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Jungle of Ugliness

To the Editor: After reading Mr. Richardson's letter several times, I presume he is not being satirical, but I can hardly believe anyone could be that insensitive. After picturing the grandeur of our surrounding natural beauty he asks us to create a jungle of ugliness which he describes as "snappy". I must be naive but I thought that sort of thinking was a relic of "Main Street."

Even the "colorful and imaginative" signs Mr. Richardson pictures become a garish, chaotic ghetto when increased ten times over. Surely the contrast between this horror he would create and the beauty of our surrounding areas should be obvious even to Mr. Richardson.

No one wants to cheat a worker out of a 10-cent tip but it hardly seems conceivable that a tourist is going to be drawn to Medford because of our beautiful signs. Tourism is one of Oregon's leading industries but I know of no one who has come here to look at our billboards. People stop to eat when they are hungry; they get gas when their tank is empty; they spend the night when they are tired or a scenic attraction lures them. Their physical needs are not dictated by outdoor advertising.

It is rather tragic that a person can live in an area of unsurpassed beauty and be so untouched by it that he will forsake his heritage for a 10-cent tip. Because we have magnificence in nature it does not follow that we must have wretchedness in our cities.

Celia Dunford
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Medford

Supports Investigation

To the Editor: Thank God for people like Ella Powell, Alice Black, Frank Koch and L. C. Powell who have the courage to bring out the truth. Oh yes and Everett Acklin's of March 23, was super. Also our commentators such as Fulton Lewis and Paul Harvey.

This administration said they have the right to lie. The quickest way for a government to lose the confidence of the people and defeat itself, is to deceive its citizens. The cover-up of the Soviet buildup in Cuba is an example of this policy of deception. Many are becoming highly skeptical of the government's sincerity, as the truth finally becomes known. When a real crisis comes, people will be completely indifferent unless there is a move made to restore confidence of the people. "and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Nov. 25, 1962, Shreveport Times states, that the Monroe Doctrine today is tattered and torn by action and inaction of the President of the U.S. In its place is an alien, a foreign doctrine (Khrushchev Doctrine). Starting with Monroe and on through Eisenhower, no President of the U.S. ever let a foreign ruler commit an overt act against the principles of the Monroe Doctrine until now.

If ever the State Department needed to be investigated it is now knowing those Russian Secret Police agents were coming here in the disguise of clergymen and yet welcomed them. There are those who say they don't believe it. How can they not believe, when one of them admitted it himself?

Of course many people won't try to look for the truth, but would rather just sleep on, "loving darkness rather than light." Those who will not see are in the class with those who will not hear. When they are awakened, it will be too late.

Paul Voronaef (whose mother returned last year after being a prisoner in Russia for 20 years) says people say they don't want Communism, but won't do anything concrete in fighting it. All loyal Americans should rise up and demand an investigation of the State Department. Either be black or white, not just a dull gray.

A man who will not use his freedom to defend his freedom does not deserve his freedom.

Mrs. Ernest Santo
204 Lozier lane
Medford

The Take-Over

To the Editor: "For they shall take who have the power, and they shall keep who can." This is an old slogan, emphasizing the law of nature. And nature knows no pity.

It is a cruel master, both in the wilderness and in our present day civilization. Here

capitalism rules the roost. The successful businessman lives in a world of his own. If he is a millionaire he is either a playboy or occupied in a directory capacity, maybe partly in both.

A businessman in general is occupied not only with the line of business he is in, but also in politics and lawmaking, as it may concern his rights to do business.

The socialists, being more or less a thorn in the flesh to the businessman do have a master plan, on paper, on how to change over from the old law of nature way, to the idealistic cooperative everybody will be happy.

The S.L.P. in its "Weekly People" pictures this proposed change in its literature, how easily it can be done, just by the individual worker, when he arrives at his job in the morning, saying to the boss:

"Boss—from now on I take

over—you aren't needed any longer."

All the workers make that same statement and the factory wheels keep turning, the typewriters keep clicking, just as if nothing had happened.

John E. Ring
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Medford

To the Editor:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Tudor Guild, and the Fair committee, particularly, I wish to thank you and your staff for your generous publicity that made the Tudor Guild Book Fair a success. We are also grateful to the people of the Medford area who donated books, to the radio and television stations for their assistance, and the merchants of Medford for their cooperation.

The Fair realized a substantial share of a Shakespearean Festival acting school.

Poets' Corner

Conducted by
Arnold Eugene Jenny

When April Comes

When April comes, and on the air
Is wafted forth an incense rare,
Which tells of gardens lately blown,
Of orchard trees with beauty strown,
The pink of apple, peach and pear—
Then earth becomes a place so fair
That men forget their weight of care;
For who would nurse a heart of stone,
When April comes?

Then happiness is everywhere,
Our very breathing kills despair;
Although we know some glad hopes sown
Shall still be hopes, with summer flown,
Yet smiles and posies shall we wear,
When April comes?
—Thomas Curtis Clark

Deserted Spring

There is a wilderness of rock and sand,
No trees in all the treeless land,
Only a wide expanse of light.
Yet there is spring, year after year,
Recurrent miracles appear:
Blossoms! Multiple and bright!
—Elizabeth Olsen
Portland, Ore.

April Days

A dash of rain, a burst of golden sun,
A noisy brawl of new-born rills across the field of dum;
A frowning, wind-torn cloud by glorious sky shot through;
I love this sweet, impulsive day: 'tis oh, so much like you!

—Jack Finel
Central Point, Ore.

The Two of Me

I live alone and I talk to myself
as most lonely people do;
I know there's just one of me—know it well,
but something says "there are two."
My day is laid out, my plan is complete,
the motif is work, not play;
But the sun is shining and Spring is here—
plans all end up in delay.
Sometimes the two of me seem to agree,
harmony sets me aglow;
Then one or the other poses an "if"—
and agreement ends in a "no."
The endless debates and arguments go on
without reason or rime,
And the worst of me gets the best of me
About every single time.

—Blanche Ellis Norvell
The Manor, Medford

How Many Have I Known?

How many springs have I known the fragrance
of lilacs in the rain?
Pearled, the purple plumes rise above verdant
branches;
and drunk with the scent, I am stayed
on newly spun grass,
watching the heavy spires sway
against the tall sky.
How many summers have I known the waking
rose at night's end;
and endlessly observed uncurling petals,
brightened with dew,
thrust their flame to the saffron sun
arcuing the hill.
How many times have I known such fragrance
in the rain?

—Mystery Alires
Portland, Ore.

arship, and we feel that we owe a very large measure of its success to the kindness of those mentioned above, and to the many others who helped us.

Ruth E. King
Corresponding Sec.
Tudor Guild
Ashland, Ore.

To the Editor:

Oh to be in Medford Now that April's there: With all the little smudges— Spewing soot into the air.

Though we swear and cough and sputter, Underneath we know it's true There's no use to growl and mutter; In this valley—smudging's due.

Nothing lasts forever; This too, we know shall cease. Rogue Valley's main endeavor— Keep enthroned Good King Comice!

Helen M. Ashley
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Medford.

Quality Concert

To the Editor: A concert of excellent quality and fine taste was presented to the Crater High school student body April 3. Now the reason that this is of considerable significance is because each year hundreds of potential college musicians are graduating from high school in this area, and now, here is a fine opportunity for them to continue.

There is an enrichment of our local cultural status that exceeds the immediate public relations value of this spring tour. We all feel finer and purer and more fulfilled when we see and hear our young people participating in the fine arts into adulthood.

Dr. Cecil and Dr. Stovensen are to be thanked and commended in their decision to bring instrumental music to the fore at the college level here in our own area. Norman Carothers Director of Music Crater High Central Point, Ore.

About the Dunes Area

To the Editor: Two statements by Secretary Udall of the Interior Department following a 40-minute "survey" of the area proposed for a national park south of Florence wiped out any gains he might have made by his recent publicity trip, complete with TV coverage by a Portland advertising man.

(1) When asked if the park service would provide overnight facilities within the park area, Secretary Udall's immediate reply was "No."

These would be left to private operators outside the seashore, he explained. This would mean that the 245 family campsites now maintained by the U. S. forest service and similar facilities in the Umpqua Lighthouse State park would be eliminated although they are extremely popular with the public. The forest service has plans for some 2000 more family units. These families, most of whom cannot afford to stop at motels, would come here, take one look and drive on. As it is they often spend several days enjoying the dunes, the beaches, the lakes, the woods and camping out.

(2) When asked if he agreed with the statement by Conrad L. Wirth, director of the park service, that the proposed area which includes many year-around homes, should be returned to a wilderness state. Udall said it was the aim of the park service to return such places to a "primitive state."

People who live here know that before long the area would become an impenetrable jungle so fast does underbrush grow in this humid climate.

These policies illustrate the difference between the Na-

tional Park Service on one hand and the U. S. forest service and state parks on the other. The latter two make use of the land for the public whereas the National Park Service locks it up.

Jack Parker
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Florence, Ore.

A Shot Is Fired

To the Editor: In the east city limits of Jacksonville south of California st. shortly after 1 p.m. on April 1, a shot was fired that shattered the shoulder and front leg of a small pet animal that never hated anybody, was only out to enjoy the pleasant afternoon. Its cry of pain and fright coming on three legs for help won't easily be forgotten, so if you see someone with a callous blob for a heart it could be the party who fired that shot, which was heard by several people far too close for safety. People with kindness and consideration are sacrificing to pay taxes that lives like that are protected.

(Name on File)
Jacksonville, Ore.
P.S.: The city of Jacksonville has a good city police, but he cannot be on all corners at the same time.

On Library Budget

To the Editor: Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter mailed today to the members of the Jackson county court to urge re-consideration of their decision to grant no increase in funds to the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County.

The greatly expanded use of the facilities clearly shows the need for augmenting further.

Lee E. Carson
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Prospect, Ore.

Gentlemen: I am dismayed by the decision of the court against granting any increase to the requested budget of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County.

At a time when so much concern is voiced over the inadequacy of today's education it would seem imperative to expand this most useful adjunct to our educational system. School libraries are notoriously lacking in facilities for extracurricular study. The increase of 310 per cent in shipment of school classroom book collections, of school class visits increased by 85 per cent, and branch library requests for information by 40 per cent clearly shows the need for and the use of this vital service.

It should be the special concern of every educator and adult interested in education to request a careful re-consideration of the needs of this very important agency.

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Central Point Girls Held for Shopping

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Under questioning, the girls, aged 16 and 17, admitted to officers they took 17 different items from seven stores in the Medford area since Monday.

Mail Trucks Arriving Earlier

Mail trucks from Portland are now arriving in Medford 30 or 40 minutes earlier or about 6:30 a.m. J. A. Eidswick, acting postmaster, has announced.

This change in schedule, sought by the Medford post office for some time, enables carriers to start their rounds at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10 a.m., Eidswick said, and the plan has already been greeted with enthusiasm by a number of Medford down town patrons.

Other improvements in service are being made through addition of courtesy boxes and the planned relocation of others. One was to be placed at the Big Y Friday.

A box has been placed on Court st. at McAndrews rd., another on Court st. at Edwards st., and plans call for location of a "long needed" courtesy box on Eighth st. This will be established as soon as space is provided by the city, Eidswick said, and will do much to lessen the congestion which occurs in front of the main post office daily.

The box will be between Bartlett st. and Riverside ave. and will care for much of the east side population, returning

home from down town each evening. The courtesy box directly in front of Sears store in the shopping center area, which has been creating a traffic hazard, will be moved into a central section of the shopping center. Another courtesy type box will be placed one-half block west of Crater Lake ave. on Jackson st.

The courtesy boxes in front of the main post office and on Holly st. between Sixth and Fifth sts. and the one on West Main st. near the library will continue in operation. Three new parcel post trucks have replaced old ones at the post office and there will be more replacements of the smaller models in the near future, Eidswick said.

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Siskiyou Band Camp Scheduled in July

Ashland - The seventh annual Siskiyou Band Camp, sponsored by the music department of Southern Oregon college, will be held on the college campus July 14-28. Dr. Herbert Cecil, head of the music department has announced.

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Take the family out to dinner

Eating out is a special treat for every member of the family. We take particular pleasure in serving family groups, so make it a custom to dine here frequently. Special portions served for the children.

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