

EDITORIALS

Kuchel Impresses

A number of Torrance area residents and workers were treated to a pleasant few minutes here yesterday morning when U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel paid a hasty visit to Torrance during his vigorous campaign to be returned to Washington next Tuesday.

The Junior Senator from California paid a visit to the National Supply Co. plant here and a reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Beeman. On both occasions he made a good impression, particularly for his apparent sincerity and character, a mark of most of those helping to make President Eisenhower's administration a success.

Voters of both major political parties, who resent the use of the franked mail privilege during a political campaign, have additional grounds for supporting the re-election of Senator Kuchel. His Democratic opponent, Sam W. Yorty, forsook the sincere voters of the Democratic party when he spent \$238,000 of the people's money to further his own effort to walk from the lower to the upper house. In so doing he gave positive evidence that he has no conception of the meaning of economy and cannot be depended upon to act sincerely in the future. Furthermore, the speech he had printed and mailed was never actually uttered on the House floor.

Senator Kuchel is young and during his service to filling the seat left vacant when Mr. Nixon became vice president, he has proved his capacity for the job.

This newspaper congratulates the Republican party on having a candidate of Senator Kuchel's stature. It suggests to Democrats that they have in this candidate a man worthy of their independent vote.

An Important Office

One of California's most important elective offices could easily be overlooked next Tuesday in the general excitement over the more widely publicized campaigns for Governor, Senator, and Congressman. That office is the post of the State Controller, now held by Robert C. Kirkwood.

Mr. Kirkwood, appointed to the office by Governor Earl Warren, has been capably handling what has been described as the second most influential post in Sacramento.

As Controller, he is the man who spends your tax dollars. He draws about 8000 checks against these dollars each day, and a part of each check is your own money.

The incumbent also sits on 16 important boards and commissions, and has made an admirable record as an honest and efficient Controller, conducting his office in a non-partisan and non-political manner.

Mr. Kirkwood is chairman of the State Lands Commission, which has control of impounded tidelands oil funds. Through the recent efforts of the chairman and this commission, the funds have been put to work where they are earning 3834 a day in interest for California.

Many other such accomplishments could be listed for Mr. Kirkwood, emphasizing the belief of the Torrance Herald that the retention of this able officer in his post would be a wise choice for California voters next Tuesday.

For Goodwin Knight

Governor Goodwin Knight will re-visit this area tomorrow in his final swing around the circuit to garner last minute votes. Some of his followers have been dismayed by some of his actions during this campaign; but, they must not be distracted from the main issue—that of retaining the present State administration.

Knight generally has been a good governor and deserves reelection. He is a good representative for California and should make a better one after he has it on his own rather than by inheritance.

It must be realized that a candidate for governor is forced into predicaments often not of his own making. It must likewise be realized that his opponents are quick to take advantage of mistakes and to distort and magnify truths and half-truths.

We think the best interests of the people of California will be served by re-electing Goodwin J. Knight.

"Blountly" Speaking

Not that it is anything new for Councilman Willys Blount to speak his mind, but, his denunciation of bawdy conduct at football games in the Coliseum apparently is going to get results. "Blountly" he told the Board of Supervisors that cursing and whiskey drinking in that noble stadium was out of role and offensive to the vast majority of the young and old who go there to see a grand sport.

Sheriff Biscailuz forthwith issued a statement to the effect that those who persist in this sort of conduct will be tossed out of the structure, built as a memorial to our war heroes. They might even find themselves in jail, he has promised.

People who pay for their seats and expect to enjoy an afternoon or evening of genuinely wholesome recreation, have a right to the protection of ordinances and laws already on the books. There are plenty of places over Los Angeles county catering to the moods of the others.

For Vincent Thomas

Vincent Thomas has made a good Assemblyman from this important area. He knows the area and has projects underway that he should be permitted to carry through to completion. He runs as a Democrat; but, he deserves support of those who appreciate efficient representation in Sacramento irrespective of party.

His opponent, a young and promising attorney from Torrance, has much to recommend him and can well look forward to a future in politics. It is encouraging to see young men of his character and ability taking a vital interest in public life.

It is the judgement of this newspaper that Vincent Thomas should be re-elected.

Sounds Like It



AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

It is tragically true that in the 37 years of modern Communism, since the death of Lenin in 1924 and the rise of Stalin, Malenkov & Co., it has grown from less than 100,000 Reds in the whole world to over 2,500,000 who in turn hold under bondage another 800,000,000 souls. The facts of history prove that this growth was accomplished not only by Communist conspiracy and deceit, but by Allied disunity, colonialism and vacuums created by the West due to indifference, complacency and the fantastic miscalculations of our government in selling us for years the idea that "you can do business with atheists."

1. Why did 15,000 Chinese POW's refuse to go back to Red China at the armistice I covered at Panmunjom, but accepted refuge in Formosa? Why did over 30,000 North Koreans choose to remain in South Korea, and only 380 went back? Not one POW from South Korea asked to be transferred to Communism.

2. Why is the traffic from East Berlin to West Berlin about 1000 to 1? Why have millions escaped from East Germany to the West? The records I reviewed in Berlin show that less than 100 West Germans went East and those, for the most part, had substantial business investments in East Germany which they thought they could salvage... they thought.

3. Why, during and after the Korean war from 1950 to 1954, did I see at the bridge on the Han river in Seoul a constant rush of refugees from the Communist side of the 38th parallel trying to enter the free Republic of Korea, with absolutely none trying to go north.

4. Why have I observed a steady flow of refugees on foot, by Danube boat, by the Orient Express, by bicycle, coming from Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and other Iron Curtain countries to the West, with hardly a ripple going in the other direction.

5. Why during World War II was Hitler able to raise 25 divisions of deserting Russian Christian soldiers, who thought that Germany had come to liberate them from Communist atheism? It was not until Nazi atrocities were exposed that these same Russians deserted and helped to defeat Germany.

6. Why did so many thousands of Russians escape to Finland after the Russian attack of 1940 and died fighting their own country? After the Russian victory over 500,000 Finns in

7. Why are UNRRA camps that I saw all over the world filled with displaced persons from Communist-dominated countries? Since 1946, millions have escaped, or were displaced, to become the wards of the Free World. There were no DP's who refused to return to free countries.

8. Why are the Red trains I saw a dozen times in the past four years unloading at L. Wu and Macao filled with Chinese refugees and escapees from Communist China, and the trains returning to Canton are empty. Why have those hundreds of thousands left homes and property to flee to Hong Kong away from the "Red Utopia"?

Russian annexed territory were given the option of retaining their homes and businesses and becoming Russian citizens, or leaving with nothing but the clothes on their backs to face hardships as refugees. I was talking to one of these in Helsinki last year and learned that only 314 out of 600,000 stayed back.

9. And what is the glorious UN now boasting of its "collective security action in Korea," doing to effect the release of these helpless American boys? Nothing. Its Communist members continue their aggression, subversion, and infiltration, while others, to include the United States, sit with them at conference tables and supply them with the materials for conquest and murder.

10. Not even the U. S. government lifts a finger on behalf of its own captured servicemen—boys it conscripted from their homes and schoolrooms to fight in a foreign country under an alien flag—young soldiers it held back from victory and then abandoned to their

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Meanwhile the men, high in our government and in the UN, who were responsible for the capture of American servicemen in the first place are regarded as "men of honor." Among them are those who delivered China to the Communists, invited attack upon Korea, tied the hands of our soldiers and dismissed our greatest general, tipped off the Red Chinese that they could enter the war without fear of pursuit beyond the Yalu and forced Chiang Kai-shek to stand

It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

A Nation Expendable
RED-HELD GIs: For about two years now, week after week, there have come to my desk news releases headed "Headquarters, Fighting Home-wood Soldiers, Colorado." Usually in the form of letters to President Eisenhower, pleading for action on behalf of American servicemen still held in Red prison camps, they are signed by Eugene R. Guild, Capt., U.S.A. Ret.

I have talked with Captain Guild. I know the never-dying inspiration that gives impetus to his efforts. It is the memory of his own son and nearly 30,000 other American boys who were sacrificed on the altar of internationalism. These young sons of American parents were killed by the Communists in the Korean "police action" instigated by Harry Truman and conducted under the mongrel flag and treacherous command of the United Nations.

Instead of accepting the medal posthumously awarded his son, Captain Guild sent Mark Clark, recently and began his long battle on behalf of living GIs still held by the Red barbarians. A less courageous, less dedicated man than Eugene Guild would have given up long ago, for his efforts have, in the main, been ignored, both by the nation's press and by the President to whom they were addressed.

ABANDONED GIs: A shameful page in American history will record the abandonment of America's fighting men left to finish out their young lives in the filth and terror and torture of Communist captivity. There are about 1000 of these American soldiers. General Mark Clark, recently estimated, still held alive by Red China for bargaining purposes.

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aside and permit safe passage of supply ships to the enemy.

THE GUILTY: That Claude Bachelor was guilty and deserved punishment, there is no doubt. But far more guilty than this weak, ignorant boy are those who betrayed our soldiers on the battlefield while appeasing Communists abroad and coddling them at home. It is they who are loudest in their demands for a "world order" with "human rights" and all the good things of life for "all the peoples of the world"—except the United States and its abandoned soldiers. These they are willing to sacrifice on the altar of internationalism.

Who are they? I can't tell you their names, but I can tell you where to find them. They can be found around the White House and in the Congress and in the Pentagon. They occupy chairs in our universities. They stand in our pulpits. They dawdle in cocktail lounges at UN headquarters. Some hold public office, some live in retirement.

They influence our foreign and domestic policies. They control our political parties and nearly all of our press, communications, education, and entertainment. They head some of our largest industries, labor unions, and financial institutions. They are the "inner circle" which secretly pulls the strings of our government, regardless of the puppet party in power. They are not concerned with the 1000 captive GIs for whose fate they are responsible. They are busy destroying the United States of America.

Life Under Reds Told By Couple

An elderly couple that has lived under a 30-year "Reign of Terror" in Communist held territory is free, today, and happily pursuing the pleasures of an every-day American family at a Walteria home.

Nikolas Balandin, 69, and his wife, Katherine, 67, who left a Red China town last June 24, have been reunited with their daughter, Mrs. Valentine Nickels, of 3100 Newton St.

They told of widespread discontent because of ruinous inflation, confiscation of property and starvation level rationing while foodstuffs are shipped from China to Russia.

In an interview with reporters, the Balandins told a grim story of life behind the "curtain." Mrs. Nickels translated from the Russian spoken by her mother, while Balandin merely nodded approval. He is seriously ill, barely able to walk or talk.

Give Details
These are the facts of life in Communist China:

Ordinary Chinese residents are on strict food rationing which allows them a bare existence. Each person is allowed a quarter pound of lard and eight pounds of flour per month.

Searches of the homes and towns by police authorities prevents hoarding of foodstuffs. Householders must be able to account for every bit of food or face arrest.

It is a common practice for police to enter a town and arrest villagers until any hidden food is surrendered.

Inflation is as rampant as it ever has been since World War II. It is so bad that the Soviets refuse to accept Chinese money but insist on food in exchange for the machinery and supplies they send to the Peking regime.

Suicides are common as a result of confiscation of property and other Communist abuses. Mrs. Balandin told of seeing two well educated Chinese climb to the top of a tall bridge and denounce the regime to a large crowd. When soldiers threatened to shoot unless they stopped, they plunged to death in the river below.

Most Like Americans
Despite a constant barrage of anti-American propaganda, most individual Chinese regard United States citizens well and refuse

to believe what the government tells them about this country. The Balandins fled to China in 1922 when the Bolsheviks took over their home in Vladivostok and jailed the husband for almost a month.

It took four years of effort by Mrs. Nickels to get her parents to this country. Through the United Nations she got them to Hong Kong on a Swiss visa. The U. S. authorities approved their petition for entrance to this country and they were flown here to join their daughter, who had left Tientsin in 1937 after marrying a U. S. serviceman.

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