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### A Response

To the Editor: The Medford Mail Tribune, Wednesday, March 6, 1963, carried two editorials, one discussing the age-old question of the world's "greatest men," the other discussing "Whalewatching." The editor, "E.A.," considered such list-making a "fascinating game" and called upon his readers to submit lists of "the greatest figures of the human race." We thought we would take him at his word, inasmuch as such "list-making" seems to go well together with "whalewatching."

ing the merits of attractions in the next city, county and even in some other state. Our City Council is being sold the idea that Medford will benefit. Better wake up and realize that one is born every minute. Medford could have been the exception to the rule.

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### Support Appreciated

To the Editor: The Dorcas Welfare Ladies, sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist church, would like to express our appreciation for the support of our efforts by individuals and also by groups, with their material left over from rummage sales, and all others who have helped us in any way. We believe we have made good use of all of it. We have given free of charge, 67 quilts and countless numbers of clothing, shoes, and household articles, also furniture, to hundreds of destitute people who came to us. Our ladies donate all our work and we help, to the best of our ability, all who come to us, without reference to race, creed, or color. Then what we cannot use locally we ship to our clothing depot in Watsonville, Calif., from where it is sent, immediately, to places of disaster, to be distributed to any and all affected by such. Many of your gifts by such a use in far away lands. Your gifts of cash during our Ingathering Drive pay for the transportation of this material to the place of need.

Our needs are still great, especially for babies, and

children's clothing, worn blankets, sheets, drapes, bedspreads, table cloths, and any thing we can use in making quilts, such as quilt scraps from your sewing room, also furniture. We have been told that good clothing and bedding has been hauled to the city dump where it must be destroyed. We are sorry they did not know about us.

So, as housecleaning time is near, remember us as you clean out your clothes closets and attics. Also please direct any needy individuals and families to us at 1900 Greenwood at the east entrance. And call us if you have anything we can use. We have someone who will pick it up. Call Mrs. Florence Pearson, the director, at 773-3953, or Hortense Miracle at 772-7206. Meeting hours are Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Hortense Miracle, Dorcas Welfare Society, Route 4, Box 333, Medford.

No Constitution  
To the Editor: A few days ago you took Dan Smoot through the dew. In my opinion he is a rabble-rouser, and offers no constructive remedies. However, there is some truth in the weller of what he says.

First, a few days ago I saw and heard on TV a reporter question Kennedy about the wisdom of spending 4.5 million dollars in keeping an Army in Oxford, Miss., to keep one Negro in the U. of Miss. Kennedy replied he had no choice in the matter. The Supreme Court had spoken and had to be obeyed. Second, the statement that

the Constitution guarantees equal rights to all. Fact: The so-called 14th amendment is judgemade, it was never a part of the Constitution, for it was never ratified by the States. However, that makes but little difference, we have never been governed according to the Constitution since John Marshall took over in 1801. He literally threw the Constitution in the waste paper basket and with the connivance of the Federalists made himself and the lackeys who occasionally sat with him, the absolute law-making body.

Fos all of the deluded and misinformed: This was a Republic. All of the prattle about "this democracy" and "our Constitution" is a very effective smoke screen. My Republican friends bemoan the present state of affairs and say, "We must return to a government of law and the Constitution."

How can we return to something we never possessed? It might be a good idea to take the Constitution out of its glass casket, and submit it to our representatives, both State and National, and see if we want to be governed under it.

I agree with Smoot 11.1 per cent on his proposal to impeach Earl Warren. The other eight should be impeached.

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New Hearings  
To the Editor: John E. Gribble's letter in your issue of March 3 concerning plans to circumvent the building ordinance of our national Capital for the purpose of erecting a housing complex 155 feet high (at the low side), to be known as Watergate Towne, which would overshadow America's national shrines, including Lincoln and Jefferson memorials and the Capitol, itself asks "what group, organization, or persons are back of this movement and what is the object of this so-called 'non-profit' group?"

According to very thorough investigation made by POAU (Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State) this housing complex is proposed to be erected by Societa Generale Immobiliare, of Rome, Italy, a subsidiary of the Vatican.

Letters of protest against this proposed change in building restrictions, received by the White House, and by Samuel Scrivener, Jr., are officially stated to have reached 10,000 at each office and to be still pouring in. Senator Bible, chairman of the Senate District of Columbia committee, states that this is the largest volume of mail they have ever received on a single issue. New hearings are to be scheduled.

F. C. Foster  
Trail, Ore.

The Lord's Sabbath  
To the Editor: Thank you for your fine editorials on the Sunday closing law. I agree with you 100 per cent. The law is wrong regard-

less of the day, let it be Friday, Saturday or Sunday. God created man a free moral agent; let us keep him that way. Is it not surprising at the lack of knowledge (?)? Even one of our Baptist ministers implies in his Tribune letter 3-6-63 that he did not know that thousands of Baptists believe Christ when He says: "The Sabbath was made for man." Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27,28). They believe Christ being Lord of the Sabbath, makes it not believe "man" in the above Scripture means Jew, for in the beginning, woman was made for "man" as well as the Sabbath. If "man" means Jew, then we gentiles must look elsewhere for our help, as if God made the woman and the Sabbath only for "man" Jew.

Those thousands of Baptists believe Christ fulfilled the law, and to fulfill a law is to obey it, not to destroy it. If fulfill means "destroy," then we have no righteousness. (Matt. 3:15). No doubt, the great apostle Paul believed as thousands of Seventh Day Baptists, and millions of others, that the Seventh Day Sabbath of the ten commandments is the Lord's Day. We find Paul holding Church services at many places. At Corinth Paul worked as a tent maker a year and six months, and preached every Sabbath to both Jew and Gentile (Acts 18:1-11). This was many years after Christ.

I am another teenage "job hunter" who has been looking for downtown work for the past two summers. Granted, it is hard to find work, and especially when one is still in school, but if I felt that my meager need for work was outweighing a more deserving person out of a job, I wouldn't want the position.

Teenagers need work for a number of reasons. Probably one of the greatest is for job experience. With each new job we gain a broader background. Many high school students plan to go to college.

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Not only are the standards for college entrance rising, but so are the prices! This adds another reason for working to the list. Summer activities, new clothes, new shoes, and smaller wants, all cost money. One more great reason for working is for the almighty dollar, which isn't always spent on worthy goods. Sometimes a student takes the responsibility of working in order to help his family. This person is very deserving of a job.

As we teenagers work for our reasons, so do the adults. Many adults are still supporting a family or themselves, and even if they are receiving social security, the extra money helps. Maybe the stores do hire more adults than teenagers. Why? Possibly the answer is this, they have had more experience. Certainly they know what they are doing or they never would have been hired in the first place. Have you ever stopped to think that those "older ladies" might not want to work? If this is the case, then I sympathize with them. However, no person should be turned away from society because he has reached the age of fifty. If these people want to work, and can, then far be it from us to try to discourage them so we can get ourselves a job.

We want and need jobs just the same as everyone else. Now, however, that the shocking truth of the difficulties of job hunting have come to light, it is hardly right to expect everyone else to move over. We will all go on struggling but, somehow, I think we will manage.

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Medford.

Wisdom  
To the Editor: American plutocracy boasts of its capitalist system, the system, it is claimed, under which America has grown great. What a strange boast is that! True, America has grown great under capitalism. So did Greece and Rome grow great under slavery, and what has become of the glory that was Greece and the boast that was Rome?

It seems trite to say, in this day and age, that there is no permanency in political and economic systems, yet the contentions of the fatuous defenders of the profit system imply precisely such permanency. They will concede that there was need of fundamental social changes once, but there is none now, they argue.

There was history once, but history is no more! There is movement, change, they admit, but upon examination it will be found that the movement and change are of the kind that characterize an ant-hill. There, to be sure, we find plenty of movement, but the same dull, endless traffic of insects whose sole endeavor and life-purpose are the preservation of the ant-hill, and the form and kind of life that are found around and within it. So, logically enough, the contentions of the upholders of bourgeois democracy come to represent a plea for the reduction of human society to the status and level of the ant-hill, and the reduction of the workers to nothing more nor less than the state and condition of endlessly toiling working-ants.

Such sloppy thinking passes for wisdom among our capitalist intelligentsia.  
Lydia Burnham,  
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Criteria for Greatness  
To the Editor: Your kind invitation to join the search for the twelve greatest men in history should prove interesting. The task is impossible, of course, but the exercise is welcome.

At the outset appears the

fact that the real problem lies in selecting the criteria for basing judgement, rather than merely selecting a list of twelve men however great. Thus it behooves one to at least attempt to state these bases, thereby giving the recipient opportunity to judge the results, and make an intelligent reply.

The following list contains my choice of the twelve men, the absence of whom would have most greatly changed the history, as we know it, of their succeeding generations. They are: Sargon I, Zarathustra, Hammurabi, Yajnavalkya, Buddha, Thales, Pericles, Jesus of Nazareth, Paul, Peter the Hermit, Martin Luther, and Copernicus.

In any such group of names there must always be some honorable mentions. Under this guise I will submit eight more: Urukagina, Guden, Cyrus, Mahavira, Aristotle, Mohammed, Ghengis Khan, and Peter the Great.

It would be a fascinating study to note the manner in which the names on the list change, as the criteria upon which the list is based change.

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TUT! TUT! Stan.  
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# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Stan Delaplane, columning in the Sonoma country, says in his Postcard column in the Chronicle:

"I drove through the Sonoma valley, where (back in 1846) California raised the Bear Flag of Independence that flies over our (California) schools and public buildings.

"An interesting point of this is that these rebellious Americans were loaded with Fort Sutter whiskey rather than wine (in which the valley now specializes).

"A good many of them criticized the artist — they said the bear looked like a pig. The artist mispelled California, and had to insert the final 't' above the line.

"However, it was an historical monument and adds charm to the Biggest State in the Union."

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boarding house in Springfield, Illinois, where her 33-year-old husband was practicing law.

Their room and board, by the way, cost them four dollars a week. Living was simpler for newly-weds in those days.

GETTING back to Mrs. Lincoln's nephew, he is said by historians to have had a certain amount of artistic talent. But his materials were crude. The historic Bear Flag that was raised at Sonoma that day was a piece of whitish brown cloth a yard and a half in length — probably an empty flour sack, or something of the sort.

There is a legend to the effect that Todd made a crude brush by pounding a twig until the end of it was reduced to fibers. In the absence of paint in the pioneer village of Sonoma, he is said to have dipped his brush in some pokeberry juice.

He placed upon the cloth a large star in the upper right-hand corner, and facing star he placed the figure of a grizzly bear. Having come lately from the East, he wasn't too familiar with grizzly bears. Native Californians gazing contemptuously at this design were heard later to call in "the shoal."

But it served its purpose. The flag was raised and the Bear Republic came into being.

AND—  
For your information, Stan —  
Captain Fremont had just come down from KLAMATH LAKE, where he had finally been found by Lieutenant Gillespie, the Marine who had traveled half around the world (he had to take a detour to the Sandwich Islands) to find Fremont and deliver to him the famous message that was so secret that somewhere along the way he committed it to memory and then ATE the paper on which it was written.

## Poets' Corner

Conducted by  
Arnold Eugene Jenny

Governor Hatfield on Poetry  
Since the earliest beginnings of our civilization, man's deeds have been immortalized for posterity in poetry and song. I would hope that all our citizens may recognize these contributions and that the number of those who enjoy poetry and who are poets will increase.

—Mark O. Hatfield, Governor of Oregon, in Proclamation on State of Oregon Poetry Day, Oct. 15, 1962

Written in March  
The cock is crowing,  
The stream is flowing,  
The small birds twitter,  
The lake doth glitter,  
The green field sleeps in the sun;  
The oldest and youngest  
Are at work with the strongest;  
The cattle are grazing,  
Their heads never raising;  
There are forty feeding like one!

Like an army defeated  
The snow hath retreated,  
And now doth fare ill  
On the top of the bare hill;  
The ploughboy is whooping—anon-anon:  
There's joy in the mountains;  
There's life in the fountains;  
Small clouds are sailing,  
Blue sky prevailing;  
The rain is over and gone!  
—William Wordsworth

As Night Begins  
The glimmer of twilight waiting . . .  
Dusk at gates of night;  
The stars through heavens freighting,  
Leaves, wind-tumbled in flight;  
The trail of an evening comet  
Caught on the spar of a cloud,  
Night breezes running the gamut  
Of hills in slumber bowed;  
Moonlight aslant the river  
Sifting silver among the leas,  
For night is in answer a sonnet  
Of magic profundities.  
—Rena Ferguson Parks  
Portland, Ore.

Changeless  
If I should glimpse you in a complex dream  
Moving towards me as you used to do,  
All things would turn to shadows in the dream  
Excepting you—  
Just as they did so long ago,  
Just as before—exactly so.  
—Helen Axtell  
Trail, Ore.

Future's Gate  
How good it is we do not know,  
as down life's paths we swiftly go,  
The things of sorrow, pain and stress  
or e'en the joys and happiness  
That face us in the days ahead.

It's best we cannot see inside  
the gate where future's secrets hide,  
But patiently wait for what must come  
of good or bad, of storm or sun,  
For worry cannot pierce the veil.

So let us keep in mind always—  
tomorrow's soon are yesterday's;  
Find more of joy and less of sorrow,  
this day—so quick to be tomorrow—  
And live our days just one by one.  
—Edwin C. Roworth  
Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif.

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