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# Editorial Page

## Ways Needed To Curb Perils

The revelation by Cuban economics czar "Che" Guevara — that Cuba would have launched an all-out nuclear attack against the United States in the event of war—may probably be written off as a particularly insane bit of bombast.

The missiles and their warheads were Russian, manned by Russians, and it is certain the Kremlin would never have turned control of them over to Cubans and their unbalanced leaders. They must have been aware, even before the President's warning, that any nuclear attack from Cuba would have brought U.S. retaliation against the Russian homeland.

Nevertheless, Guevara's boast sends a chill down the spine. It also underscores the fact that the question of disarmament is not one that involves only the two nuclear giants.

A small nation like Cuba, even with only a few nuclear bombs, could set off World War III despite all the "fail-safe" controls the U.S. or Russia may have over themselves.

One nation with one Polaris-type submarine somewhere at sea could precipitate war by launching a missile against either the U.S. or Russia. Unable to detect the source of the

missile, the nation attacked would assume the worst.

Pending disarmament, or at least a ban on weapons testing and manufacture, the President's recommendation for "instantaneous communication" with the Kremlin is something that can and should be followed up at once.

White House officials have revealed that during the Cuban crisis, telegrams between President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev took from six to as long as 12 hours to be delivered. This is far too leisurely for safety.

This "hot line" would probably be a telephone or teleprinter (the President favors the latter) with a direct line between the two capitals, manned around the clock and used only during real emergency situations.

Such communications, which could be expanded to include most major countries, may not bring the world closer to peace, but it would certainly lessen the chances of misunderstanding and rash action.

Anything that does that is mandatory in a day when it takes only minutes for a missile to cross from one hemisphere to another.

## 'Send More Money'

An ancient joke tells of the amateur poker player who fell in with a group of professionals, lost his shirt, and wired home: "It's a great game. Send more money."

The American taxpayer is now in the shoes of that hapless victim.

At the federal level, we hear much talk of income tax reduction—though how this can be accomplished, in the light of eight or ten billion dollar annual deficits without shrinking the dollar's buying power farther, is a question that would stump Socrates. That aside, other federal plans, now in the press—regardless of stage, call for a myriad of changes in tax policy that would subject individual and corporate taxpayers alike to an almost endless series of expensive irritations, and

bury us under a flood of tax forms.

At the state level, there is, for the most part, a mad search for more tax revenues for welfare services, for schools, for highways, for urban renewal (the current polite term for slum clearance), and for just about anything else anyone can dream up. Most barbarous of all is the scheme — now in effect in some states, and planned by others—whereby federal income taxes are not allowed as a credit against state income taxes. Thus, the taxpayer pays a tax upon a tax, on money which he never really had at all.

No man can foresee the end. But the way we're going, that "send more money" wire will have to go unanswered. The well runs dry.

## "Just Tell Me What's in Your Mind"



## Letters To The Editor

### Zoning

While reading letters to the editor under datelines Dec. 19 and Dec. 21, both signed "Name Withheld," it occurred to me that I hold a great regard for the person who writes an honest opinion on any subject and signs his name to his article.

More people should avail themselves of the freedoms of speech and of the press. We here in Klamath Falls and Klamath County are very fortunate in having a press which fearlessly expresses its views. A press which allows others to air their views through the letters sent to the editor.

It is my opinion that opinions worth writing to the editor are worth signing. I hold little regard for the literary sniper who hides behind "Name Withheld."

Should the person writing the "Name Withheld" letter, appearing in the Dec. 19 issue of this paper, care to be may certainly give away his animals for whatever purpose he cares to. I hope he keeps his giving confined to his animals and in no way designs to include mine in this giveaway.

The person writing the Dec. 21 "Name Withheld" letter will probably find himself in no end of difficulty locating his animals in town. However, there are still areas in the suburbs that are tolerant toward persons keeping ani-

mals. All my neighbors have one or more animals. Some are kept year round, some seasonally. We live in peace with each other. I am aware of one or two restricted areas where the residents are not tolerant toward their quite inoffensive cat and dog keeping neighbors. They are constantly bickering with their neighbors about anything connected with the keeping of pets. The property next to mine is for sale and I have no objection to my moving in with the whole passel of creatures you mention. I'll bet I can take all the "whiff" you can take, so you do not worry me in the least. Don't snipe at a lady's statement and then hide behind "Name Withheld."

Speaking about whiffs, how can the planners justify locating the MS area adjacent to the South Suburban Sanitary District's disposal plant? Or along a river where a city has been known to empty raw sewage for days at a time? Some of the MS area is very marshy. In a south wind, fumes and odors from certain types of industries could, quite conceivably, drift through the city civic center, through the area occupied by some very pretentious motels. And, as the planners tell us, these offenders would only come to our area after we are zoned. Zoning would give them the protection they need against a public who could quite

conceivably desire to recover for damage suffered.

Our attention has been drawn by frequent "Industry on Parade" programs from the local TV station. From these we have been led to believe that present day industries are quite particular about the neighborhood they move into.

I have been informed by a member of the Planning Board that annexation to the city is inevitable for the suburban area. Can justification be given for including the vast area laid forth in the suggested areas as shown on the map that appeared in this paper recently? I am assuming that this entire area is the future target of the annexing group. The suggestion has been made in apparent sincerity that this is the eventual, inevitable future of those who purchased property outside the city boundary. Those who were living with a belief that they were citizens of a free land. One in which they would take part in all future development. A land that recognized the will of the majority of the people living in a given area to decide their own fate. To what degree the people are willing to be regulated by any show of force may well become an issue of great import.

Frank Braman

### Joiner

I have been following the letters and the editorial in the Herald and News very closely and will say this:

I notice that all the letters—and they are very few—in favor of zoning the writer's name is withheld. This about shows they don't want their neighbors to know who they are. One stated that he or she would give up his cows and chickens if it would improve the community. May I suggest that if they are so hot for zoning that they move to someplace where zoning is already in force.

I consider if a person cares to build, or have livestock or pets and they violate no law against public sanitation, safety or decency that's their right.

The Herald and News took a partisan stand when they printed that editorial about calling names. After I read the editorial I immediately joined the Tax Payers League.

In the news report of the meeting at the City Council room it was said the crowd was abusive and unruly. So were the patriots of 1776 when England tried to force the stamp act, unwanted tea and all sorts of other forms of tyranny on them.

The mob as they were called at the City Council room showed a spark of the spirit of 1776. No, I wasn't one of them. The crowd was so large I couldn't even get in so went home. Keep the spirit of 1776 alive. The whole trouble is some people spend all their time worrying about their neighbors and have no time left to tend to their own affairs.

How would the County Court, the Planning Commission and the Herald and News like to have us suburbanites tell them how to arrange their buildings, how large they should be, where to put the furniture etc? In closing I'll say Rans Mid Der zoning, Planning Commission and any other thing that abridges liberty and with those who have such a long nose its always in their neighbors affairs.

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## EDSON IN WASHINGTON . . .



## Reapportionment Issue Getting Wide Study

By BRUCE BROSSAT  
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WASHINGTON (NEA) — In a matter of days the 50 governors, their legislatures, and all federal and state judges will be getting a fresh batch of recommendations on state legislative reapportionment.

These are authored by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, a 26-member body whose personnel runs from congressmen to county supervisors.

The commission decided to look into the subject last spring after the big stir caused by the Supreme Court's March 20 decision in the Tennessee reapportionment case.

The commission's recommendations, which cover the whole span of reapportionment problems, amount to a call for major constitutional reform in this field.

Keen interest in the proposals is expected from many of the state officials who will have them on their desks when the new legislative season starts in January.

Among the interested parties is Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, even though his state already has adopted a new reapportionment plan.

What the commission proposes: State apportionment procedures should not be left to statutory whim but should be clearly spelled out in state constitutions.

To assist that purpose, constitutions should include a fixed percentage figure to express the population deviation to be allowed between the various legislative districts. The commission suggests 10 per cent. This would apply, of course, where apportionment is strictly on a population basis.

The "draft language" on this

proposal indicated that vague constitutional phrases calling for districts "as nearly equal as possible" have produced monumental headaches. Also deplored is the fuzziness over how and where district lines are to be drawn.

State legislatures are adjudged the best qualified agencies to do the reapportionment job. But it is urged that where they fail to act, or act improperly, a separate board or commission should be empowered to step in and do it.

This proposal does not go as far as prevailing arrangements in 14 states which have already fully or partly transferred the apportionment process from their legislatures to different boards and individuals in authority.

State courts should be endowed with jurisdiction over this field, and equipped with specific, powerful remedies to compel performance when either the legislature or the relevant commission fails in its apportionment duties.

Among suggested remedies: an order requiring elections at large; injunctions either barring scheduled elections or banning payment of legislative salaries; nullification of unconstitutional reapportionment.

It is advised, however, that both federal and state courts steer clear of trying to decree specific reapportionment formulas.

Constitutions should specify the frequency of reapportionment, and failure to meet the timetable should bring swift alternative action from an independent board or the courts.

From time to time, a state's voters, in special referendum or at regular elections, should have a chance to voice their views on either new or continuing apportionment features.

## WASHINGTON NOTEBOOK . . .



## It's Tough To Stay Home!

By WASHINGTON STAFF  
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WASHINGTON (NEA) — President John F. Kennedy doesn't always have an easy time of it when he wants to spend a quiet evening at the White House. First Lady Jacqueline was going to a performance of the American Ballet and husband Jack decided he would stay at home.

During the first act Jackie sent a Secret Service man to phone the President that the ballet was so good he should come over.

Soon afterward, the President arrived at the theater, still in time to enjoy a goodly portion of the night's performance. But White House security guards reportedly were less prepared for a night out than the President. They were all settled comfortably for the evening with their shoes off when Mrs. Kennedy's call came in.

Recent comment over news censorship has caused revival in some newspaper circles of the old proverb "The truth shall make you free." The rub is, say the critics, "You're not always free to get it."

Mary Travers who completes the folk song trio of "Peter, Paul and Mary," says she met the controversial James Meredith while making a concert appearance at Ole Miss.

Mary asked Meredith if he thought that after all this time things were getting any better. Meredith replied:

"If a man beats his wife 99 times, every week and then decides he will beat her only 98, would you say that's better?"

Associate Justice John M. Harlan of the Supreme Court, listening with his colleagues to an income tax case involving a dance studio, heard with astonishment that some people buy "lifetime courses" entitling them to 12,300 hours of instruction.

"When they finish," he said

quietly from the bench, "they must be magnificent dancers."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Curtis E. LeMay was 56 Nov. 15. His Navy counterpart, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. George W. Anderson Jr., was 86 on Dec. 15.

On Nov. 15 Anderson sent a gift to LeMay. It was escorted by a bosun's mate to pipe it aboard in the best Navy style. A Wave officer and Marine lieutenant colonel followed the gift — a 4-foot model of the aircraft carrier Forrestal — into LeMay's outer office, then into his inner office, much to the amazement of the Air Force chief.

On Dec. 14, the Friday before Anderson's birthday, LeMay, not to be outdone, sent a present. First came two killed Air Force personnel, loudly playing bagpipes. They were followed by air police. Finally came the present, a model of the controversial long-range bomber B-70.

At a recent party of international bankers in a Washington hotel, one of the waiters told the dignified money men, "You people drink more than anyone who comes here, except the machinists."

Engine Black, who retires as president of the World Bank on Jan. 1, tells one on himself about a checkup at the Mayo Clinic. He went out for a thorough examination and was there for over a week. On Saturday night the staff doctors invited him to a weekend party which they hold to relax their own tensions. Part of the fun was a poker game.

Black was invited to sit in and to his chagrin, he lost more money to the doctors at poker than they charged him for his physical examination. It all turned out all right, however, for Black later was asked to become a financial adviser to the Mayo Foundation, which handles its multimillion dollar endowment that helps finance

medical services for charity patients.

U.S. Information Agency workers in Bolivia have found a new use for old radio program tapes. Formerly the recordings were erased after being broadcast and the clean tapes used to record succeeding programs.

Now the old tapes are distributed to missions in remote mountain areas of Bolivia. The priests broadcast the recordings on their public address systems.

The USA programs, particularly the anti-Communist ones, are broadcast outside the churches and on the village squares, right along with the priests' sermons and talks to their parishioners.

## POTOMAC FEVER

Castro exchanges Cuban prisoners for medicine. After losing his missiles, you have to admit that Castro took his medicine like a little man.

The government fails to convict Jimmy Hoffa. It begins to appear they're saving Hoffa for Bob Kennedy to run against in '68.

Russia replaces Ambassador Zorn at the U.S. During the Cuban crisis, he was guilty of telling his own whoppers — instead of the Kremlin's.

After watching JFK's performance on TV, FCC boss Newton Minow again proclaims television to be a vast wasteland — for the Republicans.

Holiday ode: The wind is sharp, the marrow chills. The snow's as deep as Christmas hills.

Scientists fire the Skybolt missile successfully after five failures. It proves that all we need up there with that thing was a couple of sky nuts.

FLETCHER KNEBEL



## NOTHING SPECIAL

(W. B. S.)

Here's something to get your day started right—a statistic, of course. Seems that some bright fellow has figured out that the world's population, projected at its current growth rate (2.2 per cent per annum) to A.D. 2147, would allow something like six square feet of living space per capita. This is living? Not content with that gloom, he tried for panic by calculating that the weight of earth's population eventually would exceed that of the earth itself. Somebody'll have to get off!

I have nothing against the greeting card industry, but it seems just a little silly to be getting Christmas cards from giant business corporations a couple of weeks before Christmas.

The only reason some people have a secret sorrow is that the rest of us won't listen to them.

A fellow was in town the other day trying to whet interest for an appearance of the Portland Symphony in Klamath Falls. Lord knows we can use all of this type of thing we can get our hands on. Trouble is, a sponsoring group is needed to assure the \$2,500 guarantee. Although there is every reason to think such a venture would be a financial success, it would require a good deal of selling and promotion. Now, if there is anyone with \$2,500 left over after Christmas bills and income tax, will he please step forward?

While we have not set a hard and fast rule on the length of letters to the editor, we do wish they could be held to, say, about 300 words. We have published some extra long ones, because we don't like to edit them and risk changing the writer's intent. We like letters, and publish most of them. So keep them coming—and short.

Some of the so-called "comics" in our newspapers are no better than some of the teevee shows we lament about.

With the holiday season almost

over, we're deep in the initial phases of getting ready the Progress Edition. It is surprising even to us, to consider all of the developments in the community in just one year's time. Incidentally, if you have any ideas about content for the upcoming (Feb. 24) issue, we'll be glad to have them.

I have 10 copies of the new proposed Oregon Constitution available for those who want to look this most auspicious document over. From the rumbling heard in Salem, it is evident that the legislators have some definite ideas about the approach to how the proposed Constitution is to be handled by them.

Bigotry has no head and cannot think, no heart and cannot feel. When she moves it is in wrath; when she pauses it is amid ruin. Her prayers are curses, her god is a demon, her communion is death, her vengeance eternity, her decalogue is written in the blood of her victims, and if she stops for a moment in her infernal flight it is upon a kindred rock to whet her vulture fang for a more sanguinary desolation.

From the comment I've heard around, there is some considerable dissatisfaction with the way the so-called dog ordinance is being enforced. Unless it is enforced right to the letter of the law, it's impossible to enforce at all. There is no middle ground in this situation. And I'm not sure that it is enforceable.

A sportsman's wife heard a yelp from the road in front of her house. She rushed out to find that a neighbor had run over and killed her husband's favorite dog.

"Gosh, I'm sorry," the neighbor groaned. "But I guess I'll have to tell him. Where is he?"

The wife replied that her husband was around back of the house, and the neighbor started to go around to find him.

"Better break the news to him easy like," the wife called. "First tell him it was one of the kids."

## WASHINGTON REPORT . . .



By FULTON LEWIS JR.

The defense policies of John Kennedy and Robert McNamara will come under heavy attack during the early days of Congress.

A Senate committee headed by Georgia's Richard Russell will investigate plans to scrap the Skybolt air-to-ground, medium-range missile. Defense experts, including Missouri's Stuart Symington, have indicated they will oppose the White House plan. Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are reported to be furious with the Administration's idea.

Another Administration scheme, not yet officially announced, calls for an end to the Nike-Zeus anti-missile program. Messrs. McNamara and Kennedy have long been cool to Nike-Zeus, despite the fact that Congress in 1961 called for its development "with all possible urgency."

Tests since then have indicated that the Nike-Zeus — only possible defense against enemy ICBM — is capable of everything the Army claims it is.

On July 19, a Nike-Zeus fired from the Mid-Pacific Island of Kwajalein intercepted an ICBM launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

A similar test was successfully completed Dec. 13. Another ICBM "killed" 100 miles above Kwajalein after a flight of 3,000 miles.

President Kennedy hinted, on his recent radio-TV "fireside chat," that Nike-Zeus might go. He said the problem of anti-missile defense was essentially one of shooting a bullet with a bullet. If an enemy fires thousands of bullets at us, Mr. Kennedy said, this creates a problem "which we have not mastered yet."

Army scientists say the problems can be mastered. They point out that a Nike-Zeus direct hit is not necessary to destroy an enemy missile. The Nike-Zeus carries a nuclear warhead. A torrent of radiation unleashed with its explosion would disable the enemy warhead.

Should that result, the enemy missile would continue in flight, its explosive power gone. It would fall to earth, inert.

Congressional supporters of Nike-Zeus claim that it is more than an anti-missile missile. California Congressman George Miller, a member of the Committee on Science and Astronautics, says:

"Studies already made by the Army show that Nike-Zeus can be modified to make it a satellite killer."

Miller says that Nike-Zeus could be altered to blast out of the sky Soviet "spy satellites." He feels that production of Nike-Zeus components must begin immediately.

South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond, a general in the Army reserves, scoffs at claims that Nike-Zeus is "too expensive."

"We can have Nike-Zeus production for less than the cost of rebuilding a single city or industrial complex. The cost is comparable to the cost of weapons systems developed in the past. And when human lives at stake are added to these facts, the answer is clear and emphatic. We must start production of the Nike-Zeus now. Further delay increases our risk. We can no longer run the risk of being half-safe."

Thurmond agrees with Lt. Gen. Arthur Trudeau, retired chief of Army Research and Development, who says:

"It is a lot safer and, in the long run, cheaper to build weapons and not use them than it is to need weapons and not have them."

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## Almanac

By United Press International  
Today is Sunday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 1962 with one to follow.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning stars are Venus and Mars.

The evening stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history: In 1911, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen was elected as the first president of the Republic of China.

In 1927, Japan dedicated the first subway in the Orient, which covered a route of not quite two miles.

In 1936, one of the most bitter labor and management feuds of all times was started when members of the Automobile Workers Union staged a "sit-down" strike against General Motors in a bid for recognition.

In 1947, Rumania's King Michael agreed to abdicate, saying he was being forced off the throne by local Communists aided by the Soviet Union.

A thought for today—The English editor and poet Sir Herbert Read, said the period from 1919 to 1939 was "the no-man's-land between the wars."