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Let's End This Filth

In his inaugural message, Gov. Mark Hatfield said:

"To augment local efforts to eliminate air and water pollution, the State Sanitary Authority should be given summary abatement power..."

This recommendation came because the Sanitary Authority now lacks sufficient power to compel the abatement of pollution without long and complex procedures...

THE Medford area is not "threatened by" air and water pollution. It has it now.

(Our contemporary to the south delights in calling Medford "Smoggy Bottom," and the sad fact is that he's about right a good part of the time.)

Driving south earlier this week, we came down from the fresh, clean air of Mt. Sexton onto the Freeway, whisked by the smoky valley of Grants Pass...

The following day, parking in the downtown area during the morning, we got in our car at noon, only to find it covered with a layer of soot and fly-ash.

WE HAVE been told, time and time again, that we really shouldn't worry. "Voluntary cooperation" would eliminate most of the mill smoke nuisance...

(It is true that some mills have put considerable funds into smoke abatement equipment. It is equally true that others haven't done anything.)

We have been told that "increased utilization" of what is now wood waste would automatically solve the problem. Yeah? When? In 1984? Or 1994?

We have been told that, year by year, the situation would improve. Year by year it has gotten worse.

MUCH, too, has been said about water pollution—and in particular the sorry mess which is Bear Creek.

Yes, indeed. Much has been said, but darned little has been done.

Isn't it about the time that the public—that's you and me, friends—got a little mad about it, and demanded that all these promises and predictions begin to come true?

Isn't it about time that we stopped trusting to "voluntary cooperation," and believing vague promises of better conditions, and see to it that this nuisance, this health menace, this danger to eyes and lungs—to say nothing of one's esthetic sensibilities—be ended? Now?

THE other day State Sen. Ted Hallock (D-Portland) introduced Senate Bill 259, at the request of the State Sanitary Authority.

According to the Bill Digest, the measure would:

"Permit Sanitary Authority to institute suit at law or in equity to abate or restrain threatened or existing pollution of air or water, without necessity of prior administrative procedures or hearing; permit cities and counties to enter into cooperative contracts relating to air pollution program, and to provide for proper body to manage such a program."

The bill should pass. Those who agree should write to their senator and representatives, to Senator Hallock, and to Governor Hatfield.

Only such supporting opinion will give the measure a chance for passage.

FOR a long time now we have put our faith in the good will and good intentions of the lumber interest in the area, in the persuasive powers of the county government, and in the enforcement power which the city council could—if it would—exercise.

The mills (most of them, anyway) continue to spout out their sickening pall of smoke and soot and cinders. The county calls meetings and calls for a "voluntary" program. The city stalls, month after month after month, in enacting an air pollution control ordinance. Bear Creek gets filthier with its load of sewage and agricultural chemicals.

THERE is always a great hue and cry about state and federal government "usurping" the powers of local government.

Well, this is a perfect example of why the state and federal government step in. When local government can't or won't act in an area of urgent need, the state or federal government often will.

This is a case where local government has failed—utterly, completely and shamefully.

So now we must call upon the resources of the state—and, if need be, the federal government—to do the job. If you, too, are tired, tired, tired of filth in the air and filth in the water, you can do something about it. You can demand—DEMAND, mind you, not ask humbly—effective state action, and the first step is passage of Senate Bill 259.—E.A.



... Communications ...

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible.

Language in Schools

To the Editor: The other day in class at Medford Senior High school, we discussed the rules and regulations by which the school is to abide. These rules are made by the state for each school in the state.

Indeed!

To the Editor: At one time the names of Lincoln, Washington, Ben Franklin were revered and honored in America. At one time patriotism was respected, the flag was honored. But now these are made light of and dishonored.

Stray Cats

To the Editor: I've read several articles in Communications on cats and of some losing their loved pets. I like cats too and have three (all altered).

Bill Opposed

To the Editor: Please print the following letter: John Dellenback, State Representative, Capitol Building, Salem, Ore.

Dear Sir: In regard to Bill 103: I wish to state that I am very much against the passage of this bill.

I have a small pasture and keep one or more cattle for my own beef. Until we were given the privilege of having a truck come to my place to butcher my animals, it was necessary for me to take them to a slaughter house where they stood for some time in the open, bothered by animals with horns and worried until butchered.

Now the butcher comes and my animals are killed before they are frightened and I contend that this is one reason my beef is very tender. Then after killing the carcass is taken to clean lockers where it is properly aged.

This bill will benefit only large companies who want to freeze out the small operating butcher. As long as my butcher is state inspected and handles my beef in a clean manner, I much prefer him to handle my butchering and meat cutting. The large companies cannot do it any better, and it would be very inconvenient for me to haul my beef to them to have it butchered, cut and wrapped.

My local butcher has about \$10,000 invested in a refrigerated, butchering truck. Surely you wouldn't want him to lose one of his sources of making his living.

I label this Bill 103 as biased in favor of the big meat packing companies and a complete freeze out of the little operator.

Mrs. Mildred Dunford, P. O. Box 298, Eagle Point, Ore.

Not a Yard

To the Editor: In January, 1961, the President said: "The New Frontier is going forward with great vigor." Not happened? They ran out of vinegar on the 50 yard line.

Sinking The Hook

To the Editor: A bill now before the Legislature would extend the "blessings" of "d.s.t." through the month of September. This writer is heartily in favor and urges its passage.

John Q. Stewart

John Q. Stewart, 933 NE 12th St., Grants Pass, Ore.

Birth Pangs

To the Editor: How infinitely much the average devotee of the Holy Bible misses by accepting only the literal, exoteric meanings and completely ignoring the deeper, esoteric message!

Jesus taught in two ways. To the masses he taught the lesser, or outer mysteries; to his disciples and the more highly evolved among his followers he revealed the greater, inner mysteries.

As a result of my last letter it seems I have inadvertently arrived on certain prayer lists. While these good people undoubtedly have only the best intentions, I must hasten to assure them that my soul is not lost. Therefore, they will realize that their time and efforts could be used to better advantage on those who are convinced that their souls are lost—perhaps their own. For some, I understand, this could be a full time job.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus said "Thine is the power"; some among us have taken him at his word. To accept the belief in a devil, one would of necessity have to believe in a power apart from God's. This I will never do, for I believe with all my heart that Jesus was correct. God's is the only power—but it is often misused and abused.

Our planet is presently in the process of leaving the darkness of the Piscean Age and entering into the light of the Aquarian Age. As yet, we are on the cusp—although we are in Aquarius, the stigma of Pisces is with us for yet a little while. Earth is experiencing the death-groans of an old age, and the birth-pangs of a new one; hence, the turmoil.

As Earth moves further into Aquarius, it and all upon and within it will receive a new vibration—a higher and steadily increasing frequency. Those who are attuned to the greater acceleration and truly yearn for and seek God's truth and light will surely find it. Those who are not attuned will not be able to withstand the new frequency.

The Aquarian Age will be one of illumination. Those lost in the wilderness of literal interpretations and false concepts shall find themselves in darkness still—but not here.

This is in accord with Biblical prophecy, astrology and cosmic law. These are, in-

deed, the latter days: not heralding the end of the world, as some believe, but of an age. The Golden Dawn of Aquarius draws near!

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PS—Anyone who feels strongly about this issue please write to the following State Representatives: Dellenback, Branchfield, Redden, and State Sen. Lynn Newberry. This must be done immediately as the final vote will be in a few days.

Japan Hoping for New Economic Boom, Based on Added China, Russia Trade

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Japan, whose economy has enjoyed sensational growth since the end of World War II, is hoping for another boom. Some of it, Japanese businessmen hope, will come from increased trade with the Soviet Union and Red China.

A new treaty with the Soviet Union provides for two-way trade totalling about \$670 million and means an increase in Japanese-Soviet trade of almost 50 per cent.

For trade with Red China the prospects are for about \$100 million in 1963 as compared with \$75 million in 1962 and \$55 million in 1961. Obstacles are anxieties over

reaction of the United States and a desire on the part of both Red China and the Soviet Union to do business on credit.

Since Japan recognizes the Nationalist Chinese regime on Formosa and not the Peking regime, trade with the Red Chinese is conducted on a "friendly" basis with firms who do not trade with those on Formosa.

Among other things, the Chinese want special steels and agricultural tools.

The Japanese steel industry is especially eager for such a market because it faces a glutted market at home.

Japanese steel, shipbuilding and machine tool industries also are eager to expand trade with the Soviet Union.

Japanese exports to the Soviet Union in 1960 were valued at \$59 million. Last year they surged to \$118 million.

A Russian lure to increased Soviet trade is possible Japanese participation in vast Siberian development plans.

Japanese economic growth in 1962 amounted to around 5 per cent, about double the

U.S. growth but below what the Japanese have been led to expect in the years since World War II. Since 1950, the Japanese growth rate has averaged better than 8 per cent.

Now, however, the steels, textile oil refining and coal mining industries drastically are reducing output.

The Japanese also are pressing hard in other parts of Asia. They hope for expanded trade soon with Korea, and are using war reparations and grant and loan agreements to push Japanese products elsewhere.

Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

RELUCTANT TAX CUT Washington—Never has the prospect of voting for a tax cut been so unwelcome to so many politicians.

Never has the chance of "getting in" from the government been appealing to so few members of the public. These are the extraordinary real-estate perils in 1964.

In the meantime, the American public deserves a special salute for its obvious willingness to forgo tax relief in order to reduce, or at any rate to hold in check, the federal debt. If this is not a striking evidence of national maturity, it is surely something very close to that.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS From Washington: Russia has informed the United States that "several thousand" Soviet troops will be withdrawn from Cuba in the next three weeks, diplomatic informants reported.

THAT prompts two questions: 1. How many thousands are "several" thousands? 2. How many Russians are in Cuba now?

AS to Question No. 1, the dispatches from Washington say: The number of troops which would be withdrawn under the new Kremlin assurance was not precisely known, but speculation turned on the point that SEVERAL thousand would mean at least 3,000.

As to question No. 2, the Washington dispatch says: "Official administration estimates are that there are about 17,000 Russians in Cuba now."

WHICH is to say: There are 17,000 Russians in Cuba now. It is "speculated" that several thousand would mean at least 3,000.

In other words: It is presumed, or at least hoped, that the number of Russian troops in Cuba will soon be reduced from 17,000 to 14,000.

LET'S put it this way: From the standpoint of the safety of the Western Hemisphere, which includes the U.S.A., that is 14,000 TOO MANY.

ONE more question: Why are these Russian troops in Cuba?

There is, of course, no guaranteed answer to that question. Only the Soviet Union KNOWS why they are there—and why they were sent there in the first place.

But it is assumed that the purpose is to make of Cuba a training ground where communists from all over Latin America may be sent to receive instruction in the latest methods of infiltration and sabotage.

The purpose of such a program would be the eventual winning of ALL OF LATIN AMERICA for communism.

That appears to be about the long and the short of it.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

RELATIVE TIME It is a truism by now that what we call "time" is relative to the position and speed of the observer.

In handling children, we have to recognize also that "time" is relative to the age and experience of the observer. There is an important psychological dimension to time.

When a child promises to come in the house at the end of ten minutes, and is still out after an hour, this is usually not willful disobedience. Children cannot be judged on the same time-scale as adults, for their reveries and dawdling are geared to a different clock than ours.

Twenty minutes spent in tying a shoelace may pass like a second when the fantasy of the spaceship is more compelling than the reality of the school bus.

At the age of five, my boy wanted to know if I had lived in the era of the cavemen, and seemed disappointed that I had never met any personally. At the age of six, he knew a great time gulf existed between the cavemen and me, but he still wanted to know if I had ever met Abraham Lincoln.

To a child, a father in his 40s might as well be 150 years old. The difference between a father and a grandfather, which seems so pronounced to us, is nothing at all to a child.

Years, decades and centuries are all blurred in the short focus of the child's mind. What happened two years ago might have been yesterday, and next Friday is a million years away.

Understanding the relativity of time, in this psychological dimension, is absolutely essential if we are to cope with the world of children. It is a long and laborious process for them to acquire the time-sense of adulthood—and some people, it is true, never seem to acquire it.

The habitually unprompted, the inept planners, and last-minuteers, are really clinging to emotional vestiges of their childhood, and are unconsciously reliving the past, reluctant to break with their fantasies.

On the other hand, those persons with an over-acute sense of time (and I happen to be one of them) have perhaps relinquished too much of their childhood capacity for taking the present as it comes and enjoying it. They are forever planning ahead, living in the next hour, the next day, the next month, and the present is swallowed up by the future.

If the habitually unprompted are self-indulgent, the compulsively prompt are self-punishing; and it certainly seems to be true that the person who is late for an engagement is generally more charming than the one who gets there early.

This is what makes the punctual person so angry: he feels that people who are late have no right to be so pleasant. Maybe this is what we resent in our dawdling children.

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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Feb. 22, 1953 (Friday) Three juvenile boys from the state of Washington were in custody at Medford today after admitting stealing two cars and burglarizing Faber's market in Central Point.

The retail price of cigarettes will go up three cents a pack next week in this area.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 22, 1943 (Wednesday) Dr. Howell Williams, of University of California, completes studies on origin of Crater Lake.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Shore rationing" has caused people to quit wishing they were in Henry Ford's shoes, due to concentrating on staying in their own.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 22, 1933 (Friday) Grand Jury Foreman William T. Grieve, Prospect, issued report recommending that position of probation officer and deputy jailer "be dispensed with immediately."

Air line inaugurates direct air service between Medford and Sacramento.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 22, 1923 (Saturday) Complaint charges federal investigator in Jackson county "night riding" cases with violation of prohibitions laws.

Medford mill operator indicted in Portland for "using the mails to defraud;" case involves effort to open up oil development in Antelope valley basin east of Medford.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 22, 1913 (Monday) Bill submitted to Oregon state legislature would increase salary of Jackson county district attorney to \$2,100 a year.

Dispute over proposed \$10,000 bond issue to improve Eagle Point streets results in fist fight between Eagle Point mayor and speculator at council meeting.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Where is the dial that marks Zero degrees longitude?

2. If the image a person sees focuses in front of the retina of his eye is he nearsighted or farsighted?

3. Who were known as "The Great Commoner" in American History?

4. Jesus was a carpenter, but what was Mohammed's profession?

5. The brown tail, codling and gypsy are all varieties of what insect?

6. In 1917 the U.S. purchased what islands for \$25,000,000?

7. If an object goes 300 yards in 10 seconds, how many feet does it go in 1/3th second?

8. Name two European capitals that start with P.

9. One of the Greek Alphabet letters is a triangle; which?

10. In what city did the 1888 Haymarket riots occur? Answers: 1. Greenwich, England. 2. Nearsighted. 3. Henry Clay and William Jennings Bryan. 4. Camel driver. 5. Moth. 6. Virgin Island. 7. 18 feet. 8. Paris and Prague. 9. Delta. 10. Chicago.



"Get off the road—you crazy Democrats!"