

EDITORIALS

Recklessness and Death

Year 1955 was one of the bloodiest years on our nation's highways, with a near record total of 37,800 deaths. As if this were not grim enough, our young drivers figured prominently in compiling these statistics. More than 27 per cent of all drivers involved in fatal accidents last year were under 25 years of age, a greater number than ever before.

This figure, in the recently released safety booklet, "Fatal Fallacies," an annual publication of the Safety Service of The Travelers Insurance Companies of Hartford, Conn., emphasizes the fact that the safety record of drivers under 25 deteriorated sharply in 1955.

The inescapable conclusion to this is that excessive speed and recklessness are the principal faults in these accidents.

In comparison, it can be pointed out that the group of drivers over 25 years of age made a significant improvement was evident particularly in the incidence of fatal accidents, once again pointing to the speed and recklessness of young drivers.

Young people react quickly and learn quickly. With these two factors in their favor, their driving record should theoretically be better than their elders'. Fast reflexes are not enough, however, to avert a serious accident involving a recklessly driven car traveling at an excessive rate of speed.

The Flower Show

Closest thing to a Torrance tradition attracted more than a thousand persons last week end as the annual Torrance Flower, Art, and Hobby Show was conducted in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Hundreds of entries, reflecting leisure-hour activities of Torrance area residents and ranging from coin collections to ceramic murals, were displayed and viewed during the show.

A community venture of the sort held last week end does not "just happen." Behind the excellent show went hundreds of hours of unselfish work—much of it without recognition except by those others who were working on the project at the same time and pace.

The quality of exhibits was outstanding and many of the hobby crafts displayed were easily of commercial quality.

The HERALD congratulates those who were winners in the show—they hold victories won with difficulty. And to those who made the show possible, the HERALD gives its thanks.

The School Dilemma

Under consideration by school administrators and the board of education is state financing for Torrance's booming school building program, a program which the city has been able to avoid through record building boom to this date.

Top echelon school officials are convinced that entering the state program is the only solution left to Torrance where the population is increasing at such a fast pace that school funds are proving inadequate to keep abreast of the growing demands for classroom space.

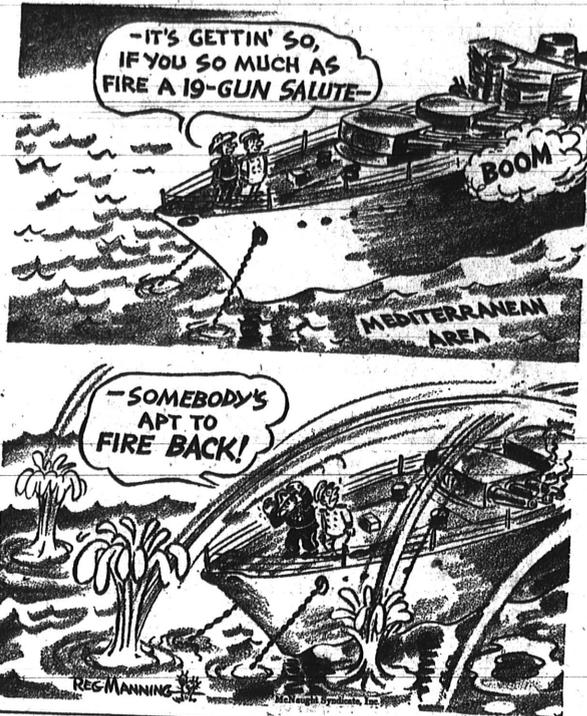
Many of the early disadvantages to the state program have been erased during recent years, many of them through the efforts of Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent here, who has made a number of appearances before state legislative committees on the subject although Torrance was not at the time participating in the state plan.

Estimates of the needs over the next five years when compared to estimated bonding capacities for that time leave the city about \$8,000,000 short in meeting the demands for classrooms.

Much will be said and written about this matter during the next few months, and if the board decides to enter the state program, voters of Torrance will be asked to approve the measure at an election later this year.

The HERALD recommends that all taxpayers—residential, commercial, industrial, and others—take time to give the school problems serious consideration. Something must be done. Seven new schools will be opened in the next eight months and the double session totals will be reduced only from 5000 to 4000 students through the increased capacity. This means new school pupils are moving in faster than schools can be constructed.

Things Are So Touchy—



Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

Dynamo Denny tells me he's made a small fortune promoting sales for small stores. Dynamo's specialty lies in plastering the store with signs reading: "Must Vacate," "Last 24 Hours," "Closing Out All Merchandise," "Lost Lease," etc. "As a matter of fact," beams Dynamo, "I'd like to give my son a break so I think I'll buy him a store and let him go out of business for himself."

At a recent testimonial dinner for the Ames Brothers, staged in the California Racquet Club, Maxie Rosenbloom told the audience: "My only distinction is I wasn't included in a recent boxing commission investigation."

"Jack Warner," added Maxie, "told me to go to school and learn how to talk right. Why, a guy named Marlon Brando won an Oscar talking just like me!"

Then Rosenbloom regaled the Racquet Club members with his tale about the time he fought another well-known light-heavyweight, "Dis guy, me f' times and I murdered the bum every time. But the judges in his home town always give the decision to him. They asked me t' fight 'im for d' sixth time, so dis time I went out and bet \$5000 on him to beat me. In the fourth round, I wasn't doing nothing, and he wasn't doing nothing so I whispered to him: 'Come on, y' bum, hit me. I got \$5000 on yuh.' So you know what det-dirty bum whispered back to me? He says: 'Hit me yourself. I got \$5000 on you!'"

Maxie also told the yarn about the time he insulted a lady in a night club. She immediately turned to her escort who was half Rosenbloom's size and demanded: "Honey, are you going to let this big bum get away with that?"

"Often the reason a person becomes quiet as he grows older is that he has more to keep quiet about."—Joseph C. Salak.

"Television isn't replacing radio half as fast as it's replacing homework."—Beatrice Mann.

"Most of us are able to make both ends meet. What we'd like to do is see 'em overlap a little."—H. C. Dietenbach.

"A woman's definition of a girl is any woman her own age."—Sara M. Henrity.

Gallantly, her escort replied: "Murie, first I want your advice. Should I hit him?" Just then, Jack LaRue, the actor, leaned over and hit Rosenbloom on the back of the head and Maxie growled: "Don't do dat! Y' wanna gimme conclusion of d' brain?"

Then Maxie told the audience about the big egg he laid when he was booked to entertain at the Empress Club in London. "I told d' owner dat dere was a plane leaving d' next day for America, so please let me forget d' contract and go home. But d' manager said: 'No, no, Maxie, don't talk like dat. Dere's a plane leaving tonight!'"

Russ Morgan, the orchestra leader, ruefully watched Jane Froyman receiving an armful of gorgeous red roses following her Cocoanut Grove singing stint. "I've been here 12 weeks," moaned Russ, "and nobody has even brought me one single dandelion!"

W. Horace Carter sends me the tale about the golfer who was playing behind a group. Suddenly, he rushed up to the group and pleaded: "Do you mind if I play through? I just learned that my wife was in a serious accident."

Hustling Hermie, our town's insurance agent, had his strangest phone call today. It came from a burglar requesting burglary insurance.

Bluenose Bloochie brags that his friend is the warden of our state prison. "If I ever go to jail," boasts Bluenose, "he promised me a low number."

Nowadays when my Uncle Shloomp phones a business friend he always asks: "Is Mr. Jones our coffee break or a work break?"

"Espying a brand new De Soto passing his dad's car in traffic, a 3-year-old youngster leaned out the window and yelled: 'Hey, mister, did you tell 'em Groucho sent you?'"

Bernie Brener saw two autos side by side on the freeway, one's license plate let me read: "Hee," while the other's read: "Haw." Even if this story isn't funny, it should at least give you a Hee Haw.

Nowadays we heard a lady say the other evening, it's one for the money, two for the show, three to make ready, four to go—and five bucks for the baby sitter!

It could have been the same lady, although we doubt it, who said love is like eating mushrooms—by the time you find out whether it's good for you, it's too late.

Which? also is a reminder that a woman is about the only creature that can skin a wolf and get a mink.

Boxing must have been real good to Rocky Marciano. Did you see those retirement pictures last Friday with Rocky, his wife, and small daughter? The daughter was wearing a mink stole.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

(The eighth installment in a series of 10 on the explosive question of Palestine.) Part 8 . . . "United Nations Enters Palestine Crisis."

The United Nations entered the Palestine controversy with a proposal that Palestine be divided into Arab and Jewish sectors. The Arab delegates walked out of the United Nations meeting. They announced as unthinkable that "outside agencies like the Zionists, or a coalition of foreign powers in the UN, should interfere with the territory of Palestine which had been Arab property for 3000 years."

The British Labor government's reversal of the former Conservative position in regard to Zionism and Palestine of the past two years forced the Zionists to try to strip only trump card, the United States and its Jewish citizens, for political and financial support. The United States became the headquarters of Zionism when its offices were moved from London to Washington. The Histadruth, the Irgun, Freedom Fighters, the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, Political Action Committee for Palestine, and other Zionist organizations were set up or expanded throughout the U.S.

With the enunciation of the Truman doctrine, Washington replaced London as the center of western efforts in behalf of peace and against the encroachment of Communism. This included the Middle East with the U.S. assistance to Turkey and Greece. So Palestine, along with other Middle East questions, became involved in the national interests of four instead of two powers . . . Britain, Russia, France and the United States. Instead of just Britain and France as it had for years.

The Arab States members of the United Nations gave notice of their opposition to the existing mandate on Palestine and called for its termination. But the UN established an 11-nation investigative committee, known as the "UN Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP)," and composed of Sweden, India, Netherlands, Peru, Uruguay, Guatemala, Czechoslovakia, Canada, Yugoslavia, and the United States. It was given wide powers to hold hearings on all questions involving Palestine, including religious interests of Islam, Christianity and Judaism. The Arab states announced that they would not be bound by the decisions of UNSCOP, which had the effect of undermining its investigation in Palestine and after receiving the testimony of the Arab states in Beirut on July 20 returned to Geneva and be-

gan inspections of Jewish DP camps in Germany and Austria. After a thorough investigation UNSCOP unanimously recommended: "The British mandate be terminated, and independence be granted to Palestine . . . the political structure of the new state be democratic and economic unity prevail . . . the UN would initiate an international arrangement for solving the problem of 250,000 displaced Jews in Europe as a start." But the committee could not agree on the political partition between Arab and Jewish areas. The majority . . . Canada, Czechoslovakia, Guatemala, Netherlands, Peru, Sweden, and Uruguay, recommended political partition of Palestine into Arab and Jewish states and an international zone in Jerusalem. The minority . . . India, Iran, Yugoslavia, recommended federalism of all Palestine. Australia abstained.

The majority recommended that the Arab states comprise Western Galilee, Central Palestine and the coastal plain from Isdud to the Egyptian border. The Jewish territory from Eastern Galilee, the Coastal plain from Acre north of Isdud (and to include the predominant Arab city of Jaffa), the Negev, and part of the District of Jerusalem and Bethlehem to remain under UN trusteeship. Arab and Jews would be entitled to vote in the Arab or Jewish states in which they chose to live. Universal suffrage would prevail. Jewish immigration to continue to about 6000 refugees per month. Common currency, communications, etc. An economic board of three Arabs, three Jews and three members appointed by the UN would administer a 10-year period of readjustment.

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Health Certificates Needed to go Abroad

ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., L.A. County Health Officer. Americans travel a broad more than any other people in the world, and most of them know that a passport should be obtained before leaving the United States. But a number of individuals who are planning an overseas trip are unaware that an International Certificate of Vaccination is also required.

This certificate is supplied by the State Department at the time an individual applies for his passport or can be obtained from the U.S. Public Health Service without charge. Getting it properly filled out after obtaining the required immunization may seem a complicated business. Actually, it is much simpler than it seems at first glance.

Vaccination is required for several reasons. It protects the health of the individual and helps to prevent the passing of disease from one country to another. It also does much to control the possibility of introducing contagious diseases to this country by returning citizens.

Three vaccinations are ordinarily required on the certificate and these are for smallpox, cholera, and yellow fever. There is also space for recording data on inoculations for typhoid fever and certain other immunizations. Generally, it is required if the traveler confines his wandering to the European continent; even this is not required for visits to Canada and a few other places nearby.

As a matter of fact, it is possible to travel over most of Europe without being asked to produce the certificate. However, upon re-entry to the United States evidence of immunity to smallpox is demanded, whether obtained from vaccination within the past three years or a previous attack of the disease. If this is not recorded on the certificate, the individual may undergo expensive tests generally included in vaccination plans, such as detention up to 14 days, or vaccination, or both.

As a general rule, people prefer to have the necessary vaccinations (with the exception of yellow fever) done by a private physician. However, certain travel vaccinations for residents in the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Health Department may be obtained at the local health center which provides service to the area in which the individual resides.

If the traveler's route takes him through certain countries, protection against yellow fever will be essential. These injections are not given by private physicians but are obtainable in this area only through the United States Public Health Service, 424 Federal building, Los Angeles, at 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No appointment is needed and the vaccination is good for six years. There is no charge for this service. At least five days should elapse between yellow fever inoculation and smallpox vaccination and the individual will not return less if he allows himself a rest time, and gets the yellow fever inoculation first.

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