

EDITORIALS

Food for Thought

Californians may not realize it, but the Federal government has taken over a huge part of the state where they live.

The Federal government owns about 46 per cent of California's land area. It owns 60,442 buildings. Military installations number 208, more than in any of the other states.

The Central Valley Project is the largest Federally-controlled water system in the country. Then there are such "minor" details as hundreds of millions of dollars worth of Federally-built reclamation and irrigation projects and harbor installations.

Some Federal activities with a state are obviously necessary—but are so many necessary? Time and again it has been proven that private industry, and state and local governments, can handle many, many present Federal activities cheaper, and with more freedom for the people of a state because of fewer restrictions.

A Major Victory

The plea of Torrance area cities for an acceleration of the freeway building program in this part of the county has gained a major objective: representatives of the Inter-City Highway Committee have been granted one-half hour before the State Highway Commission on March 27 to tell their story.

The story they have to tell is a real one—it is a story of millions of dollars paid by motorists in this area in gasoline taxes through the years and the return of nothing in freeway construction.

That story, with the documents to make it authentic, will be taken to Sacramento by representatives of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, and El Segundo.

Councilman Nick Draie will head the official delegation, and he is being joined by other representatives from the six cities and at least one representative of County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has backed the Inter-City Highway Committee in its efforts to bring about an acceleration in the freeway construction program as it affects the great southwest section of the County. Two major freeways, the San Diego and the Harbor, are projected into the area, but no definite plans on construction have been announced.

Now is the time for other Torrance area groups to indicate their support of the program.

Opinions of Others

THE LESSON OF BAYONNE

The reckless habit of piling taxes on corporate industries doesn't always work.

It didn't two years ago, when the Tidewater Oil Co. moved out of Bayonne, N. J., because of an increasing tax load that it considered unjustified.

Now Bayonne, a town of 81,500, has experienced another lesson. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has a large refinery there. Within recent weeks, the municipality has been threatening to raise the company's already heavy taxes by another \$400,000 a year. Whereupon, the company's newly-named manager, Dr. David F. Edwards, described as being "mild-mannered," showed that he could also be otherwise.

On New Year's Day, he sent the city an ultimatum. It must give up any idea of a tax increase, and instead cut its operating budget by 10 per cent within two weeks. If the municipality did not respond, then said Edwards, the company would cancel its \$2 million modernization program at its plant—and likely move out altogether. The Standard plant pays one-fourth of Bayonne's tax bill, and also contributes a \$1 million monthly payroll for its 1800 workers. Said Edwards: "If we pull out and shift the tax load to other industries, a number of these will also pull out. The city would go bankrupt."

A session of frantic hand-wringing by city officials and agitated citizens thereupon ensued. Time magazine reports. The upshot of it all was that the city tied a new expense mark. Its commissioners agreed to a new budget of \$7.2 million, a drop of \$1.2 million below the proposed 1957 figures. To accomplish this result, the municipality effected such savings as dropping plans to raise the pay of its 1084 city employees, ordered policemen and firemen to buy their own uniforms, decided not to fill vacancies in many jobs, and fired 44 municipal employees. Among these was the mayor's brother, who served as "bus supervisor."

While the Standard company presumably will stay at Bayonne under these new conditions, the municipality will not eat so high on the hog hereafter. Moreover, a valuable moral has been established. We have been hearing during these days of sky-high taxes and unbridled inflationary practices that the result eventually would be to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. In this recent Bayonne case, the goose has refused to stay around and be killed.

The Bayonne example is bound to exert a powerful stimulus elsewhere. But it may have to be repeated in numerous instances before the hog-wild spenders fully learn their hard lesson.—El Dorado (Kans.) Times.

Very Unclear Crystal



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I am a girl 14 and my problem is as important as some the adults bring to you.

My mother is very strict and she caught me sneaking out to see the opposite sex. This certain boy that I've been seeing means the world to me. He even quit his night job so we could be together more. My folks have never met him because I know they would say he's too old and scare him away for good.

Last night I was caught sneaking in the back door and both my parents were waiting with fire in their eyes. The boy beat it and I really caught the dickens. My mother grabbed my arm and my purse fell open. A package of cigarettes fell out and my parents won't believe they belong to my girl friend. You can see they don't trust me.

What am I to do? I'd leave home but I wouldn't get very far. Now I can't have a date or talk on the phone.

Everyone is against me and I feel like a prisoner. Please help me.—L.S.G.

How can you expect your parents to trust you when you've been ducking out the back door, carrying cigarettes for your girl friend (a likely story) and sneaking around with a boy they've never met? This kind of behavior doesn't inspire much confidence.

Your mother needs outside help with you—and you need outside help with yourself. The Family Service Bureau in your city has trained counselors who know how to deal with such problems. I recommend your mother make an appointment and both of you should avail yourselves of these services.

Locking you up is not the answer and you're too confused and irresponsible to be allowed to use your own judgment.

Dear Ann Landers: The letter signed "Miss Beebe" was of great interest to me. This girl's father didn't approve of her boy friend entering the field of house-to-house selling. He said it was "damaging to a person's dignity to go pounding on doors peddling things."

I am a house-to-house salesman and very proud of it. I'd like to tell you briefly what this work has done for me. I used to work in a factory and then I drove a truck. When I saw an ad in the newspaper for direct salesmen I applied. The manager told me I could earn between \$100 and \$200 a week—if I was willing to work hard.

It's been 13 months since I went to work for this company and I have averaged \$155 a week. But the money is only a small part of it. I've built up a world of self-confidence and learned how to talk to people. I've really found myself in

this door-to-door selling business. Next year I should average \$180 a week. I'm in my early 20's and unmarried. If I could do this I'm sure many other young fellows can, too.—A Happy Salesman.

Dear Ann: Our 18-year-old daughter married a brilliant man last summer. He was very friendly to all of us until the night before he gave her the ring.

It was then that he told me my daughter had been afraid of me all through her childhood. He said she was in constant fear that I would poison her food. I was simply stunned as I thought we had been very close.

We gave them a big wedding and went into debt for it. They never expressed gratitude. Now when they get to town to visit they stay with HIS folks. They rarely call us on the phone and we

are treated like strangers. I am at a loss to know what happened to our lovely relationship. Can you tell me?—Mrs. M.

This "lovely relationship" was loaded with fish-hooks and booby traps. Your daughter succeeded in masking her real feelings to ward's you which must have been bitter and hostile.

Fear of being poisoned is often a symptom of mental illness. Had you known this earlier you might have enlisted professional help.

At this point there's little you can do to establish a good relationship. If she chooses to ignore you, fill your life with other things. The canyon between you is great.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (C) 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.

There have been many scandalous stories about folks who claimed they were lucky at Las Vegas but I had the best luck of all when I stopped at the Flamingo recently. I got a ride home.

Have you noticed the changing trend of architecture for our new homes? Now they make the entire house out of glass with the exception of the windows. They're made of brick.

Kitty Kat Krax: "Yes, she's my best friend and I'd say she was around 35. Of course it's her second time around."

I just returned from a Gay Nineties party. The men were all gay and the women were all 90.

Talk about inflation, I just can't seem to afford the price of a new suit any more. So last week I decided to buy one of those low-priced suits. Looked pretty good at the time, but now I find out it was made of lint and it picks up blue serge.

To those who scoff at Elvis Presley, may I remind you that only three years ago Mr. Presley couldn't spell Tennessee. Now he owns it.

Today's Health Horrendous: Doctors tell us that drinking is bad for us. So how come we see more old drunks than old doctors?

Saga of our daughters: They fight us all through their teenage years. They must get away from us, or they maintain. One by one they are married and leave

home. One year later, two by two they come home again.

Remember Freddy Martin's tiny saxophone? Well, Freddy is mourning quietly at the Coconut Grove because some wretch stole his miniature brass instrument. Now, the orchestra is under-saxed.

Question and Answer Department: "Dear Mr. Glazer, I very often find myself in hot water. What should I do?" Answer: You might just as well make the best of the situation and take a bath.

Did you know that money actually changes your appearance? For example, get rich quickly and then notice how many of your friends, who forgot what you look like, suddenly start to recognize you again.

Jimmy Wakely asked this question on his KNX radio show: "Women claim their intuition is remarkable. Then how come they ask so many questions?"

Poem by a Brooklyn laureate: Duh spring has sprung, duh grass has riz, I wonder where de flowers is. De little bold is on duh wing. Ain't dat absurd? I tought duh wing Was on duh bold.

Love, just love Gene Sherman's classified ad of the week: "For sale. Beautiful view lot in hills overlooking nudist colony. Must sacrifice due to failing eyesight."

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AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

One day back in 1854, a French engineer by the name of Ferdinand de Lesseps convinced the Sultan of Turkey, Suzerain, and his puppet who ruled Egypt, that he could build a canal joining the Red Sea to the Mediterranean. He then sold the idea to the French government to finance the project.

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The Suez Canal Convention of 1888 became fully effective by future Anglo-French agreements as in 1904, when Britain's new position in Egypt was established. Under this agreement, to which both Turkey and Egypt agreed, the protection of the canal was entrusted to Egypt and if this proved insufficient, then to the Ottoman Empire.

But after the defeat of Turkey at the end of World War I, Britain replaced Turkey as the guarantor of the 1904 canal protection agreement. Even though France controlled the operations of the canal with 15 French directors to Britain's nine, Britain because of her powerful navy was permitted the function of policing the vital waterway.

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Ships up to 45,000 tons can pass through the canal to a maximum depth of 42 feet.

Until Nasser seized it last fall, Egypt received 7 per cent of the gross operating profits of over \$125,000,000 a year, plus 10 per cent as income tax on dividends paid to stockholders.

It was perhaps the failure of Britain and France in 1956 to prevent Egyptian discrimination against Israeli ships from using the canal that gave opportunist Nasser the idea that Egypt was not bound under existing treaties.

Failure at that time to force Egypt to honor her agreements, even though it involved the small nation of Israel, was an indication to Nasser that treaties need only be honored at the convenience of the signatories.

It is on such indifference to principle and justice and the failure of the big powers to act collectively on any violations and impositions upon small nations and helpless people that dictators are encouraged to pursue their ruthless aspirations.

Like the discrimination against the State of Israel by Egypt at Suez in 1956... the condoning of the Hitler atrocities and the illegal crossing of the Rhine in 1936... the Munich sellout of the Czech people by Chamberlain and Daladier... the half-hearted response we received by our western allies in defense of South Korea... the recent rape of Hungary by Russia... these are just a few examples of the failures of the western world to unite their forces in the defense of principle, which in the long run is also the best defense against war, exploitation, and human misery.

On the average some 35 ships pass through the canal daily. Since its completion in 1869, it has been enlarged several times, including the building of a subsidiary bypass completed in 1955, allowing ships to travel in opposite directions without delays.

Along the 105-mile canal stretching for some 20 miles are the deep waters of Lake Timseh and the Great Bitter Lake, in some places as much as six miles in width, as against the normal width of 500 feet along the canal.



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