

# ... Communications ...

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## Controlled News

To the Editor: My letter in May concerning the American citizen's right to own gold (the first time in 30 years incidentally), brought sharp criticism from you regarding its authenticity.

On May 23, I gave you a short letter with proof of my statement. Judge Mathes' Federal Court of the Southern District of Calif., Aug. 16, 1962, plus the fact that Bobby Kennedy's Justice Department began an appeal of this memorable decision and then dropped the appeal.

When two weeks had passed and you had not printed this letter I phoned you and you told me you had been gone for five days but that you had the letter and you were holding onto it because you had written off for further information.

I view of the fact that more than a month has passed and you still haven't printed the letter, one or two facts are obvious. Either your pony express news gathering facilities are in complete chaos or we now have "controlled news." In other words—feed the public what news you want them to have and withhold the rest.

M. J. Olsen  
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Editor's note: Mr. Olsen's suspicions are unjustified. We have authenticated the report of Judge Mathes' decision, but have information to the effect that it is not now binding. We have requested Congressman Robert Duncan to obtain an authoritative report on the status of the legality of gold ownership, in view of the decision and a subsequent Presidential order, and will make it known when received, we hope soon.

## Facing Facts

To the Editor: Book burning? Yes! I clean closets and yard and burn the trash. Books are no different; some good, some bad. And to those who call us bookburners, let's face a few facts.

The A.D.L. in Look maga-

zine takes full credit for getting "The Merchant of Venice" by Shakespeare and "Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens removed from school libraries. They also claim credit for removing the Bible, Christmas carols, prayer, American history and patriotic songs from schools wherever they can.

The Civil Liberties union is working night and day to remove all mention of God, the Bible, salute to the Flag, the Declaration of Independence, baccalaureate services and patriotic songs from schools and public services.

If you think they aren't succeeding just ask yourself how long it's been since you heard a real oldtime patriotic program anywhere. Christmas carols are off the air, patriotic carols are hardly mentioned. And all the time Atheism, Deweyism, Marx, evolution, communism and filthy books have full sway in our schools.

One atheist can remove the Bible from a whole state and a hundred citizens or Christians have no voice in the matter.

The NAACP was the power that removed Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" from the N.Y. schools.

A teacher in Washington told his class that "if Darwin was right then the Bible is wrong and I'd rather believe the Old Book than a theory." He lost his job.

A teacher in northern California admitted that he was teaching his class communism and the whole school board stood with him against the irate parents. He kept his job.

Gus Hall is furnished an audience by our schools while a patriotic American can't get in. I've no objection to Gus Hall or anyone else using the schools for meetings. They've always been used for public meetings. But I do object to furnishing our young people as his audience.

Ella Powell  
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Central Point, Ore.

## Likes Medford

To the Editor: We recently moved up here from San Francisco, Calif., and I would

like to say we really appreciated the warm welcome of the "Newcomers Service," and "The Welcome Wagon," to new residents of the area.

It is a good way to get acquainted, and also meet the local merchants.

Mrs. Jack Kennedy of Newcomer Services, and Mrs. Jack Sanborn of The Welcome Wagon, have been especially helpful to all the new residents they visited.

The Rogue River valley and its mountain ranges are just beautiful. We find the people here very friendly, and the short time that we have been here, have enjoyed the city of Medford very much.

Edna Kumas  
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## Week End Pay

To the Editor: One major issue in the lumber industry strike deserves more public attention. I refer to the employers' demand that their employees give up overtime pay for work on Saturdays and Sundays. An employee would still get overtime for all hours in excess of 40 that he worked in any one seven day period, but hours worked within the 40 hour limit on Saturday and Sunday would be paid for in straight time.

This demand by the employers would reverse a 21 year old precedent in the industry's working agreements. It would in effect decide that Saturday and Sunday are just like other days and that a man might just as well have his "week end" in the middle of the week.

The fact is that Saturday and Sunday are different. The children aren't in school. Social and sporting events are more often scheduled. Sunday is still the Sabbath. Many employees want to go to church with their families.

I understand why employers want to keep their expensive machinery in operation continuously and as inexpensively as possible, but on this issue the employees should prevail. Their neighbors, in particular ministers and church-minded public officials like Governor Hatfield, should help them make it clear to the employers that they are entitled to live normal lives or to be paid extra for working on Saturdays and Sundays as is done at present.

Charles O. Porter  
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Eugene, Ore.

## Meeting Place Needed

To the Editor: I didn't get to go to Klamath Falls Fifty Plus club with our club because of a previous engagement, but the report was that they have the huge Klamath Army auditorium—rent free, and no dues. I wonder how they had such a wonderful dinner if no dues were paid? They told me the Greyhound bus trip costs only a dollar each way. What a nice Wednesday trip.

Doesn't Medford have some nice large place for our Fifty Plus club to meet rent free? I think you fellows should commence to get wise to the needs of old-ters. You are going to get that way yourself if Satan doesn't grab you before you age. Why not sorta prepare for "yourselves" now while you are big?

I just read an article beginning on Page 10 in the Saturday Evening Post of June 22 that I wish every parent and law maker would read, and carefully, so it will sink in. Tell others what Judge Robert Gardner wrote there. It is just the line I believe in, but neglected to write.

I haven't time to answer the personal letters, but you may meet me Wednesdays at the Security Benefit club, next door north of the Groceria store on Grape st., Medford. Am there from 12 till 4. Thanks for your kind messages. I love you, too.

Pearl Spackman  
Jacksonville, Ore.

## A Retrospection

To the Editor: The sky was dark, cold and gloomy, and the black and yellow enemy were trespassing on their nocturnal flight.

Out of the wild and stormy night there came the assassin, armed with a club, wielded with a mighty thud — and there lies murdered upon the cold damp ground—A Potato Bug.

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Medford

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It's our **ONCE-IN-A-YEAR Clearance Sale**. We're half-way through the year and it's time for a real door-to-door, ceiling-to-floor clean up! To make way for new merchandise we're cutting prices to an all time **NO-PROFIT LOW**. For Instance... we found 8-piece sets of stainless steel cookware that were so popular for Mother's Day. Now with reckless abandon we're practically giving them away at just \$14.88 a set. We've only got 6 Westinghouse steam irons left from our last shipment... a real **HOUSEHOLD GEM**... but they've got to go. We've tagged them with a ridiculously low price of \$8.89. You'll have to hurry for one of the 5 remaining 4-transistor tape recorders... because they're going at only \$15.88 each... at this price they **WON'T LAST LONG**. Hiding on the very top shelf were 4 sets of Cal-Dak Fiberglass T.V. trays. We need the space so we are closing these out at only \$6.89 a set. They originally sold for much more. And when our central office hears that we're selling Admiral 4-speed automatic phonographs at only \$34.88 they may just fire our whole staff. **NO ONE CAN RUN A BUSINESS WITH PRICES LIKE THESE!** July will never be as hot as this buy... 19 inch round metal serving trays... choice of patterns. Perfect for serving on the patio... just 99c each. This whole store is **SIZZLING WITH THE HOTTEST PRICES IN TOWN**. Everything is being swept clear out of the store. To make room for new shipments of china coming in we are pricing our present stock for quick sale. 47 pieces, service for 8, only \$24.88.

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## Poets' Corner

Conducted by

Arnold Eugene Jenny

### Like A Sleep

The days close in around me like a sleep  
As I take inventory of my joy;  
Attempting to discriminate and keep  
Only those rare delights time cannot cloy.  
Let the world move without me, while I pass  
To savor once again, like well-aged wine  
Transient moments of unearned applause  
Here in my secret and secluded shrine.  
And at my heart's core fondle and caress  
Not festivals of blatant noise and light,  
But interludes of faith and tenderness,  
Illuminating the long halls of night.  
The days close in, the last sleep holds no fear,  
A long awaited friend, grown strangely dear.  
—Alice Mackenzie Swaim

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### New Day

After the disappearance of dark night,  
Fresh day dawns clear, and beautiful, and bright.  
The lark's enchanting call rings 'cross the grass,  
Where strings of pearls shine brightly as we pass.  
The warming sun chases cold mist away,  
Which, like a curtain rising, shows new day.  
Far off, fierce elements may be at strife;  
But here and now is fresh and lovely life.

The waking roots herald the coming Spring;  
The tiny shoots their beauteous glories bring.  
The wondrous blue of heaven everywhere  
Spreads breath of life—precious and free and rare.  
It is such glorious morning that we would  
Wander such realms forever—if we could!  
—Kenneth F. Osthimer  
Medford, Ore.

### A Story In The Snow

This morning as I walked to school  
Across the fluffy snow,  
I came upon a bunny's tracks—  
A jumping, zig-zag row.

He must have hurried very fast.  
For here and there I saw  
Along his jerky, winding trail  
The print of Rover's paw.

I set my lunch-pail in the snow  
And stood there very still,  
For only Rover's clumsy tracks  
Led down the little hill.

Then suddenly I thought I heard  
A rustling sound close by:  
And there within a grassy clump  
Shone bunny's twinkling eye!  
—Pearl Riggs Crouch  
Ashland, Ore.

### Objective Changed

There was a time when I was young  
And tried to guide the ways of man,  
But down the years no praise was sung  
In honor of my noble plan.

Today I feel no urge to drive,  
I'll let the world spin on its axis,  
Remain content to be alive  
And have the cash to pay my taxes.  
—Elizabeth Ricketts Taylor  
Portland, Ore.

### I Sing And Sing

I sing and sing from morn till night,  
From cares I'm free and my heart is light.  
—Deborah Trainer (Age 9)  
Central Point, Ore.