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Only Human Need

To the Editor: Mr. Robert J. Howard, in commenting (11-22) on UNICEF's Halloween Trick or Treat program, engages in some curious mental gymnastics. Commendably, he agrees that "demonstrates the admirable virtue of charity in being concerned for needy people." However, referring to the letter of the Medford Chapter of the American Association for the United Nations in the 11/18 issue of the MT, he accuses the author of railing "with a noticeable lack of restraint and prudence, against those who refuse to believe communist nations, upon receiving UNICEF funds, will in turn demonstrate the same virtue of charity."

In exposing the so-called "Freedom Center" of Portland as the source of the leaflet (its name is on it, shamelessly) which told children untruthfully that the Trick or Treat money they collected goes to communist dominated countries, that earlier letter rendered an important public service. It is perfectly silly to say that such exposure of an unpardonable evil is to "rail" against opponents of communism (which includes all of us in the American Association for the United Nations).

Although he praised UNICEF's charity, Mr. Howard seems to have missed completely the point that "true charity knows nothing of politics, only human need." As our Lord dramatized in His parable of the Good Samaritan (since "Jews have no dealings with Samaritans," John 4:9), that good soul's only concern was to meet urgent human need, refusing to let ill feelings between the two peoples deter Him.

Moreover, let Mr. Howard know that very little of the Trick or Treat money or any other UNICEF funds go to the recipient countries. UNICEF spends the major portion of the contributions it receives on supplies purchased in the donating countries; 85 percent of U.S. contributions right here at home. Too, the recipient countries agree to match UNICEF funds with comparable funds, supplies, or technical aid. They also must agree to allow UNICEF personnel into their countries to handle and supervise the

distribution of UNICEF supplies. Let the needlessly suspicious Mr. Howard also be informed that there was nothing sinister in "tracking down" the source of that vile leaflet in question. It really required no sleuthing. Alarmed parents brought them to public attention.

We repeat, UNICEF's work, like all true charity, knows no politics, only human need. Josephine Abercrombie, Chairman, U.N. Group, Rogue Valley Manor, Medford.

Campaign Costs

To the Editor: I realize that the opinions of the columnists in the MT are not necessarily those of the MT, but I think it unfortunate that a column like that of Frank Jenkins, MT 11/21 should be included without some editorial comment.

He listed the campaign expenditures of Morse and Unander and then went on to comment that it was a sad reflection on our system that a man should spend more on the campaign than the position pays. He is inferring that those two candidates are quite well heeled and have ulterior motives while the rest of us just sit on our hands and ignore the contest. I would bet Mr. Jenkins that neither candidate spent even 10 percent of those figures out of his own resources.

Of course the Kennedys undoubtedly spent millions to get their jobs but that's another story.

Charles McGarvie, P. O. Box 28, Rogue River, Ore.

Editor's note: Knowing Mr. Jenkins, we are sure he did not intend to imply that the campaign costs came from the candidates' own pockets. For additional comment, see editorial column today.

"Silly" To the Editor: Just after the election, we saw an editorial saying it was silly that Portland, La Grande, Ashland and Medford to have defeated the fluoridation issue. It makes one wonder.

Is it being silly not to force those who do not and cannot drink fluoridated water? During the campaign we found some families who are giving their children fluoride tablets or drops, but there would be

one child out of a family of 3 or 4 who was allergic to them, even to fluoride toothpaste. Is it being silly not to force that child to drink that which is injurious to him? "But who so shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone be hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Matt 18:6. Everyone has to have water. While those who want it can get fluoride at the drug store with less expense, it would be unlawful to force it on those who cannot take it. My husband has to take Penicillin. I am allergic to it, is it being silly for his doctor not to force me to take it also? My husband is allergic to eggs. Should I put eggs in all my cooking because I like them and can have them for myself when I want them?

Only one child under ten is to be benefited (which is only about one child out of 100 population according to the records) and everyone has to go to the expense of paying for a mass medication and equipment, while only a few cents would take care of that one child's need. If it is silly not to force fluoridation on those who do not need it, then I would say it is being crazy or criminal to force it on anyone.

It has been said it is not a health measure but a political issue. It was not the doctors or dentists who thought this up to begin with, but someone who sold the idea to the USPHS for a profit, spearheaded by the invisible government. Any yet it has never been proven to be of benefit. The Bible says, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Remember there is a reckoning day for everyone to give an account of their deeds. What will your answer be?

Mrs. Ernest Santo, 204 Lozier lane, Medford.

Editor's note: Our "silly" comment was not directed solely to the places which voted fluoridation down, but to the fact that some voted it down and some voted it in. The human race is not always blessed with consistency.

Spare The Rod To the Editor: In your editorial you quoted from the "Good Book" the saying "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

By the "Good Book" you mean the Bible. Please give chapter and verse where the words may be found. I have never seen it.

John C. Stille, Shady Cove, Ore.

Editor's note: Mr. Stille has caught us with our quotations crossed. Proverbs (XIII-24) says "He that spareth the rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." The more familiar form of the quotation is found in a number of other writings, including John Skelton (circa 1460-1529), "There is nothing that more displeaseth God / Than from their children to spare the rod"; and Ralph Venning (1649), "They spare the rod and spoil the child."

Other Deforming Drugs Investigated London—British doctors are investigating "one or two" drugs other than Thalidomide which may have deformed 10,000 British babies between 1954 and 1960, it has been learned.

The College of General Practitioners said it has told the health ministry of suspicions that the drugs, taken by mothers during early pregnancy, may be responsible for the deformities.

The Morn, the Goldfinch, and the Green How nice to see the goldfinch flash above a field of living gold;

To hear the lark!—and, as of old, To see the geese returning north. The pearls—the lovely gems of dew—Gleam from the stalks of greenest green—The greenest green that ever was Or e'er is likely to be seen!

How blithe the morn, how gay the day! O, life is not the time of fear! Some frightened souls insist is here! For life is in the dearest field—Within the fold and beautiful field—Within the lark's sweet, sweetest note—Within life's springtime and the green! —Kenneth F. Oathimer, Medford

To a Wild Cucumber Oh, thou little wild cucumber, Thou hast risen from thy slumber; Now run like little wickets, And hang out thy spiny balls. Soon thy balls will break asunder, Then we shall see the wonder Of the tiny little britches Within thy spiny walls. —Eliza L. Palmer, Medford (1903)

(Submitted by Henriette A. Medynski, Medford)

On the Air

By ELEANOR WIESE

Art Carney is the only "real" person to be seen on "Art Carney Meets Peter and the Wolf" today at 6:30 p.m. on KJED-TV. More than 60 Baird Marionettes will fill the other roles in this delightful award-winning program first telecast in 1958.

First Art Carney narrates Serge Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," in which the composer associates an instrument of the orchestra and a tune with each character of the story. Today's version, in addition, is dramatized by charming puppets, the result of the craftsmanship and ingenuity of Bill and Cora Baird.

After the conclusion of the original "Peter and the Wolf," the wolf and the dog go on to sing some new songs written by Paul Weston, based on themes by Prokofiev.

Humorist Ogden Nash wrote the special lyrics. He later confessed this was one of his most challenging assignments. A case in point is one of the songs which is sung by a near-sighted dog to a duck he mistakenly believes is a beautiful water spaniel.

On Monday night actor Paul Muni will make his first television appearance since 1958 on "Saints and Sinners" at 8:30 p.m. on KJED-TV.

Mr. Muni will portray a crusty 93-year-old who casually announces his plans to get a divorce on the eve of his 75th wedding anniversary. Actors appearing with Mr. Muni in this humorous drama claiming "the old ham . . . is having the time of his life."

TWENTIETH CENTURY, 6 p.m. Sunday KBES-TV. "So That Men Are Free" tells the moving story of a group of Peruvian Indians who were gradually changed from slaves to free men as a result of an experiment financed by Cornell University.

DISNEY'S WONDERFUL WORLD, 7:30 p.m. Sunday KJED-TV. Part 2 of "The Magnificent Rebel," the story of the life of Ludwig van Beethoven. Excerpts from the Sixth (Pastoral) and Ninth (Choral) Symphonies and the opera "Fidelio" are performed by the Berlin Symphony Orchestra.

ED SULLIVAN SHOW, 8 p.m. Sunday KBES-TV. Anthony Quinn and Margaret Leighton read from the telephone directory in a comedy sketch entitled "An Evening With Alexander Graham Bell Without Don Ameche." Rosemary Clooney and Tony Bennett sing duets and solos.

THE CHOSEN CHILD, 10 p.m. Sunday KJED-TV. A study of the tragedies and happiness surrounding child adoption. A typical young couple is followed in their search for a child. John Chancellor is narrator. The Westchester County's Family and Child Welfare Department is the model agency studied.

WINSTON CHURCHILL, 6:30 p.m. Monday KJED-TV. "Hinge of Fate," Britain struggles to maintain the freedom of the Mediterranean. Half of the Italian battle fleet is destroyed but Nazi conquests force the evacuation of British forces from Greece. Egypt is held by the troops of the Commonwealth, but in North Africa a formidable new opponent arises in General Rommel.

RED SKELTON SHOW, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday KBES-TV. Guest Cyril Ritchard sings Gilbert and Sullivan's "When I Was A Lad" and appears with Red in a play titled "March of the Litterbugs."

CHET HUNTLEY REPORTING, 10:30 p.m. Tuesday KJED-TV. "The Witnesses: Two Views of Capital Punishment" Huntley interviews former Warden Clinton Duffy and the Rev. Byron Eshelman, supervising chaplain, of San Quentin prison.

BOB HOPE SHOW, 8:30 p.m. Thursday KJED-TV. Jack Benny, Ethel Merman and Bobby Darin join Bob Hope in

a comedy-with-music revue. In one skit, "Bird Brain of Alcatraz," Benny and Hope co-star with 250 trained birds.

Unfortunately "The World of Jacqueline Kennedy" and "Shakespeare: Soul of an Age," two of NBC's very special specials scheduled for Friday, will not be seen in Medford. The hours these two shows will be telecast nationally are committed to the ABC network by KJED-TV. They hope to be able to present these shows on a delayed basis when prints become available.

DAVID BRINKLEY'S JOURNAL, 8 p.m. Saturday KJED-TV. Great Britain's race problems will be explored.

Police Report Minor Accident on Highway

A minor accident occurred on Highway 99 and Charlotte Anne rd. intersection Friday night, state police said.

A car, driven by Galen Mathew Webber, 19, of Hayward, Calif., attempted to make a left turn onto Charlotte Anne rd. It collided with a pickup truck driven by Bonny Rae France, 18, of 3018 Merriman rd.

Marine Board Asks Address Changes

Salem — The state marine board in Salem has asked that boat owners who have changed their address during the past year and who have not notified the board to do so as soon as possible. The boating law places this responsibility on the boat owner.

The marine board is anxious that their records are

kept up-to-date. The 1963 annual boat license registration forms will be printed early in December showing the boat owner's address as listed in the board's current records. By preprinting the registration forms, the board is able to mail the boat owners their annual license on the same day the application is received.

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