

GRATITUDE OR GUILT?

Two Oregon editorial writers, pondering the Christmas season and what it means, as well as the contrast between wealth and poverty, point out that, despite America's vaunted wealth and general level of prosperity, the poor remain with us.

Former Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Salem remarks on the mixed feelings of gratitude for the good things of life and guilt that they are not more widely shared.

And the Oregon Labor Press points out what it is too easy to forget—that about one-fifth of all Americans are so poor that they cannot buy the minimum of food, shelter and clothing to maintain good health.

WHAT are we to make of a nation, the richest and most affluent in the history of the world, which cannot provide the wherewithal to keep all its people from hunger?

Who are these people? The Labor Press says: "These are the forgotten people, not even seen in day-to-day life by most of us, even those of us who work for comparatively low wages. The social workers see them, the police see them, the school teachers see them—until they drop out of school in confusion and discouragement."

This, in our eyes, is the most puzzling—the most pressing—national problem of them all. What can be done about it?

FIRST, it seems to us, is the necessity for us all to realize that it IS a problem—partly invisible, perhaps, but real and persistent.

Second, it must be realized that these people do not have the resources in strength, skills, knowledge or determination, to help themselves. They must have help. If they do not receive it, the problem, now of depressing dimensions, will turn into a national disgrace.

The help must be of two kinds. The first is simply the food, shelter and clothing necessary to support life in decency and dignity. The second, even more important, is the provision of the skills and abilities to become productive members of society. And this, in turn, means more work opportunities.

COMPLICATING the problem is the fact that automation is eliminating more jobs than it is providing. And those jobs which it is providing are skilled ones, requiring much in the way of education and training.

It is also true that a disproportionate number of these unfortunates are held back, not only by lack of preparation for the competitive world, but by the fact that their skin is the "wrong" color. Prejudice compounds the injustice of technological change.

Thus, while the wealthy reap the benefits of the new technology, and the skilled worker is living better than ever, one out of every five Americans is poor, and getting poorer, and is seeing his opportunity for betterment getting increasingly slimmer.

So, as Mr. Sprague remarks, we are torn between gratitude for our own good fortune, and guilt to think of the millions of our fellow citizens who are not sharing in the American dream of progress and abundance for all.—E.A.

Letting Air Into The Church

Members of the Roman Catholic church and non-Catholics alike have watched with increasing wonder and enthusiasm as, during the past five years, more change has occurred within the church than at any time since the Reformation.

It began in late 1958 when Pope John XXIII succeeded the gentle and ascetic Pope Pius XII. Pope John, well along in years, was thought by many to have been chosen as an interim, or "caretaker," Pope. Instead he became one of the great innovators in his attempts, in his words, to "let a little air into the Church."

PARTLY through his own great personality, partly through shrewd diplomacy, partly through courage, Pope John set in motion a whole series of events and changes which have not yet run their course.

The most notable was the convening of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, where it was shown that the Church, so long thought of as monolithic and immovable, was in fact a dynamic and energetic force in world affairs—affairs temporal as well as affairs spiritual.

Pope John, who surely will be ranked by history as among the greatest of the Pontiffs, died before his plans came to fruition. But his successor, Pope Paul VI, gives every evidence, not only of continuing the work, but even of speeding it.

HE SAW to it that the second session of the Council was held as planned by Pope John, and, while he was perhaps not quite as effective as his predecessor in guiding the Council in the ways he desired, still he was gratified to see great reforms enacted, and the way paved for more.

His announcement that he would visit the Holy Land in January, while it may not seem important to some, in actuality is a startling break with tradition, and is a dramatic personal underscoring of the new directions being seen within the church.

Not only does it symbolize a freshness of approach to the 20th century, but it also will open new avenues to religious tolerance, and perhaps even the erasure of the age-old injustices heaped upon the Jews.

Surely Catholicism in general, and the Vatican in particular, so long the objects of suspicion, distrust and actual hatred, are earning new respect and good will from all the non-Catholic world.—E.A.

"We're Ready To Start The Big Push"



Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris

PURELY PERSONAL PREJUDICES The child wants all its wishes to be granted; and what those adults who remain children have failed to learn is that if all our wishes were granted, fulfillment would be as common as dirt, and, losing the desire to wish, we would die of boredom and satiation.

If you cannot understand the opposite of your position, then you cannot understand your own position; this is why blind hate is always self-destructive, and eventually topples the very cause it presumes to serve.

The people who want to be both popular and right are no more deluded than those unhappy souls who believe that being unpopular is a token of their rightness; all the great prophets were unpopular—but so were all the prigs and misanthropes, for very good reasons.

Education in itself can never persuade a fanatic to change his mind; as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., superbly put it: "The mind of a bigot is like the pupil of the eye; the more light you pour upon it, the more it will contract."

It secretly flatters us to read all the Faustian legends and to imagine ourselves selling our souls to the Devil for some immense gratification on this earth; and it rarely occurs to us that most souls are not boldly bad enough to interest even the Devil, who would have no use for our weak, watery, indecisive sort of self-indulgence.

All the elaborate psychometric tests are not nearly as accurate a means of reading character as simply observing a person walking his dog—in his attitude toward the animal, toward laws, and toward other dogs, one can gain an enormous knowledge of the walker's feelings about himself and others.

My recent paragraph about repentance often being a kind of credit we extend ourselves for future transgressions recalled that fine aphorism of Josh Billings: "It is much easier to repent of sins we have committed than to repent of those we intend to commit."

Speaking of dogs, it is foolish to hold up the "loyalty" of dogs as an example of what human beings should be and are not—for a dog is not loyal to his own kind, to other dogs, but only to humans and to his master; it is the essence of his peculiar domestication that he prefers people to canines.



Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE 88TH CONGRESS By and large, the critics of the 88th Congress are those who have been the advocates of the chief Kennedy measures. The apologists for the Congress are the opponents of those measures. But is that all there is to it? Is there no issue of principle at stake in the way the Congress has behaved?

An apologist for the Congress has told us that "it may be assumed that Congress, in its fashion, reflects the will of the country to go slowly."

This amounts to saying that the proper way to assert the will of the country is to go slowly is not to debate the legislation, amend it and vote for or against it, but to prevent the elected representatives of the people from expressing the people's will.

THERE is here a fundamental issue of principle. Consider the tax bill which was proposed by the President in July, 1962, and 18 months later is still in Senator Byrd's committee. On what ground of principle can that delay be justified?

If the bill is a bad bill which will unbalance still more the budget, then why not bring it to the floor and defeat it? Is the answer to this question that Congress might not defeat it and that therefore it is patriotic and wise to smother the bill off-stage in the committee?

It cannot be denied, I believe, that the 88th Congress has been paralyzed by a futile filibuster in the committee, by what may fairly be described as a conspiracy to subvert representative government.

WHAT is not the whole of the bad job done by the 88th Congress. In addition to setting up a manipulated blockade of the greater part of the President's program, this Congress has gone further even than the last

Oregon Christian Delegates Depart PORTLAND (UPI)—Fifty-two Oregon delegates and their chaperones left by train here Wednesday to attend the 19th Ecumenical Conference on Christian World Missions at Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, Dec. 27 through Jan. 2.

The conference is held every four years.

Emotional Maturity World's Greatest Need at Present, Health Expert Says

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Emotional immaturity is the world's greatest problem, according to a former director-



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general of the World Health organization.

Until men become sufficiently mature to respond to changing circumstances in this dynamic world, said Dr. G. Brock Chisholm, mankind will continue down the road to universal destruction.

The price of salvation, he said, will be the abandoning of some time-honored but no longer applicable conscience values that are blocking the achievement of world cooperation in such areas as peace, food distribution and population control.

Chisholm, of Victoria, B.C., spoke at a University of California conference on "Man Under Stress" at the university's San Francisco medical center.

When people fail to mature emotionally, he said, they respond to stress in a typically childlike fashion—with either passive submission or hostility, unplanned and emotionally determined.

"This is the kind of person to whom the symbol becomes the reality, the slogan ultimate truth, and revelation the only reliable evidence," Chisholm said.

"His heroes are absolutely good and his opponents abso-

lutely bad. For him 'we,' whoever we are, are always 'the good ones,' independently of our behavior. God is always on our side. We never have fought an unrighteous war or championed an unworthy cause.

"All our difficulties are the results of the machinations of the 'bad' ones, who, according to his particular prejudices, are the communists, the Jews, the Catholics, the Protestants, subversives, liberals or almost anything different from himself."

Such a person, Chisholm said, is the "arch enemy of social, political and religious evolution and growth."

The time has come, he said, when the ancient and deeply imbedded concept of "survival groups"—tribes, states, nations—is outdated and downright dangerous.

"We can no longer hope to survive by ruthless competition backed by our capacity to kill; from now on we will survive as life on earth and by cooperation or not at all."

The consciences of most people under present-day circumstances may be "disastrously misleading," Chisholm said.

Many millions of people, he said, still believe on the basis of what they learned in childhood that the proper response to threat is to increase the ability to kill and thus keep the enemy in line. This has resulted in a situation where man is capable of eliminating himself from the earth three or four times over.

Yet, Chisholm said, vast numbers of people still believe they would feel more secure if the killing capacity could be increased to perhaps 10 times.

"There is really no advantage in killing all of ourselves more than three or four times," Chisholm said, "and to believe that is obviously insane."

If the human race is to survive, men must conquer such feelings as these, Chisholm said. They must also change many other old ideas—such as believing that having large numbers of children is admirable.

There are "hopeful signs," Chisholm said, that the present generation has the technical capacity to take charge of its own destiny. But, he added, it must also have the emotional maturity to handle its problems.

...Communications...

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Old Time Schooling To the Editor: Our friend Floyd R. McCabe's communication in a recent Tribune reminds the writer of his early day schooling experience.

We had one mile to walk to and from school, usually a seven month term with one to two weeks winter vacation. Our athletics consisted of baseball, football, and in winter, boxing exercises. Also in spring was running, jumping, weight lifting, throwing and wrestling.

Most of the pupils were rugged in physique as nearly all got a lesson in "hard knocks". The three R's were reading, "riting and "rithmetic. On Friday afternoon there was either a spelling bee or a ciphering match. Above the teacher's blackboard were usually two water elm or willow switches, just in case of any required discipline. We did most of our school work during school hours, as we had chores to do after classes were dismissed.

All in all, we enjoyed every minute both in and out of school sessions.

Bert Kissinger 322 S. Riverside Ave. Medford

Still Reigns To the Editor: Two thousand years ago a Saviour was born in a small city called Bethlehem. This saviour was born for this purpose: to save his people from their sins and to reconcile man back to God. His name is called Immanuel, Counselor, the Prince of Peace. Yes, his name is Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin of the seed of David Joseph was going to have Mary, his fiancée, put away because he found her with child; but an angel appeared unto Joseph and said "Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost and she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus: For he shall save his people from their sins."

Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist and then He was baptized by the Holy Ghost.

Jesus went about doing good and healed the sick and all manner of diseases among the people. Jesus became very popular among the people. The people wanted to make Jesus a king; but Jesus departed from them because He knew that He had to become despised and rejected by all men to become the Saviour of the World.

Jesus was from then on misunderstood by the children of Israel. Many of his disciples left Him. The Jews sought to take Jesus' life many times, but His time was not yet.

Jesus faced Gethsemane where He willingly turned over His life for our sins. Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples, betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver.

Jesus was then taken to Pilate. Pilate sent him to Herod and Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. Jesus was falsely accused by the Jews and yet Jesus opened his mouth. Pilate offered one of the prisoners to be set free to the people since that day there was a feast. The people chose Barabbas, a murderer, etc.

Jesus was scourged, which means that He received 39 lashes upon his back. Then He was crucified on a cross. Three days later, the people found an empty grave. Jesus arose from the dead.

Today Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God making inter-

cession for your sins. Yes, Jesus died for your sins. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Come to Jesus because he said "He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out. Jesus Christ today reigns my heart. Richard Guy Morgan 618 East Ninth St. Medford.

A "Thank You" To the Editor: We would like to take this opportunity to extend Season's Greetings and a big "Thank You" for your interest, time, effort, and sacrifices which have helped to promote the welfare of this school.

May you and yours have many Christmas blessings. May the New Year be a happy, holy, and peaceful one.

(Rev.) John J. Keane Principal For the Faculty, the Students, the Parents' Club St. Mary's School Medford.

Marxists To the Editor: And all the Christian readers of your paper, a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. But I cannot say that to all the atheists, Communists, Socialists, Marxists, because they don't want it.

They brag about it, how nice it would be, if all the profit system would be abolished. Who would like to work without getting paid for it? Who would like to give you a loan of money without getting some extra money in return? If the Marxists have all this worked out, I have heard nothing of it.

Why did the Marxists in East Berlin put up the concrete wall around their own people to keep their own people from crossing over into West Berlin to escape from Socialism, Marxism? Hitler brought National Socialism to Germany. Stalin with Khrushchev brought Marxism to Russia and all of eastern Europe. Khrushchev had his hands full in the butchery of Budapest in Hungary. A year ago the peaceful Marxists from China tried to get a slice from India without the Indians' consent.

In 1908 the Socialists told me a war now would be impossible, the Socialists would not stand for it. Since then the two most horrible world wars the world has ever seen and the cold war the Marxists threaten us with 100 megaton bombs and a pistol at the back of our heads.

Widner Xavier Route 3, Box 186 Medford.

Goldwater Fan To the Editor: Fellow Americans: How would you feel if TV, radio and newspaper commentators were publicly accusing YOU of causing the "hate" attitudes in the mind of the assassin who killed the President?

Ask Barry Goldwater, for he has received many letters falsely accusing him in that way. Some of us believe that in the three years that Oswald was in Russia that the Reds there worked on him, conditioning his mind for coming back to America and slaying the President, in order that the crime might be charged against good Americans who have been arousing opposition to Communism. As the great Dean Manion says, "The Socialist-Liberal-Communist, in their last stand, will bend every effort to place the murder of John F. Kennedy on what they call the 'Right Wing' Americans who are so valiantly fighting the Reds. And in their grief, many people are ready to believe anything—even a fantastic story like this."

Anyways, because there is no man in the U.S. that the Reds and radicals so hate and fear as Senator Goldwater, he has been receiving many letters falsely accusing him of stirring up hatred against Kennedy. But the great Senator has been very moderate and reasonable in his magnificent fight for America against Communism.

He has come personally to represent the greatest hope for a free America against the heading rush toward Socialism in every area of American Government and life. Today, as never before, amid this vicious

Santa Claus Finds Child in Hospital PATTERSON, Calif. (UPI)—Kathy Stratton, 1, sobbed as she was being rushed to the hospital Christmas Eve.

She had swallowed a safety pin while she was eating cereal. But that was not what was worrying her. She cried "Santa won't be able to find me—he thinks I'm at grandma's."

It all turned out fine. The safety pin was removed and Kathy was in good condition today. And she had her presents, too. Santa was able to find his way to the hospital.

Please do the following today: 1. Send him a personal letter or postcard of support, air mail or telegram.

2. Send separately or as an enclosure a birthday greeting. He observes his 55th birthday on Jan. 1, 1964.

3. Address messages to Senator Barry Goldwater, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

4. Millions of INFORMED AMERICANS regard Barry Goldwater as being the last hope for saving our country from the Red takeover that is already in progress.

5. And include this gallant champion of Human Freedom in your prayers for America.

Important: Please send copy of your letter (carbon O.K.) to William E. Miller, Chairman, National Committee, 1625 Eye St. NW, Washington 6, D.C.

Charles R. Weede 278 Idaho St. Ashland Ore.

As this is written, there's blood all over the moon in Washington.

What's it all about? Well, according to the dispatches, the 88th Congress—in a shouting-mad temper, the correspondents report—scuttled plans to adjourn for the year and ordered sessions to continue this week in an effort to end a bitter deadlock over the foreign aid spending bill.

The bone of contention was an amendment concerning credits for wheat and other sales to the communist countries.

WHAT about these credits? The situation was like this: The controversial amendment to the foreign aid bill would curtail the President's powers to EXTEND CREDIT to the Russians in sales of wheat and other commodities.

Which is to say: It would require Russia to pay for these commodities in gold or American dollars instead of permitting the U.S.A. to EXTEND CREDIT to the Soviet Union—which, in effect, would amount to putting the bill on the American cuff and trusting to luck that the communist government of Russia would eventually pay the bill in gold or negotiable dollar exchange.

That's about the long and the short of it.

QUESTION: How do you, as a taxpayer, feel about it?

Are you willing and eager to put another billion or so on the cuff to help Russia out in her present state of financial stringency?

ANOTHER question: Why is everybody in Washington so peeved about it all?

IT would be wonderful to be able to feel that the welfare of the U.S.A., including the welfare of its taxpayers, was the sole consideration at issue.

But there were other issues. Members of congress, who have been doing to get home for Christmas in good time, must now remain in Washington—and, as of now, no one knows how long that may take. Congress may get into another wrangle that could go on for days and days—maybe for weeks.

The President, who is reported to be fighting mad about the whole business, had to delay his departure from Washington to spend the Christmas holidays at his Texas ranch.

ONE of the most interesting reactions to the ruckus comes from Mayor Elect John F. Shelley, of San Francisco, who retired from congress to become the city's mayor. Asked by interviewers what he would have done if he had still been in Washington, he said he might have voted against the bill to empower the President to extend credit to Russia for the purchase of wheat.

One reason why he would have hesitated to back the wheat bill, he said, is that he never got any help for the San Francisco Naval Shipyard from congressmen now sponsoring the grain measure.

WERE all sure our American system of government is the best system on earth—but it has its peculiarities and peculiarities. We want economy, but we also want all the federal money we can get in our home communities.



"Those are the UNICEF cards we got—we have some right-wing friends we like to hug!"

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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Dec. 26, 1953 (Saturday) Several burglaries in Medford solved Christmas day by the arrest of 14-year-old Talent boy, Tommy Y'Blood, 18, of 1217 Withington St., has bicycle license No. 1 in Medford.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 26, 1943 (Sunday) Three Medford restaurants closed by district OPA headquarters for overdrinking on the ration accounts.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 26, 1933 (Tuesday) Medford All-Star basketball team to play high school five: All-Star squad includes Odd Hughes, Bud Lindley, Wilton White, Joe Patton, Connie Latham, Red Scheel, Phil Knips and Lloyd Hammet.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 26, 1923 (Wednesday) Man arrested on burglary charge saws way out of Medford city jail.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 26, 1913 (Friday) Judge William M. Colvig was named tax attorney and right of way agent for Southern Pacific railroad.

60 YEARS AGO Dec. 26, 1903 (Friday) Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gore entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Will Gore, Miss Mary Gore, Jay Gore Mr. and Mrs. Shields and Flora Grey.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. On what British ship, under the command of Captain Bigh, did notable mutiny take place? 2. In scoring in tennis, what does "love" mean? 3. What is a codicil? 4. Who was the author of "Jolly Written in a Country Churchyard"? 5. Anchorage is a town in which U. S. State? 6. What do the initials ASCAP signify? 7. If an animal were described as innocuous, would it be harmless or harmful? 8. The Oberammergau Passion Play is scheduled at how many years' intervals, in normal times? 9. The famous "Venus of Milo" statue is notable in that its arms are folded, upraised, or missing? 10. In bowling "duckpins" what is the maximum one can make in a single frame? Answers: 1. H. M. S. Bounty. 2. Nothing scored. 3. Supplement to a Will. 4. Thomas Gray. 5. Alaska. 6. American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. 7. Harmless. 8. 10 year intervals. 9. Missing. 10. 30.