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Speaking of Pictures

To the Editor: Your editorial of May 30 concerning the bureaucratic attitude of the U. S. Bureau of Customs which so far has prevented the acceptance of ten gift paintings from Medford's "sister city," Alba, Italy, illustrates only too well the Biblical saying, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

Momentary pictures have been appearing in the news of late. One, clipped from the M/T of 5/30, shows a pretty girl, dressed in a bathing suit and with a camera in her hand, who was "picked" as Miss Press Photographer of Pittsburgh, Pa.

It is perhaps one of the photos that could well be placed in the corner-stone of some great building of our time to give citizens of perhaps a century from now an idea of what our civilization was most interested in. If we did, we certainly would have to include photos such as the following, which I also gleaned from your newspaper. I am afraid, however, that the people of A.D. 2063, when viewing them, would come to the judgment: "Their inhumanity to man did, indeed, make countless thousands mourn!"

Photo 1.—shows an empty school room: "NUN PRE-SIDES—The children have not attended this Louisiana school since it was ordered desegregated by the archdiocese of New Orleans. Here a nun presides alone."

Photo 2.—shows several Negroes sitting or lying on the floor: "DEMONSTRATION—The sit-in demonstration, a silent weapon perfected by Southern Negroes fighting for civil rights, moved into the state capitol building at Sacramento, Calif., to protest the delay of action on a civil rights bill."

Photo 3.—"RACIAL BEATING—Memphis Norman, 21, is shown as he was kicked and beaten by a man identified as Benny Oliver, a former policeman, after he was dragged from a lunch counter in Jackson, Miss. Two other Negroes, besides the

Wiggins, Miss., student, were also beaten. Thank goodness, an additional photo that might be included also will show to viewers of the future that we did at least have some pity in our makeup—even if extended only to a bird! "LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING—Wall-to-wall traffic and stop-and-go existence don't seem to bother this sparrow which took up housekeeping in a traffic light at an intersection in Redding, Calif. Perhaps a citation should be issued in this case—for fortitude."

In any event, in view of our flair for social status and other relatively inconsequential things of our day, I hope that history will not record of us, as it did of Nero, of Rome. "They fiddled while their country burned!"

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Ride the Bus

To the Editor: and all my neighbors—far and near. If we're not 'get to ridin' that 'ere Evergreen bus, we commuters are apt to be riding Shank's mare one o' these days, and the one I used to depend on is balky. She's done gone and got bumble-foot worse'n a darn old hen.

It costs 'bout \$2 an hour to run even a small bus, and since I've been a lone passenger several times, I know my 30 cent ticket won't stretch that far. Of course ol' Pete does his share; likely likes those pretty, young women drivers. Anyhow— you men who begged the bus owners to keep the line going are sure backsliders.

No bus-biz can run on promises, and if they do not "squaremate" (Yah, I know: It isn't in my dictionary, either) then this old gad-about can't go to her clubs, orchestras, picnics, and just anywhere.

Besides, those drivers need jobs, the busses need gas, and you'uns need to get out and see both sides of the trail between bus stops. The lovely yards and their flowers, the new buildings, the people on the walks—just so much of in-

terest. You, out there should visit Jacksonville's old museum, the Pioneer Village, and all the antiques, indoors and out. I'm the only "Hick" over here: The other oldsters are all human. You'll like 'em.

Put on your glad rags and go places. You'll be glad to take a weekly trip once you get started.

I should have said "Unquote" for it wasn't a woodpecker that warned me that the bus line could quit us, but she was red headed, and she wasn't talking through her hat; she wasn't wearing one. Just a J'ville booster.

Pearl Spackman
Jacksonville, Ore.

JBs and Christians

To the Editor: In the June 5 issue of M.M.T. there is an article regarding the book, "The Last Temptation of Christ," and linking the lady's name with the John B. Society. I understand the John Birch group is active in fighting unAmerican propaganda—and any people who speak against this group are giving aid and comfort to the communists.

The book, the lady mentioned, was unfit to read. I don't know. But this I do know: There was no temptation that Jesus Christ suffered that he did not overcome and gave his life, shed his blood on Calvary that all who believe in him might receive Eternal Life.

We are judged on how we receive or reject Jesus, who is the only Begotten Son of God. We can't be a Christian and a communist at the same time.

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Sordid Things

To the Editor: I go along with and thoroughly agree with Mrs. Ella Powell, comments 6/6/63.

I can see no good reason for anyone, whether a literary giant or one like me, to make fame or perhaps fortune by recording or writing, let us say, the filth and the sordid things of life.

There are far better and wonderful things that may be recorded and words printed, in my humble opinion, than this trash book. I would hope and I would like to see this book burned and the writer along with it, particularly if he made money out of it, which I have no doubt he did.

I am perhaps 73 years old, have seen quite a lot, both good and bad. I am not convinced, nor do I believe that I should advise, tell or promote my young offspring about the rotten things of life either by written word or mouth.

I do believe if I thought otherwise I could write a movie or maybe a TV script. The essentials to be of course sex with no details left out. And of course the smash line, "Adults Only," commercially speaking, I mean, would cinch it.

Hardly expect you to agree with me on this. If you read this and want any more, which I doubt, with the paper, I have a dandy about His Honor the Mayor and his look in or investigation on crime, vandals, break-ins, robberies, etc., etc. The old boy must have run out of gas or shears to cut ribbons with or something. Anyway no report from what if anything he has done or not done about it.

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A Plea

To the Editor: I am a W.W.I and II veteran and was in a car wreck and lost a leg. I would like to see some V.A. men who could let me know in what way to get an artificial leg. I was in W.W.I and II, discharges, character excellent, and don't know why I am not entitled to a leg, or what is wrong with the V.A. rules. I would rather be dead as the way I have been left.

I love the outdoor life.
R. L. Hubbard
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When Thieves Fall Out

To the Editor: The jolt handed parched Southern California in the Colorado river tug-o-war exemplifies a growing economic condition in the western trade "community" regional selfishness. The conflict rages not only between states but also between the United States and Canada, Japan and the common market. As the tax bite continues to shave profit margins and populations continue to increase, the battle will grow more desperate and bitter. Northwest industry is one of the worst offenders for repulsing all pleas to share the power and

water of the mighty Columbia.

Commenting on California's desperate plight, the Oregonian says, "One result, too, might be removal of water-starved industries from California to Oregon where water is plentiful. This would seem to be the simplest solution."

Of course! It would be so much simpler to uproot and transplant an entire state than to build a pipeline to California. (The millions of acres of farmland would probably present the most challenging transportation problem.)

I suppose the peoples of all regions will have neither peace nor security until the thieves fall out completely. Certainly it is not in their nature to share, except for a price.

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Two Books

To the Editor: This letter is concerned with the recent letters printed in your Communications column regarding two books, and one in particular, that two persons seem to consider lewd and immoral.

I had hoped that book-burning would never begin in our valley, but now that it has, it is too dangerous to be ignored. Granted, there are some books which children should not read, but where is the justification in denying these books to adults simply because they might corrupt a child?

I am no stranger to literature. I am an English and literature major at SOU. Though I do not know either Mrs. Black or Mrs. Mosley, I think I am justified in saying that they have no more right to tell other people what they may or may not read than I do, and I have no such right.

I read both the books in question in high school, and I have yet to be called perverted or immoral. I took the books for what they are: A presentation in an original manner of some aspects of human experience, both material and spiritual.

I would like Mrs. Mosley to prove her statement that there is "a well planned program now being efficiently carried out by subversives in America to entirely corrupt the impressionable young minds of her children." And if this insidious plot did exist, where is the proof that these books are part of it?

In the past, such books as "Huckleberry Finn," "Tom Sawyer," and "Tarzan" books have been banned by book-burners. The truth is, if one goes into a book looking for something lewd and immoral, he is sure to find it. This is as true of the Bible as it is of anything else. The difference is the people recognize the Bible for what it is: A devoted religious work.

Why can't these same people treat other books for what they are? They are too busy looking for smut to see the real values of the book.

As for the case of an actual removal of "The Last Temptation of Christ" from the Santa Ana library, if it were taken to court, the book would soon be back on the shelves. Are the courts of America subversive? Certainly not. They realize what justice is. They know that no one has the right to dictate what other people will read. They despise book-burners, because they undermine their own cause by their actions: they take away one of the rights of the individual.

In conclusion, let us not grant a minority that does not seem to understand the purposes of literature the right to tell the majority what to read. Let us not let Jackson county become the home of book-burners.

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Red and Salt

To the Editor: Why does racial prejudice persist in spite of scientific demonstrations that have disproved the superstitions of the racial doctrine? Science has exposed as utterly without foundation the racist theory of inherent "superiority" and "inferiority" of racial stocks, and it has assembled impressive evidence which points clearly to the conclusion that given equal social, educational, and economic opportunity, no single race of men will excel another in intelligence, ability, genius, or moral character.

Notwithstanding this, the cankerous growth of race prejudice remains to plague mankind. The reason is, of course, that the class and material interests which are served by race prejudice remain. Only when one group

could have brought the United States, and not Russia, into the world scene as the first Communist nation."

Gentle people, the international gangsters who railroaded the 16th Amendment through our Congress and fastened the unlimited income tax on our backs knew exactly what they were doing. Through this tax they are making you pay for the raging Socialism now rampant in America. You are paying for your own destruction—for the destruction of your sovereignty of your nation, your Constitution, your Bill of Rights, your freedom. And more, through the foreign aid billions of your tax dollars you are being made to finance Socialism and Communism all over the world; and to finance empires of foreign industries which are now taking over American markets, both foreign and domestic, and closing American factories. With this unlimited bite on your pay check America is being taxed and plundered as no other nation in all history.

No, Mr. Redden, the income tax proviso in the Liberty Amendment is no "gimmick." It is the very core of the Amendment, even as the confiscatory, Marxist income tax, itself, is the very core of the conspiracy which is now subverting and socializing America. Were you and your colleagues really too "busy" to face up to your responsibility of doing your part in taking

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"A Phoenix Oregon"

To the Editor: It happened years ago when Miss Mildred was 13 years old, as she had watched her father starting out, and sometimes with local men. But this man was a stranger to her, the men on horseback headed off over the mountains, and would be gone for weeks on end. The next morning a sound came with a deep moaning in the early twilight, as if whatever was burning was groaning out of pain.

Mildred flipped back the covers and ran to the window, and staring at the fire. She held her breath, then caught her throat, then said, "It is Tom's place." It was a big fire with leaping flames. She noticed the black smoke pouring from the broken windows of Tom's home. Tongues of flame licked up toward the attic dormer.

"Oh dear," she had whispered, shrinking back, when a knuckle pounded on her door, and she whirled for her robe. "Yes, yes, I will be there," she called out. It was her girl friend, with a blanket thrown about her nightdress. Her dark eyes were wide with terror. Her friend said, "The town is burning up."

By that time she was fully dressed. The thought came to her, the fire had too much of a start. However, she concluded, if the wind doesn't vary soon the whole town is doomed.

Breakfast was served a little past noon on the second day, and it seemed to follow the fire. There was no life and an unnatural stillness lay everywhere. As was the custom, everyone pitched in, and soon a new house was built, raising from its ashes like a Phoenix, a bird of great beauty, the only one of its kind to raise from its ashes in the flesh of youth, from that to another cycle of years.

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Core of Conspiracy

To the Editor: In this column of 5/12/63 Rep. James A. Redden attacks the Liberty Amendment without explaining that the 700 corporations operated unconstitutionally by our federal government in direct competition with private enterprise are run at a yearly loss of about \$40 billion (\$44½ billion with foreign aid); more than the annual revenue of the federal personal income tax amounts to. If and when the Liberty Amendment takes our government out of these businesses and stops this insanity of pouring these billions down rat holes, there will be no need of a federal income tax.

Rep. Redden also attacks the integrity of Mr. Willis Stone, the man behind the Liberty Amendment, inferring that he, Mr. Stone, considers the income tax proviso in the amendment an impractical "gimmick" put in just to attract attention. This I do not believe of Mr. Stone. For like any other well informed patriot on this subject he certainly knows the following facts: 1. The confiscatory, graduated income tax is the key plank in the Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx. 2. Lenin said, "We shall force the United States to spend itself to destruction" (impossible without the income tax). 3. Beria, former chief of Soviet secret police said (documented in Congressional Record), "The income tax law, had it been followed thoroughly,

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jected by all the other members, Johnson being the only Negro member.

The S. F. Chinatown has its own integral government and would not want to integrate either with white or black. Besides the Chinaman of the top class in Chinese society has, for 6,000 years or more, been in possession of as high or even a higher culture than the white man, except that for the past 200 years or so the whites have risen above in science.

Now here is a Negro, recently a jungle dweller, telling people to have a section of Chinatown dwellers to be moved out and slum Negroes to move in. That is exactly what Mr. Johnson's proposal said.

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Poets' Corner

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Rumpling Brains

My interest in young people is in rumpling their brains as you might rumple a good head of hair—Robert Frost. (Diner's Club Magazine; reprinted in Reader's Digest, December, 1962).

The One Great School of Poetry

The one great school of poetry is the poets in their poems, and there is no other. Any writer who really wants his work criticized need only turn to the masters to ask of their pages in despair—if he is capable of reaching them and capable of honest despair—what is wrong with his own.—John Ciardi, in Saturday Review, 12/1/62.

For John Ciardi And Robert Frost

How does a poem mean
Never a joke to seem?
Something I cannot say,
Essay or ever glean.

Yet on this winter day,
Here by a white-capped bay,
Searching my texts I find
Little that makes me gay.

How can a simple mind
Eke out the words that bind
Frost to a birch bent low,
Making the critics kind?

Onward these rhymes could flow,
Never assured to know;
How does a poem grow?
How does a poem grow?

—Lloyd B. Halverson
Medford

Poetry

If poetry be what the sages say—
And who can doubt when history so proves—
Then poetry should rightly have its day,
And to that worthy end the trend now moves.
The Book of books in cadenced melody,
From Job's lament to David's Shepherd lay,
Isaiah's warning words and prophecy,
Was written in Hebrew poetry.

The English bard whose sonnets, songs and plays
Gave him that place so honored, safe and high
No other has attained throughout all days,
Decreed that poetry should never die.
High tribute to the wise, discerning one
Who sees its scope and gives it recognition.

—Blanche Ellis Norvell
The Manor, Medford

How Often . . .

How often have I told my heart: Beware
Of dreams that lure but never can come true—
To find it still pursuing paths that dare
The unknown heights, the unrecorded blue?

—Charles Oluf Olsen
Portland, Ore.

North Star

I may be small, nor shine as bright
As other stars that gem the night,
But while the Dipper circles ME
I find no fault with things that be.

—Ethel E. Griffith
Portland, Ore.

Rainbow

My arms cradled
A new-born child.
I watched a stormy sky—
Suddenly a rainbow appeared and
I knew I held the gold.

—Ivah R. Edmunds
Portland, Ore.

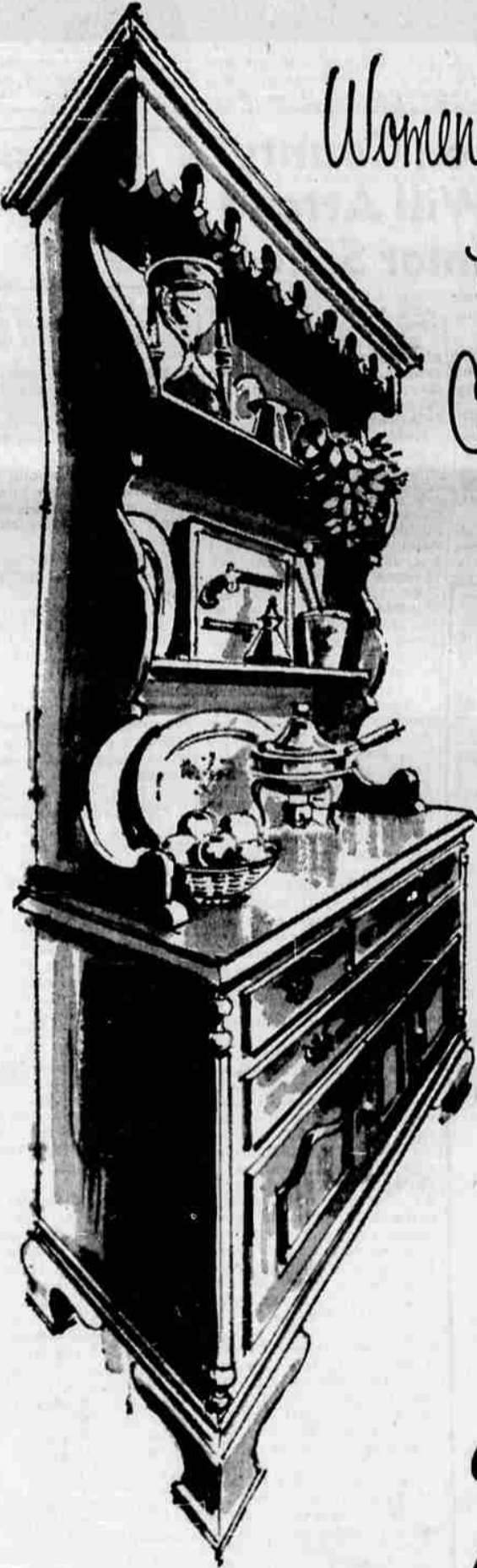
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