

Herald and News

Editorial Page

Only One Size Of Morality

There can be no minimizing the horror a nuclear war would visit upon the world, nor the peril to humanity's health in long continued, indiscriminate poisoning of the atmosphere through nuclear tests.

Almost from the time the first atom bomb was dropped, however, the moralizing protests against nuclear weapons have lacked the force they should properly have.

They have lacked that force because the same voices have not been raised against the violence of war and aggression on any scale and in any form.

It is the use of violence that is immoral, from the first, the smallest act to the biggest and most menacing. That rifle fire from an arrogant patrol, the initial burst of a tank gun, the garroting of an innocent peasant by a guerrilla—these break the bounds of morality just as surely as a 50-megaton bomb.

Wide disappointment was felt when many neutralists shamed themselves by silence in the face of Russia's test resumption. But there are many right in our Western midst who find a strange distinction between nuclear war and "conventional" war.

Certainly a nuclear holocaust would be frightful, though the public assertions of some scientists that from 90 to perhaps 100 million Americans would die in some future war are

considered unsound by informed military specialists.

The real likelihood—horrible enough—is that a Soviet nuclear assault today on this country's retaliatory power would possibly kill tens of millions if no fallout protection existed. But if substantial shelter safeguards were available, these losses would conceivably be held in the range of two million.

Naturally, heavy casualties would be suffered both by our allies abroad, and by our enemy. Add to these the well-advertised danger of such radioactive byproducts as strontium 90.

But is there something less immoral in simply killing large numbers of people more slowly and in different ways?

Just the military deaths alone from World War I and World War II came to 20 million persons. Many millions more died as civilians from starvation, exposure, the gas chamber, and other causes rising directly from war.

Where are the indignant marchers in London, Rome, Tokyo and around the globe, to protest the killing of freedom-seeking East Berliners or the wanton murder of civil administrators in South Viet Nam?

The little acts of terror are prelude to the big. He who is not outraged by immorality in its small beginnings speaks in hollow tones when the horror threatens to become great.

Unemployed Trash Burners

Not so very long ago huge and busy trash burners, two or three stories high, adjoined the lumber mills. They belched smoke and fire as they disposed of the great amount of waste that resulted when trees were transformed into boards and shingles and other such natural products.

It's very different now. The burners are pretty generally if not entirely idle. They're unemployed. For nowadays almost nothing is wasted. Almost everything that comes from a tree—all the bits and pieces, all the odds and ends—has a valuable use.

This is the fruit of research and experimentation. More than 4,000 products are made from wood, wood fibers, and wood chemicals. A few of them: Cellophane, plastics, in-

sulation, lacquers, photograph film, shotgun shells, fabrics for clothing, furniture, boxes and cartons.

It's analogous to the old saying that packers use all of the pig but the squeal. The tree that once was part of a forest serves us every day in an almost incredible variety of ways. And we're going to keep on having forests, due to modern "sustained yield" logging methods, based on the tree farm idea, where new growth equals or exceeds the cut.

So this country's supply of wood and its 4,000 by-products is assured. And that's a matter of top importance. For wood, despite the development of competitive products, holds its preeminent place in our lives, because of its attractiveness, durability, adaptability and economy.

Taxing Credulity

(The Christian Science Monitor)

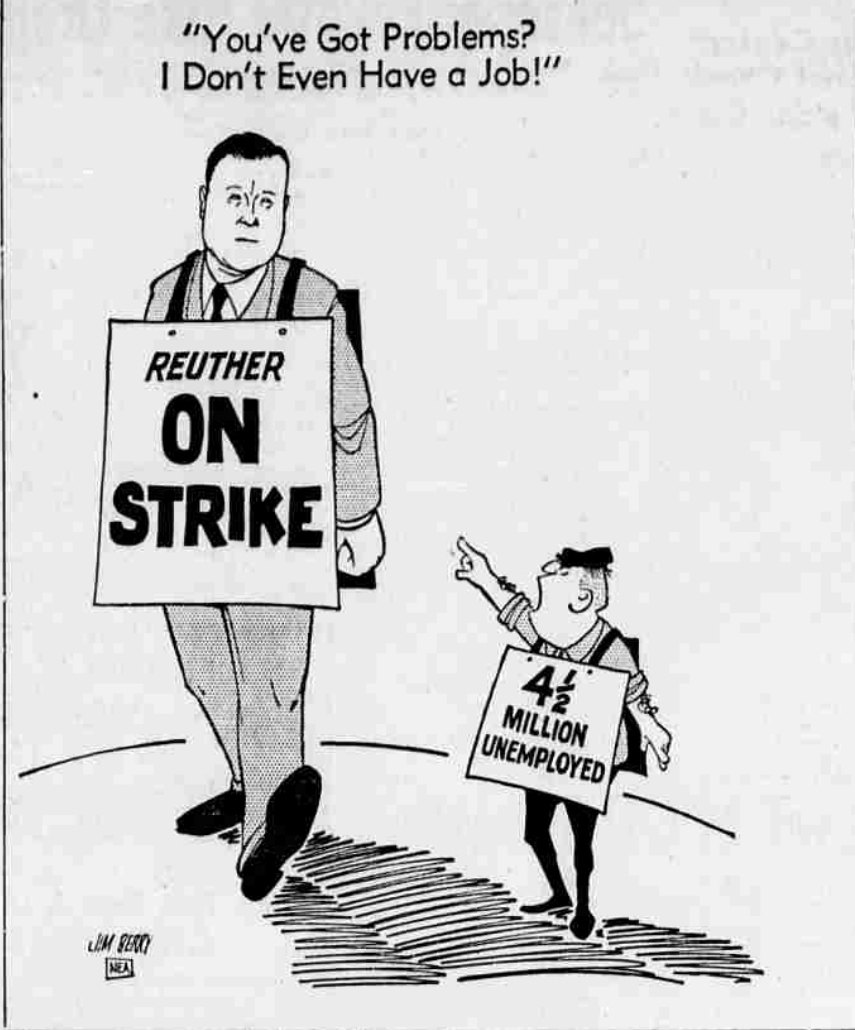
The call for a cut in federal income taxes, recently expounded by Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges, cannot be reconciled with the administration's forecast of a \$8,750,000,000 deficit in 1962.

Mr. Hodges argues that tax cuts are needed to assure "good profits and greater profit-retention." But the administration has been moving toward this goal from a very different angle. Tax relief for business is coming in the form of faster write-offs for depreciation of machinery. Only last week the textile industry was granted such relief. This is the kind of consideration industry has sought. It was won by cold-shouldering presidential tax adviser Stanley B. Surrey's tax credit program for new investments.

But further depreciation writeoffs are not assured. John W. McCormack, speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives, has expressed doubt that Congress will favor any tax revisions next year that involve loss of revenue.

Mr. Hodges confuses the Issue by talking of tax cuts when these appear so unlikely. The Kennedy administration—partly because of Mr. Hodges' own downgrading of the old Business Advisory Council—is being called "anti-business." The President is understandably not happy about this. But if the administration is going to win back friends among businessmen it will have to do better than this.

Businessmen should not count on a cut in taxes. In fact, most of them will be grateful if only the 1961 tax burden stays on a level.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR . . .

Newspaper's Attitude Lashed

(Editor's Note: While the following letter is far in excess of the maximum limits of letters to the editor, we feel that the alternative—refusal to publish, is unfair. Therefore, we are making exception to our 300-word limit so that Mrs. Thomson's letter will be published. However, we are hopeful that writers in our "letters" column will make every effort to observe the limits, or remain within reasonable proximity to that limit. We invite and encourage letters, in the belief that exchange of viewpoint is a healthy sign in any community.)

Oct. 27, 1961
Dear Mr. Sweetland,
I was glad that you were kind enough by N. T. Hansen's letter to publish a rebuttal of your own under "Nothing Special"—that's just where it should be! I have been angry about a lot of published words but never so angry

as at yours in Thursday's column. First you said "the coverage was scant, but it wasn't our fault!" This statement is the simplest admission that there was a wrong done. Then you tried to pass the buck to the Los Angeles AP man, and went on for two columns in a sleazy attempt to defend your paper's stand—or was it all newspapers?

So help us, we didn't want it to be published as news! Thousands go to church—not to hear news about religion, but to be reassured about the old truths, that they will never die, or be replaced with anything new! We wanted to be reassured that our beloved newspaper was carrying the ball for pro-Americanism—not leaving it lie, or kicking it out, or ignoring it, or worst of all belittling a three-hour program devoted to it!

Please don't accuse us of expecting you to "go hysterical" and become as "bitterly anti-communist as actors on a show," and to compare the Anti-Communism Rally with "anything that is developed on television" is like comparing the Bible with anything that is published in book form! All I can say is shame on you!

You say it isn't possible to retain in memory words spoken. That we want things published so that we can "ponder and assess them." Not so! Was the Sermon on the Mount taken down in shorthand and published in black and white so people could ponder and assess it? No. Somebody remembered it, word for word, and retained it in memory and now, after centuries of repetition, it is still enjoying a circulation of millions!

Sure, the Herald and News has printed thousands of words and many reports on communism. Are you jealous because none of it has been required homework for all schoolchildren like that program was? We know that the "show" wasn't put on to show the world how bitterly anti-communist certain Hollywood actors are, as you infer, and it wasn't put on to surprise Mr. Sweetland with something new that he hadn't

heard before! Yes, you get your "communism information" from the Herald and News—bless your heart. Maybe if the Hollywood Bowl people knew that all they'd need to do would be to announce to the populace to buy and subscribe to and read the Herald and News, they'd have saved a lot of time and money.

You say there were a few flashes of sincerity—what was the rest of it, insincerity? My school youngsters had to report on what they heard the next day in school. What would it sound like if a pupil got up in "American Problems" class and said, "The Hollywood Bowl program on Anti-Communism was, according to Mr. W. B. Sweetland, publisher of the Herald and News, Klamath Falls, Oregon, nothing but Hollywood breast-beating!" I would expect him to get a "D" or less, and so do you, Mr. Sweetland.

This pupil might add, "If you want to know how to fight communism just refer to the clipping found by Debra Pace." (It is all so childish, isn't it?) With due respect to the well-meaning author of that checklist, I'd like to admit publicly that my score is far from perfect, yet I have enough concern for all those whose score may be a lot better than mine, to want to fight, tooth and nail, this devastating evil called "communism."

The Reds cannot prevail against 183 million incorruptible Americans? Maybe so, but Mr. Sweetland what are your suggestions for turning overnight a few million corruptible Americans into nice, incorruptible people, so the Reds will stay in Russia? (There are some corruptible ones, you know — juvenile delinquents, inmates of our prisons, alcoholics, gangsters, politicians, business men—to mention a few.) Does one football team say to another, "we may as well not try to beat that team — they're all nice, they're incorruptible." I say this is absolute stuff and nonsense. It's just the kind of ignorance the speakers on the program spent three hours trying to warn us about!

You say that "only a newspaper can provide the function of putting things in writing" for people who want to ponder and assess? What about magazines? We read them too. Do you remember the article in Readers' Digest criticizing the State Department for its grave mishandling of our foreign policy for its bungling sluggishness which aided and abetted the spread of communism? Maybe you, like I did, pondered and assessed it, but did anyone do anything? I cheered, along with the 10,000 live people and the millions (I hope) TV viewers when Skousen advocated a sweeping housecleaning in Washington, beginning with the State Department! and a plea to rewrite the United Nations Charter!

Myself and perhaps the many, many others who were disappointed in the "scant coverage" given "a TV program" in your newspaper (you infer that we're dumb enough to expect you to review every movie) looked first for a few sage comments from Mr. Frank Jenkins and yourself, that showed merely that you were in agreement with the sponsor's efforts. You were silent. I took it for a sour-grapes attitude! I say "hooray" for Mr. N. T. Hansen, carry on! and congratulations to you for publishing his letter! If you listened to that program, like



NOTHING SPECIAL

(W. B. S.)

I don't want to get in a controversy here, because I don't know the history of the action. But, I agree 100 per cent with Mayor Bob Veatch that the city would be better off if the money we have in the mausoleum fund could be used to provide another fire station, or sub-station, rather than be spent for the purpose originally intended.

I realize, too, that before the money could be spent on anything but a mausoleum, it would be necessary to get approval of the city's voters. I see no reason why that couldn't be done. Apparently, several years have gone by without action on the mausoleum, and I can see no harm in waiting for the next election to come along, and then put the question on the ballot. The money the Council has spent on plans and preliminary drawings of the mausoleum would not be wasted in any circumstance, if it were decided at a later time to go ahead with the mausoleum.

It's kind of grim to contemplate what will happen to our insurance rates in town if the commission decided to move us into Class VI because we are not providing adequate fire protection facilities.

I suppose all of you saw that little story we carried last week in which an eight-year-old wrote to Pres. Kennedy asking him to stop the Russians from bombing the North Pole because they will kill Santa Claus if they don't.

Apparently no one has told the little girl that Santa Claus is generally believed to now reside in Washington, D.C.

While I wouldn't want to take a thing away from the other excellent restaurants and dining places in town, one cannot help but express some special delight in the Winema's new banquet-meeting room. It will provide the community with a much-needed facility, and the management of the Winema must be commended for their progressive attitude and admired for their courage in providing the capital and energy in completion of the project. It is a credit to the community that cannot be lightly taken by any of us.

The little boy stood admiring the stars, "Gee," he exclaimed, "if Heaven is that beautiful on the bottom, think how it must be on the other side."

In other columns of this page today are published the comments of Mrs. Eleanor Thomson of Rly. It is our policy to let our readers

you said you did, weren't you moved a little bit by the thundering applause C. D. Jackson got when he said about Schwarz's efforts, "We were wrong—when we published a misinterpretation, and I am profoundly sorry!"

People love it when a man, great or small, has the grace to humble himself and apologize. Will you humble yourself by doing this much for your readers: Apologize.

Assure us that you, too, are along with Schwarz, Dodd, Judd, Jackson, Skousen, and all the other brave men and implacable fighters for total victory in the struggle against communism.

Inform us when and if Oregon is going to outlaw communism, as Arizona has done, and as California is now doing.

Tell us where we can buy the books "You Can Trust The Communists To Do As They Say," also "The Naked Communist," also "They Signed For Us,"—advocate these books — advocate them!

Tell us here in Klamath County if the state-published brochure to be used in the schools to teach all grades just what communism really is, and how it compares point-by-point with Democracy — and recommended by our governor, is available for us yet.

I believe with Dr. Schwarz that "our ignorance is advancing our doom" and that it is folly of the worst sort to suggest that we don't need to worry about it, or "get hysterical" because if all 183 million of us can be nice, and incorruptible, the Reds will stay in Russia!!!!

Remember, some of Christ's own disciples were "corruptible." They were people, just people, not politicians, who can halt its spread. Yes, like Hollywood actors, and ourselves!

I read an article in our own paper, the Herald and News, saying that certain "newspaper writers" were doing more harm than good, (throughout the nation) by the things they were writing on the whole subject of communism, and suggesting that these writers be ferreted out. I hope you read it, and "pondered and assessed it!"

Mrs. Eleanor Thomson, Rly. Ore.

have their say in areas of disagreement with us, and I do not intend to waver from that policy in this instance with a complete rebuttal of Mrs. Thomson's interpretations of things I wrote in this column last week or so. Recognizing that we have an unfair advantage in most of these situations, I do not believe that an editor or newspaperman should use the editorial or other columns of his newspaper for a scathing reply to whatever scathing mail he receives as a result of some editorial stand.

There are a couple of things I'd like to make clear, however. I had hoped that my position, and the position of the Herald and News is clear when it comes to dissemination of any type of material that promotes Americanism and points out the fallacies and pitfalls of communism. I think that most of our readers know and appreciate our undiluted stand in this field. If not, I will be exceedingly happy to show any reader the columns of information we have published in our endeavor to illustrate the evils of communism.

The letter is the first indication that I had that the Hollywood show was required homework for school children. If it was, all of my kids certainly got a zero in their classes the next day. They were all in bed before the program ever got underway. And, I would like to know when any school teacher, administrator, or person otherwise associated with school classroom work can direct that a three-hour TV show is required homework. No, I'm not jealous if some teacher did have the poor judgment to direct her children to see a TV show when they should be in bed. But it would make me more than a little ill if I found out that some had.

No, I can't tell you how to make 183 million Americans incorruptible because I have a heck of a time keeping myself uncorrupted. But that's no reason we can't keep trying, preaching, urging—even though some of that effort seems futile, meaningless and Utopian. (And I'm sure that Mrs. Thomson would be among the first to agree.)

I guess my zeal for newspapers did overcome me when I made the statement that "only" a newspaper can provide the function of putting things in writing. I must admit that there are some excellent magazines that comment on the news of the day. And, of course, there are books. Frankly, I regard magazines as a major competitor of mine, and I don't generally go around making pitches for them (and, as far as that goes, not a single magazine has ever asked me to do so!). So, I will go so far as to change the word "only" to "best."

As for Mr. Jackson's apology. I only wonder why he didn't do it in his magazine. If we had something to apologize for as a result of something that appeared in the Herald and News we wouldn't go beyond our own columns for that purpose. As far as I know, that is the practice in most newspapers and magazines that find themselves in an embarrassing position. Certainly we believe in apologizing when we've wronged some person or some group in our news or editorial columns. And we have done just that.

I hope Mrs. Thomson doesn't remain displeased with us long, because I'm rather pleased with her letter. Up to this time, I had known of only two other readers who ever bothered to look into this corner for the pearls of wisdom that emanate therefrom.

Kidding aside, I'm real glad to see that people like Mrs. Thomson are aware of and concerned by the communist threat. We need millions like her.

I am glad to hear that Mrs. Thomson is a Herald and News reader (I am, too). But I am distressed that she apparently did not read the two articles on the editorial page Oct. 23 and 24 in which Douglas Gripp, United Press International writer in the Salem bureau tells about the brochure she asks about relative to teaching communism versus democracy in Oregon schools. In the Oct. 24 article he outlines objectives and says that it will be about a year before the booklets are ready for statewide distribution.

Well, anyway, it's a good thing we live in a country where we can still air our disagreements and sound off once in a while, regardless of the merit. I'm reminded of Mary and Bobby who were discussing the forthcoming baptism of their sister. "They don't allow you to talk in church," warned Bobby. "Who doesn't?" asked Mary. Answered Bobby: "The hushers."



TIME OF YOUR LIFE

Clubs Often Miss Goals

By ARTHUR LORD

Dear Arthur: I am the secretary of the newly formed Maplewood Golden Age Club. We have not yet opened our doors to the aged, but plan to do so as soon as we formulate our program. We are a group of ladies who feel that we can offer old people a useful way to pass their time.

Would you please tell us what you think of our program? We plan community singing, dancing, theater parties, picnics, bus trips, and games.

MRS. EMMA W. Dear Mrs. W.: Your program is nothing more than frivolous and time-killing! What leads you to believe that older people consider pure recreation a "useful way to pass their time"? Recreation is only part of a balanced life, as it is certainly nothing more than part of a meaningful program for a group of any age.

those who think of older folks as nothing but overage children. You strive to make older persons what you think they should be: dependent, unthinking, useless, and puerile.

If you want to start a Golden Age Center, think of the people you expect to join. They are not looking for a second-childhood center. They want a constructive way to spend their time. They want plenty in addition to recreation. Give them the intellectual stimulation they seek and need.

A large number of your members will be eager for the education they missed earlier in life. They'll want to learn languages, history, painting, music, literature, philosophy, social sciences, arts, crafts, and current events. Many will want part-time jobs. Some will want to learn to type and take shorthand.

Unless you take these and other significant interests into consideration, you're just running another adult kindergarten.

overheard my daughter - in - law talking about me. She said I was "sinusunt." I looked all through the dictionary and cannot find the definition of that word. What does it mean?

CURIOUS Dear Curious: Remember what happened to the curious cat? Watch out that it doesn't happen to you. And next time you start eavesdropping, do it well or not at all. Your "sinusunt" is actually "senescent," and means nothing more than growing older.

Dear Feeling-Your-Oats: If you feel that being retired permits you to tell anyone you don't care for to go to the dickens, that's your business. I would tend to think that such honesty was a basic part of a man's character and not a whim to be indulged in just because you are retired.

Dear Reader: Please send your questions to me, Arthur Lord, in care of this newspaper. Look for an answer to those of general interest in future columns.

Football Fable

ACROSS

1 Shoulder —

5 Right —

8 — porta

12 Fish sauce

13 Sturgeon eggs

14 Small island

15 — halfback

16 Rights (ab.)

17 Solar disk

18 Comfort in grief

20 Tautened

22 Seed container

23 Rodent

24 Drew

27 Have

31 Follower

32 Martha —

33 Wooden tub

34 Depot (ab.)

35 Permits

36 Night before an event

37 Assume

39 French head covering

41 Air raid precautions (ab.)

42 Blenheim

43 Zodiacal sign

46 Reach

50 Glacial ridges

51 Poetic

52 contraction

53 Arabian gulf

54 Poker stake

55 Rutter vetch

56 Bird's home

57 Art

58 Observe

59 Small piece of hay (Scot.)

DOWN

1 Go by

2 Singing voice

3 Transaction

4 Abrade

5 Made a mistake

6 Negative word

7 Diamonds

9 Titans

9 Hope kins

10 Toward the sheltered side

11 Grant use

19 Food fish

21 Comfort

24 Disapproving sound

25 Aleutian island

26 Jump

27 Top of the head

28 Always

29 Rescue

30 Let it stand

32 Postponements

35 Forsaken

36 Coupled

39 Legal profession

40 Wandering garment

42 Billiard term

43 Prod

44 Hiring

45 Companion

47 Notion

48 Sieve

49 Grafted (her.)

52 Anger