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Peace Plan

To the Editor: It is possible that the world may now expect the United States to make some conciliatory move in the matter of East West relationship to match the Russian "back down" over Cuba. This can be accomplished and at the same time we can vastly improve our relative position of strength with the Communist world.

We should immediately offer both Russia and Red China some "Point Four" technical assistance. Nothing could be more logical than that we offer this service in a field which is of great importance to Communist countries, the field of government services and regulations. It should be readily apparent of what the effect would be in a country where the government does everything to have that government adopt the methods whereby our own government operates.

For a starter we must convince these people that no law is satisfactory if it is either equitable or intended to apply alike to all people coming under its provisions. In seeking personnel to put across this idea we could recruit among those people including Congressmen who actually believe that the "Self-Employed Individuals Tax Retirement Act" (P. L. 87-792) does anything toward equalizing special privileges in the field of tax free income on a selective basis.

For actual composition of law and regulations in these countries we have ample talent, but to be sure of perfection, why not select the officials who wrote the excess profit tax law and regulations in effect during World War II. That compilation has been described by an outstanding tax economist as "The most incomprehensible document ever devised by the mind of man." In this respect we could use on our supporting staff the people who devised our depreciation laws and regulations including the revisions of 1962.

It should be readily apparent that once we get these ideas and governmental procedures implemented in any country where the government is everything, we would no longer have to worry about that country's military or economic effort.

Write your Congressman at once to get behind this bloodless revolution in the camp of our enemies.

Good Town

To the Editor: It is always pleasant to be able to pay anyone a well-deserved compliment, or to pass along one coming from another source. I have had occasion before to express my appreciation in these columns of the friendliness of merchants and other members of the business community and citizens generally here in Medford.

Today I take pleasure in sharing with readers a communication received a few days ago from Dr. W. Arthur Boggs, Associate Professor of English at Portland State College, contributor to the Mail Tribune's "Poets' Corner," and currently President of the Oregon State Poetry Association:

"I cannot refrain from passing on the following to you which I have repeated frequently to friends. 'My family and I shall al-

Poets' Corner

Conducted by
Arnold Eugene Jenny

A Poem: A Miracle
We are fortunate to live in an age that produces so many craftsmen in poetry. From master craftsmen, apprentices can learn most readily this passionate and stringent art. Yet the poet, when inspired, exceeds mere craftsmanship. With his audience, he, himself, may wonder at the sheer miracle he has wrought.

— James H. Koch, poet and critic,
New York Times, 9/9/62

The Eternal Word
In the beginning was the Word;
Althwart the Chaos, night:
It gleamed with quick creative power
And there was life and light.

Thy Word, O God, is living yet
Amid earth's restless strife,
New harmony creating still
And there was life and light.

O Word that broke the stillness first,
Sound on, and never cease
Till all earth's darkness be made light,
And all her discord peace.

Till selfish passion, strife and wrong,
Thy summons shall have heard,
And Thy creation be complete,
O Thou Eternal Word.

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Estes Park*
The ptarmigan's white in the deep mountain snow,
A five-pointed elk stalks the valley below,
The horns of the buck are coated with fur,
While frozen hands fumble with line and with lure.

Warm air may flow on the wide plains below,
But the mountains are cloaked with mid-winter snow.
The rivers are swollen, the trees are bright green,
Trail Ridge resists both man and machine.

Our cabin is rustic, the wind whistles by,
The stars, like snow crystals, dance in the sky.
The log on the fire and bright coals that glow
Would make us feel cozy at twenty below.

But more than the flames that creep ever higher,
Bathing us all in the heat of the fire,
Is warmth from the heart of colleague and friend
That flows through the letters and greetings they send.

We left a wide land and warm-hearted neighbors
To try a new hand at uncharted labors.
We know that the third dimension of heaven
Is found in the love that our friends have given.

— D. Ned Liner

*YMCA Camp at Estes Park, Colo., year-round camping and conference grounds adjoining Rocky Mountain National Park.

Listening

So much assails the ear that is but sound:
It takes no form; its meaning is obscure,
From dawn until the night, one endless round
Of senseless, changing din we must endure.
And yet from this confusion we may choose
The notes and key and chords to make a song.
And in this happy choosing we shall lose
The discord vaguely haunting us so long.
The heart's sincere desires unfailing make
Selection; all in keeping with the thought,
Attuned to concord, listening, awake,
A symphony of beauty may be wrought.
Eternal harmony is running low but clear
Beneath the noise. Just listen! You will hear.

— Blanche Ellis Norvell
The Manor, Medford

ways have a soft spot in our hearts for Medford, Oregon. During the summer of 1951 when our eldest boy was five and our youngest three, we left Crater Lake National Park with a week's accumulation of dirty laundry, a bad front end of the car, and my wife's broken glasses.

"In Medford about 10:30 we asked laundromat people if they could get our laundry done rapidly, and we were promised the fastest service they could give. Next we went to an optometrist who said he would see what he could do. Then we were off to a garage where the foreman said he would do his best. After that we ate lunch and bought some groceries in order to continue our camping trip at the Oregon Caves.

"Well, the short of the story is that three hours after we had arrived in town, we picked up the car, picked up the glasses, picked up the laundry and were on our way to the caves. Not once did we hear, 'It can't be done' or 'Who do you think you are, anyway?'"

Medford IS a good town to visit, and an even better one to live in!

Arnold Eugene Jenny
Rogue Valley Manor
Medford

Don't Be Lot's Wife

To the Editor: We are again at the season when the eyes of the world are turned toward the birth of our Blessed Savior. But one wonders how many are really

looking and longing for his soon return? Does the thought put fear or joy into all of our hearts?

There are discouraging moments in all of our lives. The apathy and apparent disinterest, even in fellow church members' part, to my two recent appeals through these columns, makes one ponder. Yet I cannot become discouraged. I am told that discouragement is the devil's anesthetic that he puts one to sleep with just before he cuts their heart out.

The gospel radio program which needed (and still does) your support will go on the air over a second valley station anyway.

One dear soul with sickness in the home called to say she'd give \$12 per year. "How can you do it," I asked. She answered that she was quitting her newspaper subscription as there wasn't much in it anyway. She did not refer to the Tribune. We better not go further on this point as she does live in this valley.

Then another person, only new in his Christian experience, indicated his willingness to help. As I was chatting with him two persons from out of state overheard. "We'll help," the lady said. Then last week from an unexpected source over K. Falls way, a letter: "If you can't get the needed help in the Rogue valley I'll solicit it over here," he wrote.

Actually, I've had only one

call as a result of my two letters. I am reminded however of our Saviour's words, of how he said if certain ones held their peace, even the stones would cry out.

Every time I tune in to the Quiet Hour on KRVC on Sunday at 9 a.m. I am reminded that it too is on the air because of the willingness of a few. The only objective of these wonderful programs is to help us be ready to meet our soon coming Saviour.

Some may wonder why, with the Voice of Prophecy on one station already, I have made these appeals. Space does not permit a detailed answer. If you really want to know just call me up and I'll be happy to explain.

The writer only hopes that some will not repeat the experience of Lot's wife. Her heart was in her treasures in Sodom. The only real security is to lay up treasures where "moth and rust doth not corrupt."

Henry Johnson Jr.
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Capital Punishment

To the Editor: Well here is old Floyd "Heap big wow" McCabe again, on the subject of capital punishment.

I asked a preacher, a little while back, how he stood on the subject, and he told me he approved of it. I then asked him if he had any way to insure that only the guilty would be executed, and he said it didn't make any dif-

ference. Now I find it very difficult indeed to consider that as a Christian attitude, in fact, it indicates an idea that if murder is committed in a state gas chamber, electric chair, on the gallows, or in front of a firing squad and is OK'd by the majority of the residents of a state, then it is automatically legally and morally right.

That is the theory behind a mob storming a jail and taking a prisoner out to hang him to an oak tree in the park. I cannot consider attending a church that advocates capital punishment regardless of guilt. They are no better than the "murderer" they say they wish to punish.

There are those who argue that the "law," meaning Moses' law, is no longer in effect, yet they give lip service to it.

I have been able to find one and only one place which says (in the King James version of the Bible) anything whatsoever in support of capital punishment, Genesis 9:6: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man." This says not one word supporting the execution of a man regardless of guilt.

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

A Plea for Help

To the Editor: I am a friend of a family who live here in our beautiful Rogue valley.

The mother of this man lives in Oklahoma and is seriously ill with incurable cancer and only has a very short time left. She begs constantly to see her son.

Because this man barely makes living expenses, and has two small children, it is impossible for him to go unless he has some help.

So won't you please print this letter asking all the wonderful people of our valley to help make this old mother's last Christmas a happy one. Any one interested, please write to P.O. Box 129, Talent, Ore.

For personal reasons I would rather not sign my name.

Thanking you,
Sincerely,
(Name Withheld)

Place Names

To the Editor: Place names have played a big role in many local geographic features in southern Oregon. For in-

stance, Schiefelin gulch that meets the Rogue river in Section 21, Township 36 South, Range 4 West, formerly went under two nick-names.

In early days after Big Ed Schiefelin had left the old donation land claim near Rogue River, the surrounding hills were filled with gold prospectors, in fact, legend says the same gulch once boasted seven fiddlers, therefore was called "Fiddler's gulch." Later on a deer hunter that had gone all the way to the head of Schiefelin gulch in Section 33, stood on top of the mountain saddle or ridge and counted seven does. Quite naturally, not knowing any other place name for the gulch, always referred to it as "Doe gulch."

But the former name Schiefelin is the authentic place name on maps.
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