

# EDITORIALS

## Student Mother

It is a pleasure and an honor for The Herald to salute Mrs. Don C. Moshos on the occasion of her having received a degree from Harbor Junior College. Mrs. Moshos is exceptional because she already had achieved the greatest degree in the world—that of successful mother of five—and still at 38 years found time to continue studies she abandoned in order to become a wife while her husband entered medical school.

Many women have found happiness and success in the business and professional world. Thousands of others, of course, have been successful as housewives and mothers. Few ever find time, after they once have embarked on a career of motherhood, to complete their studies. Mrs. Moshos has somehow found time for it all and she has achieved something which certainly merits the admiration of the entire community. The Herald joins the community of admirers she surely must have.

## Helicopter Service

British European Airways, a government subsidized organization, announced recently helicopter flights between London airport and a landing site in the middle of the world's largest city. The landing site will be located near Waterloo station in an area left open by one of the hundreds of bombed buildings.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation altered its safety requirements for flight over the congested sites in order to permit the airway to begin regular service. Here we have a sane approach on the part of a government to establish quickly all the benefits of air transportation without red tape.

It will be remembered that the Los Angeles area by this time might well have been enjoying the best helicopter passenger service in the world had Los Angeles Airways been given proper cooperation and if they had not had the ill-fortune to suffer a crash on the day of dedication of a service that certainly is needed. Actually the local helicopter service, that has been carrying the mail service so ably, has had little encouragement in its efforts to establish regular passenger shuttle service to Los Angeles airport where 95 per cent of the trans-continental and overseas flights originate. The organization has been thwarted on every side by short-sighted public officials and selfish property owners.

Other European cities are going ahead with helicopter programs, usually employing American made equipment. The helicopter is the only vehicle we now have for practical vertical flight. We should be world leaders in practical adaptation of its unique service features.

## Guatemala

Guatemala is a case in point for anyone who argues that it is perfectly all right to permit Central America nations to have any kind of government they wish. Here, certainly, is a glaring example of the failure of President Roosevelt's so-called "Good Neighbor" policy.

This country poured millions of dollars into Guatemala and to other of the Central American governments. We did it in the role of good neighbors; so good, in fact, that we found it none of our business to bother about what they did with it or who came into power to handle the actual spending of the cash.

Aided by a State Department that was shot through with actual reds and red-sympathizers, a very respectable Arbenz with an even more respectable wife, got into power as front man for the communist gangs. They seized on the ignorance of the farm workers to excuse themselves for taking over the rightful properties of the United Fruit Company and allowed Soviet agents to roam back and forth across the borders with far less interference than a native Guatemalan. This was the democracy preached by the New Deal demagogues at work in a country that rightfully should be a natural ally of all Americans.

The present revolt in Guatemala is long overdue and, if it fails, it will do so because of the failure of the present administration to press advantages offered in the situation. This is not interference. It is self preservation and thinking about this elemental rule of life.

## New City Hall

The community again is faced with the problem of deciding on the re-location of the municipal buildings and the construction of a public swimming pool. Both projects entail something short of one million dollars and this factor alone calls for some sober reflection on the part of the taxpayers.

The result of the special propositions at the general city election last spring would indicate that about as many people think a new location for the municipal building is called for as are opposed to the idea. Certainly the election was close enough to warrant re-consideration and that is what sponsors of a new petition are demanding.

There is no question that the present city facilities have been outgrown. The only argument against an increase in facilities seems to center on where the city should build its new headquarters. Doubtless some property owners fear that removal of the municipal buildings to some other section of the city will start a retreat from the present business section and eventually result in impairment of property values that have been built up over a long period of patient stewardship and tax paying. It is a decision that only the community as a whole can make at a special referendum.

Some will oppose the construction of a swimming pool. The history of such projects in many communities has not been happy but there are many persons here in Torrance who are convinced that a pool is an important community need and intend to do everything within their power to acquire one.

Here again is a critical problem that will demand solution in the not too far distant future. There are strong arguments on both sides and it is to be hoped that it will resolve itself into a simple and dignified consideration of what is best for the future of Torrance.

## Back to Normal?

The thinking public may now appraise the McCarthy-Stevens television carnival in the remarkable solitude that has ensued since the white heat of controversy has died away. Who do you hear talking about McCarthy and Stevens today?

This situation is not new in the annals of America. In fact it is something that has been quite common in American history. We Americans seem to be able to generate all kinds of enthusiasm or temper over a world series or anything else that is well advertised and, as quickly, forget it the next day when we are brought face to face with the drab problems of earning a living.

To us the hearings brought out clearly two very significant facts: politicians never miss an opportunity to perform when there is an audience at hand. Witness the sudden and punctual attendance of the Democratic members and Senator Dirksen when the whole show went on TV. Hearings that are publicly televised never resolve anything.

Let's hope that in the future our lawmakers will engage themselves with the very considerable problems in Washington and that we will not again be subjected to the spectacle of a multi-million dollar show at taxpayers' expense when the world cries out for real leadership.

## QUITTS TO KEEP PENSION

Mountain View, Cal. — Elected to the City Council in April, Arthur H. Excell resigned in less than a month when State officials informed him the job might jeopardize his pension as retired Mountain View chief of police. The councilman's job pays \$10 per month.

## KILLED ON DARE

Ludlow, Ky. — Charles Handley, Jr., 15, awaited his friend's reaction to his "Dare me" as he pointed a .22-caliber rifle at his own mouth and cooked the hammer. At that instant Handley's finger slipped and the gun went off, killing the boy almost instantly.

## A BOLD THIEF

Omaha, Neb. — It was a bold thief who entered the office of Esther Granville and stole \$17 from her desk. Miss Granville is secretary to the public defender and the adult probation officer.

Oh No! Not In Here!



## Criswell Predicts

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### YOUR HEADLINES OF THE FUTURE

Woman announces candidacy for president of the United States in 1961... Jammed single star arrested on narcotics charge... Italy denies entry to known Communist lecturer... Hawaii enjoys largest tourist boom in history... Storms sweep over Midwest causing great damage... Israel announces new foreign policy... Bumper apple crop in north-west... New device tested for life saving for small craft... Terror spreads in wake of comet in South Africa... New York City faces crime clean-up on -senate rat packs... Huge hunt for treasure proves fraud and lands seven in jail... New method of treating raging fevers discovered by Science... Las Vegas number one tourist mecca in America in 1951...

### A VERY FAMOUS PREDICTION

Prophecy has always existed, and although we may publicly laugh at it, we secretly believe in it. We scan the weather reports and forecasts, the financial pages, open our ears to any utterance which may mean security in the future plus our secret use of the "hunch". Sometimes a prophet will make a nuisance of himself by predicting things people do not wish to hear. Pierre D'Ally in 1850 predicted there was a water route to India, and 72 years after his death this was proven by Columbus. People thought Pierre foolish and could not see why we would have needed a new water route in 1850 to the Indies. When Predictors tell us of platforms in space — Interplanetary travel and the coming ice age — could we not be too hasty as that 1850 public? We may laugh at a predictor but we cannot doubt him!

### FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES:

Don Triffetti: Your new song hit "Wings Of An Angel" will be recorded in seven languages!... Springfield, Illinois: A new memorial to Lincoln housing a Lincoln Museum will be built by Federal Funds in 1955!... Cobina Wright: Your autobiography "Among Those Present Were..." will later be made into a film!... Newark, New Jersey: You will soon have a new Civic Auditorium which will be copied architecturally by others as the most practical plans to date!

Sarah Bernhardt: Your early film of Queen Elizabeth I will be shown nationally for the Motion Picture Centennial Exposition!... San Francisco: News of world import will come out of your area within the next sixty days!... Bill Doye: You will make a Hollywood comeback next year!... Miami Beach, Florida: Prepare for another tidal wave of dead fish!... Kid Gavilan: You will be the brightest star in the boxing world!... Fez, Morocco: Prepare for anti-French riots!... Nero: You and the burning of Rome will be the subject of the world's largest mural soon to be painted in Chicago!... Wall Street: Look for the suicide of one of the top men in your street due to ill health and fear of cancer!... Sir Stafford Cripps: Your official autobiography will tear the wraps from a long-kept French secret which will prove most embarrassing when it will be made known in November!... Harpists: Prepare for a boom in harp music, which will be the next popular fad!... Mexico City: Your secret sex change clinic will not be a secret after August 10th!

### WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO:

Eddie Fisher will be the only singer whose name will live out of the 1950-1960 musical span of history when it is written in Classic in Literature!... Sikorsky, the aircraft designer, will soon present to the startled public a practical helicopter, carrying 45 passengers, which will connect all our West Coast cities in a network of easy travel within the next three years!... Senator McCarthy will be forced to watch his health a little more carefully than he has been!... Queen Elizabeth II will strike out against her critics in the present and this will bring violent reaction into the open and will publicly settle a long smoldering feud!... Mae West will be voted the most fabulous personality of the 20th Century by the Women's Newspaper Society in October!

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Vice-President Nixon will take a personal interest in the Administration of Veteran's Hospital and Health problems, and will make a most startling pronouncement on a new policy to be followed in the very near future along more liberal lines!... Supreme Court Justice Warren will be the deciding vote on a coming decision which will change the life of every man, woman and child in America!... General Pershing of World War I will have his life dramatized for the Broadway stage which will present his amazing advice to America given in 1918!

JTB: Your sister will soon know if she is expecting a child, and she should seek medical opinions. I feel your brother will be accompanied to California. I did know your brother-in-law would work in another state.

MAC: I suggest that you go to your City Hall and tell them exactly what you wish to do, for they will be able to direct you to the proper offices where you can make out these applications. I know you will be pleased with the outcome, but expect a slight delay.

Eva PB 1808: Your husband and his brother should bide their time and work in a market for quite some time before they go into this business venture. Later on they will open their own market.

Pauline B 20942: Stay where you are and later on take scouting trips before you decide on any permanent move. I am so happy you have been enjoying my television program.

Miss Martha Sue P 2612: I know you should seek someone a little older, a widower who is financially secure. It is always the woman who marries the man.

# AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

## NATION WINNER AT MCCARTHY-ARMY HEARINGS

The television camera may yet save us from national political suicide. Like the telecast of the 1952 political conventions at Chicago, the McCarthy-Army hearings brought to millions of homes in America everything from the 'ham' in the politician to some of the fundamental issues involving men and ideas of government. It was like 'company' crashing into the house unexpectedly before the hostess cleaned it up for the reception. Catching the glamorous date in curlers is seldom a pretty picture, but it does clear up a few things that could be important to the prospective groom. The McCarthy-Army hearings, as 'disgusting' as they may have appeared to those partisans who were looking for blood and mayhem in the contest, served the nation as nothing has served it in a generation of political airings.

So far as the nation is concerned, the verdict has been rendered. The coming formal reports by the committee members to the Senate will have little effect on the verdict of the 'national jury.' For the people in their own way judged the case, as they usually do, far removed from the pressures and selfishness of Washington partisan politics.

The Republicans, Democrats and Independents watching TV, certainly even in their normal prejudices, soberly identified the true from the false, even though it could not be proved in a court of law. The hedging, the corny humor, the expressions, the ridiculous, the sincere, the honorable, the well-meaning... all were there in clear perspective. Some of the evasions and convictions were subtle, but they were there.

The nation saw on TV that a boy by the name of Schine was made the scapegoat for issues as important as Korea and Indo-China. It will hurt him far more than he deserved to be hurt for his youthful arrogance in trying to get preferential treatment in the Army. Schine was not the issue.

The final reports to the Senate will be drawn in all probability on political and personal grounds. It is the merits of the testimony. The Democrats will call for the 'hanging' of McCarthy and his men. The Republicans will probably decide on 'probation' or, at worst, dismissal of Roy Cohn in all probability. Cohn is already looking for another job... and Secretary Stevens will move up the date of his promised retirement. Senator McCarthy's wings will be clipped, regardless. With such forces against him his future efforts would be toward a degree unobtainable in his temperament or to his style of aggressive probing.

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You have decided to buy your home. The builder or seller as a rule will ask you to put down a cash deposit. It shows that you really mean to buy or build your home.

Don't make the deposit unless you get a signed contract from the seller if you cannot get your deposit back if you cannot get financing, or if he fails to go through with his part.

If you do not do your part, you may expect to forfeit your deposit. Make sure that the person who gets your payment is reliable.

The seller also expects you to sign a written sales contract. In it he agrees to sell the property to you and you agree to buy it. Make sure you know what you are signing.

Your sales contract should cover at least the following points:

1. The Sales Price. Is the price firmly fixed by the contract. Some contracts in the case of new or remodeled houses contain an "escalator" clause. It lets the builder or remodeler up the price in case of increased costs. If you accept such a clause, be ready to meet the price under terms of your contract.
2. The Down Payment and the way you pay off the rest. Say the contract calls for you to get a loan for the balance. Then you might want your contract to provide that you get your down payment back if you cannot get the loan.
3. Delivery. The contract should have the seller hand the place over to you within a given time or give your money back.
4. Plans. Your contract should have the builder complete the home according to definite plans. The plans and specifications describe the type of house, the size, the material to be used, etc. Review

the plans and specifications before you sign the contract; or perhaps have some experienced person you know do it for you.

Be sure the contract calls for clear title to the property. Make sure it provides that all the bills of subcontractors must be paid. Any person who has done work on the property may have a "lien" on it if he is not paid.

What if you or the builder want to change the plans as the building goes on? The builder and you can do that, but set out what's to be done, who's to pay for it, and how much. You should put the understanding in writing.

Suppose you do not go over the plans and specifications before you sign the contract. Then make sure that you can look them over again at some definite time and place. Most builders are glad to let you examine them, and may give you a copy.

Your contract should say who is responsible for the safety of the property (for instance, from fire) from the date of the contract to the time the property is turned over to you.

If you buy a new house, you might set out in the contract the builder's responsibility (for the function of heating appliances, for instance, and plumbing) after you move in.

Do not sign any contract with a "safety" or "escape" clause for the builder or seller to back out of the contract any time unless you can do the same. But suppose you do sign such a paper. Then make sure it says when the builder or seller must finally accept, or when your offer will lapse and you can get your money back.

NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to set under our laws.

in the Army-inspired charges against the McCarthy Committee. The issue was McCarthy. The nation saw the power of the White House, the Attorney General, the Armed Forces, the Cabinet, at least three members of the 'jury,' and many members of the Republican Party against the defendant. By what stretch of the imagination can such 'power' be injected into a hearing, even if Cohn and Schine made a million calls trying to get a commission. The intrigue between Senator Symington and Secretary Stevens, the monitored telephone calls, the strategy meetings of representatives of the White House and the Army... certainly proved that nobody really cared who shined Schine's shoes. The issue was McCarthy and McCarthy alone.

Revelations of the Hearings: The nation heard a secretary of the Army admit attending a party at the home of Schine's parents and accepting hospitality from them, at the very moment that David Schine's application for a commission was being considered by the Army. Both Senator McCarthy, who invited him, and Secretary Stevens, who accepted, are guilty of acts unfolding the positions they hold and injurious to public and Army morale. The presence of Secretary Stevens at the home of David Schine could hurt the morale of the Army and millions of inductees into the Army more than any investigation of Fort Monmouth.

The spectacle of a committee counsel, Roy Cohn, ordering generals of the Army around is reprehensible. The office of the Secretary of the Army allowing itself to be directed, or directed by, employees of a Congressional Committee for any reason lends nothing to its stature. Cropped photographs, 'bribes' in the form of gifts, theatre and fight tickets, hospitality at Schine's and Schine's clubs in New York... were abuses on both sides that turned the hearings into a lobbyist's convention.

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The nation gained much from the five-week hearings. WELFARE was more into focus on the TV screen than VHC was right. While expressing disgust at some of the antics at the hearings, the TV viewers were overwhelmingly in favor of the telecasts and expressed their appreciation to the public-spirited TV stations who carried it at a considerable revenue loss. The opinion that if more TV cameras radiated the rounds of Washington hearings and Congressional sessions, at least better manners, dignity and decorum will prevail. On the favorable side the public hearings showed our enemies that a Republican Secretary of the Army cannot show off steam at a Republican Senator in the democratic way. It shows a tendency of more and more public-participation in government, not less, as in totalitarian countries.

As a result of the hearings both the White House and the Congress will be more alert and responsible for actions of its appointed administrators and its members. They both have to reconcile and agree on their individual powers and prerogatives under the Constitution as to internal security, more on the basis of law and the dispositions of public opinion, than on the basis of chicken dinners and the dispositions of Private Schine.

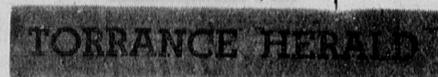
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Editor, Torrance Herald: I think the policy of printing the City Council Briefs is a very good idea, and hope it will continue to be published. It is a service to the community to know what is being done by the Council.

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