

EDITORIALS

Polio Protection

Some diseases, once an effective vaccine has been found, are easy to conquer. Take smallpox, for instance. If a large part of the country's population is vaccinated, the "chain of infection" is broken, and the virus fades out. The same is true of diphtheria.

But polio vaccination works differently. It sets up antibodies in the bloodstream that prevent the polio virus from attacking and destroying the nerve centers. A person thus protected against paralysis, however, can still harbor the polio virus in his system and can still transmit it to someone else—his family, his neighbors, the people with whom he works. Everybody, in short, regardless of vaccination, is a potential "carrier."

That's what Dr. Jonas Salk meant when he warned: "Your neighbor's vaccination won't protect you."

If you want protection against paralytic polio, you must get it yourself. Even if every other person in your town were vaccinated and you were not, you would still be in the category designated as "susceptible to paralytic polio."

The Freeway Route

Torrance has been asked to change its long-standing position with regard to the route of the San Diego Freeway and join those who seek to move it to a new location as it goes through Lawndale and Torrance.

After years of planning, after much of the right of way has been secured here, and after thousands of homes have been built on streets laid out to conform to the routing through Torrance—after all of this preliminary work which has been going on during the past seven or eight years, a change now would leave a hodge-podge in the area intended for the freeway.

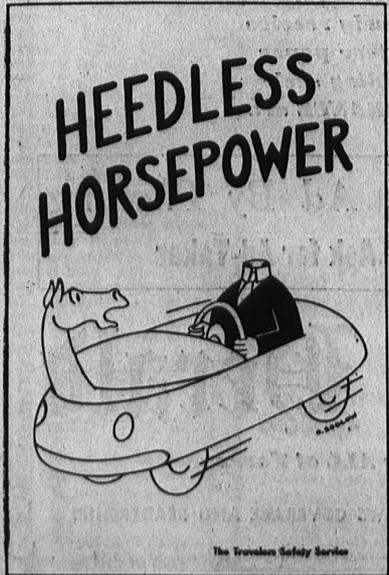
Certainly everyone likes the thought of a freeway serving this area, but nobody likes to have the huge traffic artery running through his back yard. Such is the price of progress, however—some will be inconvenienced for the convenience of other thousands.

To change the route, which would nullify the street alignments planned during the development of a large part of north Torrance, would be unwise. The city should stand pat—except to ask again that the State get busy on construction of the much needed highway.

IS EVERYBODY HAPPY?



Heedless Horsepower by O. Soglow



That Helpless Feeling



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

She's Her Brother's Keeper

Dear Ann: Why I'm writing to you I don't know. I doubt that there IS a solution to my problem. It's an alcoholic brother. He's a drifter, absolutely no good, has fallen in on us, unexpectedly, three times and my sister in the East tells me she can expect him again any day now.

When he comes, he's always broke, jobless, with no clothes but those on his back. He looks like a skid-row bum. He's had opportunities to make good but has thrown them away. His wife took all she could stand for 12 years, then divorced him and went to work to support their three sons.

My parents are old and can barely take care of themselves. If I refuse to help him, he'll go to them, and they shouldn't have this burden. I talked to my minister the last time my brother came to town and he made me feel

like a heathen. He said I should be more "compassionate," so there's no use talking to HIM again. If you have any ideas I'll listen.—Mrs. D. C.

A few years ago, Father Flanagan's Home for Boys gave calendars at Christmas. It pictured a little boy, about 12, carrying a frail and weary younger child on his back. The caption was, "He's not heavy—he's my brother." If you'll send me an address I'll write to Omaha and get one for you.

Your clergyman gave you excellent advice. Welcome your brother comes, welcome him. Tell him, in exchange for the hospitality, he can contact Alcoholics Anonymous and attend their meetings.

If he refuses, explain you can't help anyone who won't make an attempt to help himself. But all means give him a chance to climb out of the

gutter. You ARE your brother's keeper.

Dear Ann: I'm a disturbed mother who is too ashamed to go to anyone who knows me. What shall I do about this?

My 10-year-old son has been taking his father's neckties to school and selling them for a dime apiece. When I noticed the ties disappearing I became concerned. I caught the boy yesterday as he was going out the back door with three \$2 ties.

He seemed to think this was not wrong and his only comment was "This is a great country and I believe in free enterprise." He must have heard the phrase on TV. What shall I do with the child?—Bewildered Mother.

Tell "Trader Vic" that "free enterprise" is great, but his father's ties weren't free and there's nothing very enterprising about selling a \$2 item for a dime.

Explain in 10-year-old language the relationship between business ethics and moral law. And take away the TV for two weeks. This language ALL kids understand pretty good.

Dear Ann: I can't understand my husband. Before we were married, he couldn't see enough of me. My father had to throw him out of the house seven nights a week. Now that we have a home of our own I don't know where he is half of the time.

We've been married four years and have four children. We didn't HAVE to get married, in case you have the wrong idea. The house payments are always behind and yet he has money to go out with the fellows five nights a week. There's seldom enough milk in the refrigerator for the babies, but we're never short of beer.

I told him if he didn't settle down I'd leave the kids at my mother's and go to work and he could walk around on his own, for good. He begged me to give him another chance and said he would do better. Now he's off again. What can I do?—K.G.

Your husband is one of these hard-headed hooligans who has to learn the hard way. Tell him to spend the remaining two nights with the "fellows" and round out the week.

If you've got a mother who will take care of four little ones while you work, you're lucky. Show Rover Boy that you mean business. The law takes the position that children's milk has a priority over father's beer. Remind him of the support checks. And don't take him back until you have evidence that he's over the foolshness and ready to come home—for good.

(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. © 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

The State of the Budget

As you read this, we will be on our way to Russia and our current reporting assignment around the world. By the time we return to the United States next fall, the arguments on the federal budget and foreign aid will be past history. But since hearing President Eisenhower's repeated statements in defense of these multibillion-dollar expenditures, we felt a last-minute urge to discuss them.

President Eisenhower has defended the budget and foreign aid with dedication and unquestionable sincerity. Billions of dollars included in the budget are not his responsibility, but the responsibility of Congress which sponsored the expenditures of projects included in it. Both the President and the Congress are indicating a reluctance to reduce government expenditures, no matter what. They both claim emergencies, urgencies—true or imaginary—to justify their appropriations.

In the case of foreign aid, the President believes that any reduction of the \$3,865,000,000 program will hasten war, or Russian aggression. We agree with the President that foreign aid does influence our security by utilizing the military forces of our allies abroad, although both England and France have just reduced their forces in Europe.

We also agree with him that "no waste is as colossal as waste in war itself." When he compares the difference between war and no war, the price of foreign aid—or anything—could be considered cheap. But if he also compared the difference between inevitable inflation and hardships at home with less spending abroad, the urgency is greater to spend only what we can afford. The President offered no proof that we could afford such a budget. With the size of the public debt at \$271,000,000,000, it appears to us that we should be thinking of financial aid to the U.S. treasury and the overburdened U.S. taxpayers, rather than anywhere else.

One of the reasons the budget keeps increasing is

because of inflation... and higher costs. This budget will result in more inflation and higher costs on the next budget. It will also result in higher prices, which will hurt and discriminate against those on fixed incomes... pensions, insurance payments, savings, etc. Senior citizens living on annuities are being squeezed again. The cost of living will rise again... and cries will be heard for another round of higher wages from union labor. The President and the Congress are fully responsible for this never-ending spiral of inflation, because they insist every year that this or that appropriation is a "must" and that the people "demand" it. What they mean is the "pressure groups" demand it for this or that selfish pet project.

President Truman poured billions into Greece and Turkey... they are both bankrupt again today. We gave Russia over 12 billion dollars during World War II and now Russia is our enemy. We gave Marshal Tito over a billion dollars and almost lost him to Russia last fall again. We gave billions to England and France to guard Europe and now England is reducing her forces and France completely pulled her troops from Europe to protect her interests in Morocco and Algiers. We are pouring millions into Jordan, when the future of Jordan is the biggest question mark in the Middle East.

Now President Eisenhower is asking for new millions to "assist those nations who are gaining independence" an endless commitment all over the world. This could be the green light for millions of people now under colonial status to revolt for their independence as long as Uncle Sam is waiting with a loaded checkbook to help them out. Some of this aid no doubt helps to fight Communism abroad... but what is it doing to America's economy at home? Are we being committed to more dangerous inflation and impositions upon millions of retired and senior citizens in order to help the citizens of other countries around the world?

Our total government ex-

penditures, for instance, for education, in 1946 were \$3.7 billion... in 1954 they jumped to \$11 billion... now they are budgeted at \$11 billion. In 1946 social insurance was \$2.5 billion... in 1954 it almost quadrupled to \$8.2 billion... now the budget calls for \$11 billion. In 1946 total public expenditures for social welfare were \$11.8 billion... in 1954 they skyrocketed to \$28.3 billion... and now they are budgeted for \$34.8 billion. These are just a few of thousands of examples of what is happening to our economy. This is not entirely due to increase of population, because with the increase of population you also take in increased taxes to offset the additional public burden.

The Congress and the President are suggesting another budget out of all proportion to our ability to afford... and we cannot afford it until the public debt is reduced to a fourth of its present size. We are spending over \$7 billion just for the interest annually on the public debt. If a crisis comes this public debt could skyrocket to \$300 billions and bankrupt us all with confiscatory taxes. This budget will increase the cost of government and bureaucracy... it will encourage dangerous expansion of industry and shift employment to the industrial centers and away from the farms... will reduce the purchasing power of the dollar some more... and worst of all, it will pull the people into a new false sense of security and pseudo-prosperity, made possible only by such fantastic government spending, not by a normal healthy economy.

Too many of our citizens are being corrupted by such government spending into high living, time payments for luxuries, travel, etc., on the basis of present colossal government spending which stimulates business. Unless Washington sobers up its own thinking on our economic future, the nation will be the final victim of such reckless disregard for sensible and logical spending.

GLAZED BITS by Barney Glazer

Who's Bluffing?

Attention to a new after-shave lotion was recently emphasized by a local department store. A commanding counter sign boasted swaggingly: "Its sweet smell will bring the ladies running!" An elderly gentleman stopped and asked the clerk: "Will it really attract the women to me?" Leaning over the counter the salesman whispered confidentially: "Mister, all I can say is don't use it if you're bluffing."

What's with this business about making both ends meet? I'd like to see them overlap once in a while. Are you angry with the awful, awful picture you're getting on your TV picture tube whenever the networks send out a color show? They have the unmitigated gall to announce: "This program comes to you in living color" while we're getting it in murdered black-and-white!

An antiquated law in Boston makes it illegal to drive and automobile while the driver is asleep at the wheel. Why don't we adopt it here?

Isn't it a grand and glorious feeling to live in a democratic country? For example, if you don't like the smog in Los Angeles, you can move anywhere in the country and hate the weather there, too.

How many of your parents remember the good old days when your son would ask for the keys to the garage and then come out with the lawnmower?

Next time you travel to foreign lands, you might like to know what the natives are chattering about every time you step off the boat. They're saying: "The Americans are here! Boost the prices!"

and I Quote

"Nothing changes the direction of a man's thinking quicker than spading up fishing worms while digging in the garden."—Bill Vaughan.

"To train children at home, it's necessary for both the parents and children to spend some time there."—Quote.

"The huge national debt our younger generation will inherit should keep them from one indulgence—ancestor worship!"—Wall St. Journal.

"Many a husband will question his wife's judgment, but never in her choice of a spouse."—Bob Haymes.

The table was beautifully decorated with a tired cake and golden candles.—Florida (Ala.) News.

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