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They May Be Angels

To the Editor: My opinion in regard to Harriett Gibb's opinion, her letter in the Mail Tribune 1-16-63, "Nasty Things."

There is a story in the Bible about a man that killed his brother and the great judge or governor did not sentence him to die. He did punish him and he told all others that would kill Cain what their punishment would be. And in the ten commandments he said do not kill.

I have talked with people who do not think there is a God, and if there is no God then there is no sin, regardless of how one dies or lives. I believe there is a God and His son Jesus will be the Supreme Judge over men at any court here on earth. Jesus said love your enemy. I cannot say I love Miss Freeman or her partner in crime. I think they both should be punished to life in the Oregon State penitentiary if either one, or both, should repent and be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as I remember in the Lord's Prayer, forgive us as we forgive.

If they repent then they have not committed the unpardonable sin. Man's law, as I understand it, is opinions and persuasions and decisions. Where there's life there's hope.

I hope the U.S. Supreme court decision will be life in the penitentiary. They may become angels yet.

Jesus died for the sinner. Marshall H Waggoner P.O. Box 39, Sutherlin, Ore.

More Power To Them

To the Editor: After attending the Civic Music Concert, as a guest, last Sunday evening, I was surprised to hear of the poor reviews in your paper. If I could be sure all the programs would be of this caliber, I wouldn't hesitate to

purchase a membership when asked next year.

This group, the Greg Smith Singers, young, enthusiastic, and very talented presented one of the most refreshing programs I have heard in some time. I especially enjoyed this group because they sang works that we are not often able to hear in this area. They did not hesitate to present some works from the 20th Century. More power to them.

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More and Less

To the Editor: What this country needs in Washington was more rockin' and less talkin'.

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Ye Gods

To the Editor: Life magazine is devoting most of its eight-part series on ancient Greece to mythology in an error as old as Zeus. The gods actually were never myth, fantasy or fable but dramatic dieties in real life so superbly powered as to live harder and more adventurous - and oftentimes more lusty - lives out of the flesh than in it. They did whatsoever they desired in the spirit somewhat irreverently. They fought, mated and decreed in their cloudy realms as easily as we do physically in ours. Zeus, Apollo, Athena and Aphrodite were extant in the flesh even as you and I.

We still have gods. At least we had them just yesterday for I knew many of them personally and ours made the heavenly exploits of the ancient Greeks appear amateur. Most I knew were talented men and women of good character but of a great spiritual daring. A few were wicked as hell - astral villains. All were Thespians. You dare not be a god or goddess without sure-

ly treading the heavenly boards in bold perfection! Our gods are mostly artists, actors, writers, generals. You've read of them often but nev this secret chapter of their lives. I covered much of their daring deeds for a few years. I had to I was confined and they used my durance and true spiritual rehabilitation as a sort of romantic rendezvous for their mystic sorties.

I watched them graciously seize the very mystic vertices of the chariots in the Bible and race wildly through the heavens in the maddest motions known to man. I observed their love-making and occasionally their arduous matings high in the heavens. They used real thunderbolts and the power of mind over matter in mighty strange ways in knocking their adversaries for miles through the heavens and occasionally felling my wicked neighbors physically. They often commanded the powers of Nature just for the fun of it in actions that would make an atomist take to space in envy. Our gods had a true reverence for God but for none else. And I often watched one of our Capuchin priests and a most courageous Dominican sister bravely enter the lists and, ascending into the heavens, joyously ridicule the entire theme of such dramatic diety - often to the celestial applause of the other gods and goddesses. Should you really desire to read the true story of our gods, write the Editor and he may grant space.

I'll relate a bit of by-play. Napoleon Bonaparte had long and often possessed inmates of our county and state asylums. You remember them saying "He thought he was Napoleon." He often was! Well, Lionel Barrymore and I corraled Napoleon in a disturbed ward of the Roseburg VA Hospital, and most rudely deported him to his own mental units in France. I read the exorcism I had carefully written in Occupational Therapy. Napoleon never returned and neither did many another unAmerican nuisance. Lionel wasn't a god but darn near it. Many were. Their super-work for the Allied Arms is still mystery.

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Constitution Questioned

To the Editor: I have sent the following letter to our representatives in Salem:

I am sure the citizens of Oregon are indebted to Mr. George Layman and the committee he headed in revising the constitution of our state. However, I do not believe some of Mr. Layman's recommendations are in the best interest of the public.

According to a UPI report in Medford Mail Tribune 1-23-63 he urged the legislature to "think in terms of whole document" and that they offer it to the people "in the entirety, instead of piecemeal amendments." By this I understand he wishes the legislature and the people to accept or reject the revised constitution as drafted - not making any amendments.

I find many objectionable points in the draft as shown in news articles.

First - I believe the people should have the right to amend any constitution, law or other set of rules that govern them. Any document of this nature should be pliable enough to conform to any necessary change to adapt it to our fast moving times.

Second - I object to the Governor being the "sole elected official" in that it places too much power in a single person and is undemocratic.

I am not sure that I concur with elimination of justice of peace courts. I would like very much to see the entire new constitution as submitted to the legislature and have a chance to study it. This new constitution is, no doubt, a well considered document, for which I personally thank the authors, yet I fully believe the people should maintain the right to elect the officials and amend any regulations, constitution included if we are to have a government by the consent of the governed.

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Editor's note: Single copies of the new Constitution, together with the reasoning of the Commission on each position, can be obtained free by writing Constitutional Revision Commission, Room 30, State Capitol, Salem 10, Ore.

For and Agin

To the Editor: How characteristically confused and confusing our local habitual

"aginnners" are! How typically and continually illogical and irrelevant! And with what painful monotony they rehash their mishmash of misinformation - or deliberate distortions of truth - ad infinitum, ad nauseum! A really pitiful spectacle.

Here, for example, comes the ponderous pseudo-punster, L. C. Powell on 1/20, with his elaborate recital of what he's "For" - meaning "Agin." Too bad he couldn't have heard Dr. George G. Roseberry's sermon last Sunday at First Methodist Church, Medford: a much needed message for all of us but especially "good medicine" (as an Indian might say) for "aginnners."

The following was one of his very apt and pertinent illustrations:

He told of a man celebrating his 100th birthday and being interviewed by a newspaper reporter who remarked: "In your long life here you must have seen many changes in this town." Replied the credulous centenarian, "Oh, indeed, I witnessed many changes in my time - and I've been against every one of them!"

Almost lost in all the nonsense about what he's "FOR" (meaning "AGIN") there was one item Mr. Powell really IS FOR - up to a point - in a constructive and positive sense, namely, the Constitution. No doubt there must be at least a few other things he's FOR, like motherhood, education, or even keeping Oregon green.

At first blush, any reasonable and patriotic soul should would go along with Mr. Powell when he says he's "FOR" (and apparently meaning it) liberty and justice for all." But in the general context of his writings that claim is largely canceled. For example, he's "FOR integrated schools for those who want them, and FOR segregated schools for those who don't."

True liberty and justice under our Constitution (not to mention true brotherhood as lived and taught by Jesus) know nothing of such double standards. All men are accorded equal rights and equal treatment right down the line, including admission to any school for which a student can qualify, be he white or black (as James Meredith HAD qualified for "Ole Miss").

As for the garbled talk about the UN in Mr. Powell's letter, in Mrs. Alice I. Black's of 1/15, James K. Shafer's of 1/21, and in others, EA's factually accurate and balanced appraisal of 1/23 entitled "Task Well Begun" and previous editorials on the UN, should be a sufficient answer.

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Your Own Guess

To the Editor: Question: Where do we - humanity - go from here? Answer: Oblivion, for sure.

However, in this case, time is of no essence and our departure very likely will not happen until the whole solar system, or even our galaxy, explodes.

Our present day astronomers, with highly advanced instruments, with which they observe the heavens, tell of exploding galaxies, burning up and turning into star dust, which again eventually gives birth to new stars and star systems. Much of what is going on in far-off space is incomprehensible to most human beings. The great majority of people, who do not know of this action which is constantly going on in space, turn to religion. The preachers have a ready, simple explanation of creation in the Bible. This story of creation is so easy to understand.

The human race was started off 6000 years ago by a miracle man and that is that. Anthropologists, in connection with geological research, tell an entirely different story. Human fossils have been found buried deep in the earth, showing parts of human skeletons over 500,000 years old. In Europe, two finds. A lower jawbone of the "Heidelberg" man was found near Heidelberg, Germany, in 1807, said to be 500,000 years old. A skull and thighbone was found in Java in 1891 of what is called the Java Man, said to be also 500,000 years old.

The bones of the Neanderthal Man (Germany) were discovered in 1856, said to be 120,000 years old. Estimating the age of fossils can be done by the radio-carbon test for one thing. Then a geologist can estimate quite correctly the age of the schists or layers of soil and rock formations in which bones are found.

The geologists estimate for example that the earth was burning hot without any life on it around 4 billion years ago, that it might have taken one-half billion years or more to cool it off so that life could start. The first forms of life appeared in shape of infusoria. Then came the worms, the lizards, snakes, etc., and gradually higher forms of life, the vertebrates,

the primates. Man is the latest arrival.

As to how he will end up, make your own guess.

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For the Aginners

To the Editor: A.E.J. with his "aginnners" reminds me of the soldier who, while marching, said everyone was out of step except himself. Since the most of us are not so well informed by extensive traveling, maybe we should just keep still. But then how could he use his pet phrase "out of context." "Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit." Prov. 26:12. "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight." Isa. 5:21.

Whether FOR or AGAINST, we know Christ denounced the moderates or middle-of-the-roads. "I know thy works, that they are neither cold nor hot. Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3:15, 16.

I can't help being FOR the "aginnners" who are not afraid to stand up for our Constitutional rights, and try to awaken the people to the dangers of the enemy. Also FOR a thorough house cleaning of the State Department.

For the President spending more time at the White House as he promised to do. (He spends less there than any former President.) He promised to raise the prestige of our nation, instead of lowering it. I am FOR the U.S. getting out of the U.N. For federal government leaving education to the states. Not everyone can afford to send their children to private schools, as the Kennedy clan does with their liquor money.

I am AGAINST the State Department letting the more than 20 secret police agents coming from Russia, under the disguise of religious clergymen of the Orthodox Church, Feb. 27, Americans need to be reconciled back to God, not atheism.

I am for writing Sen. Wayne Morse we are back of his proposal to outlaw drinking in the rooms of the Capitol. We elect our representatives to make the laws, not to befuddle their minds with drink.

Some people who ridicule those who do seem to have some knowledge of the dangers of Communism, may be using it for an excuse of their own ignorance on the subject. To oppose Communism does not mean one hates the Communists, but they do hate Communism. There is difference between "ist" and "ism."

The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs, is to be ruled by evil men--Plato.

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God Trimmed the World With Trees

To the Editor: Winds, worms and forest fires All strike at our timber lands. Dry-rot and chain saws -the latter Maneuvered by human hands. Spruce trees go for boxes-Not the wooden boxes we knew.

The blocks are ground for paper pulp. Pastebord got for its share, a few. There'll be no box orations For politics good or corrupt, Pastebord platforms would collapse Causing the oratory to be encupped.

The redwoods are longer standing They are too majestic to go. God placed them there for a purpose: A landmark of the long, long ago.

Did you ever stand among them Breathing freshness from everywhere? Did you gaze up through those tree tops And feel God's nearness there?

Trees are grand creations - Things man cannot imitate. But He sets them out in rows Quite unlike their natural state. It seems true that trees are fewer.

More tree farms are a must. Keep them irrigated well- We want no waste lands for their dust.

Ready for Tears

To the Editor: Mr. Frank Koch (letter of Jan. 24) undoubtedly is a bit mixed up in his assessment of the "most shocking" events politically in 1962, I dare say. That is, of course, happening to the great

and near great during this current period, and I think Mr. Koch pretends to be no such personality. His mistake is, in truth, fairly common, I would say. He is right, in my own mind, to say that neither the Cuban episode or the abrogation of state's right (in Mississippi) were the "most shocking." I would also agree that the embargo on truth, a censorship of the news accounts, the stifling or suppression of circumstances of national account, are more dire than either of the foregoing.

However, of our whole present period of national history I would add, of course, that the most terrifying circumstance of all to us, Americans, should be the shrinking of our democratic form of government. By shrinking, I mean actually passing, to be replaced by a gigantic overall Federal domination, that leaves the states (the real, true historic ground upon which democracy was here first formed) without authority even upon their own, individual soils, aside and apart from other states.

Democratic government is a wonderful concept, the concept of people free in most things to live their lives, and "to pursue for themselves their own true and substantial happiness." However, a fine and wonderful attainment, fated from the start to be

shunted aside upon national growth, and the outward pressures thrown over against the whole body of our people, forcing the surrender of states' rights, again and again, until Caesar in Washington exerts himself with almost the same unhindered manner of government that Caesar of old did in ancient Rome.

It is essential, this change, of course. Nationally, its development can be delayed or put off to a much later day, but this would require firmness in the people that is not to be expected, since indeed, its collapse can only be delayed, never entirely disposed of.

So, for this, more than anything beyond, I am most sorrowful, and but for my hardness of heart, ready for tears of lament.

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