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Anti Dunes

To the Editor: I have just sent the following letter to Senator Neuberger:

Dear Senator Neuberger: I want to comment on your interesting discussion of your Oregon Dunes bill on the "Let's Face It" panel broadcast over KOIN-TV, Portland. (1) You stated that opposition to your bill had died down. How can you reconcile this—

—with the fact that there is a steady flow of individual letters to the newspapers expressing opposition?

—with the fact that papers in the area directly affected are in opposition? Not only the Siuslaw News but, for example, the Charlestown Empire Builder, the Bandon Western World, and even the Port Umpqua Courier at Reedsport which formerly supported your proposal?

—with the fact of steady opposition of civic organizations? One hundred and twenty persons attending a recent "town hall" meeting of the North Bend-Coos area most loudly applauded two opponents of the Dunes Bill speaking there.

—with the fact that the Coast Association, which formerly supported your bill, recently voted down a resolution to continue their support?

—with the fact that an attempt to get a memorial favoring the Dunes bill through the Oregon State Legislature was defeated last March?

—with the fact that in addition to the thousands of people represented in the foregoing list, a state wide meeting of the Oregon State Grange passed a resolution in opposition to your bill by a majority vote of delegates representing 26,000 members?

(2) You stated that the Cape Cod Seashore people who originally opposed its establishment are now "very happy with the National Park" and that they "ask why the Park wasn't made larger."

How do you reconcile this with the fact that the Florence Chamber of Commerce wrote to all those on record as in opposition at the Cape Cod hearings, to ask if they had indeed changed their opinion; and the majority (I believe 80 per cent or 80 per cent) replied; of these only one had he had changed his mind? Others reported that they wished they had been better organized and could have made their opposition more effective.

(3) You stated that "every senator wants to take home a dam or conservation project and say 'See what a big boy I am.'" How do you reconcile this with your previous public statements of sentiment and love and disinterested devotion to the Dunes?

Mrs. John Stark Evans, 3322 S. W. Hewett Blvd., Portland 1, Ore.

On Sin

To the Editor: I think the editorial on sin in the June 27 paper can be summed up in the lack of response. I have seen two letters written in answer and sometime before you wrote on gambling as a sin and I think my letter was the only response. You can't get a very lively discussion on sin because I have tried.

Your article was very good but I must take exception to one of your closing remarks: "To others it may mean transgression against a moral code based, not on religious teachings, but on the universal command to do unto others what you would have others do unto you." This teaching comes directly from Christ and if you asked to have the Bible summed up in one sentence, that would be it. Christ says that this is the law. Sin is the transgression from God's law.

I feel that where we go wrong on sin is that we try to put it into categories. We tend to say that one sin is bigger than another. You con-

stantly hear that one person is a bigger sinner than some other person. Sin is sin and you can't classify it. In fact Christ says that it is just as bad to think of something as it is to do it. What one of us can say we have a clean mind?

Sin is as prevalent today as it was any time in history, but I feel that one of the reasons we don't hear so much about it is a change of attitude in the church organization. Religion is being taught less on love. Fear has never solved any of the world's problems. The only problems that the world solves are through love and understanding.

Creston McNeel, 2987 Delta Waters rd., Medford.

No Multimillionaires

To the Editor: Southern California has more to offer your readers than just balmy air and smog. This is the land of the EPIC and the Townsend movements that once swept across the continent. They didn't do the job, so now we have the Lee Plan for progress through tax reform. It is brand new and growing big and fast, like our famous fruits and vegetables.

Here is the story first hand: A few months ago, a police officer named J. D. Lee arose in the warm sunshine at Long Beach's University-by-the-Sea and launched a revolutionary tax reform plan. It calls for enactment of a two point program on the federal level which would limit annual personal income to a paltry \$100 thousand, after taxes, and it would put a ceiling of a cool \$1 million on individual wealth - holding. The idea caught on fast and now is spreading like the plague. Enthusiastic Citizens for the Lee Plan are plastering a million "Stamp Out Multimillionaires!" stickers all over the state. Politicians, Republicans and Democrats alike, are worried, and the economic royalists are crying "unconstitutional" and it will destroy our initiative. Wow!

So, fellow citizens of Oregon, if you want a change of pace, new and exciting ideas, and a great vacation, come to Southern California. We have everything at a price you can afford to pay, and pay, and pay some more for.

John and Jan Copping, 502 Orange ave., Apt. 19, Long Beach 12, Calif.

Work of Demons

To the Editor: Since my two previous letters regarding the book, "The Last Temptation of Christ," many people who do not think it a fit book to be in our public libraries have asked me, why don't the ministers do something about it? That's a good question and I also ask, why don't they?

Jesus wasn't afraid to die an ignominious death for us, why are we afraid to vindicate his name when it is being dragged through the gutter by Nikos Kazantzakis in his book, "The Last Temptation of Christ"?

My Bible says that Christ died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3) and there is no other name under heaven whereby we must be saved. (Acts. 4:12). If we do not try to vindicate his name when it is being disgraced, how can we ask him to cover us with his robe of righteousness (the merit of his shed blood) which is our only hope here or hereafter. I and many others will appreciate an answer from the ministers who are silent on this important issue.

All who claim to be following our Lord and his teachings are now on trial. The righteous judge said, "he that is not with me is against me" (Matt. 12:30). Every one of us shall give account of himself to God. (Rom. 14:12). Be not afraid of those who kill the body but cannot destroy the (future) life; but rather fear him who can utterly destroy both life and body in which there is no resurrection. Emphatic Diaglott.

"The Last Temptation of Christ" abounds with proof that it is the work of demons. Little can be given in a 400 word letter. Webster defines demon—a devil; evil spirit. A spirit being is a super-human being. It has power to materialize and dematerialize. Webster defines colossus—any huge or important person or thing.

Page 15—"Standing on the threshold was a colossus (huge person) with a curly red beard, open shirted, barefooted, red faced, sweating."

Page 496—"In Crete, however, he (Nikos Kazantzakis) was granted a Christian" and a colossus (huge person) seemingly right out of one of his books, seized the coffin and lowered it single handedly into the grave."

—Emile Abbott, Los Angeles, Cal. (c) 1962

Poets' Corner

Conducted by

Arnold Eugene Jenny

"Alien"
He trampled the hills of old Carman,
Where sea-winds feathered a far-down mist
And the tartan plaid of his highland clan
Was rowan-red with a silver twist.

The reed-thin cry of the wild curlew,
The sheep-wool soft of a plowder's nest,
A lamb's first bleat — these things he knew
As well as he knew the east from west.

He took to his step the heather's spring.
His word was fashioned of granite stones.
"Earth by itself's too tender a thing."
He would say, "Without the hard rock bones."

He knew of a winter's lancet thrust
When waters of Lomond Loch were ice,
And he learned to skate on the cold white crust
While the moon waxed once and waned yet twice.

He traveled the sea to a Westward land,
His heart beat a door with a lifted latch,
A brogue only natives could understand —
To grow in a garden — a heathered patch.

—Jesse Osgood, Ashland, Ore.

The Butterfly Tree*

I saw a glowing, coppery tree
That grew beside a cobalt sea.
Although the branches gently swayed,
The breeze no longer played
A titillating serenade.

Thinking to solve the mystery,
I reached up and touched the tree.
But as I brushed the leaves of gold,
I saw a thousand wings unfold
As though a warning drum had rolled.

And there before my wondering eyes,
I saw a cloud of butterflies
Swirl high above the shining sea,
To leave behind a springtime tree
Bedecked in plain green finery.

—Evelyn D. Young, Mountain View, Cal.

*At certain seasons of each year, Pacific Grove, Calif., experiences an invasion of monarch butterflies. Believed to come from hundreds of miles away, they settle on many trees of the area.

The Iron Gate

I went alone to the broad iron gate
And spread the portal wide;
'Tis lonely without him," thought I at first
And wandered on inside.

The flowers smiled as though they knew,
And the thrush had told the sea.
My heart beat fast and I knew at last
That my Love would come to me.

The garden was fair and the fountain sang
Of its dreams that were soft and dim.
It sang across to the purple hill
And the songs were all of him.

"Impatient heart, be still!" I cried;
'He'll come, he'll come, I know!"
I threw my flowers down. The gate clicked shut.
And then I turned to go.

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According To Hoyle

Two simple rules hold many a woe in check:
Control your tongue; do not stick out your neck.
—Jack Fine!, Central Point, Ore.

Only a demon can do that and I am not quoting out of context.

I am informed that our library board decided that "The Last Temptation of Christ" is a fit and proper book to stay in our libraries. Alice I. Black, 812 So. Newtown st., Medford.

Constitution

To the Editor: Governor Hatfield is quoted in the public press as predicting a clean sweep of the Oregon Legislature in 1964 for the Republicans, and all of the state offices except the attorney general. Quote from the press report, "When he had finished, Hatfield said he almost forgot the attorney general." "There are times," he said, "when I would like to forget that office."

The vindictive nature of that quotation, calling attention to the personal enmity between the governor and the present attorney general, makes one wonder, again how much influence the governor had on the members of the Constitutional Revision Commission to induce them to write into the proposed new Constitution a provision giving him arbitrary power to appoint all state officers.

And, looking back over the last four years, many of us wonder again if we want the attorney general, state treasurer, secretary of state and the commission of labor appointed by any governor. True, we still believe the present Constitution is antiquated and that we do need a new one. One that will do away with a number of semi-independent boards and commissions and thereby place more power in the hands of the governor and make him more responsible to the people. The chief one of these, one that we must abrogate if we are to have responsible government, is the three headed monstrosity called the board of control.

To remove this execrable from the body politic would not affect the constitutional duties of either state treasurer or secretary, but would relegate them to the purely administrative duties for which they are elected. Neither they or the commission of labor interfere in any way with the executive, judicial or legislative branch of state government. The attorney general is the interpreter of the law for the entire state and although his duties are largely advisory it is important that his election remain as the choice of the people.

There are many reasons why Oregon should adopt a new Constitution, with special attention to two sections; 1st, that the power of the governor to arbitrarily appoint non-executive officers and judges, except in between election emergencies, should be removed from the draft, and 2nd, that the proposed new Constitution must retain the type of legislative apportionment that will protect the principle of one man, one vote. All state organizations interested in good government should be preparing now to carry this battle to the 1965 session of the Legislature.

D. Ivan Fritts, 974 Fortner lane, Ontario, Ore.

Impeach Warren

To the Editor: The following is a direct quotation from the National Review for 7/2/63, page 21, title, "God, Go Home."
"Mrs. Madalyn Murray in an interview to The Realist: 'If I can't come through this case the same offensive, unlovable, bull-headed, defiant, aggressive slob that I was when I started it, then I'll give up now. My own identity is more important to me. They can keep their gaudy prayers in the public schools, in public out-houses, in public H-bomb shelters, and in public whore-houses. Those, as we say, are the words not of the Supreme Court that wrote the decision, but of Madalyn Murray, who brought the case to the court. You do understand that what has been accomplished, net, is to shield Mrs. Murray's son from exposure to religion in the schools. Religion is for the home.'"

"It remains to be seen whether the nation has energy enough to resist the Supreme Court before which we are always told to be reverential. The question becomes, increasingly, How can you revere this nation's historical institutions and also the Supreme Court of the United States?"
Dear reader, are you shocked? Enough to take action? If so then get a copy of Rossie Gordon's "Nine Men Against America" from the library. After reading it send 10 cents to the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Mass., for a printed Impeach Earl Warren petition and get it filled. Or send \$1 for the Impeach Earl Warren packet.

Anna M. Streed, 36 North Peach st., Medford.

Try and Stop Me

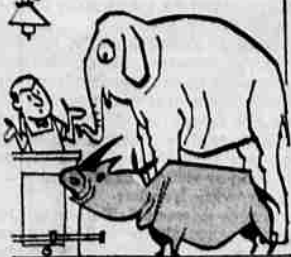
By BENNETT CERF

D. MORRIS FISHBEIN tells about a saloon keeper who had just unlocked his premises for the day's business when a pink elephant and a purple rhinoceros mooched up to the bar. "I'm sorry, boys," said the saloon keeper. "He hasn't come in yet."

Years ago Betty Comden and Adolph Green wrote a hilarious parody of Sigmund Romberg's "The Student Prince" that they named "The Baroness Broomsticks." Romberg, without their knowledge, was in the audience one evening when they performed their parody. Romberg didn't realize it was just a spoof and set the party into an uproar by jumping up and hollering, "It's rank plagiarism! I'm going to sue!" (Another time Romberg actually protested that a songbird in a tree was copying one of his melodies!)

Going the rounds is the story of the green olive in a martini who noted angrily that the olives in all the other drinks were black, and spluttered, "Nobody told me this dinner was going to be formal!"

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No Prayers

To the Editor: I note that several writers expressed their displeasure with the Supreme Court ruling banning prayers and Bible reading in the public schools. Without exception all of them had the wrong slant on the subject.

The fact is that no prayers of any kind or the reading of Bible verses have any place in our public schools. The school is a place for academic enlightenment, not religious exercises. It has been said that children whose parents objected would not have to take part in reciting a prayer in school unless they wanted to. But would those who refused be free from abuse and coercion? Their failure to take part would lead to rejection by their classmates, and this would be a very unhappy situation.

It appears that Abraham Lincoln was right when he said: "What is to be will be, and no prayer of ours can arrest the decree."

Lydia Burnham, 814 Warner st., Prescott, Ariz.

National Antipathy

To the Editor: God punishes the misdeeds of parents unto the third and fourth generation, according to the Bible.

Now in the case of the black slavery; this crime was committed by the white man some six or more generations ago and as of now looms up as a curse of God on the offspring of the slavecatchers, or traders.

Now, in the majority of the white race I can say for sure that, regardless of what the priests may say, there is an inborn sense of antipathy of the white man against close association with the black race.

To prove this statement

and his congregation who gathered on a hill-top to make the supplication. When after the period of time mentioned there still was no rain, the minister turned to the people and said: "I'm sorry, folks. We may as well give up. Unless the wind turns it won't rain." Should they then have settled down on the hill-top to pray for the wind to turn? With no more assurance that another prayer would be answered, they gave up.

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you only have to observe what has happened in South Africa since the Boer war ended in 1902. There the whites, greatly outnumbered by the blacks, rule the country. The blacks have no voice in government.

I have never heard of any black uprisings or parades or demonstrations by the Negroes in South Africa against the whites. If there have been such, they have met with no success.

As to Negro demonstrations in the U.S.A. at the present time, they can't serve the black people. They only disturb traffic and normal business.

The race problem here has two phases, economic and racial antagonism. Big business and the lawmakers in Washington can do something about the first phase by establishing state socialism, and if that were resorted to they had better keep in mind and establish separate workshops for the Negro, as forcing the white to rub shoulders with the black would cause friction—fireworks.

John S. Ring, 1049 West 11th st., Medford

Prejudice

To the Editor: This is a letter from an avid reader and a slow writer. The letters I really enjoy the most are from those who testify of Him. I realize we must have variations and current events and personal problems are always with us, and we know some of this is caused by people with big imaginations that produce only a foot in the mouth condition. Perish the tin gods and the idol worshippers or anything that leads away from common sense.

Isn't there natural barriers of and within the human race that makes good sense if we confirm as to each his own? It seems to me to condemn or accuse someone of being prejudiced is the same as accusing them of being air-breathers. I believe we all have a measure of it and are in the same boat, so to speak, and when we start fighting prejudice with prejudice it has a hollow ring. When a person gives his honest opinion from the heart we may not agree but we should have respect, for honesty is precious.

National problems create personal problems. Some of us in humble circumstances struggle on to meet our obligations that are growing too big for us, caused by a welfare condition more abroad than at home. Our nation is not rich enough to support the world or even half of it, or wise enough to solve its distress.

Don't the people know that

Tony Pro Faces Prison Sentence

Newark, N. J. — Tony Provenzano, a powerful Teamster Union official, faces a seven year prison term and \$10,000 fine for extorting money from an upstate New York trucking firm.

U. S. District Court Judge Robert Shaw lectured him sternly, then imposed the relatively severe sentence with a warning to other union officials.

"The time has come to serve notice on those who show no respect for the rights of others that such action will not be tolerated."

Provenzano is president of both the 14,000-member Teamster Local 560 of Union City and the 100,000-member New Jersey Joint Teamsters Council 73 and is a close associate of Teamsters President James R. Hoffa.

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