

# Letters to the Editor

» Do I read the AMERICAN MERCURY? Yes, from cover to cover. Why? Because it is fearless and gives us facts that other magazines do not.

HOMER L. WEBBER  
Eugene, Oregon

» I never realized how strong and threatening the Communist movement is in the United States. I now feel that it is as much my job as anybody else's to help combat this threat to America, even though I'm not yet of voting age.

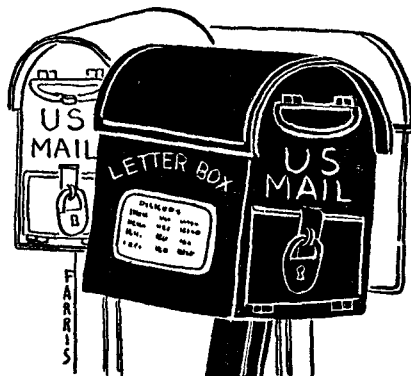
I hope that through your magazine and other publications the American people will wake up and realize that our freedom is in danger.

I think that Communism will thrive on the fact that America does not fully realize her peril. The AMERICAN MERCURY is certainly doing a good job informing its readers. I hope more people will read the AMERICAN MERCURY every day

PATTIE TAYLOR  
Miami, Florida

» As soon as I get my copy of the AMERICAN MERCURY, I turn first to Harold Helfer's page, "Doings of a Democracy," because I knew Harold in Birmingham and he proved here that he writes interestingly.

But I am inclined to believe Harold was misinformed about fluoridation at Elyria, Ohio. He states that it was announced that fluoride had been added



to the water and that gripes poured in. Then it was announced, according to Harold, that there had been an unforeseen delay and the chemical hadn't been applied to the water.

That trick has been pulled in a good many places and, to my disgust, in collusion with newspapers. . . . One of our most widely syndicated medical columnists, a physician, thought it was a huge joke to fool the people like that. I don't. I think it's a dirty trick and that it is dragging the cloak of medicine in the mud.

JOHN B. ATKINS  
Birmingham, Alabama

» I thoroughly enjoy your magazine, not only for content, but also for your unabashed partisanship to things American. It's a relief to read a magazine that has definite opinions.

However, I'm sure you'd grant me

the right to express opposition to one of the opinions expressed by Mr. John J. Burns in his "Flight From Reason" article. Mr. Burns says that the flight from reason began with the "so-called Reformation" (epithet his). It was precisely reason (not petty logicianism, if there is such a word) that led to the beginnings of the Reformation . . . the reasoning that asked questions and honestly sought their answers. . . . Where there is burning faith, there can be no darkness, whether that faith illumines the Sword of St. Michael, the hammer of Martin Luther, or the funeral pyres of Joan of Arc and Savonarola, who died because they used their own reason.

ELINORE WACKERNAGEL  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

» I am surprised at the *MERCURY* publishing "The Outside of the Cup" by Holmes Alexander. That is a dangerous article.

Mr. Alexander was not a good Episcopalian, and was not even fooling himself about the Lenten season, when he fully intended to drink at the stroke of midnight.

He states that evangelism is "no good." True evangelism will save from any sin — including alcoholism.

Thank you for what you said about Billy Graham. His type of evangelism saves.

MRS. ELLA B. BLACK FRECH  
St. Petersburg, Florida

» The *AMERICAN MERCURY*, as a source of valuable information on the state of the universe, takes precedence over all the other periodicals that come to my attention. In fact, I wouldn't give up one issue of the *MERCURY* for

all the others. . . . The *MERCURY* has ever been at the top in my comprehension of what a periodical should be — in truth and in hewing to that line unwaveringly, let the chips fall where they may.

LESTER C. ALLEN  
Troutdale, Oregon

» Please convey my sincere congratulations to Lois I. Nichols for her truly great letter to Leonard Hall in the November *MERCURY*. More people like her would not only make the Republican Party a party to be proud of, but most of all would make a great America.

ARTHUR F. CULLEN  
Staten Island, New York

» Congratulations on your November issue, just received. It is well named, *THE AMERICAN MERCURY*, and its courageous frankness in dealing with that vile mental disease which we call Communism should be appreciated by all loyal Americans.

Especially enjoyed by me was the article "America's Master Blunder — the UN," by Harold Lord Varney, which could also be called "An Imbecile's Paradise." How anyone but an imbecile could expect to obtain benefit or protection for the United States from an organization framed by Communists is beyond my power of understanding.

Author Varney's article is timely and a well-aimed shot at our gullible people. Let us hope it sinks in and takes effect before it is too late. *THE AMERICAN MERCURY* is doing a splendid work and my hat is off to it. May other publications follow suit!

MRS. M. CONAN  
Phoenix, Arizona

# How GUATEMALA Got Rid of the COMMUNISTS

For the first time in history, a nation, once conquered, has thrown off the yoke of Communism.

Following is the testimony, before the House Committee on Communist Aggression, of President Carlos Castillo Armas, the liberator of Guatemala.

It is a revealing document and merits close study by every American. The questions were asked by Congressman Patrick Hillings of California.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. President, the Committee extends its fullest appreciation to you for making this statement. It is a rare and unusual honor to have the chief of a sovereign state testify before a committee of the United States Congress. The purpose of our hearing is to inform the Congress of the United States, and the people of the American Republics, of the efforts of the Communist conspiracy, directed from Moscow, to intervene in the affairs of Western Hemisphere governments. Your nation, Mr. President, has a unique distinction. It is the only country that has broken free from Communist rule, once the shackles of the Kremlin had been firmly secured. You were the leader of the movement that freed your nation. We are

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*Before Congress*

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sure that you will have much valuable information for this Committee, and that your statement here will provide hope for the enslaved people of Europe and Asia, who now live under the Communist yoke.

PRESIDENT CASTILLO: Well, before answering your question, I will explain that I cannot speak English very well. But in order that the United States people know my voice and myself in answering your questions, I am going to try answering in English.