

EDITORIALS

City Ready for Court

Development of the new Torrance Civic Center, which is located on a site near the center of our fast growing city as could be obtained, is just about to get under way. Within weeks grading crews will begin preparation of the land for the city's new city hall, Civil Defense headquarters, and police station. Almost as soon will come the crews to begin construction of the new swimming pool.

Between the police station and the swimming pool is a large area of ground held in reserve for the construction of state and county buildings. The land is being made available to these governments in an effort to consolidate the government facilities for Torrance area residents as much as possible.

A preliminary move to secure construction of a municipal court building adjacent to the police station has been started and at this time the chances of getting a court in Torrance in the near future looks favorable.

That a court is needed here as badly as any point in the municipal district is beyond serious challenge. At the present time more than 30 persons a day are required to travel to the north edge of Redondo Beach to deposit bail on minor traffic charges. Fines from Torrance paid to the court in north Redondo Beach average between \$7000 and \$10,000 a month.

During the month of March, Torrance fines totaled \$10,257 of which the city received \$8,578.48 while the balance of \$1678.52 went to the county. These figures would not be drastically changed by moving the court to a central location in Torrance, but they serve to show the amount of "business" taken to the court from this area.

The Herald doesn't believe that there is a glaring need for two courts in this area—only that the one now serving the area should be located nearer the geographical and population center of the district it serves. We believe the Torrance Civic Center as proposed meets this qualification far better than the present inconvenient site on the perimeter of the district.

Access to Freeway

The request of the City Council to have on and off ramps where the proposed San Diego Freeway crosses Arlington Ave. has, we believe, a generous share of arguments in its favor. Torrance as a city is just starting to develop, and the addition of ramps in such a location today seems of little importance.

Within a few years—probably by the time the Freeway is constructed here—Arlington will be such a heavily traveled thoroughfare that to make it inaccessible to Freeway traffic would be an injustice to the motorist and to residents and businessmen of Torrance.

With the extension of Arlington Ave. south from 190th St., that thoroughfare will become the only access from the north which leads directly into downtown Torrance. Western Ave. bypasses the downtown area on the east, Crenshaw Blvd. bypasses it on the west. There is no access now between the two.

We think the Freeway planners could well afford to have a second look at Arlington Ave. in view of the potential growth of this area. It can not be compared to areas which have reached optimum growth—there is a lot to come here, and we should plan wisely for it.

THE MAIL BOX

The Torrance Herald welcomes expressions from its readers which can be published on this page. The editors retain the right to edit the copy for matters of libel and good taste. Letters should be kept brief and must be signed. The writer's name will be withheld if requested. Opinions expressed in letters here published represent those of the writer and not necessarily those of The Torrance Herald.

CD Assignment

Editor Torrance Herald: The State Office of Civil Defense feels most strongly that the publication of printed news and information matter and its expedient distribution following an enemy attack or other disaster will be absolutely essential to the safety, welfare, and morale of the public. For this reason, this office has urged the publishing industry to take such steps as it may deem reasonable and necessary towards development of cooperative plans for the reconstruction of its facilities, resources, and personnel following attack in coordination with Civil Defense planning at all jurisdictional levels.

Red Cross Drive

Editor Torrance Herald: As general chairman of the 1955 American National Red Cross Fund Campaign, may I express appreciation on behalf of the entire Torrance committee for the publicity extended through the Torrance Herald. The splendid community participation and generosity resulted in the Torrance area being awarded the J. Earle Jardine Jr. trophy for having reached the highest percentage of quota in the Los Angeles Chapter on March 31, 1955, the official end of the Red Cross drive.

We feel sure that this splendid showing was due in a large measure to your cooperation. Albert Isen, Editor Torrance Herald.

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT

BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE
Editor, American Peoples Encyclopedia

DAVID POWER, 61, LAST YEAR, CLAIMED THE TRANSCONTINENTAL WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP. HE WALKED FROM SANTA MONICA, CALIF., TO NEW YORK CITY, 3,180 MILES, IN 75 DAYS. THE PREVIOUS MARK WAS 77 DAYS, SET IN 1910.



SOME HUMMINGBIRDS WEIGH LESS THAN A DIME.

Viennese Waltz



REG-MANNING

It's Your Country

BY JOHN W. BECK

Bricker Amendment Necessary

HEARINGS START: Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the proposed Bricker amendment (S.J. Res. 1) are scheduled to begin April 27. Inasmuch as an eminent lawyer who has recently become a member of the United States Supreme Court said he didn't know what the Bricker amendment was about, surely it would be unreasonable to expect the public to be better informed than the highly educated and experienced John Marshall Harlan.

Therefore, for the benefit of those who, like Justice Harlan, do not know what the Bricker amendment is about, its two main sections are quoted below:

Section 1. A provision of a treaty or other international agreement which conflicts with this Constitution, or which is not made in pursuance thereof, shall not be the supreme law of the land nor be of any force or effect.

Section 2. A treaty or other international agreement shall become effective as internal law in the United States only through legislation valid in the absence of international agreement.

PURPOSES: The Bricker amendment was designed to protect and preserve the sovereignty of the United States of America and to keep inviolate the constitutional rights of the American people and the constitutional powers of the government of the United States.

It provides that no treaty or international agreement (which includes executive agreements) shall be the supreme law of the land or be of any force or effect if it conflicts with the Constitution, or is not made in pursuance thereof. Therefore, any treaty or international agreement, to be valid and effective, must be made "in pursuance" of the Constitution, and not in conflict with it.

The Bricker amendment further provides that no treaty or international agreement can become effective as internal law in the United States except through valid laws enacted by elected representatives of the American people.

By reading Article VI of the Constitution, we can see that any law, to be a valid law, must be made "in pursuance" of the Constitution. If it conflicts with the Constitution, it is not a valid law.

UNFORSEEN DANGER:

For more than 150 years the Constitution was regarded as sufficiently clear and specific with respect to treaties, agreements having treaty status, and the laws of the United States. It is ridiculous to assume that its creators, in establishing and ordaining it as the supreme instrument of government for the United States, would deliberately have written into it a provision for its own destruction and for the abrogation of the powers and rights it insures. To have done so would have been to render the Constitution impotent and futile from the beginning.

During the past 23 years, however, a new type of American political leadership has

arisen, a leadership obsessed with world-mindedness and the strange desire to surrender the sovereignty of the United States to some form of international government. This, of course, could not be done in pursuance of the Constitution, for the Constitution does not grant such power to the Congress, to the Executive Department, or to any other branch of government.

SLY PRETEXT: To get around the blockade set up by the Constitution, internationalists and leftwingers in this country, both in government and out, have seized upon the pretext that all treaties and all international and executive agreements, regardless of whether they are made "in pursuance" of the Constitution, become the supreme law of the land.

Such a fantastic and spurious "interpretation" of Article VI of the Constitution subjects this nation to the absolute dictatorship of any man who happens to be President. Under this interpretation, the President may, either by himself or with the consent of two-thirds of the senators present

and voting, surrender the sovereignty of this Republic and hand the United States and its people to executive agreements and treaties which could abolish the Constitution and nullify every right it guarantees.

With the Supreme Court split four to four on the supremacy of the United National Charter over the Constitution of the United States, and with the recent confirmation of the ninth justice, who is a member of an organization dedicated to the surrender of American sovereignty through Atlantic Union, the necessity for an amendment to plug the so-called "loophole" in the Constitution is starkly obvious.

URGENT NEED: The Bricker amendment, while it wouldn't undo the harm that is already done, would plug the loophole and would, after ratification, prevent further violation of the Constitution through "interpretation" of the treaty-making power. The Bricker amendment alone is not enough — not nearly enough! — but the need for it is urgent and it should be adopted.



LAW IN ACTION

JURY SERVICE

The right to a fair jury trial is vital in an age when millions are virtual slaves, and millions more live in a restricted "democracy." For relying on centuries of common law growth, we can be assured of no loss of property, life or freedom without due process of law.

Englishmen held jury trial to be a right for centuries and in 1215 their Magna Carta first guaranteed it. California's Code of Civil Procedure shows our regard for jury selection and qualifications. It sets out with great care in almost 100 pages the way we select a jury.

To serve on a California jury, you must be an American citizen of ordinary intelligence more than 21 years old. You must live in your county for a year.

As a rule, a jury commissioner, named by the Superior Court judges in your county, selects you. To get the jurors needed each year, he lists eligible persons for the judges to choose from.

Written on separate slips, the names on this list go into boxes. The court clerk shakes them thoroughly before he draws out the number of names ordered for a trial. Twelve persons make up the jury for a given trial. At the year's end an undrawn name goes on the next year's jurors' list.

You hear of your selection as a prospective juror by a summons handed you in person or sent by registered mail. If for some good reason you cannot serve, come to court on the day named and give your excuse.

If you cannot appear in per-

son, some courts may accept a sworn statement. Fail to appear and you may be forced to come before the court. The court may then fine you up to \$50 if your excuse is not good.

Me—I'd quit!

The SQUIRREL As Likely for Males

By ED WILSON
City News Service

By REID BUNDY

Now forward we move
In time's speedy flight;
We've just lost an hour
Come last Sunday night.

Gene Debra passes on the tale about a friend of his who went in to see a doctor after he broke out with a gosh-awful rash. The doctor was obviously disturbed about the condition, but it was just as obvious that he hadn't the slightest idea what the stuff was.

"Have you ever had this before?"
"Yeah," Gene's friend replied. "I had the same thing once in the army."
"Well," the doctor said, "you've got it again."

Need any 2 1/2-inch pipe? We can put you in touch with a guy who purchased quite a supply of 2 1/2-inch pipe the other day, had it all saved up in four-foot lengths, then found out that he wanted pipe with 2 1/2-inch OUTSIDE DIAMETER, not the 2 1/2-inch inside diameter pipe he wound up with. At least he learned you measure pipe two ways.

Friend of ours who runs a small tobacco shop says the guy who came in the other day for some cigarettes had evidently been doing through recent TV commercials. He wanted a package of those "Brand X" cigarettes he had been hearing about on TV. Didn't say whether he wanted filter tip, regular, or king size, we hear.

Don't look now, but in another 15 days or so it will be Friday the Thirteenth! I don't know about you, but I am making plans to take the day off and stay in bed (one excuse is about as good as another).

Had a fellow slyly slip me a capsule labeled "DOPE" the other morning. Upon inspection it turned out to be a strip of paper in the capsule with all the "dope" about a Hermosa Beach aquarium. Don't really know whether I was disappointed or not.

Ardent tuna fishermen like Donna Barkdull who handles the rod and gun club for the HERALD, Al Coats, Carl Hanni, and others should take heart in the tenacity of Rhode Island sportsmen. They have just announced the third annual tuna derby there. The first derby turned out to be a dud when all the anglers came back with a total catch of one tuna. Last year, at the second annual affair, the Hurricane Carol sank the whole fleet, and rescue operations by the Coast Guard managed to save all hands—although some of them had a few bad moments. They're all set to go again. Me—I'd quit!

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Since then, baseball has become the national pastime. From the time a baby gets to toddling age, he is tossing a ball around. Even if he does-

Males had nearly a two to one chance over females of landing on a slab in the County Coroner's Department last year, according to a report on file with the Board of Supervisors.

Of 8539 cases handled by Coroner E. A. Winstanley, 5565 were males and 2974 females.

His annual report also reveals that January was the high month for deaths with 853 and July lowest with 611. Los Angeles city had a record of 4631 deaths, the county, 3908.

Traffic took 777 lives during the 12 months under review, while 723 went out by the suicide route. Homicides accounted for 198 fatalities and 5521 were an record as due from "natural causes." Industrial accidents totaled 119, the report stated.

October was a big month for traffic deaths, (79); July lowest, (44). More pedestrians were killed in November, (35), than in any other month last year. The low month was July, (13).

There were 501 collision and non-collision motor vehicle accidental deaths, 394 of which involved persons more than 20 years old.

Of the 193 homicides, 113 were in the 20 to 45 age group, and 54 of these deaths resulted from fights. November was low month for homicides (8), and May was highest, (24).

More persons took their own lives in June than any other month. The coroner's figure is 71. April was low with 45.

Shooting was the most popular means employed in the homicide column (104). With respect to accidental fatalities, 601 persons were 65 or over, accounting for 594 deaths.

Tests for alcohol in auto accidents revealed 42 per cent positive, 58 per cent negative.

In homicides the record was 48.1 per cent positive, and 51.9 per cent negative. With suicides, it was 31.7 per cent positive, and 68.3 per cent negative. Where auto-pedestrian accidents were concerned, the result was 35.5 per cent positive, 66.5 per cent negative.

"If the victim lives 24 or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as alcohol would be completely oxidized," the report said.

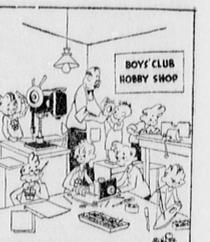
Winstanley's department performed 3563 autopsies and held 421 inquests during the 12 month period.

December was high month for miscellaneous accidental deaths with 115, July low with 74.

Persons between 20 and 45 years had the highest death rate in auto accidents. Next on the list was the 45 to 65 age group with 115. Those 65 and over had the lowest fatality record in automobile accidents.

Eighteen persons lost their lives through electric railway accidents, and 11 through steam railway accidents.

The coroner's office last year and \$78,075 was collected, consisting mostly of embalming fees, leaving a net cost of \$253,994.



"I can't decide whether to make a jet plane—an atomic submarine—or a pair of bookends!"

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHE, Herald Staff Writer

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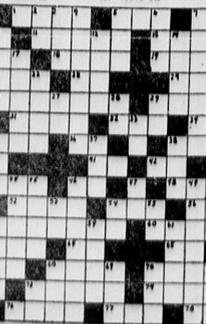
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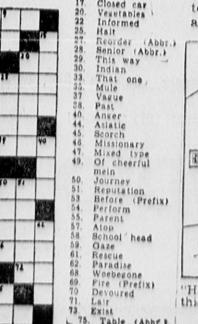
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Crossword Puzzle

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| 1. Horizontal | 56. Filipino tribes |
| 2. East | 57. Lined |
| 3. Reshaped | 58. Whirling toy |
| 4. Hiccups | 59. Blip |
| 5. Food plant | 60. Heating organ |
| 6. We | 61. Thus |
| 7. Begin | 62. Man's name |
| 8. We | 63. (Abbr.) |
| 9. Knob | 64. Reed cover |
| 10. Drizzle | 65. Hat |
| 11. Exist | 66. Easter |
| 12. Water | 67. Concentric |
| 13. Restive | 68. Obsolete |
| 14. Quiet | 69. Dooms |
| 15. Ocean | 70. Surrender |
| 16. Lovers | 71. Fish eggs |
| 17. Palmist | 72. Chew |
| 18. Medical plant | 73. Verb |
| 19. River (Spanish) | 74. (Abbr.) |
| 20. Part of plant | 75. Exclamation |
| 21. Also | 76. (Abbr.) |
| 22. Road | 77. (Abbr.) |
| 23. Like | 78. (Abbr.) |
| 24. Greek letter | 79. (Abbr.) |
| 25. Condition of being | 80. (Abbr.) |
| 26. For example | 81. (Abbr.) |
| 27. Ovat | 82. (Abbr.) |
| 28. Form of to be | 83. (Abbr.) |
| 29. Horn | 84. (Abbr.) |
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| 33. Closed ear |
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"Hey, Jones—can you sit on this box?—you're lying up too many library books!"

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