

EDITORIALS

Declaring a Right

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government.

—The Preamble to the Declaration of Independence; in Congress, July 4, 1776.

Opinions of Others

West German housewives are complaining that their husbands won't help them with the kitchen work despite a new law that gives the women equal rights with men... Congress is expected to pass a bill just most any day, giving American men equal rights with women.—*Carlsbad (N.M.) Current-Argus.*

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

An Island of Work

Today's a holiday—July 4—just in case you had forgotten. This is the day when we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence 181 years ago. Unfortunately, it falls on a Thursday. That means that most Monday through Friday workers will take a day's rest, return to their jobs for one day, and take off again for two more days on Saturday and Sunday. It's a shame that holidays couldn't be arranged so that everybody would have a three- or four-day holiday, all at once, including Monday or Friday. Employers probably would get more work out of their workers and the vacationers would have more time to go farther and do more. Most employers know that a minimum of work is accomplished on the one-day islands between the holiday and the week end.

One national organization has set up a campaign to have all holidays celebrated on the Monday of the week in which they fall, thus offering a three-day week end. Labor Day, always the first Monday in September, is the only holiday set up this way. The rest of the holidays fall on varying days of the week and change from year to year. During 1957, there are five one-day islands between the week end and the holidays—New Year's Day and Lincoln's birthday, which fall on Tuesdays, and Memorial Day, July 4, and Thanksgiving, all of which occur on Thursdays. Christmas is on Wednesday and Columbus Day falls on Saturday. Only two holidays happen to fall on a day either just before or after the week end—Veterans' Day on Monday and Washington's birthday on Friday.

Those who oppose the Monday holiday system claim that for sentimental sake, the holiday should be celebrated on the day that the event actually happened. In many cases, the holiday we celebrate is mere tradition and doesn't

match the actual date of the event. July 4 actually is merely an arbitrary date set for celebration, not the date of the actual signing, as most people believe. The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 2, finally approved in form on July 3 and 4, proclaimed during the days following, unanimously approved on July 19, signed by most members on Aug. 2, and by the remainder in the weeks following. Dec. 25 is not the date of the birth of Christ, but an arbitrary date set for its commemoration, coinciding with an old Roman festival. The best guess of historians is that Jesus was born in April. Washington was not born on Feb. 22, since the calendar was changed shortly after he was born. He probably was born somewhere between Feb. 10 and 14. Veterans' Day, honoring veterans of all wars, is arbitrarily set on Nov. 11, the day World War I ended. Thanksgiving's celebration on the fourth Thursday of November is merely an arbitrary date. So is Memorial Day on May 30. There is little doubt, however, that the year starts on Jan. 1, that Lincoln was born on Feb. 12, or that Columbus discovered America on Oct. 12. Queen Elizabeth's birthday isn't in June, but that's when she celebrates it, mainly for the convenience of her subjects. Why shouldn't we celebrate our holidays the same way? Why should we be no attached to a particular date in celebrating our holidays? It's the thought behind the celebration that counts. People who want to commemorate a holiday will do it, regardless of the day, and people who never stop to think about the true meaning of a holiday won't do it, whatever arbitrary date is set. Anyway, July 4, 1957, is on Thursday. Everybody would be better off if it were on a Monday, except the people who work holidays anyhow. And most of them get overtime.

Thought For July 4th



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Cut Out the Tea Parties

Dear Ann: I'm at my wit's end and need some advice. Please tell me what to do with a woman who can't leave men alone. We've been married over 25 years. Our four children range from 22 to 9 years of age. My wife is a good mother and a nice person in many ways. We live comfortably, for working people, and should be completely happy. Our children know nothing of their mother's unfaithfulness. She's very straight-laced as far as they're concerned and this shock would be terrible. The strange thing is, we're home almost every night together. She never goes out alone. It's during the day that she entertains friends. In the past 15 years I've caught her with three different men. I don't know how many others there were that I never knew about. Please tell me what to do. It's beyond me. My wife is 46 and I am 66.—Ready To Give Up.

thinks you're the most—whatever that means.—Pappa Who Pays. Dear Pappa: You're fighting the strongest union in the world—the mother-daughter combo. But you DO have a good case and your rights ought to be respected. Ask your wife to sort out a few of the shirts that are a little worse for wear. Present these to your daughter with your love and best wishes. Tell her these are hers... and what's in your drawer belongs to you. Do the same with the sox. Order her a spy-style raincoat for her next birthday or for Christmas—which ever comes first. Tell her the order is subject to cancellation if she doesn't keep her mitts off yours. Dear Ann: I'm a grandmother who'll probably be accused of being "meddlesome," but I want your opinion. My 13-year-old granddaughter is permitted to ac-

GLAZED BITS by Barney Glazer

More Fast Answers

Local resident inquires: "In case of fire at my house, what steps shall I take?" Answer: The back steps, preferably two at a time. Woman shopper complains: "What can I do about my butcher who gives me too much bone?" Answer: Lady, he's not giving it to you. You are paying for it. Ambitious one writes: "I keep trying and trying to earn more money so that I can buy everything my heart desires. Doesn't money talk?" Answer: Money doesn't talk anymore, mister. It just goes without saying. Nervous reader asks: "I keep worrying about everything until I'm sick. My doctor gives me all kinds of medicine to take but nothing does any good. What shall I do?" Answer: Why don't you take yourself with a grain of salt? Young lady pens: "Last night I dated a man who drove to a lonely road and his car suddenly stopped. He got out, fixed it, and then drove me home. Shall I date him again?" Answer: You'd better stop going out with mechanics. Property owner worries: "I

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

The Natives Are Restless

WARSAW, Poland... (Delayed)—All evidence behind the Iron Curtain indicates the existence of a sharp and serious conflict between the satellites and the Kremlin. The revolts in Hungary and Poland a few months ago left a deep impression of Soviet duplicity which is revealed even in the undertone of the controlled Communist press. The theme here is: "Poles for Poland." This indicates that while there are satellite governments... there may not be entirely satellite nations. As a result, the whole strategic position of Russia is undermined. This satellite frontier had been planned by Russia as a buffer against any future military contingency. This is no longer true. For underground pressure is growing to the point that this area may not even remain neutral... but anti-Russian. This unexpected strategic upset may be the origin of the trouble inside the Kremlin itself. For the anti-Stalinists blame the pro-Stalinists for this unfortunate change of events along the whole Soviet satellite frontier. The Kremlin is faced with the prospect of not only losing Stalinism among the satellites, but Sovietism and Communism.

overthrow Communism, they will be taken over by Russia, lock-stock-and-barrel, and there will be no more Poland. Gomulka's present support indicates that the anti-Communist Catholic church and the Polish people believe that the alternative to what they now have may be a lot worse; hence they voted for Communist Gomulka. There is no doubt that the heroic example of the Hungarian people had a lot to do with the improved situation in Poland, so far as Soviet pressure is concerned. The geographic position of each satellite country must be taken into any consideration of Soviet concern. This is what made Hungary more important to Russia than Poland might be. Hungary borders on Free Europe and access to it was a lot simpler than Poland. If Hungary had become free, it would have had to join the West for its very survival. That would have provided the West with a border with Russia, which would not be the case if Poland were to establish closer ties with the West. There is no free access to the Polish border from the West. So NATO forces created to defend Western Europe must now remain along the Russian border. For whatever its recent

LAW IN ACTION

Planning Your Will

In planning your will, your lawyer will want to know your true wishes; and then, to help you realize them, he will want to know a few vital facts. Are you married? Any children or grandchildren? Previously married? Widowed? Your age and those of your beneficiaries? Legal residence? Health? Why these questions? You'll have to work out your plan in view of the laws governing death taxes, property laws, and, if you are married, separate and community property (as well as joint tenancy which you cannot will to anyone). Age? If you wish to set up trusts in the will, your age and those of your beneficiaries may help you to decide whether, for example, to use capital of the trust fund as well as its income for the beneficiaries. Your residence? Most important, since state laws govern many items of personal property. Do you plan to move to another state? If so, consult its laws. Many people who come to California should see



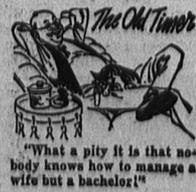
"The only person less popular than a wise guy is a wise guy who's right". — Barry Sullivan "It's better to give than to lend—and it costs about the same." — Tennessee Ernie "Husband — A domesticated animal capable of being skinned more than once." — Changing Times "When a girl looks at a guy and says, 'O, brother!', you can be sure he isn't." — Ina Washout

FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

Opposing a City

Editor, Torrance Herald: At the recent meeting jointly sponsored by the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters, Inc., and the Lomita Civic League at which Mr. Anderson, county administrative officer, was guest speaker, it was brought to our attention the two methods of procedure now open to those opposed to incorporation. No. 1. By exclusion — the method recently adopted by the Rolling Hills—in which property owners ask to have their property excluded by writing a letter to the board of supervisors giving name, date, and legal description of the property and asking that the property be excluded from the boundaries. This should be done prior to Aug. 6 and in the hands of the board by that date, two days before the boundary hearing. No. 2. The second method is by staying in the area and voting down incorporation—this method was adopted by Altadena with good success. The first method involves certain risks. If your area was excluded it would still be open to annexation attempts. Also, if certain areas were excluded, the voters would be denied the right to express their opinion at the polls. It is also considered doubtful that the board of

supervisors would exclude low narrow corridors. Mr. Anderson stated that if enough people did ask for exclusion and it was granted, then incorporation would be ruled out completely if less than 500 remained in the area. All the county officials we have talked to have warned us to be sure and take a long, hard look at incorporation before asking to become a city. Mr. Anderson pointed out that preliminary cost estimates frequently fail to cover all contingencies that arise and cities are left with staggering financial problems. Don't forget, Torrance cannot annex Lomita without a vote of the people. Even the fringe areas cannot be taken in if the people oppose it. DON MYERS, Secretary, L.P.O.R.V., Inc. Lomita.



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