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Question Mentality
To the Editor: Having failed in their attempts at brainwashing and scare tactics to cram this outrageous tax increase down our throats, they have now resorted to the questioning of our mentality as to whether we really know what we do want.

As to our children's education suffering from lack of funds, this is a lot of hogwash. It might prevent a lot of frills and unnecessary things they teach now days in school, but with proper management, our kids would still get their needed education.

One thing that is very obvious to them is that we do not want this tax increase, and plan to vote against it come Oct. 15. It is an insult to the intelligence of the people of this state to try to tell us that our property taxes will be raised as a result of a vote against these new taxes. We know our taxes will continue to rise regardless of whether we vote for it or not, just as they have done for several years running already.

If the state would allow us to keep more of our money, perhaps more of us could put away a savings for the future educational expenses of our children. With less taxes, more business would be inclined to move here, hence more employment and less on welfare and more taxes for the state treasury at the existing level.

If they would place more importance on trying to cut out unnecessary and wasteful spending we would be much better off. They try to tell us there is no waste, but unless one is blind in both eyes it is easy to see waste all about us.

As to a sales tax, I think most people would go for that if they would eliminate income taxes. There are many ways to go about getting needed taxes without adding a heavy burden such as this new tax law would give us. The people know this, and our legislators know that we didn't want this tax bill before they passed on it, but they were pressured by the big spenders into giving in to them.

Poets' Corner

Conducted by

Arnold Eugene Jenny

An Unscaled Desert Peak

(To the memory of Professor Margery Bailey)

I

I have walked valleys, through the sodden fields of drowsy days that lay untrodden now, and over the low, rolling hills of the Coast Range.

I have trailed Bear Creek to the russet Rogue, and my body sweat two gusset stains beneath my arms. I have known God's green peace.

In the forest I have seen:
The White-Tail Deer with dappled fawn,
The upper Smith where chinook spawn,
And the Scrub Oak.

In the forest I have seen:
Black Cap Berries, the wary Cougar,
And sentinel Oregon and Sugar Pine.

In the forest I have seen:
The coarse Brown Bear by Diamond Lake,
The Timber Rattlesnake,
And Laurel Tree.

In the forest I have seen:
Everything between the South Umpqua
And the Redwoods' towering awe—
I have lived there.

I have sat on salt-washed sands; the motion
Of the sun and flat Pacific Ocean
Have brought me peace. I have slept on
God's green ground.

II.

Today I lay where dust-brown lizards
Crawl around, where only sand lizzards
Blow: a barren slope of an unscaled
Desert peak.

A hot, asthmatic wind plays wooper
With a chiseled stone that appears newer
With each gust of air. But it becomes
So much older sand.

In a desert I see:
A fainting sun holding back
A cooling night, a spider's track,
And hills of rock.

In a desert I see:
Lazy buzzards, fat and dull,
Prickly pears, a coyote skull,
And tumbleweed.

In a desert I see:
Scorpions, other pests,
And organ pipes.

In a desert I see:
An arid sea that drains and saps
A man with waves of sand—perhaps
A place to die.

I have left the clear springs and fountains,
Left a perfect past of green-cloaked mountains,
For this desert peak that could be scaled
If one would wish to.

—Thomas L. Ferte
Ashland, Ore.

Mr. Frog.

Wurrumph

Mr. Frog,
Looking out on our smog of busyness,
Cogitates a wurrumph

He is placidity.
Sitting on a rock or log in contemplativeness
Mr. Frog is not a cog.

—Marjorie S. Wiseman
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protect themselves by exercising their rights to vote against a thing that is a detriment to our economy and ourselves. If they want to call us stupid then let them. Here is one stupid voter among many who plans to vote against this bill Oct. 15.
Mrs. C. T. Poole,
Eagle Point, Ore.

Letter to Senators

To the Editor: Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Senators Morse and Neuberger which I would like to have printed in your Communications. Thank you.

Claus C. Charley,
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Dear Senator Morse:

It seems to be the general opinion of our military leaders that the test ban treaty would be to our disadvantage militarily but to our advantage politically. Therefore, it would seem to boil down to which is most important, our military or political strength. If we lived in a world where right is right, I would say the political, but do we live in such a world?

Considering advances of Communism in Eastern Europe, China or even Cuba, which predominates, right or might? I question whether so-called neutral nations are governed by the same ethics of right and wrong that we are. I believe they would be more impressed by our military might than our soft words.

I wonder if we realize with what a formidable foe we are dealing? So far, their philosophy of dialectical materialism has succeeded in completely confusing, not only common people of the world but most of our trained diplomats as well.

Considering the clever and cunning teachings of Marx and Lenin and the steady advances of Communism since World War II, I question that we are able to compete with Communists politically.

Giving full consideration to hazards of air pollution and thinking of millions of innocent people who have been ruthlessly slaughtered, I feel our children and grandchildren growing up under Communism would be worse than air pollution.

I feel the test ban treaty would be a sad mistake.

Claus C. Charley
Experience At The UN
To the Editor: I want to share with you my most recent experience with United Nations affairs.

I am attending the opening of this session of the General Assembly today and tomorrow, and before this first experience I attended the World Federation of the United Nations Association meeting.

On the invitation of the American Association for the United Nations, the World Federation of the United Nations Association (WFUNA) held its Eighteenth Plenary Assembly in New York at UN Headquarters, Sept. 9-14.

This is the first meeting to be held in the United States. Since its formation in Luxembourg in 1946 WFUNA has met in Bangkok, Brussels, Warsaw and Monrovia, in addition to those assemblies held in Geneva, headquarters of WFUNA.

After the opening plenary session, the assembly divides itself into four commissions: education and information; political, general program and budget; and economic and social.

Irving Salomon is chairman of the executive committee of WFUNA; Mrs. Leo Spitz is deputy treasurer.

There are now more than 40 member associations of the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

The AAUN delegation will in-

clude Rufus A. Clement, Oscar A. de Lima, Clark M. Eichelberger, Arthur N. Holcombe, Charles L. Marburg, John A. Roosevelt, Mrs. James Schramm, Herman W. Steinkraus, Obert C. Tanner and Sidney Willner.

A total of 225 delegates from member UN Associations were in attendance at the assembly.

Some of the delegates will visit other sections of the United States.

Among subjects to be debated was disarmament, and what the WFUNA and its member associations do to reduce tensions and to promote goodwill and mutual understanding among nations, and what can WFUNA and its member associations do for the settlement of urgent international problems in Africa in the spirit of the UN Charter and in light of recent resolutions of the United Nations?

Also discussed was World Development Decade, and practical implications of the freedom from hunger campaign, the impact of world trade on developing countries, and the place of human rights in balanced economic and social development.

I hope for great success in directing the UN activities during the month of October in our community.

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Transformation Needed
To the Editor: A carefree singing group of colorfully arrayed Swiss folk board a jet liner, many for their first ride and all for their last ride. Minutes after the takeoff the fir clad Alpine slopes echo and re-echo to a violent explosion. Eighty lives are instantly snuffed out.

Hundreds of yelling, cursing, drunken youth, take over or at least try to, an Oregon coastal town.

Heads of the world's great powers sign agreements in an attempt to prevent nuclear holocaust.

Yes, the daily news headlines are enough to make one ponder and wonder. What's it all about? Is this the age of peace so many have looked for? With two world wars in the recent past and a third on the horizon, what have we to hope for?

In view of the earth-shaking events all around, the writer senses something more foreboding. It is of all things the apathy and seeming "I don't care" spirit existing among the professed followers of Jesus Christ. One great Christian writer puts it thus:

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly; but where do we behold the true advent spirit? Who are preparing to stand in that time of temptation which is just before us? The people to whom God has entrusted the sacred, solemn, testing truths for this time are sleeping at their post. They say by their actions: We have the truth; we are rich, and increased with goods and have need of nothing; while the true witness declares: Thou knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked."

And one more paragraph from the same writer: "Many who profess the faith are easily satisfied; if they come up to a few points of self denial and reform they do not see the necessity of going further. Why is there such a resting on the lees? There is no halting place for us this side of heaven."

If those who profess Jesus Christ in this area and believe in His soon return could fully sense their own real need, what a difference we would see. Our outward daily lives would show to all around us that Christianity really has the only answer to the world's problems.

Unless a decided transformation takes hold of us we will be swept off our shaky moorings. The cares of this life will cost many, eternal loss.

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From the Heart
To the Editor: We recognize that each individual has the right to choose his own friendship and social relationships.

I am convinced that forced integration will never work. You cannot make two races love each other and accept each other at the point of bayonets.

It must come from the heart if it is to be successful, otherwise, we can build walls of hatred and prejudices that will take generations to overcome.

Christ said that our problems came from within.

"Out of the heart are the issues of Life."
The supreme court can make all the decisions it feels are necessary; but unless they are implemented by good will and understanding, great harm could result.

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Against Dunes Parks
To the Editor: President Kennedy is expected to fly over the sand dunes south of Florence later this month after which he will probably say that this "unique area should be preserved for the public to enjoy."

The facts are, the sand dunes area is already "preserved" because it is administered by the U. S. forest service, some 19,000 acres along the coast from Florence almost to Coos Bay. Eleven recreational areas with 272 overnight camp sites, boat ramps, access roads and other facilities

are maintained by the forest service.

In addition, there are state parks, including Umpqua Light-house of about 3,000 acres and Honeyman of 522 acres. These two state parks outdraw Crater Lake National Park. There is no vanishing seashore here and no need of wasteful duplication.

The Neuberger dunes park project would also take in about 276 homes and private businesses. Although there is a provision in the bill prohibiting condemnation of homes, this means little. Sen Ernest Gruening of Alaska has declared "sooner or later the home owners would be squeezed out." Conrad L. Wirth stated plans call for returning the area to wilderness and removing all housing.

Wirth, director of the National Park Service, has written, "Another thing I would like to see is the elimination of private holdings in national parks." The agency can make it inconvenient for home owners, as their water supplies, roads, etc., depend on the park officials who don't want them there in the first place.

The proposed park would take in a large tract of private property which now helps through taxes to support local schools, hospitals

Unlike the forest service, the park service locks up its holdings. Only 2 per cent of Yellowstone is used and about the same in Olympic Park where few of the 800,000 acres will ever be visited by vacationists.

If President Kennedy really

wants to economize, protect home owners, and provide recreation for the American people he will speak out against this sand dune park.

Dr. Thomas M. Hunt
Florence, Ore.

War and Poker

To the Editor: Since the beginning of recorded history war has been the most popular outdoor sport of nations. It is very much like playing poker. When as a young man I played poker

with four or five other fellows, the game always ended the same way.

After a few hands one or two of the boys had all the money. If we wanted to keep on playing, and we did, the winners had to lend some of their winnings to the losers to keep the game going. Sometimes the winners even loaned money to the kibitzers so they could play. When the same losers, or the kibitzers lost again there were always hard feelings. As the winners of World War

If we are loaning to the losers so they can have another chance to show their skill at making war and keeping the game going. If they are tired of playing we invite the kibitzers into the game and stake them to the ante. If we keep this up long enough their turn to win is sure to come. They are playing with marked cards, and time may prove we are the suckers.

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