

EDITORIALS

Civic Center Project

The re-location of the Civic Center poses an important decision for the voters of Torrance. Although the special election is not scheduled to take place until fall, it is time for the citizenry to be well informed on the project to the end that the decision rendered will be one of considered opinion.

Linked with the proposal for re-location of the Center, is a proposal to issue bonds for the construction of a public swimming pool. Both proposals have the support of many as well as the opposition of others.

To the end that the voters may be well informed, THE HERALD urges proponents and opponents of the project to use the facilities of this newspaper as a public forum. These columns are open to intelligent, reasonable discussion and contributors will find this newspaper sincerely interested in presentation of fact and opinion.

The Lost Planets

Dr. Frank K. Edmondson, Indiana University astronomer, announced recently he had discovered about 900 new pipsqueak planets and rediscovered many of those which had been "lost" for some years.

The planets are very small, and are thought to be about two miles to fifty miles in diameter. They were located during a five-year search of the heavens by Indiana University astronomers.

The discovery, according to Dr. Edmondson, will help in charting the heavens for space ship navigators — if and when such space travels become the vogue. In other words, location of the planets should minimize the danger of these planets as traffic hazards.

We will make a note of this, although we do not expect to be traveling this way any time in the near future, nor are we yet sure we can understand the traffic-hazard nature of these small planets. We assume, of course, that space ships will be traveling so fast that they might have trouble avoiding a planet some two to fifty miles in diameter, and we assume that Dr. Edmondson is taking into consideration the fact that drivers seem to be getting more and more reckless and by that time, small planets will definitely be targets for hot-rod space ship pilots.

Giants and Dodgers

Once again, it appears, National League baseball fans are to be treated to a hectic race between the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers. This rivalry, in the nation's largest city, has come to be one participated in by fans in every state in the Union, and abroad.

Seldom, however, have the Giants flattened their arch rivals in a more convincing fashion than they did when they won a sextet of games recently. The victory streak gave Giant morale a tremendous boost and stirred talk of a Giant pennant this year.

The prospect for this year's World Series is an interesting one, since three teams are fighting it out in the American League and at least two in the National. There is a good chance that the World Series will be an all-New York affair again, since the New York Yankees in the American League have begun to move and, if they win, they are almost sure to face either New York or Brooklyn in the National League.

There are those who believe that all-New York World Series is not good for baseball, but the rivalry between New York teams is so intense, and the rivalry within the National League between New York and Brooklyn so colorful, that New York teams are winning more than their share of pennants, and other clubs might have to adopt ganging-up tactics to halt them if the trend is not soon halted.

Bible Study Verse

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

1. Who made the above statement?
2. At what time?
3. Who was his successor?
4. Where may these words be found?

Answers to Bible Verse

1. Moses.
2. It was a part of his swan song, just prior to his death.
3. Aaron.
4. Deuteronomy 33: 27.

Army Re-Shapes

The Army announced recently it would re-build two divisions this fall in an effort to design divisions capable of operating under conditions which might be imposed in an atomic war. Other than the announcement being several years too late, the news is heartening.

The Army program is an experimental one, and will be carried out with one infantry and one armored division. The Army says several years of study have already been conducted on the problem and that the new "Atomic Age" divisions will have vast mobility, flexibility and self-sufficiency in combat.

The main change in tactics will be a new ability to disperse very rapidly and the new atomic-warfare divisions will be able to disperse on a moment's notice over a very wide area. Such dispersal, the Army says, must be rapid and controlled at every stage.

This would minimize casualties in the event of atomic attack and would enable the Army's forces to keep a coherent front, even though its divisions were hit by atomic weapons.

Since it has been some nine years since the advent of the atomic bomb, we believe the Army should make haste with its "experiment." We are also of the opinion that conventional divisions, such as we now have, would be severely mauled in any new war, by atomic weapons. The Army should expedite its experimental program and make plans to have all its divisions modified to operate under atomic warfare conditions as soon as is humanly possible.

Guatemala Success

The forces of democracy have achieved a considerable triumph in Guatemala and the Western Hemisphere should breathe more easily now that a Communist-infected Government has apparently been overthrown there. The United States, though it played no role in the revolution officially, is highly pleased with results so far.

Although the rebellion seemed to be headed for an inglorious defeat in its earlier stages, the Army—which had not joined the revolution—decided to put the heat on President Jacobo Guzman.

Obviously, the refusal of the Army to support Guzman was the deciding factor in his departure from Guatemala. Though it is still not yet clear whether the Army, and the revolutionists—headed by Col. Carlos C. Armas—will co-operate successfully, a major victory has nevertheless been scored. The Communists have apparently been turned out by their favorite method of overthrowing other governments—a revolution.

Fine Light Opera

If you missed "Knickerbocker Holiday" presented by the South Bay Opera Association, you missed an interpretation of Maxwell Anderson's satirical piece that was impressively professional and decidedly entertaining.

Kurt Weill's music largely has been unending, except for "September Song" and perhaps that is why the opera lacked the punch needed to fill every seat in the Redondo school auditorium. Certainly it was not the fault of the cast or of the singers who put everything into a too-long first act to successfully hold the interest of a grateful audience.

Organized in 1947 the Association has had many successes and "Knickerbocker Holiday" is no exception. It goes without saying that there will be many more hits in store for lovers of light opera in the years to come.

These fine presentations are first of all made possible by the unusually high character of talent in this area and the assistance of the Redondo Adult Education Program. All concerned are to be congratulated in their efforts to bring worthwhile cultural entertainment within the reach of all.

The community can take justifiable pride in the elevation of any of its leading citizens to positions of importance in their particular professional fields. Election of Fred H. Mill, of National Supply Company, as president of the Los Angeles Control of the Controllers Institute of America offers an example and he is to be congratulated.

The Red Carpet



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answers which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

Dear Criswell:

There is a man in our office who is not at all interested in his work. He's most annoying, and his desk is right next to mine. He starts off the day by saying "only 7 hours and 59 minutes to go," and this keeps on every five or ten minutes, until quitting time. I'm going frantic. I don't want to do anything wrong, for it's none of my business, but is there any way I can get my work done without hurting this man's job?

Phyllis D.D.

My Dear Phyllis:

Ask your supervisor to move your desk to a better lighted area in the office, which I know she will do. This man will be found out by his superiors, and will be relieved of his position, and you will not be responsible and carry a clear conscience.

Dear Criswell:

Last night there was a dog howling under my window continually, and I didn't sleep a wink. I was afraid it would be my last night alive. This morning the dog was gone, but I had the most eerie feeling. Is there a spell cast over me now, and how long do you think I'll live?

Mrs. 91.

My Dear Mrs. 91:

A howling dog has long been supposed to signify a coming death, and this has been a superstition which dated back to our ancestors. I do not sense any passing for you have many wonderful and vibrant years of life ahead. This dog was apparently locked out and was carrying on for attention. Have no fears for you are in good health and there is no danger in your path ahead.

Dear Criswell:

All I can do is sit in my lonely room and look out of the window. On grey and rainy days I'm so unhappy and depressed, and when the sun shines I wish I could go out in it. I have no power left in my legs and about the only enjoyment I get is reading, and your column is my favorite. I would be so thrilled if you would print my letter. Do you think I'll ever be able to afford a wheelchair? My son has so many financial problems but he's appealing to a welfare group. Will this succeed?

Emma P.G.

My Dear Emma:

I know that if you could get around in a wheelchair life would be much happier for you, and your son will be successful, for this welfare group has done wonderful work and they will assist you. May God bless you and I am very happy this letter brings you just one little bit of joy.

Dear Criswell:

Recently we had a very nice party, for only the nicest people, and I had a delicious

punch prepared. Somehow, everyone got violently drunk and the things some of these people said and did were utterly fantastic. Several passed out and others were ill. My home was a wreck. After the party I tasted the punch and, after one glass I felt weak and dizzy. Then I discovered my husband had poured gin, wine and beer in it behind my back. I don't think I can ever live this down. Have I lost my last friend?

Olga 2.

My Dear Olga:

All of your friends realize what a life you have led with your husband, and no matter how you tried, you could not break his alcoholic habit. They will believe you when you tell them exactly what happened at this party and sympathize with you. Talk with a representative of the Alcoholics Anonymous if your husband is not taken in hand now, he will find himself in a hospital ward and his days on earth will be numbered.

Dear Criswell:

People are always coming to me for advice, so I am asking you to advise me if I should continue to give them my advice? I know this sounds silly but you can help me.

Jenny 8012.

My Dear Jenny:

You are a most understanding person and a truly kind individual. People have sometimes taken advantage of you, however, and they have piled your frail shoulders high with their troubles. If they realized the problems you have yourself they would be ashamed to burden you. Little do they know that you just lost your mother and father within two weeks of each other and that an investment your husband made has left you all but penniless. Take things easier and let your friends know that you, too, have many problems which must be solved. May God bless you.

Dear Criswell:

There is a vicious boy down the street who seems to hate me. He tried to set my house on fire last week, just as I returned from the store, and I managed to put out the blaze. One morning I found a dead cat hammered to the back door, with a note from him saying some terrible things. He puts the water hose on me when I pass by and throws mud on my clean wash. Yesterday he threw a rock through the porch window and when I ran after him he tossed indelible ink in my face. This is the last straw. His father laughs and tells me he's just a child. What can I do now?

Eleanor W.

My Dear Eleanor:

Contract the juvenile authorities for this boy is not being properly supervised by his parents. He has caused damage to your property, and you have suffered physical violence and mental torture under his abuse. He should be handled by the authorities until such time as he behaves the way he should.

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Dear Criswell:

I'm getting so sleepy I don't know what will happen to me, yet I go to bed and can't close my eyes and slumber. I'm so afraid of the dark and am constantly on the alert at night, and when morning comes I must go to work. This fear and lack of sleep has aged me at least ten years, and I wonder where and when it will all end.

Edith McN.

My Dear Edith:

I would like to make two suggestions to you. There is no reason for you to live alone in this large house your parents left you. Sell this house and find something smaller and closer in, where you will find someone to share it with you. You should also consult your physician, for your strength is very low and you must have something which will build you up. I know you will soon find yourself in top health again and this condition eased.

Dear Criswell:

My son-in-law claims his life is an open book, but from what I hear it has some pretty filthy chapters and would be banned from all book stores. My daughter says she loves him, so I guess I should leave well enough alone. Should I invite him to my birthday celebration as we don't get along too well?

Wanda Belle

My dear Wanda Belle:

I suggest you invite your son-in-law, but do not show him too much attention. If he is not invited there will be some family trouble and gossip which I know distresses you. One day your daughter will see this man as clearly as you do, but love is shadowing her eyes.

Dear Criswell:

How can I right this wrong?

Donna X-13

My dear Donna:

Go to your mother and tell her exactly what happened, and she will forgive you. This was not your fault but it was brought on by the man who held such power over you.

Olga 34:

I suggest you handle this case with the local authorities at once. This man has committed a crime and he should pay for what he has done. If he threatens you any more seek police protection, for he can be dangerous.

Minna D. L.

Adopt a child, for you should have a baby in your home. Your husband blamed you all along, and then found out that it was his fault.

It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

UN Trap for U. S.

NEW LOW. The recent double talk in Washington with respect to Red China and the United Nations has astonished even the most skeptical among us. President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles have promised to "fight to the end" against Red China's admission, thus quickly bringing Senate Majority Leader Knowland back into line with administration strategy and preventing a glib Congress from demanding United States withdrawal from the UN. This Eisenhower-Dulles promise, were the situation not so full of peril for us, could be considered the joke of the year.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Churchill has apparently—but not actually—reversed his stand and said that now was "not the moment" to admit Red China. The whole world knows that England, France, and India are willing, even eager, to appease the Communists; but if Mr. Churchill needs a few months in which to make a show of agreeing with the U. S., the Communists can afford to grant him that time. They have nothing to lose; for they, and everyone else, know that Red China will be admitted to the UN the instant she takes time out from her murderous aggression to make even the slightest pretense of good behavior. And with Red China in, Nationalist China, one of our few real allies, is out.

NEW TRAINED SEAL?

part played by Senator Knowland now requires serious re-appraisal. After his unqualified statement of July 1 that in the event of Red China's admission he would resign his Senate leadership and devote his efforts to getting the U. S. out of the UN, he is now merely advocating that Congress go on record against such admission; that if Red China does get in, President Eisenhower should explain to the Congress what that means and recommend a course of action. This, as leftist Senator Fulbright (D. Ark.) remarked, "certainly is a far cry from withdrawing from the UN."

This recent softening of Knowland's has proved him to be either a conscious tool of the Churchill-Eisenhower-Dulles strategy, or a valet whose statements are meaningless. It is inconceivable that he did not know the administration's stand with respect to Red China and the UN before he made his July 1 statement. As Senate majority leader he must have known well before July 1 that his superiors would not back up his "withdrawal" threat. If he didn't know it, and could be so quickly pressured into changing his mind, then he is merely another White House trained seal. It seems much more likely that he was in on the strategy from the beginning.

UN TRAP: President Eisen-

hower, in explaining his refusal to recommend U.S. withdrawal from the UN if Red China is admitted, stated that he never quits a battle until he is completely whipped. It would be interesting to know what he proposes to do if he keeps us in the UN until he is "completely whipped." Could we get out then? Not if the proposed amendment on compulsory membership is adopted when the UN chart comes up for amendment next July!

Mr. Eisenhower has a perfect right as an individual, perhaps even as a soldier, to court disaster for himself if he wishes. But he does not have the right to court it for the 180 million Americans whose fate is in his hands and whose interests he swore to protect. There is nothing sacred about the UN. It has proved to be a tragic and costly failure that has already inflicted upon us about 140,000 war casualties and increased our tax burden by several billion dollars. It should be remembered, too, that Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White played major roles in writing its charter and leading us into it. Both were traitors to the United States.

The UN is now the tool of those who would surrender what remains of our sovereignty and turn us over to a communist-socialist dominated world government. If we want to retain our liberty we should get out of the UN and do it fast.



LAW IN ACTION

QUESTIONS ABOUT WILLS

Many people have asked questions about their wills and the disposition of property since our last articles on the subject. Here are a few questions and answers that may interest you:

Q. Is a will a business document?

A. Yes, since it transfers property and has other business outcomes. The same is true of joint tenancies and gifts.

Q. Is a will made 20 years ago any good?

A. It may be. Yet, your marriage may have changed; children or grandchildren may have been born; the value and type of property may have changed, and joint tenancies may have been created. Such factors, including tax law changes may outmode your will, though it is still legally in effect. The fact that the courts must put it into effect, in fact may be its worst feature. Better review it and see if it is what you want.

Q. Should a will be long or short?

A. As a rule, prefer a simple will. It accords with most people's wishes. Yet a short will may not be adequate. It may create complications, or give rise to additional taxes. Like a business contract, the length and terms of the document rest upon the circumstances and the things you want done, and upon the tax laws. It is the situation, basically, not the will that is simple or complex.

Q. Does a will dispose of property held in joint tenancy?

A. As a rule, no.

Q. Should you coordinate the wills of several persons?

A. Often you will want to review and, if need be, draft new wills for persons who share in the same property or who are beneficiaries in the first will. You do this, of course, when it can be done with propriety.

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