

EDITORIALS

Dime Drive Backed

Proof that Torrance residents are still aware of the need to support the March of Dimes is evident in the report that \$9418.63 was collected here Tuesday night during the Mothers March on Polio.

Campaign officials had expressed fears privately that the prevalence of good news during the past year concerning the impact of the Salk Vaccine would work against their drive for funds this year—although the funds are as desperately needed as ever to care for the thousands of victims of the disease for whom the vaccine came too late.

That their fears were unwarranted was more than demonstrated by the generosity of Torrance residents Tuesday, who gave and gave as the mothers made their rounds.

Officials of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis have stressed over and over, the need for funds during the coming year. Funds are still needed to develop research on the crippling disease.

More funds are needed to train scientists to study the disease, for facilities to care for patients, and for the rehabilitation for those now recovering from the effects of the dread disease.

Contributions may still be mailed to the March of Dimes in care of the Postmaster at Torrance.

Opinions of Others

Government never goes out of existence. Government has no competition, so there are no competitive factors that force it to be efficient.—Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger.

When you hear the fire trucks coming—pull off the road—give them the right of way—and give the firemen every possible advantage in their always dangerous assignment . . . Don't make their jobs that much harder by your desire for excitement or lack of consideration for the life and limbs of others. It may be your property they are trying to save.—Southold (N. Y.) Traveler And Watchman.

LAW IN ACTION

Rights to Counsel

Our Bill of Rights sets out your right to have a lawyer represent you if you are in trouble, and California has passed many laws to see that you get your right even though you are broke and friendless.

Since you are innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, you may need a lawyer to make out your case. He is sworn to get you

a fair trial before an impartial court which admits only lawful evidence.

Why all this protection even for those accused of heinous crimes?

You may be innocent or, though guilty, you may have a story the court should hear to fix a just punishment.

In the end the law aims to punish crime but to shield the innocent. The mere fact that we have these laws may prevent persecution of others.

California's 1872 constitution made courts put off the accused's examination, if need be, until he could get his own lawyer there.

Today the court must tell everybody accused of a crime of his rights, including that of counsel.

Suppose you are penniless and friendless. Even so, you must be represented throughout, if you want, from the time of your preliminary hearing, your trial, and if need be, through the courts of appeal.

Often a judge, in federal courts, asks a lawyer to represent a person for nothing.

Many California cities have "public defenders," employed to go to court for persons who cannot afford a lawyer.

Elsewhere in California the law calls upon courts to name lawyers who will be paid out of county funds to defend those accused of felonies who lack means.

Since 1955 in cases of indigent persons convicted of crime, the law has required our appellate courts to name a lawyer before the higher court, and to fix his fee and have the state pay it.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

Mailbox

Menace Eliminated

Editor, Torrance Herald: My many thanks to the party that removed "pile-up corner," the 17300 block of Crenshaw.

As all commuters know, the entire 16 miles of Crenshaw had only 21 vertical parking spaces on it; these were in the 17300 block—five on the west side and 16 on the east side of the street.

Every day there was an assortment of shattered headlight glass, bumper guard pieces, and odds and ends of grille work.

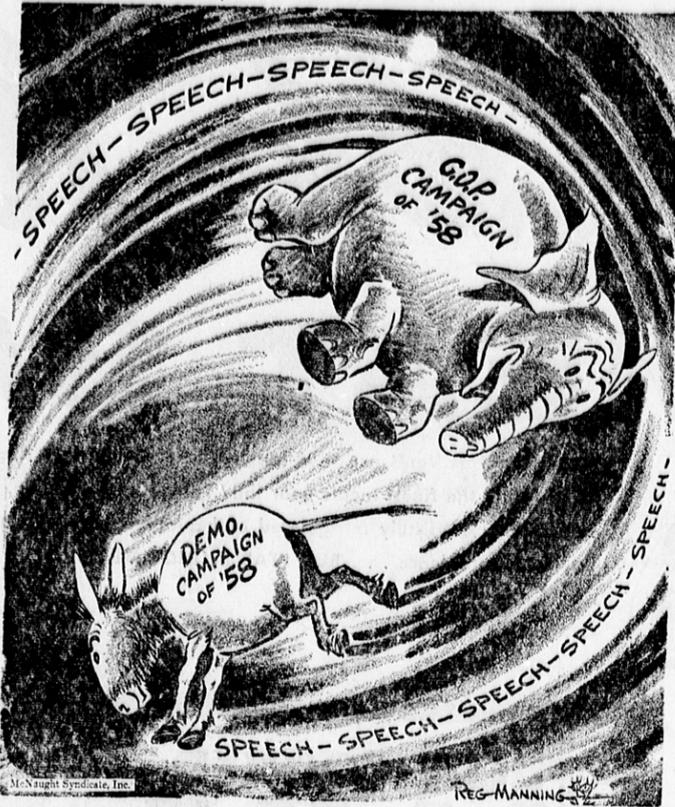
I often wondered as I move around and through this collection of junk in the street if perhaps that was what inspired someone to open an automotive parts business at that location.

Anyhow, now we all go sailing along smoothly, three abreast if need be, without suddenly finding a staggering group of rear decks and bumpers staring out at us.

So, I take off my hat and say, "Many thanks, boys," whomsoever they may be.

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In Orbit



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Mother's Not Through at 45

Dear Ann: I am 14 years old and in the ninth grade. My mother has been divorced two years. My father was mean to her and she would not have him back on a bet and neither would I.

Mother has been keeping company with a divorced man who is good to her. He comes over almost every evening and brings food and helps her with the dishes. He teaches my brother how to build things, takes him fishing and buys him winter clothes. Mom says my brother needs the companionship of a man and that his own Daddy never treated him so good.

The problem is this: I'm ashamed to have this man around because I don't want anyone to know Mother is divorced. I tell people Dad is out of the country on business. Mom is 45 years old and has lived most of her life, so what does she need him for?

Print your answer in the paper, please, where she can see it.—BETTY

A woman who is divorced is not married. Mother has a perfect right to see this man. You'd better set the record straight regarding your dad's whereabouts. Your friends and neighbors aren't blind, Betty. You do Mother no favor when you tell people Dad is "away on business" and they see her with a male escort.

A 45-year-old woman is young according to today's standards. She's not ready to lie down and die. In a few years you and your brother will be on your own and

shake 'em. They come over every night in the week and this is no exaggeration. If we aren't at home, they drive around town looking for our car and they track us down. Several times they've barged into the homes of friends when we are visiting and they act as if they, too, were invited guests.

We like these people, Ann. They are good-hearted and would do anything in the world for us. But when we must hide our car, this is too much. Can you suggest something short of an open insult? —TOOTS

When friends make fugitives of you, it's no longer a "friendship" but a neurotic attachment which ought to be controlled or discontinued.

Visiting with the same couple every night is bound to Mother will be alone. Loneliness is a terrible thing. Companionship is what she "needs him for." So accept the situation cheerfully and be happy for your mother.

Dear Ann: If you were 21 years of age, would you marry a fellow who had no bank account, a few debts, a very good job, lots of ambition, and unlimited faith in the future? —PROSPECTIVE BUT UNCERTAIN BRIDE

Dear Prospective but Uncertain: I did.

Dear Ann: We have the most unusual problem you ever heard of. We have some friends who are too devoted to us—in fact, Ann, we can't

be boring no matter how scintillating they are. And they must be plenty dull or someone else would seek them out, at least ONCE in a while. Tell them, tactfully and promptly to cut the siamese act or one day you'll let 'em have it in anger.

Dear Ann: Your answer to J.S. on how to stretch his \$80 a month pension so he and his wife could make ends meet was the worst piece of advice since Columbus' first tale told him to turn back.

Apparently you were in a hurry to put down your pen so you could run off to a bridge party.

You told him to "re-examine his expenditures." Honestly, Ann, why don't you get with it? It's just darned near impossible for two people to live on \$80 a month, so take off those rose-colored glasses.

—ARTIE JAY

Dear Artie: Read the letter again. The man didn't ask me how to stretch the pension check. He asked how to unload his wife's friends who wanted taxi-service and expected him to treat them to snacks. So why don't YOU put on any kind of glasses and get the story straight?

CONFIDENTIALLY: BIFF: The idea sounds wonderful to me. Why not run it up the flag pole and see if anybody salutes it?

(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) 1958, Field Enterprises, Inc.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Bellyacher or Good Citizen?

Are you doing your part as a citizen?

Yeah, I mean you.

Are you a good citizen or a bellyacher? Do you complain about how things are going to hell?

Do high taxes annoy you? They do?

Did you read the stories last year when the various budgets were adopted? Did you write to the Board of Supervisors when it voted to build a \$500,000 memorial to the spot where the first flag in Los Angeles County was erected? Did you write to your congressman protesting the subsidies that are granted to various groups and the "federal aid" programs to a multitude of causes?

Did you ask the government to subsidize some program that you were interested in?

Did you vote in the last election or did you just gripe about the guys who won? Are you registered to vote this time?

Or do you figure that your vote doesn't count, just like about half of your fellow Americans?

Are you convinced that the younger generation is going to the dogs?

Well, what have you done about it?

How much time do you spend with your children? Do you ever take them on an outing and try to find out what's going through their heads? Have you bothered to find out what they do in their spare time?

Or do you figure that buying them a toy and sending them out in the yard to play with it is plenty good enough? Do you think that if he's clothed, fed, and amused, he will turn out all right?

Do you ever try to find out what they're doing in school? Are you interested in how they are learning to read and write? Have you ever talked to your child's teacher?

Do you figure that your child can do no wrong and that anybody who says different is a liar and a no-good bum? If you do think so, what makes you think your child is any different from other kids?

Do you think that juvenile delinquents are children who

come from somebody else's family?

Are you proud of your city? If you aren't, what would you suggest be done about it? Would you be willing to help improve the city by working if need be?

Does your yard add or detract from the neighborhood? Is it kept up? Is there trash lying around in it? Do you keep your trash from blowing into the neighbor's yards?

Do you toss trash out of your car as you drive along? Do you figure that city employees are paid to pick up trash, not you?

Each citizen represents only one vote and one voice, but each voice is important.

The citizen who doesn't do his part is like the missing piece of a crossword puzzle. The government is no better than the people it serves.

Public officials, who must face the voters, are highly sensitive to public opinion. If the public is indifferent, then officials can do as they please, perhaps even going as far as putting their hands in the public tills.

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

What Russian Citizens Think

Since my latest trip to Russia, people ask me constantly: "What do the Russian people think of us?" My answer is that the Russian people by-and-large think of us about the same way we think of them. We think of Russia mostly on the basis of what we hear and read, with one important difference. The Russian people cannot intelligently appraise America because they hear only one side . . . the Communist side. In Russia all opinion on the U.S. is reflected through a government-controlled press, radio and TV. In the U.S. it's not that one-sided. Although much opinion about Russia is released through government spokesmen, we have a free press and free discussions which provide a more intelligent appraisal of Russians than they could ever get of us.

But even though we have the advantage of free discussion about Russia, we are influenced by propaganda which comes to us for a variety of reasons, real or imaginary. Fundamentally we can accept as gospel-truth that the Soviet Union under its Communist government has never deviated from its fundamental objective of world domination. We can also accept the premise that the Communist party is waging an all-out effort to accomplish this as soon as possible, by one means or another. These are among the obvious truths we have been observing inside Russia from our assignment in 1931 to our last, a few months ago.

It is our opinion, based on interviews with German, Finn, Austrian, Chinese, Yugoslavian, Turkish, Polish, Greek military officers, who either fought with, or against the Russians, and who are familiar with Russian weapons and military techniques, that Soviet power is exaggerated out of all proportion to the facts, especially in the U.S. It is particularly true since the launching of the Soviet satellites and certain achievements in missiles.

It can be said without question that Russia has made important advances in certain military and civilian categories. While in Russia we saw impressive military hardware displayed in parades. At the industrial fairs in Moscow, Kiev, Stalingrad, Rostov, we saw modern streamlined tractors, radios, TV sets, motor bicycles, cars, etc., which were non-existent in our previous trips. But these are not readily obtainable in stores. Only a few are produced for "window dressing." However, military production progress is obvious to

the observer; but what is not obvious is the weakness in the system which produced it and the financial incapacities of Russia to maintain this production in time of war.

Russia is very weak in "reinforcements." Russia is very weak in the minimum necessary to wage successful war. Russia is very weak in dependable armies and satellites. Unless attacked, the Russian people do not appear to be ready to launch a military adventure outside Russia to sustain a Communist slave society. A campaign to recruit Russian volunteers for work in Syria and Egypt fizzled, a Russian correspondent frankly told me in Moscow recently.

In Russia only the Communists are dedicated and there are not enough Communists to sustain a war. All along the Soviet frontiers you hear the conclusion expressed by those who come in contact with escapees from behind the Iron Curtain, that if the Communists ever armed the civilian population, the world will see the biggest slaughter of Communists in modern time. The only exception is in case Russia were attacked or invaded.

All Russian production is way above that of 20 years ago. Steel output, for instance, has doubled during this period. But most of the steel produced goes into military hardware . . . guns, tanks, missiles, planes, armor, subs, etc. Russia built only about 100,000 automobiles in 1957, for over 225 million population. Their railroads, tracks, station facilities, engines, coaches are the same as they were when I first saw them in 1931. The new locks on the Volga-Don canal are impressive indeed, but the villages along the way are just as primitive as they were 26 years ago. You see the same dirt roads, the same manually operated plows, the same ragged peasants. By concentrating on building satellites, missiles, planes, tanks, etc., they have come up with impressive achievements, but to wage war a nation needs communications, roads, tracks, box cars, fast engines, automobiles, trucks, buses, and citizens who have more to fight for than a bare existence under Communism.

Soviet industrial production is concentrated on military production as a propaganda instrument to scare satellites and neutrals, and impress the West. It is also an important bargaining factor around international conference tables.

But this is accomplished at the expense of a balanced economy, a balanced social level. Russia is way out of balance in comparison to West. Russia has no "reservoir" in sustaining a military adventure, for it takes automobiles, trucks, enormous oil and fuel reserves, food, raw materials, supply, clothing, shoes, etc., to maintain an efficient military establishment in the field.

The push-button war is still a limited factor. You still have to cross oceans to land troops, to police, to occupy. Russia is gaining ground, but so are we and our allies. To get hysterical about Soviet power, because of recent satellite and missile achievements is exactly what the Russians want us to do. This is their calculated plan: To force us constantly out of balance and keep us guessing.

To compare the launching of Sputnik to Pearl Harbor, as one senator did recently, is to resort to the wind of political propaganda that festers the nation with fears and frustrations . . . age-old tools of the politician. The senator overlooked one important difference in his comparison. No Americans were killed and no war has been declared as a result of Sputnik. Furthermore, Sputnik is the contrary has proven God-sent to the American people. It gave us that nudge that free people sometimes need to get us back on the road . . . the road of eternal vigilance, as the price of freedom.

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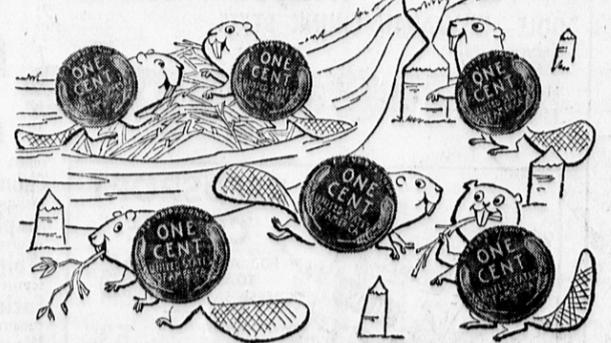
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