

EDITORIALS

New Torrance Court

With dignity becoming the occasion, Judge Donald Armstrong has been installed as the first judge of the Torrance branch of the South Bay Municipal Court. The court lacks only the dignity of adequate and appropriate physical surroundings to mark another milestone in the phenomenal growth of this astounding city.

But, surroundings have nothing to do with the quality of justice dispensed by a well administered court. Some of the most profound decisions have been rendered in crude surroundings, decisions that have altered or have set the patterns for our basic liberties. It has become a fact that a good judge is a good judge always, whether he sits on a hand-hewn bench or in a magnificent room of walnut and marble.

Through his long legal career, in his life in Torrance as a community leader and as the head of a fine American family, Judge Armstrong seems to possess the ideal qualities for his new career. There are, of course, other men in the area who would have made good judges; but, we think, Governor Goodwin Knight acted wisely in his selection.

Torrance long has needed its own court. The savings in distance and inconvenience will be great and, of course, the largest city in the South Bay area certainly is entitled to its own court.

Our city officials seem to have given every cooperation to the county in an effort to provide a temporary home for the new court. It is of paramount importance that Judge Armstrong has his own quarters as soon as possible so that the people of Torrance will be properly served.

A Growing Battle

City and industrial leaders of the southwest county area are raising serious questions about the county's policy of furnishing services to incorporated cities on a contract basis—services which are normally considered to be city responsibilities.

Called the "Lakewood Plan" because that city was a pioneer in the field of operating a municipality without providing its own police, fire, and other city services, the county policy is getting increasing notice from representatives of cities and taxing groups which feel they are subsidizing their neighbors.

Latest to join the battle for a strict accounting of the costs involved is the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, which has called a meeting of city and Chamber officials of the area to a meeting next Tuesday to discuss the matter.

Several city officials of the area have maintained that the cost to the county for providing the essential services is far greater than the contract price of the arrangement.

Many of these same officials accuse the county of entering these contracts to perpetuate its own justification for existence—saying the need for county government is decreasing annually as the cities grow and carve new areas out of county territory. The paternalistic policy of providing city services is designed to keep the county government alive, the critics say. They may be right.

"Round and Round"

Don't mistake mere activity for accomplishment. A booklet from General Motors Research tells the story of processional caterpillars, so called because they move through the trees in a procession, one leading and the others following—each with his eyes half closed and head snugly fitted against the rear extremity of the caterpillar in the front.

Jean-Henri Fabre, a French naturalist, enticed a group of processional caterpillars to the rim of a flower pot. He succeeded in getting the first one connected up with the last one, thus forming a complete circle which started out in a procession which had neither beginning or end.

The caterpillars never caught on. Through sheer force of habit the living, creeping circle kept moving around the rim of the pot.

What were they following? Instinct, habit, custom, precedent, past experience?

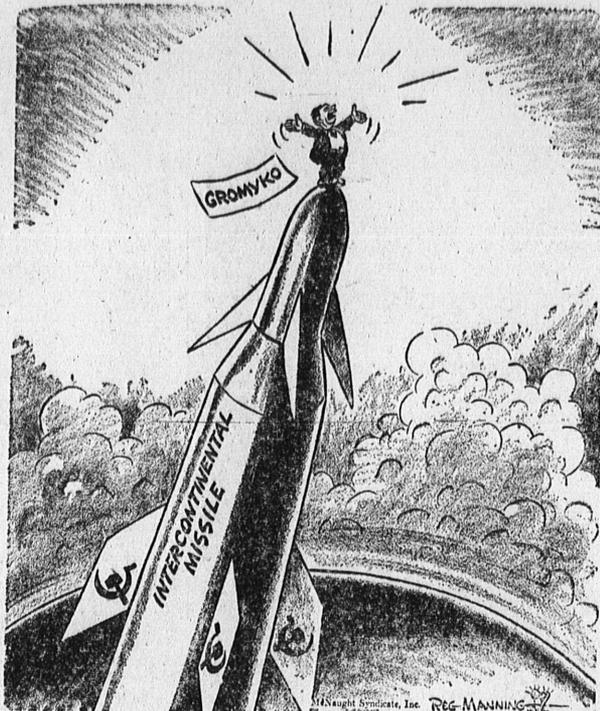
What do you call it when men mistake activity for accomplishment, when they mean well, but go nowhere?

Opinions of Others

Federal spending has devalued the dollar so that the buying power of whatever the people may have left after taxes is cut in half.

Maybe Uncle Sam knows best. Maybe it's all right for the government to be master of the people, instead of their servant. It is, if we believe in socialism. Some of us don't. —Corpus Christi (Tex.) News.

Super Soap Box



AFTER HOURS by John Morley

Israeli Defense Key to Life

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL—It came to Israel from exhaustive travel inside Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, all enemies of some 1,800,000 Jews who live in constant fear of attack from any or all of their four ominous frontiers, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon.

The most amazing thing about Israel is that the new nation is growing... that an average of 6,000 new Jewish immigrants enter each month, and there are an additional 30,000 today waiting at the ports of Naples, Marseilles and Piraeus for their turn to sail into Haifa. They all are aware of the dangers... the daily basis of the Arab leaders to "drive them into the sea"...

At the insistence of a Palestinian refugee friend, whom I visit frequently in Beirut, I went to Haifa this week and photographed his old home at 20 Cesaria St., now occupied by Jews. He is one of some 1,000,000 Arabs who by the necessity of war and crisis in 1948 left Palestine to save their lives, but hoping to return when the fighting was over. When the war ended, a few did return, but almost 1,000,000 are still drifting from tent and desert all over the Arab wastes of the Middle East as victims of hate, indecision and impotence of the UN, the big powers, the Arab states, Is-

rael, to bring an end to their plight. I asked bluntly of Israel's position today on the question of these Arab refugees. In the past year I heard and read statements of Israeli officials visiting the U. S. which expressed conflicting opinions and policies in regard to these unfortunate and neglected Arab masses.

Several members of the Israeli Knesset (parliament), the Zionist General Council and officials of the Israeli government refugee committee told me that Israel is willing to take back up to 100,000 of the 1,000,000 Arab refugees as a starter... Israel is willing to compensate all Arabs who left their property in Israel, on the condition that Arab leaders agree to begin negotiations for a settlement of the controversy leading to a peace treaty. Israel is also willing to negotiate for a corridor to connect Jordan to the port of Haifa, as well as an outlet to the sea at Gaza. Israel considers unrealistic the Arab condition that the 1947 UN boundaries be restored.

Pointing to the map of Israel in Prime Minister Ben Gurion's office, Mr. Isaac Navon said, "To go back now to the 1947 UN boundaries would be like separating a mother from her children."

LAW IN ACTION

Conspiracy Defined

When we think of conspirators we call up a picture of evil-faced, bearded men around a candlelit table, plotting the conquest of the world. But for the law there are other kinds of conspirators and conspiracy.

Early in the 14th century, English courts used a writ of conspiracy to decide whether the accused had maliciously agreed with another falsely to indict a third party for a felony.

In later common law courts "conspiracy" meant two or more persons combining for some unlawful purpose, or for a lawful purpose by unlawful means.

In California today a person cannot be accused of just "conspiracy." He must be accused of conspiracy to do one of the offenses set out in the statutes. There are no common law crimes in California; they must all be a plot, for example, to commit any crime—robbery, falsely to have another accused of any crime, criminally to cheat and defraud anyone, etc.

All conspirators must mean to commit the act, and know that it is unlawful when they hatch their plot.

At common law conspiracy was complete when the plotters reached their agreement, but in California conspiracy needs an overt act because you must show that the unlawful plan has gone beyond mere idle talk. But the plot need not go very far into action before it becomes a crime. It could be merely observing the movements of a prospective victim of a planned kidnaping, for example.

"The purpose of government is to serve, never to dominate."—Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"To the boiling pot the flies come not."—Benjamin Franklin.

"Inflation has been stuffing slugs into our national coinbox most of the time since 1939."—Charles R. Sleigh, Jr., executive vice president, National Association of Manufacturers.

If you began counting in the year One, and counted until this very moment, you could not have counted enough atoms to cover a pinhead.

"Bad case of creeping paralysis, brought on by too much creeping socialism and creeping inflation!"

"The most inflammable kind of wood is the chip on the shoulder!"

Two TVs a Bar to Happiness

Dear Ann: I am a woman 47, my three children are grown and I'm dying of boredom.

My husband has \$12,000 in cash buried under the garage. He doesn't believe in banks. He won't buy a car because he says they are too expensive to run.

He loves TV and has two sets tuned to different channels every night. He walks from the living room to the bedroom so he can keep his eye on both stations. The noise drives me crazy but he seems to enjoy it.

I can't invite friends over because he won't pull himself away from TV long enough to say "hello," much less spend an evening visiting.

The worst part of our marriage is his tightness with money. I can't pry a quarter out of him. He buys the groceries every Saturday and pays all the bills. During the war I worked and loved having my own money but he made me quit because of income taxes. What shall I do? —Fed Up.

Where were you when your husband was developing all these odd habits? He didn't get this way overnight.

Go back to work and enjoy a little independence. If he complains about income taxes tune him out. It's better than having NO income to pay taxes on. If your husband wants to vegetate between two TV sets, that's up to him. But you are entitled to a normal life. Participate in some outside activities and find friends before you slip your lid in that squirrel cage.

Dear Ann: I'm writing this letter with my husband's full knowledge and approval. He promised to listen to your answer.

We live in an apartment which my father-in-law owns. Everything is crowded into two small rooms, including our little girl.

My husband works for his father as does everyone else in the family. He dominates everyone and rules with an iron hand. Although my husband has a college education and could get a good job elsewhere he doesn't have the courage to leave his dad because this is a "sure thing."

He says if he quits we'd have to pay rent which we now get free, and give up his future claim of the business. I've told him I'd be willing to struggle along and take my chances because in the long run we'd be better off. All I want is to be free of his family so we can call our lives our own. What do you think? —In-Law Batty.

MOVE YESTERDAY! A young couple who would trade their independence for this kind of "security" shows an astonishing lack of initiative, not to mention intestinal fortitude. Fathers who keep their sons under control by using the financial club, are tyrants. Sons who permit it are spineless.

If your husband is wise he'll get out of his dad's business and out of his clutches. Your "free rent" is costing you plenty. The money you save on rent may well be spent on doctor bills later— for ulcer treatments.

Confidentially: A BUSED ANNETT: Quit feeling so sorry for poor little you! Go to work and support yourself. Remember the old Chinese proverb: "You can't prevent the birds of sorrow from flying overhead, but you don't have to let them build nests in your hair."

(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.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Mere Males DO Have Rights

The poor, downkitten male has a right or two after all.

My better half is constantly reminding me that under California's community property laws, half of what we have is hers, to which my rejoinder is that half of nothing is nothing.

A woman who has ideas of getting a divorce would do well to move to California, where laws generally are more liberal with the female of the species. Maybe California legislators' wives wield more influence with their husbands than those in other parts of the country.

Under the law, a woman may be a queen in her household while the husband is reduced to the status of the court jester.

Anyway, I discovered that if the California legislators surrendered their pants for their wives to wear, they at least kept one of the pockets. If friend wife buys anything on contract from a salesman other than strict necessities—food, clothing, shelter—hubby can nullify the whole thing by refusing to pay for it.

Legally, the male of the species is presumed to be the head of the household and the keeper of the purse strings.

We men know that isn't true, but it's nice to hear somebody say so anyhow.

use in getting his way. For one thing, she can cry, which nearly always thoroughly confuses the most logical male arguments. She can also force her spouse to sleep on the couch, which is hard on the back and cold in the middle of the night. She can burn his dinner regularly or refuse to fix it at all.

A woman has so many weapons to get her way that the poor guy gets it coming and going.

Still, the man who spends his evenings doing the day's dishes and cleaning the house will be glad to know that in theory, at least, he is the king of his castle.

In this case, of course, he may have to fight both the salesman and the dishon hands of his ever-loving, but legally, he's on firm ground. He can stand on the Bill of Rights, or something.

When you get into the realm of what is a necessity and what isn't, you may be on shaky legal ground. If a lady buys a wild new hat, it may look like a men'srosity to you, but it may be a necessity to her.

On the other hand, mama can't decide on her own that the house needs a new patio. To get one, she needs to wheedle hubby into putting his name on the dotted line.

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STAR GAZER By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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| ARIES MAR 22 - APR 20 | 1 An | 31 Family | 61 Concerning |
| Taurus APR 21 - MAY 21 | 2 Things | 32 Morning | 62 Insure |
| Gemini MAY 22 - JUN 21 | 3 Unexpected | 43 Needed | 63 Reassess |
| Cancer JUN 22 - JUL 23 | 4 Won't | 34 Good | 64 Try |
| Leo JUL 24 - AUG 23 | 5 Be | 35 Beware | 65 Beware |
| Virgo AUG 24 - SEP 23 | 6 Message | 36 May | 66 Adventures |
| Libra SEP 24 - OCT 23 | 7 Worry | 37 Time | 67 Smoother |
| Scorpio OCT 24 - NOV 23 | 8 Relax | 38 May | 68 And |
| Sagittarius NOV 24 - DEC 23 | 9 Essential | 39 May | 69 Going |
| Capricorn DEC 24 - JAN 23 | 10 Dives | 40 Beware | 70 Beware |
| Jan 24 - Feb 23 | 11 Nerves | 41 Change | 71 Veiling |
| Feb 24 - Mar 23 | 12 Self | 42 Occur | 72 Be |
| Mar 24 - Apr 23 | 13 Of | 43 Of | 73 Don't |
| Apr 24 - May 23 | 14 Strong | 44 Cl | 74 Become |
| May 24 - Jun 23 | 15 Land | 45 And | 75 Go |
| Jun 24 - Jul 23 | 16 Enjoy | 46 In | 76 Unusually |
| Jul 24 - Aug 23 | 17 Open | 47 Today | 77 Today |
| Aug 24 - Sep 23 | 18 Your | 48 Dark | 78 To |
| Sep 24 - Oct 23 | 19 Something | 49 May | 79 To |
| Oct 24 - Nov 23 | 20 Dives | 50 Interesting | 80 Wrong |
| Nov 24 - Dec 23 | 21 Your | 51 Mentality | 81 Congenial |
| Dec 24 - Jan 23 | 22 Exhilarate | 52 Company | 82 Paces |
| Jan 24 - Feb 23 | 23 Restrain | 53 Way | 83 And |
| Feb 24 - Mar 23 | 24 Influences | 54 Friends | 84 Friends |
| Mar 24 - Apr 23 | 25 Unpleasant | 55 Pleasantly | 85 Income |
| Apr 24 - May 23 | 26 Unnecessary | 56 Need | 86 Wipeaway |
| May 24 - Jun 23 | 27 None | 57 Shield | 87 Impressions |
| Jun 24 - Jul 23 | 28 Surprises | 58 And | 88 Surprises |
| Jul 24 - Aug 23 | 29 Spending | 59 Not | 89 Indicated |
| Aug 24 - Sep 23 | 30 Be | 60 Be | 90 Activities |
| Sep 24 - Oct 23 | 31 Good | 61 Adverse | 91 Neutral |

My Neighbors

DO NOT DO IT YOURSELF!

WRIGHT COMMISSION

"Bad case of creeping paralysis, brought on by too much creeping socialism and creeping inflation!"

"The most inflammable kind of wood is the chip on the shoulder!"

THINK IT OVER!

READ IT AGAIN, MISTER!

U.S. CONSTITUTION

"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW... ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH OR OF THE PRESS."

WRIGHT COMMISSION

BILL TO PUNISH FOR PREPARING FACTS