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Phil Cogswell
The Oregonian
1320 S.W. Broadway
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Dear Mr. Cogswell,

Enclosed is a corrected page 3, from the
article "My Opinion," which was mailed to
you on May 8, 1981.

Sincerely,

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- The requirement for a long distance toll call between Portland and Vancouver--a shorter distance than between Portland and Hillsboro which is not a long distance call.
- People who live in Washington but work in Oregon must pay Oregon income tax. Oregon residents who shop in Washington do not have to pay Washington sales tax on certain items purchased there. Oregon residents working in and earning income in Vancouver must still pay Oregon income tax.

And, there are many other examples.

Many of these issues could be resolved if officials on both sides would begin to address them as common issues. An example may be cited in solid waste. Presently both the Vancouver area and Portland area are faced with a crisis: The rapidly diminishing availability of landfill for solid waste. A proposed resource recovery plan (to produce energy) is on the drawing board for the Portland area, while a resource recovery plant for the Vancouver area is some years in the future. The potential for cooperation here is evident.

But just as no one wants anyone else's garbage, no one seems willing to share anyone else's potential economic growth. Still, it is evident to anyone that the people of Vancouver/Clark County and the Portland metropolitan area are people of one region. They share a common economic base, labor pool, transportation linkage, recreational areas, airshed and many other concerns. Cooperation is