

# ... Communications ...

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### Moonglow

To the Editor:  
No love songs will be needed when the presence of futuristic men will be felt some time gloriously night upon our little satellite.

### The reason I write these lines

now 's because I think, or feel somehow that when men start soaring to the above they won't have much time to hate or love.

George Distell  
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### Miasmic

To the Editor: Thank you for the letter of 9/26/63 and its pompous, ostentatious superabundant deluge of linguistic phraseology. However, the multiplicity of superfluous leaves even the scynphant somewhat flabbergasted by its miasmic atmosphere.

Frankly, my dictionary is left badly thumbed and dog-eared after this exhausting search for 16-cylinder words. Really, I have other words I could use with greater ease to make said letter more understandable, even to its author.

I am confident that those who peruse the editing communications column would find it far more comprehensive if broken down to the vocabulary level of the homo-sapiens. In short what DID you say?

I wonder if the author of said letter is a member of the Interim Tax Committee? If not he surely is a prime candidate. He could do much to elucidate the wording and confound the meaning to the average citizen when he reads the law as printed. By the way, when a tax law is published and put out for public reading why could it not be broken down into everyday language, free from legal and technical terms? It is beyond the knowledge of average man to know what is meant when such a document continually refers section, paragraph, or sentence of any number of other acts related to the same subject.

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Editor's note: That's how lawmakers make their living.

### Neglected Arguments

To the Editor: Some arguments never given in the discussions of desegregation:

Desegregation should have been brought about 50 years ago. Too many whites picture southern Negroes as uneducated and shiftless instead of looking ahead and seeing them as they could and would be, given the same opportunities afforded them, the whites.

Negro families want to live in the better white neighborhoods mainly for the benefit of their children. It is a complimentary gesture misinterpreted.

Southern white families of means, who can trace their ancestry back for centuries seem to forget that their family estates were built on slave labor. The colored races of the world, black, yellow, brown and red, obviously, the white and are awakening. Watch Africa and Asia! We had better begin to treat them with more consideration.

David Frisch  
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### Rights of Americans

To the Editor: Lewis Perry wrote (9-23) that he "is not opposed to Negroes having their rights as Americans, but only when they are ready to accept those rights as Americans." The last clause of that statement implies a limitation which, quite obviously, has no standing in American law. Under our federal Constitution, ALL rights are guaranteed to ALL citizens regardless of race or creed.

Mr. Perry also erred grievously in making the baseless charge that the "majority (of Negroes) want no equality, but supremacy." A s u r d ! Equally preposterous is his description of the sorry conditions that would ensue if Negroes were encouraged to settle in Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland. Man for man, Negroes are much like their white contemporaries: as good or as bad, under comparable conditions and opportunities, to make the most of their potentials.

Like Ralph McKee and some other recent contributors to Communications, Mr. Perry also raises the bugaboo of miscegenation. Better informed, and therefore more dependable, testimony is widely available as, for example, in the following quotation from declaration of a

Arnold Eugene Jenny  
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Medford

### Cause, Economy Ignored

To the Editor: Those against the new tax ignore both its cause and the cost of what they call economy.

School budgets increase because every year there are more students, and will be until our population stops growing. Can less be spent? Build less, and already crowded classes will drown in floods of students. Pay less, and lose teachers—the best first. Raise tuitions, and colleges will train the wealthy, not the able.

Skimp now, and mortgage the future.

Bob Scott  
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### Care For Our Own

To the Editor: I am glad there are others who are so concerned about the tax situation in Oregon. I for one do not intend to be hoodwinked into voting for that tax bill just because they are using the threat of our children's education to persuade us, it is so necessary to spend such a large part of our school fund for things that are not pertaining to education, such as taking the busses & taking the park swimming, to the bowling alley, & to all parts of the state & farther to ball games, well any of this get the knowledge he is going to need to get into a good college. Let's teach school at school & leave some things to the parents such as keeping our children physically fit, & too their social life. I am for caring for my own & not giving all my wages to the state to do it for me.

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### Equitable Plan

To the Editor: One of the highlights of the AFL-CIO state convention at Eugene last week was a resolution favoring a "yes" vote on the tax program offered by the 1963 session of the Oregon state legislature at the coming Oct. 15 election. Certainly we are not satisfied with the program. We don't like the lowering of the income tax rate in the higher brackets from 9 1/2 to 7 1/2 per cent. The specious excuse for this reduction in rates is to attract industry into the state but Gov. Hatfield stated unequivocally, at the Bully Creek Dam dedication in Malheur county a few weeks ago, that the influx of industry into Oregon last year was greater than that into either Idaho, Montana or Washington. In light of that statement the excuse falls flat.

Neither do we like the \$5 head tax to be assessed to those who do not make enough to pay income tax and are therefore unable to own property on which to pay a property tax. This seems an evasive substitute for the general sales tax the legislature had not the intestinal fortitude to attempt because it might cost some of them the next election.

But, can we live with this tax program for one biennium, and if we reject it the Governor will, almost certainly, be compelled to call a special session at great expense to all of us and consisting of the same men subject to the same pressures. It is naive to expect any better program under such circumstances and it is possible that we might be confronted with a much worse one. So the consensus of opinion in organized labor is that we should support this tax program

Sybarite

Let me dine!  
I care not for your wine  
In glasses glowing,  
I want things a la king,  
In dishes intricate  
To fully sate  
That gnawing!

Those meats and gravies!  
Beans, reds and navies!  
I cram each cranny  
Of my twenty-seven foot canal  
And yet have room for  
The sweets I adore—  
Pastries!

The soft, sweet flesh  
Can enmesh  
And make a grave so snug  
For ambition that is dead  
My chin is tripled and benign  
My eyes peer out  
Through slits, that let me see  
Only a cafe sign.

"Yes, another parfall, miss!"  
—Mathea Montgomery  
Ashland, Ore.

and use the interim to plan a better one and to eliminate some of the tools of the corporations who were elected by posing as friends of the people.

This is not a political party plan. Much as we regret to admit it there are a number of representatives in the present legislature who were elected on the Democratic ticket and with labor endorsement who used the opportunity to knit labor in the back for the benefit of corporate monopoly.

Neither would such a plan to reorient the 1965 legislature for the consideration of labor only. A fair and equitable overall tax plan based on ability to pay is of vital interest to everyone, farmer, labor and business man.

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### Common Sense

To the Editor: You have asked if we believe our Oregon legislators and educators are fools. May I ask in return, do our legislators, educators, and editors believe the Oregon voters are stupid or illiterate or both? If your answer is no, then may I suggest that instead of spending thousands of dollars and printing millions of words urging the people to vote yes on the new income tax law you could publish the text of the law and let the voters decide for themselves whether to vote yes or no. In failing to publish the law you are in effect asking the people of Oregon to sign a blank check next Oct. 15.

Please in the name of common sense stop comparing Oregon with Nevada, Washington, and California. We know there are more people living in the Los Angeles area alone than there are in the entire state of Oregon. We also know that billions of federal funds are being spent on defense contracts in our sister states, while we in Oregon receive the larger share of our income from privately owned industry, and I believe it is an accepted fact that such industry can rarely compete with government spending.

Judging from recent news stories I have been convinced we can operate the entire state services on \$60 million dollars. What are they going to do with the other \$345 million? Just curious.

Ella Hogue  
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Medford.

### Cold Noses, Warm Hearts

To the Editor: The Sanctuary, a refuge for homeless dogs on an old hill-farm, comes again with asking hand. I, who am the staff, take new courage as summer is over the land. First, I would thank all who have helped in the years just past. I would like you to know how responsible I feel in the use of the things you have sent and how much comfort they have given.

We need food (of any sort), old blankets (or pieces), old sheets and towels. Just about anything can find a place here and will be used with care and appreciation.

Cold noses and warm hearts remember!

Louise Wood  
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### Overnight

To the Editor: In reply to the letter that made the assumption that the Negro was responsible for the murders of the small girls:

Birmingham has had 50 bombings that can be ascribed to racial conflict since 1947. If a Negro had been guilty of the crimes they would have been solved over night.

(Name on File)  
Medford

### Maybe a Change?

To the Editor: Since so many people are dissatisfied with the daylight saving time due to the hardship it works upon them, their school children, and work, Governor Hatfield was sent a letter of protest some time ago.

His answer was "that the Oregon people voted for it." But he failed to see they wanted a standard daylight time for Oregon, not a daylight saving time.

He also failed to mention that the people voted it down before but it was adopted anyway due to an official approval. But if the people who are displeased by the daylight saving plan will write the Governor he will realize they do not approve of it, and may make a change.

Mrs. G. C. Cunningham  
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### Vegetarians

To the Editor: I fully agree with Mrs. Thelma Ritter, "Eliminate Frills," 9-25-63.

There are too many entertaining frills sponsored by our schools today and many parents can't afford them. And even if

Stamp collecting in the span of a century has gained interna-

tional status and with its more than 22 million members in about 25,000 clubs is recognized as the world's greatest hobby!

Stamps are tiny storybooks, each carrying a message for those who look for it. Nations are born and countries are absorbed and the little stamp is one of the first heralds.

Collecting stamps calls for industry, concentration, research and intelligence and for that reason is encouraged by the Boy and Girl Scouts of America and other national youth organizations because they feel that those qualities have merit in developing their future character and inclinations.

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### The Road of Life

To the Editor:  
The road of life we walk today is strange as what Israel trod. We need the cloud as well as they.

We need the guiding hand of God.  
He sent His light, His Spirit fire  
To lead us through the desert sand.  
Encourage, by giving our hearts desire  
When the way's rough in arid land.

No enemy can block our path  
Or stop our progress on our way  
Unless he feels the Eternal's wrath  
That leaves our path as plain as day.

No river will bar the way  
Unless God wills it so,  
His mighty hand can clear the way  
And let His children onward go.

No lion's den can make us faint,  
The angry lion's jaw He'll close  
As He did for the Hebrew saint  
And God's mighty power disclose.

Prayer three times a day,  
Was Daniel's pledge to God,  
It gave him strength that day  
When under the King's chastening rod.

The road of life for us today  
Still needs God's strength and aid,  
The way individually, His own  
We must pray and touch His Throne.

Mabel Harmon  
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Medford.

### Law of Nature

To the Editor: The Law of Nature prevails in our free society. There is much wishful thinking among the huck-a-nots. Those who own and control the means of production of the world's goods naturally protect their property and take care of it to the best of their ability in order to carry on and survive. Laws are enacted for that purpose.

Society can be likened to a large tree with many limbs or branches. The main bole of the tree we can picture as the property class, the business element, including its machine parts of governmental law and order. Better yet, we can liken it to a large fruit tree, say an apple tree.

Now, apple trees, to bear clean fruit must be sprayed at the right time with the proper poison to kill worms, bugs and pests, or much of the apple crop will be lost.

Now among the members of our human society there are a lot of rotten apples. So the simile here fits only in a certain sense. The fruit on the social tree is composed of living, moving figures, endowed by God with a brain and faculties to govern their own lives.

But — they are not endowed with a will to think and act alike. They are not automatons. In fact, biologically, there are no two human beings alike. The nearest to that are identical twins. In fact they are more alike than a mother and child. So says the biologist.

So, the more or less unfit members of society are among most nations, cared for by the government and/or charitable organizations, wishful thinkers to the contrary. There is no sign yet of a change to a socialist order of society. The best that the poor can hope for right now is a welfare state, which, here in the U.S.A. we seem to have right now.

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Medford.

### Sopex '63

To the Editor: At the meeting of our exhibition committee last week we voted to give you our certificate of appreciation for the generous coverage you gave us for SOPEX '63. Our annual stamp show more than doubled the attendance of last year. We had more out-of-town entries than ever before and the exhibits were all outstanding and well chosen.

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they could, the schools are for educating our children and not to entertain them with games and the like.

They could eliminate the variety of classes not essential to basic education and then the voters could afford to live up to their responsibilities of educating their children.

A large part of the space in the papers is taken up with "scare" warnings that must be kept in mind by voters on Oct. 15. It reminds me of the fluoridation and daylight saving time tactics. The wolves are still trying to assure the lambs that they are really vegetarians at heart.

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### Take An Analysis

To the Editor: We are often prone to pass judgment on someone, even though we know so little of the facts or reasons for them doing or saying what they did, especially if it might be some information coming to us at second hand.

It might be well to take an analysis of the man (or woman) whom we think could not be guilty of saying or doing anything wrong. It was asked to submit the following poem and that it would be a better world if we could all face:

THE MAN IN THE GLASS  
When you get what you want in your struggle for self  
And the world makes you king for a day,  
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself  
And see what THAT man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife  
Whose judgment upon you must pass;  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you a straight-shootin' chum  
And call you a wonderful guy,  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear up to the end.  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test  
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You many fool the whole world down the pathway of life  
And get pats on the back as you pass.  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

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### Test Ban Treaty

To the Editor: Is it possible that Congress and the people of the U.S. are placing any faith in a treaty signed by a Communist representative? About one year ago they broke a similar treaty by testing and exploding the most powerful bombs ever exploded in the atmosphere.

They have broken 51 of 53

agreements. When it fits their purpose they will break any agreement. How about their promise to remove all nuclear weapons from Cuba?

It seems hardly possible that the people of this great country are again deceived after the examples of perfidy of recent history relative to trusting the Russians.

They are continuing on their objective of take over in many countries of the world by fair means or foul.

Khrushchev boasted after the test ban treaty was signed that he had the nuclear weapons necessary to destroy the U.S.A. in less than an hour.

Let us hope that the people are not being deceived about our prepared position with all necessary means and weapons of defense as they were deceived in regard to the Cuban debacle.

The tragedy of the test ban treaty reliance is lowering our guard and turning all our military defenses over to the U.N., a foundation for one world government formed by Communists. That would be a splendid way to commit internal suicide.

Public law 87-287 has put us on record to dissolve all of our military forces within a period of nine years.

A good time for all patriotic Americans to wake up is now, not tomorrow, as that might be too late.

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### It's Happened Again!

To the Editor: It has transpired again! What? That transgression which aroused God's righteous indignation and also that of every true Christian who heard of it. It was by a group known as Christian, but who act like those who are breakers of God's law; admit that the Lord's day should be kept holy; and yet, and yet, as the market owners and others who disregard God's express commands for monetary gain, advertise the fact in their ads by these words, "Open seven days a week for your convenience." So has this group done "business as usual" by their Sunday auction Sept. 22, well advertised by the roadside sign and other means!

Yes, this transgression has been written firmly in the annals of Medford history and in the Book of God. What a shame! What a disgrace! What a travesty on the Christian name and on the cause of Christianity that a group which once had a high standard now lowers it, sets a glaring example of defiance to God's law, teaches the same to young people whom they are supposed to help! They bring reproach upon themselves and upon the cause of God and Christianity in general!

What can we expect of our rising generation as to their moral standards when they are coached and taught by a group who break the old established standard of the years, and teach those committed to their care the same custom? God is angry with the wicked every day. (Psalm 7:11) Thou, even thou art to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry? (Psalm 70:7) Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished. (Proverbs 11:21) In the last days perilous days shall come (2nd Timothy 3:1)

Christians, those who care beware! The perilous times are here! Standards once held high are being lowered and broken, in fact trailed in the dust!

Who will not join with me in saying in loud tones, shame, shame, shame! And also let us join in presenting to them a many - signed petition asking that they either drop the name Christian or — as an alternative — act as Christians before the same world to whom they now advertise their wrong.

As it is, as of the present unsaved men who speak candidly, simply say, "If that's religion, excuse me!"

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### Clipping

To the Editor: I dug up a clipping about Robert Holmes' talk to educators that I thought was pretty nice and thought others might like to read it, if you would be so kind as to put it in the Communications.

J. R. Hoffman  
Applegate, Ore.

### PORTLAND (UP) —

Delegates to the Oregon Education association meeting here last night were told bluntly by Gov. Robert Holmes that their job is to educate the youth of the state and they are in danger of losing recognition in that respect.

"I feel certain that you are in danger of becoming known as tax experts, accountants, budget jugglers and financial planners instead of being known by your ancient and most honorable title, teachers of American youth," the governor told the group.

He told the delegates that in continually talking of taxation and districting problems they "are implying that you are ex-

changing your ancient and most honorable craft for a business that really belongs at the local level to the school boards and at the state level to the Legislature."

The governor said questions regarding what the added money would do for the child are going unanswered while the educators talk in general terms of needs.

## Elliott Moved to Retired Reserve

Maj. Jay J. Elliott has been transferred to the retired reserve after 25 years of active and reserve service. Maj. William C. Tyer, commander of the reserve unit has announced. Major Elliott's last assignment prior to retirement was commanding officer of the 32nd Quartermaster Battalion, USAR.

Major Elliott started his military career by enlisting in the 41st Division of the National Guard in 1938. In 1940, he entered active duty with that division and served until 1942, when he was graduated from OCS as a commissioned second lieutenant.

Elliott was assigned to the 84th Infantry Division in the European theater of operations and engaged in four major campaigns in that theater in World War II and was awarded the Infantry Combat badge.

He joined the U.S. Army reserves upon separation from active duty, and was active as detachment commander of the 32nd QM Battalion reserve unit up to Aug. 31, 1963.

Major Elliott is employed by Pacific Power and Light in the sales department.

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