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Sen. Morse Replies To Editorial; Denies Rift in Delegation

To the Editor: I have just read your editorial of December 16, 1963, entitled, "He Turns His Back."
As I have just written to another Oregon editor, "I shall continue to hope that sooner or later you will come to recognize that some of the sources of the material you receive criticizing me and which you subsequently use in your paper is so colored by personal animus against me that you ought to check the material for accuracy before you use it."

I am enclosing a tear sheet from the Congressional Record setting forth some newspaper comments from the Oregon coast that do not share your views opposing my amendment against condemnation.

I am also enclosing a tear sheet containing the speech I made a few days ago in the Senate explaining why I shall oppose a Dunes bill unless it has a provision in it that protects private property owners from condemnation.

Why you think it should make any difference because there are only a small number of home owners that might lose their property rights to understand. The issue of justice involved is just the same whether there are 15 properties of 1500. The application of principles of justice in our country does not happen to be dependent upon the number of people that are being denied justice if a sound principle isn't applied.

I am also enclosing a copy of a statement that I filed with the Senate Interior Committee on the Dunes Park issue.
Neither you nor any other supporter of an Oregon Dunes National Seashore bill can justify blaming me for attempting to amend the bill reported by the Senate Committee which was even stronger than Senator Neuberger's bill on the matter of condemnation. Anytime Senator Neuberger and Congressman Duncan would agree to recommend the establishment of an Oregon Dunes National Seashore Park without a condemnation provision in the bill, I am sure such a bill would pass quickly. All the benefits would accrue to Oregon under such a bill as would accrue to it if a condemnation section were left in the bill. Contrary to your charge, my urging the adoption of an amendment that prohibits condemnation is no pretext on my part. I yield neither to you nor to Senator Neuberger nor to Congressman Duncan nor anyone else in my support of sound conservationist policies, including the establishment of National Parks. However, the taking of private property by condemnation is not necessary in connection with the establishment of an Oregon Dunes National Seashore Park for the many reasons that I have set forth in the material enclosed in this letter.

As to my opposition to the foreign aid bill as it came to the floor of the Senate from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I am pleased to stand on the record. What you ought to do is communicate with some of the leaders of the Senate who supported the bill and ask them for their evaluation of my fight against the bill and the amendments that I proposed for improving the bill.

I am pleased to tell you that you would find that in most instances the advocates of the bill, itself, would tell you that they highly respect the fight I put up against the bill and agree that most of the recommendations I made by way of amendments eventually will have to be

adopted by the Congress unless the Administration, itself, reforms the foreign aid program along the very lines of the criticisms that Senators Gruening, Symington, Church, Ellender and many of the others who criticized the bill along with me made during the course of the several weeks of debate on foreign aid this year. In fact, it might surprise you to know that President Kennedy, before his assassination, and President Johnson, just the other day, commended me for the contribution which they felt my opposition to the bill this year will make to the future foreign aid policies of our Government.

Today, I received a copy of your editorial enclosed in a letter from a mutual friend of ours in Medford. The letter states in part, "I am attaching an editorial which appeared in Tuesday's Mail Tribune. You possibly have already seen it. In any event, I think that the reaction to your stand on the Foreign Aid Bill and the Dunes Bill is just about 100 per cent the opposite from the conclusions reached in the aforementioned editorial, and that goes for business people, labor, office workers and cab drivers, as well as citizens generally."

In fact, my voluminous mail for many weeks has been running better than 95 per cent in support of my position on the foreign aid bill, both from Oregon and the rest of the country. The personal jibes contained in your editorial are so offensive to your own intellect that they are unworthy of comment.

I have no intention of aiding and abetting those who are seeking to create a personal conflict between Senator Neuberger and me or between me and any other member of the Oregon delegation. I shall always defend myself and my record if any misrepresentations about my service in the Senate to the State of Oregon are made that in my judgment, should be dignified by a reply.

I have noted in recent months an increasing number of false stories in the Oregon press designed to leave the impression that harmonious relations do exist among the Oregon delegation and particularly with respect to relationships between me and Senator Neuberger and between me and Congressman Green and Congressman Duncan. It is all a lot of nonsense. Our voting records show that we do not always agree every time we vote on the same legislative issue, but unanimity in respect to voting records is no reliable test of cooperative relations between the members of the delegation.

I haven't seen a statistical analysis, but my guess is that Maurine Neuberger and I vote the same way on a substantial majority of the roll-calls in the Senate, and I think that probably the same is true in respect to a comparison of my voting record with that of Edith Green and Bob Duncan. But the fact that we disagree on some issues does not justify the so-called deposer and rumor stories to the effect that harmony does not prevail within the delegation.

I fully expect in 1966 to be doing everything I can, subject to her wishes, to help reelect Maurine Neuberger to the Senate. I did just that in 1960, and I have always done it for Edith Green and expect to continue to do so. The same goes for Bob Duncan and Al Ullman.

Frankly, I am at a loss to understand what service to the

State of Oregon newspaper editors and correspondents think they are performing by their stories that are so obviously designed to try to create personal conflicts within the Oregon delegation.

With best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season,
Sincerely yours,
Wayne Morse, U.S.S.
Washington, D.C.

Editor's note: Nowhere in the editorial was there any hint or implication of dissent within the present Oregon delegation, other than as to opposing positions on the Dunes bill.

For comment on other portions of Sen. Morse's letter, see the editorial column.

Are You Really Glad?
To the Editor:
Are you really glad it's Christmas,

Or do you think—"oh my"?
Does the thought of all that shopping
Just make you want to cry?
And then there's all that wrapping,
Cooking, cleaning, and such,
Plus decorating the silver tip,
It really is too much!

The kids will all be out of school,
Which really isn't fair.
You have so many things to do,
And they sure get in your hair.
You must take the kids to see Santa,
And address a hundred cards.
Then you'll go out caroling
In all the neighbors' yards.
You must remember the milkman,
Preacher, teacher, and Doc.
You spend so much it's frightening.
Let's see—"What can I hock?"
Remember to fill the stockings
And to set up Junior's bike.
"Hey—where's the wheels for this wagon?"
And—"Did you pick up the trike?"
At last you wonder if your bed
And under if everything's done.
The kids will give Santa the credit
For all their Christmas fun.
At the crack of dawn the day begins
With whoops and hollers of all,
The kids are up and all at it,
They're admiring the tree.
You know in your heart it was worth it,
You're glad that it pleases them all.
Oh, sure—it was a lot of work,
But now you feel 10 feet tall.
Yes, I am really glad it's Christmas.
Now that it's finally here.

And once I have recovered, I'll look forward to it next year.
Mrs. E. C. "Pat" Chesebro
1115 Oak St.
Ashland, Ore.

Out of This World
To the Editor: It is a pity that the spirit which prevails around Christmas time does not last for a longer period.
I cannot help wondering who wrote the words to the songs that the angels sing, and who composed the music that pours from their trumpets. It might be correct to say, though, that they are "out of this world."

Merry Christmas, everybody.
David Frisch
P. O. Box 2292
White City, Ore.

Social Security Benefits
To the Editor: The reason I am writing is to try to clear up the misunderstanding that the manager of the Medford office of the Social Security administration causes by putting out false information in the newspaper. The Medford Mail Tribune has been printing the articles. This false information caused me to spend a considerable amount of money trying to get Social Security benefits that don't exist.

First, a person being unemployed, and not able to hold any kind of employment because of an incurable disease, does not qualify a person for Social Security benefits.
You can be completely unemployed and not able to do any kind of work and still not be entitled to Social Security.
My husband has been ruled permanently and totally disabled by two different Government Agencies.

Jacobson also made the statement that the Social Security would start payment after seven months. It took 30 months to process my husband's claim. He asked for a hearing. The Social Security administration ruled without any hearing being held.
The Social Security administration should put out a booklet explaining what illnesses they pay for. My generation can read and write. I don't believe in superstition, fear, and ignorance and hate that bring on the discrimination that has been practiced by the Social Security administration. For one instance, if a man has no education he can file for Social Security and start drawing payments, whereas a man with an education cannot get benefits at all, even though they have the same illness.

The Social Security administration also discriminated against people under 50 years old. Their age is used against them in paying benefits. We have the need just the same as more as the worker over 50.
Most of the men like my husband have a family.
I would advise anyone to keep

what insurance policies they have because if you get totally disabled, your chances of getting benefits from Social Security are pretty slim.

The Social Security administration has people boondoggling filling out for claims when there is no chance for payment whatsoever. Unknown quantities of money are spent processing claims that the person who takes the application knows won't be paid.

Also I want to say my husband qualified in every way as far as having enough money paid in.

One employe went far enough to ask the family doctor about the would live. The doctor said he didn't have anything to do with it, that it was up to God Almighty. The disease he has is incurable.

(Name on file)
Hornbrook, Calif.

Wisdom or Power
To the Editor: The "brotherhood of man" which Mr. Crews desires can only be established by force. The church established on the day of Pentecost, which surrenders to God of his own free will, can be the only successful "brotherhood." Entry requirements are set forth in the Book of Acts and its success told by the Book of Revelation.

Mr. Crews feels I have given him the Red smear. His liberal aims and the Communist goals coincide, only their methods and his good intentions set the attainment of this goal apart. We all know what road is paved with good intentions.

The peace he longs for will not come from man but only from God. It will not be earthly but spiritual and will come only to those found acceptable at the judgment. No, Mr. Crews, I prefer not to place my faith in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

James K. Shafer
Route 2, Box 210X
Medford.

The World Is Love
To the Editor: The King of the whole world is LOVE. None other shall ever reign supreme. For GOD IS LOVE. Nothing is more powerful in all the world. We have barely begun to use its force. It is only through LOVE that we can have eternal peace and happiness. It is only by LOVE that all evils can be overcome.

Christmas time is the rebirth of LOVE. Thus all the world should rejoice regardless of race or creed. It is a time to let LOVE express itself in giving, doing, helping. It is a time to expand LOVE to encompass all peoples and creatures of the earth and wonders of nature and science.
Truth and Righteousness. The

three that approach Divinity. The three that can bring "Peace on Earth, Good will toward men." Hearts overflowing with LOVE have Peace and know no fears. The world of today needs more of them.

Frances Ray,
Ralston, Wash.

Killer Booze
To the Editor: As the holiday season approaches, how many people will realize that gas and alcohol will not mix? No doubt some will learn the hard way. In the Family Weekly (MT Dec. 15, 1963) the article "I Destroyed Christmas" by Bruce Cline (who is now serving time in the state prison) should jolt awake those who say "A beer or two doesn't hurt anyone." I disagree. Your vision is not clear and it impairs your efficiency.

The ads say "Beer is a stimulant." The truth is, it is a depressant. As for nourishment, it would be necessary to drink 75 gallons of beer to equal that of one loaf of bread.

It was said that "If legalized liquor came back it would kill the automobile industry." But —legalized liquor is helping the automobiles to kill the human race. The wets said prohibition was a bad thing. The Churches and Salvation Army said it was a benefit. The wets do not feed the poor. The Churches and Salvation Army do.

You say, "It's nobody's business if I drink." It is indeed the non-drinkers' business in many ways. They belong to the hosts that want to make the world a better place to live. The drinking person tears down that structure we are trying to build. Whether you work at a service station, supermarket or other public places, they expect you to be at your best, for they pay for the service you render.

On a lonely highway in a family of six were wiped out in a head-on collision with a drinking driver. This is repeated in different settings thousands of times over. It is their business if you drink.

For every dollar taken in from liquor revenue, we are spending four to eight dollars at the least, to take care of the problems of alcohol has created. As taxpayers it is their business if you drink.

A nation trying to be a leader in atomic affairs, to spend billions of dollars for liquor in which to tear down the morals of that nation, as a Christian it is our business if you drink.

As we near the Birthday of our Saviour, who gave His life that we might live, let us not grieve Him by risking the lives of ourselves and others and filling the jails because of that killer BOOZE.

Make it a MERRY Christmas for all.
Mrs. Ernest Santo
204 Loxier Lane
Medford

Poets' Corner

Conducted by

Arnold Eugene Jenny

Star Of My Heart

Star of my heart, I follow from afar,
Sweet Love on high, lead on where shepherds are,
Where Time is not, and only dreamers are.
Star from of old, the Magi-kings are dead
And a foolish Saxon seeks the manger-bed.
O lead me to Jehovah's child
Across this dreamland lone and wild,
Then I will speak this prayer unsaid,
And kiss his little haloed head —
"My star and I, we love thee, little child."

—Vachel Lindsay

Except the Christ be born again tonight
In dreams of all men, bairns and sons of shame,
The world will never see his kingdom bright.
Stars of all hearts, lead onward through the night
Past hills of pain and mountains of new sin
To that far sky where mystic births begin,
Where dreaming ears the angel-song shall win.
Our Christmas shall be rare at dawning there,
And each shall find his brother fair,
Like a little child within;
All hearts of the earth shall find new birth
And wake, no more to sin.

—Vachel Lindsay

A Christmas Prayer

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus,
That we may share in the song of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the Wise Men.
Close the door of hate and
open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning make us happy
to be thy children and the Christmas evening
bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.
—Robert Louis Stevenson

Peace On Earth

The angels sang of peace on earth
When heralding our Savior's birth,
Exciting joy among all men
Of good will true — today, as then.

Then we shall have redeemed our past
And peace will come to earth at last.
—Arnold Eugene Jenny

In Present Dark, for Future Need: A Sonnet Sequence*
Sonnet VI

When I find strength to think on outer space,
Consider universals, look with awe
Upon the majesty of stellar law.
Then I am sure that I have glimpsed the place
Where Mind reflects upon the human race.
And slowly, I begin to note the flow
That clouds the casual thinking when I draw
Imaginary lines to chart the face
Of God. For God is thought and thought is God,
An ancient truth revealed at last to me.
Now, in the deep recesses of my mind,
I seek a point in time from which to find
The last horizon, fixed eternally,
Beyond whose arc no man has ever trod.
—Lloyd B. Halvorson
Medford

*Began 11/17, now concluded.

A Thought
I love the Christmas-tide, and
yet,
I notice this, each year I live;
always like the gifts I get,
But how I love the gifts I give!
—Carolyn Wells.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

BEFORE HE WON fame and fortune as a nightclub entertainer and TV standby, Sam Levenson eked out a modest living as a teacher in a Brooklyn elementary school.

In the corridor of this school one day, a brash pupil yelled, "Hey, Levenson!" Sam, enraged, grabbed the fresh student by the collar, shook him violently, then admonished him, "In the first place, boy, hay is for horses. In the second place, you owe your teacher a minimum of courtesy and consideration."

A look of utter mystification on the boy's face stopped Levenson short. "What's the matter?" he asked in a much gentler tone. "Don't you know what the words 'a minimum of courtesy and consideration' mean?" "Teacher," faltered the boy, "I didn't even know hay was for horses."

Mark Twain was cured of hitting on horse races when a nag he had backed heavily finished ninth in a field of nine. "That horse," complained Twain later, "was so slow it couldn't beat a three-story factory."