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Editorial Page

No One-Way Street

No one expects the Soviet Union or any member of the Communist orbit to give up misrepresenting the United States before the world. But there is no reason why we should not be better understood and appreciated by the rest of the family of nations.

It is both tragic and wearying that in so many quarters our clear dedication to peace and to the betterment of human welfare at home and abroad should be taken at something less than face value.

To the extent that this misunderstanding is America's own fault, we must hope that efforts are made in the years just ahead to blot out any wrong impressions.

The emphasis has got to be put on the positive, peaceful side of our endeavors rather than on the negative, military side. And every American from the president on down must find the means of conveying to peoples abroad that our sympathy with their struggle for advancement is strong beyond doubt.

But understanding is always a mutual thing, and in the postwar years there has not been too much mutuality about it where the United States is concerned.

From those beyond our shores, new nations or old, freshly come to independence or still seeking it, we have a right to expect a reasonable attempt to see America in the full

light of its history, its background and its problems.

Why, for example, should it be impossible for them to understand that we are caught between two fires on the issue of colonialism?

Throughout this nation's lifetime it has been thoroughly committed to support for the aspirations of those seeking self-determination. It is also a fact that our strongest allies in the defense of world freedom happen to be — or to have been — important colonial powers.

In this dilemma there is no black-and-white course for us to follow. If the struggling peoples of the earth want our sympathy, it does not seem too much to ask that they give some in return, on such delicate issues as our colonial position.

Let them ask themselves, too, why they find it so easy to view with suspicion a country like America which has an unmistakable commitment to peace and freedom and justice.

And why, in turn, are they so ready to take at face value the patent frauds of communism, whose whole history and performance speaks of aggression, injustice and oppression?

Understanding is a two-way avenue and it's time our friends abroad opened up their side of the street.

No Napping, Please

There have been occasions before to remark upon the emptiness and the patness of some liberal thinking in this country.

Since this nation needs the full force of both its liberal and conservative urges at their best, it would be good if it could be reported that the previously noted tendencies were diminishing. Unfortunately this cannot be said.

The biggest weakness shown by the offending liberals is one which seems to express a contradiction of their very nature. Too often they do not search out the truth. Indeed, there are many times when they do not even display a curiosity about it.

They tend to deal in black and whites, to favor the use of oversimplified labels, to indulge in hero worship which goes well beyond the bounds of reason into pure emotion.

All these things should be the very farthest from their normal intellectual behavior. The true liberal is wedded to the quest for truth, is intensely curious, deals in shades of gray befitting the complexities of today.

As an example, one of the complaints raised in some liberal circles against the new secretary of defense, Robert McNamara, was that he was a specialist in market research.

The assumption was that any man so trained was committed to a narrow, mer-

chandising outlook which could not possibly serve the country well.

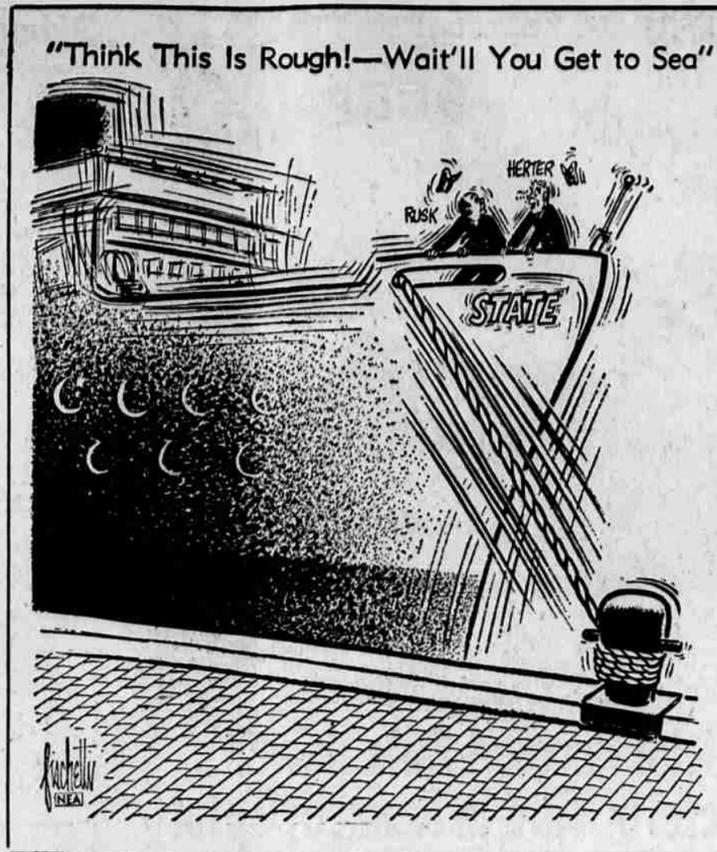
But if there is any individuality at all left in this country, then it means there are marketers and marketers. Does the simple label explain McNamara and his potentialities as defense secretary?

Genuinely thoughtful men would not think so. They would want to know the full story of the man. Presumably President-elect Kennedy learned a good part of it before he chose him. It does not seem too much to ask of some of our self-appointed guardians that they do the same.

The uncurious liberals also exhibited their lack of imagination and depth in judging Dean Rusk, the new secretary of state. One wonders how much of what he has done and said they troubled to acquaint themselves with before condemning him as "gray and colorless" when set beside hero Adlai Stevenson.

When events finally establish the real quality of some of our public figures whom these liberals initially treat with scorn, they usually manage to greet the facts with a great sense of discovery. They announce to the nation that the men in question "have changed."

In truth it is they who have changed. They have just awakened. If they want to earn the legitimate title of liberal, they should stay awake all the time.



EDSON IN WASHINGTON Big Problem For Kennedy Is Course Of Foreign Aid

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WASHINGTON (NEA)—What to do about the foreign aid program is one of the Kennedy administration's biggest problems.

There's ample dissatisfaction with the way foreign aid is being run now. A few people like Sen. Barry Goldwater would abolish it altogether. That's the extreme, minority view.

But even supporters of foreign aid who consider its abolition not only impossible but also crazy are not satisfied with the results now being obtained.

This dissatisfaction is not based solely on scattered disclosures of inefficiency and waste.

It is based primarily on realization that needs of countries eligible to receive the aid are changing. So the kinds and methods of giving aid must be changed to meet new conditions.

In the 15 years that the U.S. has been in foreign aid business—fiscal 1946 through fiscal 1961, ending next June 30—about 90 billion dollars' worth of aid will have been furnished. It has averaged four billion dollars a year in economic assistance and two billion dollars a year in military assistance.

Foreign aid enthusiasts—at the opposite end of the scale from Goldwater—think this isn't enough. They want two or three billion dollars a year more. The need is there.

But explanations of who is to furnish this money are not forthcoming. And the size of the pro-

gram does not now receive as much attention as does its character and quality.

Economic development of the backward countries is no longer considered enough. There must be development of free political institutions along with it, under new concepts. This means not just anti-Communism but constructive independence and democracy—the democracy of 1776 restated in terms of 1976.

There is a further new emphasis called for on education, housing, land reform and self-sufficient agriculture. These are not the big projects of river valley dams and power, steel mills and high industrialization new countries want for prestige. They are the fundamental improvements that reach down to the common people and improve their standards of living.

Those were some of the points brought out in the recent Washington Conference on International Economic and Social Development. It was the annual meeting of representatives from about 100 nongovernmental church, education, labor and farm groups and private foundations interested in foreign assistance.

There was some expression of opinion that the government ought to get out of direct foreign aid and turn it over to private business, religious and welfare organizations—to run on government subsidies, of course. The thought was that, "The business of the State Department should be to run foreign policy—not build fertilizer plants."

Wherever reorganization of foreign aid is mentioned, bureaucrats pop up with diagrams of how it should be done. For instance—there should be more multilateral assistance given through the U.N. instead of bilateral, country-to-country aid. But this may not be practical, yet.

It is largely gobbledygook, anyway. Foreign aid has already been shuffled and reshuffled from MSA to FOA to ICA and from Point Four to TCA. All this alphabet-mixing just mixes up the recipients of foreign aid and destroys staff morale to boot.

The organization they have in good enough. What it is said to need most is some dedication and enthusiasm such as it had in Marshall Plan days. Today the stick-wielding critics of American foreign aid are beating a worn-out, if not dead horse.

Other Editors' Opinions Who Picks Junior's Books?

(SALEM CAPITAL JOURNAL)
There aren't too many advantages to being an adult. But one of them is that other adults rarely tell you what you can read. Like most advantages, this one, however, is canceled out. Adults have to choose textbooks for kids. And this is one of the least enjoyable tasks around. You can't please everyone. Sometimes it seems you can't please anyone.

The hearing in Salem last week—attended by a platoon of angry parents—demonstrates that some of the ablest educators in the state can't bat 1,000. And the committee which draws up the master list, made up of administrators from school districts around the state, is a good one.

Nevertheless, one of the books on their list drew the label of "trash." It is an anthology, intended primarily for use by unwilling readers. Many of the selections obviously are intended to be the transition from comic book level. To a person who no longer reads with his lips, some of the stuff is trashy. To those who think school books shouldn't discuss teen-age romance, the book just won't do.

The textbook situation in Oregon, however, isn't as bad as this one example would indicate. In fact, we doubt if anyone is going to improve greatly on the system immediately.

The state committee selects new books in each subject field each six years. But, as in the case of the "trash" book, there are alternates, usually about half a dozen. This explains why Tigard School District—where most of the objections came from—is one of the few districts in the state which uses the loathed volume.

Other school districts choose other texts from the list. And many districts aren't bound by the state list, anyway. All first class districts (those with 1,000 or more students) can use any text they wish to match their own courses of study—subject to approval of the State Department of Education. But this is rare, for the state textbook committee usually approves most suitable books in



This is the first holiday season of my life that I can't recall having to wallow around in snow up to my ears, and face a howling blizzard, or biting Arctic blasts. I'm not kicking, but, somehow, I miss the battle.

We are grateful to those persons who took the trouble to express their pleasure at our attempt to keep our Christmas Day front page clean of the usual accidents, murders, etc., and to emphasize the good news that came in that day. Incidentally, I have no desire to get in a plug for our advertisers, but I hope that you noted the holiday greetings in the paper, and the attempt by retailers to let you know they appreciated your business during the past years.

Whatever our personal feelings or fears about it may be, we can perhaps gain some satisfaction from the thought that our descendants will look back upon our times as a great age. According to the opinion of the president of Carnegie Institution, "Our age may be considered typical of the most significant eras of change since the fall of the Roman Empire."

A reader asked me where I got the stuff for this column. Frankly, some of it is stolen outright; some is altered from the original form (without apology); some is sent in by readers, and other of it is created on this old Underwood.

Gimmicks without end are used to alert holiday motorists to the perils of mixing drinking with driving. Latest is a Texas sign: "He who has one for the road has patrolman for chaser."

The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, running down their friends, side-stepping responsibility, and pushing their luck.

When it comes right down to cases, the fight planned and conducted by our own Sen. Boivin for president of the state Senate was about as effective as they come. Practically every leading Democrat politician in the state got into the act one way or another, and too many of them talked too much. But Harry? He kept his mouth shut, and walked off with the marbles.

Girls, comes now a story that if a man wants to worry, let him. This from the chief psychiatrist with the medical divi-

sion of the Du Pont Co. He claims that the idea that a nervous man must be removed from a situation, leave work, calm down and rest is a delusion. I take note, however, that he has nothing to suggest regarding the guy (or the gal) who carries on a running day-long battle with a flock of six kids or so.

Something of a shock was another little news note. It revealed that the Martin Company, one of the pioneer airplane manufacturers in this country, has built its last airplane. From now on it will concentrate on missile and space work. That is, it is a shock to some of us old duffers. Our kids, I guess, will take it in stride as they hit for the moon.

Men, here's one to show your wife: More divorces are caused by women who talk too much than by any other thing. Men learn, when they are small, not to say everything they think. If they do, somebody knocks their block off. Nobody knocks a little girl's block off, and she says what she pleases until she is a garrulous old woman.

Two publications of rather wide circulation recently devoted extensive space to articles stating the case for and against the old man having to mop up the kitchen sink, change the babies' diapers and otherwise engage in activity generally conceded to belong in the realm of the gentler sex.

In my opinion, there is no case at all for the men who would shirk their household duties. If we men get tired of our jobs, contemplate the tediousness of managing a household: Cooking, setting the table, clearing the table, washing the dishes, washing clothes, ironing clothes, mending clothes, wiping noses, keeping youngsters clean, settling disputes, soothing hurts, dressing youngsters, putting youngsters to bed, tidying up the home, sweeping the floors, mopping the floors, waxing the floors, washing windows, vacuuming the rugs, making beds—all this, and a thousand other details that go on night and day, day after day, year after year, for the mother raising a brood and managing a husband.

While it is easy to find excuses for the man who slaves at the office or job all day to head for the golf course, lake, stream, or other favorite haunt, it would be easier to make a case for the women who maintain the home and family to sneak off a couple of hours each day to gather frazzled nerves, and regain some serenity for a brief interlude, at least.

Along this same line of thinking, I am firmly convinced that Pop should provide the L.W. with as many of the labor and time saving conveniences of the day as possible. They are just as important to the homemaker as a new printing press, a new tractor, or other machinery and equipment designed to save time and increase production.

Of course, the logical conclusion (at least, the most ideal) to this is for every man to acquire a million or so bucks before he gets married and hire a dozen maids and butlers to wrestle with the household and the kids.

And with that, I suppose, will go both of my men readers.

Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Thursday, Dec. 29, the 364th day of the year with two more in 1960.

The moon is approaching its full phase.

The morning star is Mars. The evening stars are Mars, Saturn and Venus.

On this day in history:
In 1808, Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the United States was born.

In 1848, President Polk and the entire household staff witnessed the installation of the first gas lights in the executive mansion.
In 1851, the first Young Men's Christian Association to be established in the United States opened its door in Boston.

In 1940, Hitler's airmen staged the biggest and most violent air raid ever attempted to date on the city of London.

In 1947, Henry Wallace, former vice president and cabinet officer, announced he would accept the presidential nomination in 1948 on a third party ticket.

Thought for today: Greek author Aesop said: "Better beans and bacon in peace than cakes and ale in fear."



THE DOCTOR SAYS . . . Survivors Of Burns Could Aid Research

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If you've suffered a severe burn at any time in your life, you now have an opportunity to make a practical expression of gratitude for your recovery.

Let me explain. The death rate from burns rises sharply when more than 30 per cent of the body's surface has been charred. And when the area of involvement is more than 50 per cent, the prospects for recovery fall off sharply despite improved methods of treatment that make use of intravenous infusions, transfusions, antibiotics and other innovations.

In a joint effort to increase the recovery rate from extensive burns, investigators from the University of Illinois, members of the medical staff of Chicago's St. Anne's Hospital and the faculty of Our Lady of the Angels School undertook a coordinated study of the youngsters who survived a disastrous school fire Dec. 1, 1958.

Briefly stated, the results of this admirably conceived investigation were:
Isolation of a circulating "burn toxin," produced in the charred skin and tissues and apparently

responsible for most of the distressing manifestations and the high mortality rate among those who suffered extensive burns.

Demonstration of a "burn antitoxin" in the circulating blood of survivors of extensive burns.

Evidence of the capacity of "burn antitoxin" to lessen the damaging effects of circulating "burn toxin," as the latter is being produced in charred areas of the skin and tissues.

Here, then, is how a survivor of an extensive burn can make a practical expression of gratitude for recovery.

Offer a sample of blood for testing at the nearest hospital or branch of the Red Cross.

Inform local officials, including members of the fire and police departments, of your readiness to donate blood containing "burn antitoxin" to any acutely burned individual, especially one whose area of involvement exceeds 25 per cent of the body's surface.

Always provided, of course, that preliminary tests indicate that the bloods are compatible.

For a copy of Dr. Hyman's leaflet "How to Combat the Common Cold," send 10 cents to Dr. Hyman, care Herald and News, Box 489, Dept. B, Radio City Station, New York 19, N.Y.

THEY SAY . . .

Europe, wallowing in an incredible wave of luxury, is bound to become a colony of the resurgent, industrious and vigorous young nations of Japan and China. . . . The West is witnessing the end of its era.
—George Bilainkin, British foreign affairs writer.

They (the Republicans) have been peddling eyewash about themselves and hogwash about Democrats. What they need is a good mouthwash.
—Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.).

BARBS

A train of thought arrives no place if it runs only local.

Modern youth is slowing down, says a writer. Sometimes only when he hits a tree or fire plug.

Intelligence is the ability to believe a person when he or she says they cannot sing.

The popcorn business each year reaches into the millions—and that ain't peanuts.

Artist's Life

ACROSS

- 1 Italian medalist
- 7 French landscapist
- 13 Swed
- 14 Everlasting (poet)
- 15 Fawn
- 16 Dispassionate
- 17 Hope's kilt
- 18 Blackbird of cuckoo family
- 20 Slight bow
- 21 Rhythm
- 22 Hum
- 23 Chemical compound
- 25 Posterior
- 33 European dormouse
- 34 Feminine pronoun
- 35 Aliments
- 36 Girl's name
- 37 Head covering
- 38 Sea eagles
- 39 Shoulders
- 42 Dutch uncle
- 45 Assist
- 46 Possessive pronoun
- 49 American genre painter
- 52 Fancy
- 53 Inner surface
- 54 Bed canopy
- 57 Pesterer
- 58 Grinnaces

DOWN

- 1 Gourd
- 2 Aliments
- 3 Kind of pudding
- 4 August
- 5 Negative (ab.)
- 6 Mountain nymph
- 7 Organic substance
- 8 Summer (Fr.)
- 9 Mackerel nickname

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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11 Preposition
12 Bamboolee
19 Compass point
21 American historical painter
22 Handled
23 Visitor
24 Princes
25 Crusadean
26 Impudent
27 Sheaf
28 Press
29 Not any
31 Japanese outcasts
39 Tardier
40 Chinese weight
41 Redacts
42 Exude
43 Burrow
44 Lobengrin's
46 Dretet
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