the Good Samaritan, and eagerly and joyously are trying to give it effect in their own lives by helping to meet urgent human need.

Here are some true UNICEF facts: In 1961, 100 governments were contributors and 107 countries were assisted. Of the latter, 68 also made voluntary contributions to UNICEF's central fund. Since 1950, 5 countries with Communist governments (including Cuba) received aid. Those same governments made contributions to UNICEF. In 1961 only 3 countries with Communist governments received aid; 10 such countries contributed to UNICEF. Approximately 84 per cent of UNICEF expenditures are for direct material aid to the needy.

True charity knows nothing of politics, only human need. All honor to our churches who teach that to our children!

The Medford Chapter,
American Association
for the United Nations
By Esther Robinson,
Secretary

Job For Experts

To the Editor: F. H. Oakes of White City had a letter printed in Thursday's Mail Tribune in which he undertook to portray life at the Veterans Administration domiciliary. I have no doubt it was a well meaning letter.

However, I question his authority and also his statistics. For several months this writer was engaged in the task of creating better community relations for the domiciliary. The qualifications of this writer are well known to the editors of the Mail Tribune.

And since this letter does not intend to enter into a dispute over questionable statistcs, conclusions, misinformation or misguided judgment, a few paragraphs should suffice.

But first allow me to say that of the hundreds of inches of correspondence written by the writer and printed by the paper, never has there been any interference by the management of the domiciliary. Only the fullest cooperation and understanding were evident. Nor has the management ever dictated a line of policy. Nor does the management know of this letter.

Now, Mr. Oakes pulls a figure out of the blue and allows that 75 per cent of the members are alcoholics. I am certain the doctors here could not substantiate that guess. We are a hard drinking nation. So Mr. Oakes could well say that 75 per cent of the nation are alcoholics or that 75 per cent of the people of Medford are alcoholics. Alcoholic is a word. And as a word I like the description of a New York columnist who said, "An alcoholic is a guy who drinks as much as I do but I don't like him."

Or I like the New York writer's opinion that we are a hard drinking nation and that no matter what comes of the missles, etc., we need not die sober.

Once I had a talk with one of Medford's leading merchants about the domiciliary. And he noted that our bus was too small to carry many alcoholics — even if it made a trip every 20 minutes. He said, "We know there are only a handful of men who drink too much out of the 1,000 there." And a good bet would be that the same percentages among the people of any class, status or town or city would run about the same as the domiciliary — alcoholicwise.

Men get hurt in war and sometimes the scars do not show for many years because they are inner scars. Men get hurt, as well, in our great productive economy and there are many casualties. We do not believe in extermination as did, say, the Nazis and others. Hence, veteran domiciliaries, hospitals, social security, pensions and other care.

The establishment of good community relations, whether it be a college or university, bank, business, labor, government, hospital, domiciliary, etc., is a difficult and delicate undertaking.

Jim Gillan,
White City, Ore.

Health Center

To the Editor: Let's make our Naval base in Cuba available to the United Nations for a badly needed health center for the Caribbean area.

Earl Goodrich
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Rogue River, Ore.

A Correction

To the Editor: Lest anyone interested in the position of Postmaster for the Medford area be misinformed, it should be pointed out that I am not, as stated in the Friday Tribune, a member of the committee appointed by the chairman of the Democratic central committee to screen candidates for that position.

The screening committee is composed of past-chairmen and "elder statesmen" of the party, while I am a first-term member of the central committee.

I am sorry that your reporter was somehow misinformed.

Mrs. Thomas Rutter,
1033 Queen Anne Ave.,
Medford

Olives and the Gospel

To the Editor: Well, I'm back from the olive groves. But my heart is saddened that so few have indicated their desire to sample the fresh olives I brought back. Could it be that word got around that uncured olives taste like green persimmnos? Maybe after I get the bitter things processed I'll be more popular.

So much for green olives. It is rather amusing and almost pathetic to see a Webfoot eat his first one or I should say, try to.

Getting into a more serious vein my heart is really saddened to sense the apathy on the part of some, yes, even Christian friends. We live in such a materialistic age that far too many have lost their vision for Eternal things.

This pathetic fact is evidenced, I must admit, to a great extent, among members of the church I worship with. I'm not judging anyone. But when motor boats, swank autos, television and so on, take the God given time and means of Christians, something is wrong. I didn't say these things were wrong. Please don't get a wrong impression of what I mean.

Yet when pressing calls come to carry the gospel message, far too many are so loaded with worldly cares, that the pleas fall on deaf ears.

Not many weeks ago the writer came up against a situation that was disheartening but he's not discouraged. The door of opportunity swung wide open to have a certain well loved gospel radio program aired, so that hundreds more in the local area could hear it. All the funds were promised but $5 per week. But some, through a misunderstanding of the importance of the matter, failed to voice or support the matter.

Yes, KRVC could for this additional amount place one of the world's finest religious program on its list. The writer is not personally soliciting any money. But if this plea touches the hearts of some who will read these lines, I shall be happy to inform you how you could help.

To those who enjoy the lovely harmony of the King's Heralds and Del Delker's contralto voice, this will be of interest.

In closing let me say, no one, no organization, asked me to write these lines. I couldn't keep quiet but did it on my own.

Henry Johnson Jr.
2315 Highway 66
Ashland, Ore.

Majority of One

To the Editor: The following is addressed to all the wonderful people who voted "no" on that idiotic proposal known as "daylight saving time" but saves nothing now, never did save anything and never will save anything.

May I suggest that on that day when the clocks are to be set ahead by those who desire to do so, that we, the opponents of the so-called "daylight saving time," set our clocks back one hour. That way we can get an extra hour of sleep in the morning and can watch the TV or listen to the radio one extra hour in the evening (or would it be two hours?).

If you do not desire to bow down to the will of the merchants and white-collar crowd, just be stubborn and refuse, like me, to change your clock.

Floyd R. McCabe
Mt. Pitt Star rt.
Butte Falls, Ore.

Ugly Americanism?

To the Editor: On the first page of its Nov. 14 issue, the Medford Mail Tribune made quite a contribution to the image of the "Ugly American." Under the heading, "Only Guamanians Killed in Typhoon," we read, "Only natives were killed or injured on Guam due to Typhoon Karen, the Mail Tribune was notified today by United Press International."

My home was in India from 1922 to 1959. From experience I know that nothing irritates citizens of an Asiatic country more than for foreigners to call them "natives" — it smacks to them of imperialistic condescension. Why not use the proper designation, even if it is such a peculiar made-up name as "Guamanians"?

Still worse is the implication in the words, "only natives were killed." How intense is our superiority complex! "Only natives," indeed! Are we not all equally God's children? How can we so arrogantly refer to the death of "only natives"?

As long as we continue in this presumptuous attitude, we do irreparable harm to relations between citizens of Asian and African countries and ourselves.

Margaret Wallace,
Rogue Valley Manor,
Medford

Can't Have It Both Ways

To the Editor: Some of the chronic UNophobes seem to have been caught on the horns of a dilemma of their own making. On the one hand, they have been inveighing against their supposed UN control of our, or any, country's defense against aggression. But now, in the Cuban situation, these same critics are chortling over the UN's impotence, as they see it, to give us any effective help. Obviously, they can't have it both ways.

Actually, there is nothing in the UN Charter that would subject any nation's self-defense to UN control but, on the contrary, that right is specifically proclaimed: "Nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if armed attack occurs against a member." (Article 51).

Moreover, the very first purpose of the UN, according to Article 1, is "To maintain international peace and security, and to that end, to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace . . ." For 15 years all the republics of this hemisphere repeatedly agreed in their treaties upon this inherent right of self-defense under the UN Charter, and upon the means for determining when a threat to the peace requires measures of self-defense.

It is significant that, in his historic address to the nation and the world on October 22, President Kennedy called upon both the OAS and the UN to give immediate consideration to the threat to peace which he revealed and to take appropriate action to deal with it. The unanimous support of the Latin American countries (outside Cuba) was indeed prompt and impressive.

Prompt, dramatic and historic, too, was the action taken by the UN. It proved again how invaluable and indispensable that world organization is, if only to provide us a forum before which we could state our case to the whole world. Recall, for example, that memorable confrontation of Adlai Stevenson with the U.S.S.R.'s Ambassador Zorin: "Yes or no! Don't wait for a translation–yes or no!" The Russian's evasive answer evoked derisive laughter throughout the chamber and we gained the sympathy and support of well-nigh all unaligned nations as well as of our allies.

But the UN is more than an invaluable world forum. It has served and is serving also as an effective behind-the-scenes negotiator whose full contribution we probably shall not learn until after a final solution of the Cuban crisis has been achieved.

Arnold Eugene Jenny,
Rogue Valley Manor,
Medford.

The Dial of Time

To the Editor: We live and move in an aging and changing world. The age of the universe, the march of events and the vagaries of life make some of us wonder just wither we are headed — and what time in the history of our world it is.

In spite of our growing knowledge, there are many things we do not know. We do know that the world and time had a beginning and will have an ending. But how far on the dial of time have we, the human race, come — and how many marks are there yet to go?

At one time, according to geologists, the Great Lakes were one body of water, dashing and rolling like any of the Seven Seas. In some unknown era this inland sea was divided into what we now call the Great Lakes. All our lands, mountains, valleys and plains, were hid beneath an oceanic flood — and somewhere on time's dial, this submersion came to an end.

Our rock built cities will some day crumble into dust — and the Good Book tells us that life, civilization and the earth itself are going to end. So, some of us find ourselves wondering today:

What time is it?

But deep in the innermost recesses of my mind, there is not wonder, but an all-pervading conviction that whatever time it is, it is high time for Truth, Fairplay and Justice to be heard.

(From Old Age Forum, August, 1955.)

Bert Kissinger
322 South Riverside
ave.
Medford.

Poets' Corner

Conducted by
Arnold Eugene Jenny

Thanksgiving

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

We thank thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food:
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest
Our humble, thankful hearts.

—Matthias Claudius (1782)

Autumn

A brooding warmth from summer's embers dying
Across the hills gay colored banners flying,
A teasing wind that plucks at golden leaves,
Adown the field the rows of garnered sheaves;
Ripe fragrant nuts from branches softly falling,
A lonely quail his mate is gently calling;
The waning sun to light the fields is striving,
A reverent hush — the brown autumn is arriving

—Frank Roberts
Medford

The New Loyalty

Let us no more be true to boasted race and clan,
But to our highest dream, the brotherhood of man.
Shall Babel walls of greed and selfishness divide?
Shall not the love of friends illume the patriot's pride?
For moated arsenals let shrines of art atone;
Where armies met in blood, let garden plots be sown.
Let royal hunting grounds be parceled out anew
That little children's feet may know the grass and dew.
No more shall Mammon play with pawns of toiling men,
No more shall blood be spilled that Green may count its gain.
Let patience be our power and sympathy our court,
With love our only law and faith our only fort.
New thoughts, new hopes, new dreams, new starry worlds to scan,
As Time proclaims the dawn, the brotherhood of man.

—Thomas Curtis Clark

My Lost Love

I heard her when full moon on edge of nightfall
Fashioned silver ribbons in her hair.
Gathering shadows formed a velvet stair,
And from its height I heard her softly call
As she descended . . . and I waited there.

The night winds sang in a leafy tree,
And soon we saw the first stars strew
Joy in a garden we walked through.

—Rena Ferguson Parks
Portland, Ore.

Circle

Silently, in the night,
Thoughts in flight
Circle 'round,
Now aground, now alight.

Dusty answer to a cry
Of dusty question, why?
No suggestion . . .
No reply.

As a circle has no end,
Wearily the mind must bend
Around the track
Forth and back . . .

—Elizabeth Olsen
Portland, Ore.

Water District To Elect Commissioner

The Jacksonville Highway Water district will hold an election Dec. 3 at the Oak Grove school for water commissioner for a three year term.

The term would expire Dec. 31, 1964. Election is scheduled for 2 to 8 p.m.

All qualified electors in the state who have lived in the water district for 90 days prior to the election are entitled to vote, it was reported.

MISSILE LAUNCH FAILS

Cape Canaveral —(UPI)— A Navy attempt to send a highly advanced Polaris "A-3" missile on a flight of about 2,000 miles failed Saturday when the rocket's second stage veered off course and had to be destroyed.

SOC Delegation Attends Convention

Ashland — Dr. Bill A. Sampson, director of teacher education at Southern Oregon college, served as pro-tem chairman of the National Theta Delta Phi convention recently at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth.

Others attending from SOC were Dr. Elliott MacCracken, chairman of the science-mathematics division and adviser of the local fraternity; John Morrow, Medford, president of local fraternity; and Darwin Bevins, Ashland, fraternity member.

Sampson was elected to new interim office of executive secretary-treasurer and will serve in this capacity until the next fraternity meeting at which time reorganization will be effected in line with proposed constitutional changes.

Vienna —(UPI)— Austrians vote today in nationwide elections which could bring the Communists back into Parliament.

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