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## EDITOR'S NOTE

In a recent communication, concerning an accident and subsequent trial, it was stated that the defendant was "ascertained" to be drunk by medical examination and blood alcohol tests. In fact, however, he was found innocent of drunken driving in the jury trial. The Mail Tribune regrets the publication of the imputation of guilt, and herewith retracts it.

## Why Did They?

To the Editor: Too many there are who parrot, "It can't be that bad, it can't happen here." Let them be warned how Teamster Boss Hoffa saying labor contracts should end on a single date, added he was "not proposing a general strike but that would be possible under his plan."

But that's the very thing that did happen, in 1919. Three hard-core Russian Bolsheviks, fronted by a starry-eyed preacher and a female helper, promoted a general strike in the 200,000 population city of Winnipeg, just north of the border, reducing it to a shambles of primitive life. Clerks tossed aside aprons to ignore astonished customers. Police abandoned their beats that left unlighted streets to human jackals. City water was turned down to cottage level that rendered fire fighting equipment useless in emergency. Newspapers were closed. Telegraph and telegraph wires cut and mail dumped outside city limits.

This was to have been duplicated in other Canadian cities, but something went wrong. Conditions went from bad to worse for some two weeks when, with great expense and risking life, officials of the Winnipeg Free Press escaped the eyes of Prowling guards and smuggled in a radio sending and receiving set and soon received the glad news that the Russians had NOT taken over all of Canada and the U.S.A. as had been word-of-mouthed about.

With city and government officials under threat of death to act, a citizen committee took over. Under guise of

welcoming home-coming troops at the depot, all proper with Mounted Police, the desperate committee in ramshackle cars, took off to obscure houses, routed out the Russian agents, the preacher and female helper and a few strike promoters, soon had the Russians deported and the others jailed. City officials soon had strikers bootled from office and the big city back to normal life.

But the most damning statement came from the Free Press, demanding why the post office had been closed. "Did not the Postmaster General recognize this stopping of His Majesty's mails as an act of war against the sovereignty of the Canadian Government? If they did so recognize it—then why did they lie down under the affront?"

Yes, why did they? Why does the present administration here allow Russia to establish a military base in Cuba, worse still, preventing Cuban patriots to do anything about it? Does it propose to downgrade the Monroe Doctrine to less than a scrap of paper?

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## Eudemonism

To the Editor: Your wheels are flat, both front and rear, and you haven't got a spare.

When you say the world could do without, The Rogue Valley Smoke-Cured Pear!

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## Fascist Principles

To the Editor: Thank you, Mr. Allen, for the definition of fascism in the Tribune last night. It gave me a good exercise in application of those principles. (1) "any regime with severely nationalistic policies" - (wouldn't you agree that describes Russia perfectly?) (2) "exercising regimentation of industry." (President Kennedy and the steel industry?); "of commerce," (arbitrary dictates of

the Interstate Commerce Commission), "of finance," (our privately owned Federal Reserve System), (3) "rigid censorship," (the Kennedy administration has even defended the use of deceit), (4) "forcible suppression of opposition," (Oxford, Mississippi), (5) "any tendency toward exercise of severe autocratic or dictatorial control as over others within an organization," (of persons as the illegal commitment of Gen. Walker to a mental institution and of groups as the government's control over farmers). These are only a few illustrations of fascist principles in action. Have you ever, Mr. Allen, expressed one word of criticism concerning them?

On the other hand you have frequently accused the John Birch group of being fascist. Following is the personal creed not only of John Birch members, but also of all so-called right wingers. He wants to "run his own business, select his own doctor, make his own bargains and buy his own insurance. He wants to select his own reading matter, provide for his own old age, make his own contracts and select his own charities. He wants to educate his own children as he wishes, make his own investments, select his own friends and provide for his own recreation. He wants to compete freely in the market place, grow by his own efforts and profit by his own errors. He wants the privilege to disagree with the administration he has helped to put into office. He wants to take part in the competition of ideas and be a man of good will. He wants to worship in a church of his own choice, which is free of domination by the National Council of Churches." In other words he is an American of the original breed.

Against such as these you have frequently written very harsh words of disapproval. Such words are understandable from a Communist source, as they were originally, but they are incomprehensible from one who claims to be a loyal American. Will it not become somewhat ridiculous to continue with such utterances when the opposite is so obviously the true fact?

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Editor's note: Have you read the Bluebook of the John Birch Society recently?

## Divine Right of Government

To the Editor: The question in my mind has been, am I for or against capital punishment? Those who are against it say the Bible says "Thou shalt not kill." I took the Bible for my answer. True—the commandments say we should not commit murder. But then we find Gen. 9:8 says "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Lev. 24:17, "And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death." Duet. 19:11,12, "If any man hate his neighbor, and lie in wait for him and rise up against him and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities, then the elders (officers) of his city shall send and fetch him hence, and deliver him in the hand of the avenger of blood that he may die." Also Num. 35:30, "Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses, but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die."

The government role is designated by the word of God. Humanitarian efforts must respect justice and justice demands that the innocent be acquitted and the guilty be punished. Rom: 13.4 is a commission from God for the state to exercise authority. The Apostle Paul recognized that some crimes are worthy of death, that Government authority had the right to put to death; and that he had no right to protest against the death penalty if he were guilty of a Capital crime. Acts 25:11.

At a Baptist convention at Raleigh, N. C., over 2,900 delegates were ready to vote for abolition of capital punishment, when Judge Johnson Hayes, who had been dealing with criminals since 1927 and cited some of the cases as he spoke, sat down, there was a motion to kill the resolution. (Binghamton, N. Y., Press, Nov. 16, 1962).

Since our nation is based on the Bible and it plainly teaches capital punishment, are we going to throw it aside (as many are trying to do) or are we going to believe it and live by its standards?

There are many more references in the Bible pertaining to it. It would be interest-

ing to look them up. Mrs. Ernest Santo  
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## Editor's Note: Two questions arise:

1. Where does any document say our nation is based on the Bible? 2. If government is ordained with the power to kill, why can it not rule on such minor matters as, say, fluoridation of water?

## Daydreaming

To the Editor: Eleanor Roosevelt once said: "We have to face the fact that either all of us are going to die together or we are going to learn to live together—and if we live together we have to talk." To this I have to add: In or-

der to talk intelligently, we should keep an open mind about everything and be curious enough, now and then, to probe into a controversial subject on our own.

There are those, of course, who protest that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing; but I still like what a school-teacher once said to me: "Use your imagination! Know EVERYTHING about something and SOMETHING about everything."

How thankful we should be that great men in all ages HAVE used their imagination—daydreamers such as Columbus and Magellan, who voyaged to discoveries that profoundly changed the course of world history; researchers

such as Galileo, Newton, Darwin, Einstein and other immortals, who persisted in their efforts to expound natural laws; writers like Jules Verne, who foresaw the coming of underwater craft; and inventors of the caliber of Marconi, Edison, Ford and the Wrights, who gave us so many modern-day wonders—to say nothing of the "space spectaculars" from Cape Canaveral.

And now we have plans to go to the moon—alas, leaving behind our "best of all worlds" in something of a mess; it seems that there are those who are trying to head us off: visitors from outer space, who arrive via their flying-saucers! The thought comes to me: Can we afford,

without making some effort to ascertain their authenticity, to dismiss as "daydreaming" or "seeing things" the stories of those who say they have actually talked and dealt with space-beings of high intelligence—especially when we recall the ridicule and dishonor that were heaped upon bygone prophets and revelators of both spiritual and mundane things?

It seems that the spacemen are here to confirm what we ourselves have begun to suspect: that our social and moral awareness has fallen so far behind our physical achievements that we are dangerously "out of balance." They claim that their main objective in coming to earth

at this time is to help us restore that balance and usher in the millenium they call "The Golden Age."

All I can say is: Could be! Surely, with the horrible nightmares that now beset our

world, we need someone from somewhere—in help SAVE US FROM OURSELVES!

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**Of Hens and Poets**  
"They put on the wires today," said a unit from the telegraph desk, "an Irish poet saying when he's going to write a poem he has the same feeling a hen has when she's going to lay an egg."  
—Carl Sandburg

\*From the author's Complete Poems, p. 550, (c) Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc.

**High Leaf**  
Let me imagine your image, your face glowing with goodness again, that fine complexion of purity . . . You were somewhat like this high leaf unfolding, tenderly green, half-opened heart, I cannot remember you clearly, only tall cleanness, and stern kindness, rejecting my love . . . And it was best:

better now this broad light shining on you, on the leaf, than my love that was somehow darkness to you . . . Let me remember your brightness.  
—Willis Eberman  
Portland, Ore.

**Her Garden**  
Among the butterflies and bees,  
Song birds and flowers  
She felt their gentle ministries  
For many happy hours  
She touched the ivory dog-wood trays,  
Watched iris wings unfold  
And gladly nurtured small rose sprays  
In scallop shells of gold.  
When pools of deepening shadows lay  
Across the polished grass  
She said that every closing day  
Smiled, as it hurried past.  
—Helen Axtell  
Trail, Ore.

**Vows**  
Mystic moment,  
Timeless space,  
When two lovers,  
Face to face,  
At last declare  
Sweet naked words  
On breathless air.  
—George H. Bell  
Medford

**This One**  
One laboring on Mammon's prickly acres,  
Watering coarse and pithy stalks, letting  
The delicately-tendrilled go a-thirst  
Chafing at durance, furtively peering  
Through gilt-staked fence toward freedom.

The same one straining to see  
What those without make of their freedom.  
Then what shall this one do?  
Shall he shriek? Shall he sob inwardly?  
Shall he make believe an acquiescent calm?  
Secretly should he search for some high ridge  
In Mammon-land, to transplant salvaged so-called  
weeds  
And, too, a height to search for evening light?  
—His scourger names such a star a figment,  
A vapor, imagination stretched unto illusion.  
Someone bring succor: help this one to know  
His weeds are weeds no longer: his star is real.  
—Matthea Montgomery  
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