

EDITORIALS

The National Scene

The public opinion polls seem to indicate a decline in the president's popularity after his record-breaking victory last November. His foreign policy, or the "lack of it" as his enemies would have us believe, accounts for part of the decline and much of the rest can be charged up to grumbling over the increases in the budget.

For a foreign policy that is supposed to be delinquent and ineffective we seem to be doing pretty well in a world that is literally sitting on the warhead of an atomic bomb. We have had a dozen situations that were supposed to touch off World War III, yet America today is at peace and enjoying the greatest prosperity in its history. There is employment for almost everyone who wants it and it is the rare family that can't afford "two chickens" in its pot.

There always has been and probably always will be billions of dollars of inflation in the national budget. Americans have got to get along without a lot of things they have come to take for granted in federal service or accept the alternative of high taxes.

Congressman James Roosevelt nailed down President Eisenhower's position when he told an interviewer that he thought his father would have handled a recalcitrant congress by calling in key leaders. Then he would agree with the various representatives that economy was in order and that he would start with the particular congressman's pet project. Every member of congress has one to which he clings, or thinks he has to, for re-election. Economy in government, like a traffic ticket, is just fine for the other fellow.

We think the next few weeks will see proof that President Eisenhower's popularity has not waned as much as his detractors might like to have you think. He still is the great and good man Americans of all political faiths elected last year and he still retains remarkable physical vigor.

In a world beset with crazy woes it is still our privilege as Americans to say and believe what we think. The right to criticize is inherent; but, can the criticism of most of us be constructive when we can't possibly know all the facts?

Opinions of Others

Here's some essential statistics published by the Yuba City Independent Herald:

"Average length of whisker grown every day by each of the 57 million men in America who shaves is 1/50th of an inch, which seems to mean 7.3 inches a year per man per whisker. The average man has 30,000 whiskers. Figures out at 3.5 miles of beard for every man every year, or 196,990,000 miles for all shavers. Weight of whiskers shaved off every day, an estimated 25,000 pounds."

And still there's a guy on television who shaves peaches. —California Farm Bureau Monthly.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

We Aren't Pikers

When the history books of the future are written, it will probably be said that the people of the 1950's weren't pikers.

Just a few years ago, we used to think it was wonderful when somebody hit the jackpot on the \$64 Dollar Question or when Dr. I.Q. gave 10 silver dollars to the lady in the right balcony.

Nowadays, we can't be bothered with such trifling sums.

The sponsors of the \$64,000 question recently found that people were getting bored with such a piddling little jackpot, so they hiked the ante to \$256,000. What ever happened to Dr. I.Q.? Apparently people decided that 10 silver dollars wasn't worth taking home because of the holes it wore in their pockets.

Next thing we know, they'll be giving away million dollar jackpots, and after that, the sky's the limit. Maybe some day, they will even try to give away the sponsors.

The whole crazy business started a few years ago with the giveaway shows that used to give away a whole assortment of prizes donated by various manufacturers. A winner, for instance, might get a new car, refrigerator, stove, washer, ironer, and an assortment of other handy gadgets. One program even gave away an elephant.

Our eyes grew round at the possibility of winning all this loot, but we hadn't seen anything yet. The gigantic giveaways of 1957 hadn't appeared on the scene then, and maybe in 1957 haven't seen anything yet either.

The fact is that people are getting tired of watching all this money given away. I personally get a little tired of seeing the winners of the big money shows get additional

prizes donated to them. Charles Van Doren, who won \$120,000, got a television set, while Rob Strohm, who got \$190,000 got several college scholarships and other prizes.

As somebody said, "Them what have get more and them what have not keep on that way."

We're living in an inflated economy, so the experts say. That seems to mean that while we're paying more for what we buy, we have more money to buy more things. Although coffee costs four times as it used to, we should have more four times as much money as we used to. Do we?

Actually, the joker, if you want to call it that, in the whole business is that when inflation sets in we generally can spend a lot of money we don't have, by buying things on the installment plan. This works fine until deflation sets in and we have to pay for what we bought on "easy credit." When times aren't so good, merchants are not anxious to let us buy things with money we don't have.

It all boils down to the fact that merchants are optimistic when times are good, but when times are bad, they want cold, hard cash. When we can't spend money that we don't have, we have to buy less, making the bad times worse. Conversely, the more money we spend that we don't have, the better times get.

This works fine until everybody starts trying to find out who has the money that everybody has been spending. When nobody can find it, then credit is harder to get, prices start dropping, and everybody has to go back to spending what he has.

That's when he needs that \$64,000. If you have more to start with, you'll always be able to buy more.

Signs Of Another Quake?



More Parks, Golf Courses Planned for L.A. County

A chain of large regional parks serving all areas of the County were envisioned today by Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Officer Arthur J. Will as part of a total \$300 million community improvement program being sponsored by the Board of Supervisors.

According to Will, the 10-year program of development involves not only the provision of badly needed governmental, medical and correctional facilities, but also a comprehensive plan for the development of more than 600 recreational and cultural facilities in all areas of the County.

Norman S. Johnson, the County's director of parks and recreation, described the 10-year park development program as "a balanced plan designed to meet the total recreational requirements of the Greater Los Angeles area."

"We've tried to design our advance program so that the differing needs of the small unincorporated neighborhood, the large suburban center, and the total metropolitan area can be met in spite of the continuing population growth of the County," said Johnson.

He explained that two broad categories of park projects have been outlined—local parks to serve individual unincorporated neighborhoods, and regional parks to serve the entire population of the County.

"Top priority in the parks program," said Johnson, "is being given to the acquisition and development of regional park properties so as to meet first the needs of the largest possible number of Los Angeles County families."

By 1968 the plan provides for the acquisition and development of more than 19,000 acres of regional recreational facilities, ranging from camp sites in the mountain areas to gigantic regional parks featuring fish lakes, golf courses, playground and picnic areas, as well as athletic fields and community activity buildings.

Johnson stated that the regional parks program alone is expected to require an investment of approximately \$100 million plus an additional \$23 million for the development of golf courses which will be operated as revenue-producing and self-liquidating projects.

Studies performed by the County Parks Department, the Chief Administrative Office, and the County Regional Planning Commission have resulted in the formulation of plans for several types of

regional parks, Johnson indicated.

The heart of the regional park program, according to Johnson, is found in plans for a chain of 12 new "district parks" to be scattered throughout the County, each to serve a population of from 100,000 to 300,000 persons.

As an indication of the attraction these parks will hold for Los Angeles County families, Johnson stated that each park will encompass approximately 100 acres of land and will include a community activity building, swimming pool, picnic area, athletic fields, lighted softball diamonds, casting pools for the amateur sportsman, special children's attractions, paved game courts, facilities for day camping, and off-street parking.

Additional specialized facilities, such as mountain parks, roadside rests, beaches, water sports facilities, and areas or facilities of educational value are planned to supplement the "district park" projects.

It was explained that more than 5000 acres of land are expected to be devoted to large regional parks of County-wide interest, in addition to the 1200 acres slated for development as "district parks."

"A minimum of five large regional parks are planned which will include all of the normal "district park" facilities as well as such specialized facilities as golf courses, boating or swimming areas, camping and hiking areas, as well as cultural development centers," said Johnson.

Typical of these, he indicated, are the projected developments at the Whittier Narrows, Puddingstone, and Santa Fe Dam areas.

The County's 10-year program of regional park development is also aimed squarely at meeting the need for new golf courses. County standards indicate that approximately 40 new 18-hole golf courses will be needed in the County by 1965, "and this standard," says Parks Director Johnson, "is most conservative."

"Standards recommended by the Professional Golf Assn., National Recreation Assn., and the California Committee on Planning for Recreation are much higher than those we've established. The lowest would indicate a need for 90 new 18-hole courses by 1965 while the highest shows a need for more than 230.

"Whatever the right standard is," said Johnson, "it's no secret that there is an appalling lack of golf courses in this area right now. At the Santa Anita County Golf

Course, for example, the cars start queuing up in the parking lot at 3 a.m. on a weekend morning. Some golfers spend most of the night in their cars just to be sure of a starting time the next morning," he added.

Johnson stated that the County's 10-year park program provides for the construction of approximately 22 new 18-hole golf courses, on the assumption that local municipal jurisdictions will make up the remaining deficit of 18 to 20 courses.

"Interestingly enough," said Johnson, "golf course operations by the County comprise one of our few self-liquidating programs, with the revenues from their operations paying not only the annual operating and maintenance expenses, but also amortizing purchase and development costs.

"Our future program of golf course development, therefore, is planned as a self-amortizing venture and is based on the assumption that it will be possible to issue revenue bonds sufficient to provide the \$23 million in capital necessary for initial land acquisition and development costs," he added.

Plans for acquisition of a golf course site on the Palos Verdes peninsula already have been announced by Supervisor Burton Chace; and Robert L. Gold, principal associate of Louis J. Kroeger & Assoc., has reported to the city that a regional park may be planned in the west end of Torrance.

Let her go. You need a vacation from each other. In her absence, consult with an expert on adolescent behavior. The Family Service Association can help you.

This girl got off to a bad start as a result of the pillar-to-post treatment. Her resentment is deep and bitter. When a girl 14 balks at sewing 6 inches of hem it indicates she has not developed a sense of responsibility . . . and this is her mother's fault.

Resorting to the yardstick serves only to increase her hostility. What seemed to YOU to be nothing more than a "rap across the legs" probably made a much deeper impression on the receiving end. With some outside help you may be able to get control of the situation after the girl returns.

This is late in the game for a mother to try to establish lines of communication, but it's not entirely hopeless. God luck.

CONFIDENTIALLY: GENE and GREG. Sorry, boys, don't send me any photographs. I have all I can do to turn out seven columns a week. I can't run a date bureau, too. If you're all that gorgeous you shouldn't need any help.

DENA: Your mother is right. Marriage presents enough problems without adding the one you mention. Success under the circumstances is a 1000 to 1 shot—against.

(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.

YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

The Dentist Has Problems

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a dentist who has followed your column avidly. I hope you will give this letter special consideration because it means a great deal to me.

A young dental assistant who wrote to you recently, complained because her "unmarried boss" followed her into the darkroom on numerous occasions and spoiled X-rays. Also he made passes. I have reason to believe this letter was written by my assistant.

Several of my friends and colleagues are having a great time at my expense. I can what scarcely go anywhere but what this embarrassing letter is brought to my attention.

Since you saw fit to print that letter under the guise of "solving HER problem" I wonder if you'll be good enough to solve the problem you've created for me? Thank you.—L.C.: DDS

Dear Doctor: This problem you can solve yourself. Just quit pinching the girl. You're welcome.

Dear Ann: Get out the wet noodle. In a recent column you used the quotation, "It is not good for man to be alone" and attributed it to St. Paul. This quote is not from the teachings of St. Paul, but appears in the narrative of the Book of Genesis.

St. Paul had different views on the subject, in the Book of Corinthians 7:38, you will find he had this to say of marriage: "So that he who marries his betrothed does well. And he refrains from marriage, does better." —JAMES C.P.

Dear James C.P.: Many thanks for the correction. There has been an avalanche of letters from people who spotted this error. I'm delighted that so many Landers readers are also students of The Greatest Book of All.

This time I fear the wet noodle will not suffice. I deserve the bull-whip. —RED FACED ANN

Dear Ann: I'm the mother of a 14-year-old girl. She's become so stubborn, lazy and disagreeable I don't know what to do.

As a small child she was shunted from pillar to post because of my unsuccessful marriage. I had to work so I was a part-time always tired mother. I remarried when she was 5, but my husband who is kind and gentle leaves her discipline up to me.

This girl is sloppy beyond hope. I must force her into the bathtub and nag her to brush her teeth. She uses her clothes as scatter-rugs.

I've tried patience but it doesn't work. Now I find myself short-tempered and shouting like a fishwife. The final blow came when I asked her to sew 6 inches of hem in her skirt. She said, "Let it hang." I got a yardstick and rapped her across the legs.

Her grandparents want her to spend the summer with them. Do you think it would help if I let her go? Please give me some advice. I am a wreck.—A.D.M.

Sign on a boat in front of a home: "For Sail."

In the motion picture, "12 Angry Men," Ed Begley, as a member of the jury, blows his nose real loud. The joke

Butcher to customer: "What does your husband look like?" Lady: "Every time I look at him, I think of Clark Gable." Butcher: "Oh, he's a handsome guy, huh?" Lady customer: "No, I just like to think of Clark Gable."

During a recent church gathering, I asked the minister: "Who handles the insurance on this property?" He replied: "We place our faith in the Almighty." Now THERE'S a safe company.

It's my personal observation that while wetbacks are being smuggled into Los Angeles, many native residents are being smuggled out.

I met Deke Houlgate at the recent USC-UCLA track meet. "Sorry to hear about your recent heart attack, Deke," I sympathized. "It was not a heart attack after all," replied the famous sportswriter. "The doctor learned it was a peptic ulcer." "Wonderful Great!" I said, "I'm certainly happy to hear that!"



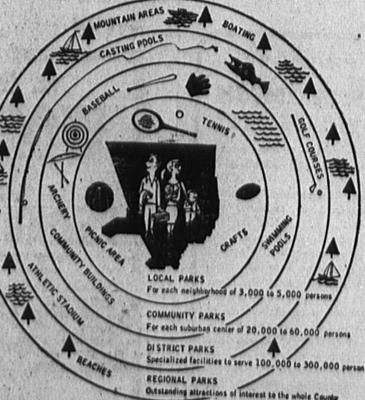
"Money won't buy peace in a home but sometimes it will negotiate an armistice." —Raymond Duncan.

"We're getting a college in my home town — kind of make up for not having a high school!" —Herb Shriner.

"All that some girls know about cooking is how to bring a man to a boil." —Ham Park.



"One sure thing wrong with the younger generation is that a lot of us don't belong to it any more!"



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