

"Why Don't You Soar?"



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Letter of Interest

To the Editor: The following letter will without doubt prove of interest to all veterans living on the west coast. David Frisch, P.O. Box 292, White City, Ore.

Dear Mr. Frisch:

At the present time the Veterans Administration is conducting a pilot study of the so-called Restoration Centers. The first such center was opened at the VA Hospital, Mines, Ill. in December, 1961, and a second Restoration Center is now under construction at the VA Hospital, East Orange, N. J., and expected to be opened in September of this year.

The Veterans Administration plans to transfer veterans who have received maximum hospital benefits and who, it is felt may be rehabilitated to a point where they may continue to reside in their own home or other abode with a minimum of assistance. The Veterans Administration believes that many of these patients may be rehabilitated through various forms of therapy and be able to stand on their own in society, rather than being admitted to a domiciliary or like institution.

Communists is on the same order as these church wolves in sheeps-clothes robes who are touring our country with the N.C.C. These wolves travel around to and from Russia in Soviet owned Jet planes, piloted by Soviet pilots. At the W.C.C. convention in New Delhi they arrived each day in a Soviet Cadillac with a Soviet chauffeur.

We must be paying for this U.S. tour, we always do. Yet, an anti-Communist can't get into the country. We must remember that when we hear the words, hate, terrorists, suspicious, fear, slander, lies, vilification, it always means a patriot, no matter what country. They are never used for our enemies.

The dictionary you use must be a 50 pound size. Could you find a less weighty one? There is none in your letters. There never are. We get ours from Washington, D.C., as well as from the Congressional Record and the F.B.I.

Ella Powell, Box 621, Central Point, Ore.

Represent Both Sides

To the Editor: The indictment of the airlines serving Medford is both unfair and unrealistic. Scheduled airlines are interested in serving the largest community need consistent with a profitable operation. Before we heap abuse at the airlines, it would be interesting to note the number of passengers using the services during periods other than relatively high density passenger traffic experienced during the summer vacation months.

How many times have many of us flown north from San Francisco or south from Portland at the end of the day and seen not more than two or three passengers on the plane en route to Medford. What does it cost to operate a twin engine scheduled airliner from Portland to Medford? Certainly more than the revenue received from three passengers.

Proof Needed

To the Editor: And paging A.E.J. of the Manse, you say that "Our Bible teaches us that all men are God's children" and in another letter that "true brotherhood as lived and taught by Jesus." Which brotherhood? Which Bible? The "Bible" that the N.C.C. got up of the 93 men who were officially connected with it 30 of them had more than 95 communist front connections, some as high as 29, 25 and 22 fronts.

The King James Bible is a translation from the original languages. John 8:41 and 44 shows one family of brothers. Jesus said to the Pharisees and Scribes that "ye are of your father the devil," and "ye do the deeds of your father."

The second family of brothers is in John 8:19 when Jesus told the same group that, "ye neither know me nor my Father," and John 8:54 Jesus said "it is my Father that honoreth me." So there are two distinct groups of Israelites from Exodus to Revelation we find the two groups. One, the believing Israelites and two, the unbelieving Israelites. Paul labeled them as believing Jews and the unbelieving Jews. So as we pretend to be brotherly to the modernists and communists lets remember that Jesus who said "Love one another," also said, "Ye generation of vipers how will ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Frank Kock and Smoot are right about Betancourt. Betancourt's persecution by the

Foreign News: Next Move in Sino-Soviet Peace Maneuvering Up to N. Khrushchev

By WILLIAM J. FOX, United Press International

Notes from the foreign news cables:

Mao-Khrushchev The next move in the Sino-Soviet peace maneuvering is up to Premier Nikita Khrushchev and could come in the next few days or much later. Whether Khrushchev will visit Communist Chinese Premier Mao Tse-tung, or vice versa, remains a moot question among even the best-informed observers in London and Moscow. In fact, diplomats in all capitals are hedging their bets as to whether they will even get together to try to iron out their bitter ideological differences.

But some Communist sources in London have come up with an interesting possible compromise. They suggest that if any meeting at all comes up, it might be settled on the basis of an exchange of visits, with Khrushchev first going to Peking, and then

some time not too long afterward with Mao visiting Moscow.

No Malaysia War The consensus among observers in Manila is that, despite the tough talk from all sides, there will be no shoot-

ing war over Malaysia. Most believe the proposed new federation will come into being as scheduled on Aug. 31, despite objections and threats from Indonesia and the Philippines, and talk of increasing the size of armed forces by Malaysia.

Washington Report

By William S. White, (c) United Feature Syndicate

Political Mine Fields Washington - The Republicans and Democrats alike are walking over political mine fields now

over Castro Cuba, and of this their wisest leaders are poignantly aware. The ultimate fear of the ablest Democrats is that their party may

"soften" toward Communist Cuba. The ultimate fear of the ablest Republicans is that they may wind up tagged as the "war party." There is every reason for both concerns.

Rarely in the endlessly marching world crises of three decades have both American parties confronted such subtle crises of their own in the matter of how to deal with a foreign danger with strength and yet with prudence, with care for national safety and with care also for party safety.

IN BOTH, the most profound inner struggles are now going on. Within the GOP one set of antagonists is made up of the top GOP congressional leaders, notably Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois and Rep. Charles Halleck of Indiana. This set wishes to press the Kennedy administration for more action-but not enough

action to accept the imminent threat of major war. The other set, typified by Republican National Chairman William E. Miller, demands far more risky moves against Castro - for example an unrestricted blockade which in itself would be an act of war.

Like the Dirksen-Halleck wing of the GOP the Symingtons and Russells would run more risk than the President is chancing, but would stop short of the extreme line of which Chairman Miller and, say, Sen. Barry Goldwater, are examples.

Now, one other point should be totally understood. Nobody in these four sets of earnestly contending men differs with anybody else as to the objective. All most truly want to see an end of communism in this hemisphere. It is not differing motives which are involved here; it is differing judgments.

To the columnist, among the Republicans the Dirksens and Hallecks are right, and among the Democrats the Russells and Symingtons are right.

For, finally to adopt the Miller line the GOP will attach the "War Party" label to itself, with grave probable political consequences for 1964. Quite apart from the grave error in substantive policy that line would involve. And if the Ball-administration people prevail among the Democrats, the Democratic party will enter 1964 under heavy charge that it did not fully face up to communism.

WHAT is needed is a working concert among the President, the Dirksens, Hallecks, Symingtons and Russells, excluding alike the Millers and Goldwaters and those administration people who cling to the claim that all is well as it stands.

This concert should encourage the President, as the final authority, to set upon a policy more affirmative than at present but yet treating war as the very last resort. Surely such a policy, for one thing, should contemplate a far harder and more open pressure than is now being exerted upon our Latin-American neighbors to see Cuba as a hemisphere cancer and to join with us to cut it out, one way or another.

May God have mercy on these last about us and on their foolish fleeting hours as they attempt to eat, drink and be merry even to their last supper.

William Thomas Cuddy, VA Domiciliary, White City, Ore.

God and the Veteran To the Editor: The youthful fervor of our wartime soldier, sailor and Marine is sadly missing in the Veteran of today. Gone now from the majority who "fit" in our wars is any allegiance to the God of our country.

A cool look at the thousand residents of this Domiciliary shows that from an average 750 Protestants only 30 attend Chapel Sunday mornings and that out of an average 245 Catholics but 60 come to both Masses Sundays. Each Sunday eve a different denomination from this area holds more colorful services in the Theater yet only 50 to 100 are attracted by the excellent music of these kindly neighbors or by the women singers.

Our gracious Government, relatively, spends as much on our well-appointed Chapel and two resident Chaplains as on the dining facilities and entertainment where the Veterans really congregate. And nowhere could Veterans find more considerate charitable friends than in the Rev. John E. Frazee and Father Lawrence Eskay!

Father Michael Reilly of Mt. Angel, Ore., relieves Fr. Eskay for his summer vacations. Filled with the spiritual courage of Jesus and righteously angered by the small attendance he demanded "Where are these men? Why they are in those other build-

Sheriffs and State Police

A bill now before the Oregon legislature—one which now has an apparently slim chance of passing, incidentally—would do these things: 1. Transfer from sheriffs to county treasurers the job of collecting taxes. 2. Abolish the office of constable, and transfer to the sheriff his civil duties and to the state police his few criminal duties. 3. Transfer the criminal duties of the sheriff to the state police.

THIS would pretty well relegate the sheriff's office to being custodian of the jail, process server, and servant of the court. The sheriffs of the state, of course, oppose the measure.

The bill, though, has some things in its favor. It would tend to reduce property taxes at the local level, partly because the treasurer, a trained fiscal officer, would be more apt than sheriffs in most cases to take advantage of interest on collected tax monies, but principally because the high cost of criminal investigations would be borne by the state, rather than the county.

It also would eliminate the costly duplication of criminal services, the frequent jealousies between state police and sheriff's office, and provide for the substitution of one of the most efficient and best trained law enforcement agencies in the nation for the occasionally ill-trained and poorly organized sheriff's departments.

THE Salem Capital Journal supports the bill. It says:

"The final financial picture: Millions of dollars less in property taxes at the county level, and no increase in the state income tax. "Primarily for reasons of better law enforcement, and secondarily because of a desirable shift in taxes, we urge a careful look at the bill."

It also made a point with which we agree (but with which opponents of "home rule" are apt to disagree), when it said:

In training, discipline, organization and caliber of personnel, the average state police officer is superior to the average sheriff's officer. It all goes back to this one point: sheriffs are selected through vote-getting ability, which doesn't necessarily coincide with police or administrative ability."

THERE are, of course, good sheriff's departments and bad ones. The point here, however, is that there is one state police department, and it is a good one. It would equalize and improve the level of law enforcement throughout the state.

In our view, the office of sheriff is largely an anachronism anyway, a hangover from the medieval office of shire reeve, and while the office many continue to be useful as an adjunct of the courts, and for custodial purposes, modern and efficient law enforcement would logically be better obtained through a modern and efficient police force.

The measure makes a considerable amount of sense.—E.A.

Central American Market

The core of a hemispheric common market of immense importance to the United States is growing in Central America. That is why President Kennedy will probably choose so far as he can to talk about economic development, not Castro's Cuba, when he meets with chiefs of six Central American governments in San Jose.

The countries involved are Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. The first five constitute the Organization of Central American States. Panama is not a member, but she has been invited to join the Central American Common Market and probably will.

FOUR countries formed the Central American Common Market (CACM) in December 1960: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua. It was born of a realization that high tariffs were holding back investments in new industries and expansion of established ones.

Internal trade among the five nations has jumped nearly 30 per cent, to more than \$42 million, since CACM was instituted. Expansion is rapidly increasing. One observer reports: "It (CACM) has revolutionized the buying habits of many Central American housewives by making available at reasonable prices a wide variety of foodstuffs and household goods that they couldn't afford before because of prohibitive import duties."

THE treaty of Montevideo, ratified in May, 1961, set into motion a larger Latin American Free Trade Association which today includes Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Venezuela and Bolivia have delayed in joining because their chief exports, oil and tin, pose special problems.

It is now two years since President Kennedy's unprecedented White House speech to the Latin American diplomatic corps which put forth the bold Alliance for Progress plan. No sounder way to augment that plan than through the two trade groups can be imagined. That is why the President will probably be in a receptive mood when the CACM members at San Jose ask him for a \$200 million loan for highways, electric power linkups, and industrial finance.

The Times of London recently suggested that it was now to be hoped that Europe would join in the Latin Alliance. "Western Europe," The Times observed, "has a chance to give the Alliance a broader international flavor and make a bridge between the political outlook of North and South America." Developments like CACM and the free trade area kindling European interest.—E.R.R.

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 March 18, 1953 (Wednesday) City Councilman Paul Selby was elected president of the Medford city council by a unanimous vote at a busy regular council session.

Albany High school defeated the Medford High school basketball team, 70 to 58, in a first round game of the 1953 Oregon State Class A high school basketball tournament in Eugene.

20 YEARS AGO March 18, 1943 (Thursday) Civil defense leaders state first test of Medford air raid sirens was unsatisfactory.

From Arthur Perry's "St. Smudge Pot" column: "St. Patrick's day has come and gone without being set back 10 days to give more time for plans for April 1 fooling."

30 YEARS AGO March 18, 1933 (Saturday) County judge released from jail on \$15,000 bond after being arrested in ballot theft and destruction case.

Plans under way for Medford "cleanup, paintup" campaign scheduled to start early in April.

40 YEARS AGO March 18, 1923 (Sunday) Jackson county citizens protest against \$1,710 cost of enforcing prohibition law in county during February.

Medford without water day and a half while pipeline being repaired.

50 YEARS AGO March 18, 1913 (Tuesday) Central Point driver, fined \$3 for speeding, threatens never to spend another dollar in Medford.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. In what New England state did Shay's Rebellion occur?

2. What is wrong with a person afflicted with strabismus?

3. Under which Federal Department is the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

4. Does it take about two, four, six or eight pounds of potatoes to make a pound of potato chips?

5. Under our Constitution, can the President veto one or more items in a proposed law, without invalidating the rest of the law?

6. What country of Europe is bounded by Czechoslovakia and the U.S.S.R. on the North, Yugoslavia on the South, Rumania on the East and Austria on the West?

7. Is the dingo native to Tibet, Madagascar or Australia?

8. In the royal grants in the English Colonies what kind of trees were usually reserved for the Crown?

9. From what country did the U. S. acquire the now unincorporated territory of Guam?

10. According to legend, Shem, son of Noah, was the father of what branch of the human race?

Answers: 1. Massachusetts. 2. Cross-eyed. 3. Justice. 4. Four. 5. No. 6. Hungary. 7. Australia. 8. Pine trees suitable for ship masts. 9. From Spain. 10. Semites (Hebrews, Arabs, Phoenicians and Carthaginians).

Strictly Personal

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

ON LETTER WRITING A recent piece of mine about writing letters—and the fact that there is no relationship between the ability to write good letters and literary skill in general—seemed to surprise some readers. Evidently they expect a professional writer to be not only adept but even eager to indulge in personal correspondence.

Actually, except for those literary exhibitionists who compose letters with a sly glance at posterity (and who also manage to keep copies of their lengthy epistles), most professional writers have little skill and less desire to grind out words after working hours.

No one expects a surgeon to perform a lobectomy just for the fun of it, or a lawyer to handle litigation as a hobby, but somehow people assume that a writer likes nothing better than to spend his spare time in pecking away at the typewriter in an ecstatic trance.

When the writer confesses that he doesn't even know how to compose a really interesting letter, this is taken as mere irony or an excuse for laziness. But the truth about this sort of professional incapacity was amusingly revealed some years ago in a book by Beatrice Houdini about her late husband, the great magician and escape artist.

Houdini, as everyone knows, was the cleverest man with his hands who ever lived. He could palm 52 cards, a complete deck, one after the other. He could escape from handcuffs, strait jacket or a trunk. No jail cell was able to hold him.

But, in his personal life, this amazing dexterity was nowhere evident. Once, Mrs. Houdini relates, he was putting in a new light bulb in her room, which shattered to bits on the floor.

She rebuked him for this clumsiness, he apologized profusely, and went to fetch a second bulb—which also slipped from his fingers and smashed.

This time she upbraided him so fiercely that he hastily left the house. An hour later, a messenger appeared with an envelope. The message read: "Mr. Houdini wishes to inform Mrs. Houdini that the first bulb fell out of his hand, but the second one slipped. He wishes to convey his sorrow, and promises that the one that fell will never fall again."

On another occasion, the Houdinis were guests at a country house party, when the hostess asked for help in arranging the table for a buffet supper. His wife saw Houdini volunteering, and remarked: "He won't be any good to them," adding in a burst of confidence, "You know, he's the most helpless man in the world!"



"The symptoms are clear—confusion, despondency, frustration, a tendency toward irrationality. It's not a virus, but when it reaches epidemic proportions it's called the 'Cuban Flu'."