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Beyond Decency

To the Editor: Many years ago when Theodore Roosevelt was a young man ranching in South Dakota, he with one of his cowboys was hunting stray calves. The custom of the country was to rope and burn on the brand of the owner of the range on which the calf was caught. The cowboy started to put the Roosevelt brand onto a calf caught on another man's land. "T.R." promptly told him to go back to the ranch house and get his pay, adding "any man who will steal from me will some day steal from me."

How much I wish that "T.R." was President today. He certainly would have immediately fired Arthur Sylvester, the present information chief, who stated that it was the Government's inherent right, if necessary, to lie to save itself when going up into a nuclear war. I do not question that it is right to keep certain information secret so that the Russians and other communist countries can't get it, but for a representative of the Government deliberately to lie to the press is beyond the pale of decency and honor. It is also stupid. But there may be hope. President Kennedy certainly told Khrushchev where he could go.

Horace W. Thompson
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Medford

Can Be Done
To the Editor: This is in reply to the editorial of Monday March 18, which infers that all those who opposed the so called "Home Rule" system of County government are against abolishing our modulated county officials such as constables, and streamlining and modernizing the other departments where it will mean a more efficient and economical system.

To the contrary, we believe these things can be done under our present system without having to give up our right to vote to secure them. There are many ways in

which the different county departments could work more closely together, thus saving a great deal of duplication and expense. This is a job for the County Court and we think eventually it will be done.

However abolishing the office of county constable is a job of the legislature. It is a first step.

After seeing the ridiculous mess that has been made of billboard control inside the city limits I find that the city managership type of government for the city of Medford is far from perfect.

Leila A. Morrow
531 North Bartlett st.
Medford.

Appalled at Roads
To the Editor: As a recent visitor to your state, I was appalled at the condition of your county roads in the north area, particularly the Beagle area.

When a family, including three small children, must walk three-fourths of a mile just because the county crew is too lazy to gravel Beagle road, things are really bad. Every time it rains, this portion of Beagle rd. is like tar at 200 degrees. It sticks to your feet and makes all travel almost impossible.

I hope that this letter will do some good and get some action so you have a beautiful county so why have a mark against it?

Ronald D. Hutchison,
Box 521,
Washtucna, Wash.

Wants Kindergartens
To the Editor: In a few months we will have lived in this community five years. I find it lacking many things for its size and growth. I am going to write about one that I feel is important although, evidently, many others won't agree.

I have lived in cities larger and smaller than Medford and I find Medford to be the only one that does not have public kindergartens in its schools. I have heard complaints about

this from many others, mostly those that have moved here from other areas. People brought up here don't seem to realize the difference. They seem to feel that since they can't afford the private expensive kindergarten, that their children aren't entitled to it.

I think something should be done to get kindergartens in the schools. If other cities feel their necessity and provide them, I think Medford should also. The taxes would be the same anywhere else and kindergartens would be included.

Maybe many think they are unnecessary and would not allow their children to attend. That would be their decision as some schools don't require entering the first grade.

I for one would like to see kindergartens established in the schools or know the reason why not. How many agree?

(Name on File)
Medford

Quotation Out of Context
To the Editor: Back around 1916, in an article in a YMCA publication, I advocated abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. A University of Buffalo chemistry professor challenged my refutation of the popular notion that alcohol is a food, quoting a British authority's assertion that "Alcohol is a food." My professor friend emphasized the "is" but failed to cite the rest of the Englishman's statement which was, as I learned through further research: "...but a very undesirable food, indeed, a very detestable food" since it could perform only one function of food, namely, produce heat, but could not build nor repair tissue.

That was a good example of taking a quotation out of context to "prove" something, whereas the full text might state the very opposite. This is a trick a number of Communications writers like to employ.

Thus, Ella Powell, 3-19, argues against my writing of "true brotherhood as lived and taught by Jesus." She asks, "Which brotherhood?" and goes on to talk about Jesus' immediate family relations and introduces a lot of other irrelevances which have nothing to do with the larger brotherhood implicit in all of Jesus' teachings and that of his disciples, as for example, in Mark 3:32-35 (RSV):

"And a crowd was sitting about him; and they said unto him, 'Your mother and your brothers are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking around on those who sat about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whosoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother.'"

Since Mrs. Powell seems to prefer the King James version, she may want to read the above reference there. O.K. In only slightly different words, it says the same thing. Both versions, of course, are translations from the original Greek. Mrs. Powell ridiculously denounces the Revised Standard Version as having been produced by '95 men . . . 30 of whom had more than 95 communist front connections.' So it is as though that came straight from Smoot, and probably did. In any case, not only utterly absurd but totally false.

Now a word for Frank Koch. Time magazine, hardly a communist journal, said of Betancourt on March 1: "No other chief of state south of the border has been under sharper attack from the extremes of left and right or fought them all off more courageously." Well said!

Arnold Eugene Jenny,
Rogue Valley Manor,
Medford

Cherish Freedom

To the Editor: If you cherish freedom, can you do less than everything in your power now to preserve it? Will you lift a finger to save America? Our Congress can turn the tide if people like you and me will urge legislators to make the effort.

Write today to Representative R. B. Duncan, House Office Building, Washington, D.C., and Sen. Wayne Morse and Maurine Neuberger, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. Tell each of them that you want America saved from communism and socialism and that Congress must assume responsibility for the nation's survival. Suggest that Congress:

1. Cut the budget so income exceeds outgo, applying the balance to the national debt.

2. Immediately reorganize the State Department, removing all socialists there and in other departments as well (with their beliefs they should never have taken the oath to defend the Constitution).

3. Urge cooperation with Latin American communists who will insist communists leave our hemisphere under penalty of embargo and closing em-

Lossing Confidence

To the Editor: You were highly incensed and virulently loquacious in your editorial column a few days ago concerning an inference by one of your Communications letter writers that the Kennedy Administration was lying to the American public and coddling Communists. I believe you called it "a damning but untrue narrative of outrage."

And now, lo and behold! Screaming headlines on the front page of the March 19 Mail Tribune say, "J.F.K.'s administration accused of deception during Cuba crisis!"

And the subtitle heading underneath screams even louder, "News media say actions imitate red techniques!"

Quoting the news story below, "News publishers, editors, and broadcasters accused the government today of deceiving the American people during the Cuban crisis. They warned that this imitate Communist techniques. The news media representatives told the House government information subcommittee that the government has no right to lie to the public in any situation short of all out war, or

Unless national security is vitally involved."

And how about it? Do we also coddle Communists? We have just witnessed our President going down to Costa Rica and protecting Castro and Communist Cuba. Six Central American countries wanted to take stiff action against Castro, but President Kennedy would not agree to it. A subtitle to the main headline story of March 20 Mail Tribune tells the story "No promise given on stiffer action against Castro."

So by our own paper this "narrative of outrage" is both "damning" and true. Frankly, I'm losing confidence in your editorials, even as I lost all confidence in the Kennedy administration a long time ago.

And as its spokesmen insistently and almost hysterically tell us that the Venezuelan president, Romulo Betancourt is an anti-Communist, every instinct within me warns me of danger.

We'd better heed the warning in Communications by Frank Koch of the Red danger in Latin America. If those people in our State Department who set Castro up in Cuba, succeed in making

another Cuba out of Venezuela, we have had it. For then we will never be able to stop the Communist encirclement and strangulation of the United States.

Everett Acklin,
Ashland, Ore.

one of them New Deal chickens managed to get himself locked up in the New Frontiah chicken coop.

Now I wouldn't exactly say that the New Frontiah wuz a bunch of chicken thieves, but I don't see how every damn

one of them New Deal chickens managed to get himself locked up in the New Frontiah chicken coop.

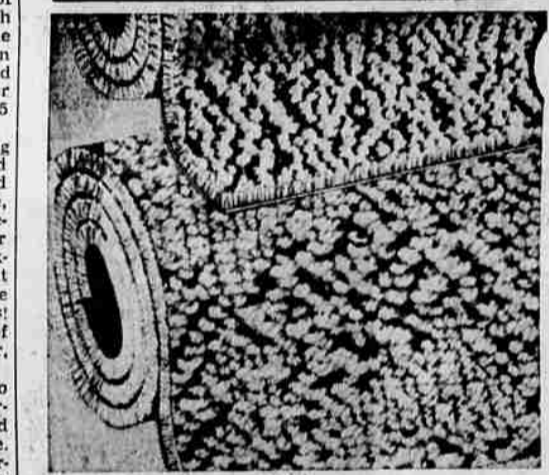
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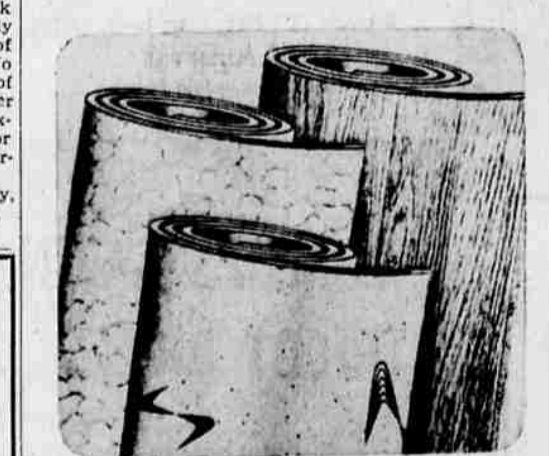
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Science and Poetry
Science answers some of the questions which man asks about his world, encourages him to investigate that world, and helps him control it. Poetry satisfies his need for meaning and beauty.
—Bonaro Wilkinson

Despite Time
No, Time, thou shalt not boast that I do change:
Thyramids built up with newer might,
To me are nothing novel, nothing strange;
They are but dressings of former sight.
Our dates are brief, and therefore we admire
What thou dost foist upon us that is old,
And rather make them born to our desire
Than think that we before have heard them told.
Thy registers and thee I both defy,
Not wondering at the present nor the past;
For thy records and what we see do lie,
Made more or less by thy continual haste.
This do I vow, and this shall ever be,
I will be true, despite thy scythe and thee.
William Shakespeare

Villanelle For a Pioneer
My grandsire cleared this tract of land
Nearly a hundred years ago,
Wielding the ax with his own hand.
One team of oxen at his command,
Working through heat and rain and snow,
My grandsire cleared this tract of land,
And built the home his young wife planned.
The work was tedious and slow,
Wielding the ax with his own hand.
You ask what makes my heart expand
Year after year, watching things grow?—
My grandsire CLEARED this tract of land . . .
One man alone, mild-eyed and bland,
Laid a matted wilderness low,
Wielding the ax with his own hand.
I wonder if you understand
How humbly proud I am to know
My grandsire cleared this tract of land,
Wielding the ax with his own hand.
—Mary Boyd Wagner
New York, N. Y.

* A villanelle is a poem of fixed form, usually of a pastoral or lyric nature, consisting normally of five three-lined stanzas and a final quatrain, with only two lines throughout.

Biography
A woman's cry in deep travail,
A child is born, a life set sail
Upon uncharted seas;
The radiant morn, the sunny noon,
Then evening comes, and night: how soon
The tomb triumphant to appease.
Then bursting forth with shackles riven,
A soul shall wing its way to Heaven,
Uncharted seas no more to sail,
For through the eons it shall roam
Amid the splendors of its Home
Prepared by Hands within the veil.
Frank Roberts
Medford

Point of No Return
I think that I shall never see
A Tax Rebate that's meant for me.
Mine just says (and it makes me burn):
"You've reached the point of no return!"
—Evelyn D. Young
Mountain View, Calif.

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