

EDITORIALS

Schools Under Pressure

The launching of Sputnik I set off a chain reaction of scared thinking in this country unrivaled since the 1929 crash of the stock market. Americans immediately wrote off all the military might and know-how of their own country in awe-stricken fear of the spectacular accomplishments of pampered, regimented Soviet scientists.

First to feel the brunt of savage public opinion was the Administration where everybody from the President on down was blamed for allowing the Russians to gain their first publicly proved advantage over the United States and the free nations of the world. Next, the commentators and the other pundits of popular opinion singled out the schools for a flailing, the end of which is not in sight.

Johnnie in America is compared with little Boris in Russia and is found wanting. Our system of education is all wrong from kindergarten on up and we have become a nation of dullards.

Now, of course, this is not all true; neither is it all untrue. Much of the attack on our schools has been grossly unfair and some of it has basis in fact. The criticism of our schools is the same kind of criticism we can make of business and industry and all other phases of American life softened by a prosperity, the like of which the world has never known.

So let's not be carried away on a wave of popular resentment that may very well wreck the careful building of many decades and end up with ourselves consumed in the fire of our passions. At the same time let's try to separate the worthwhile from the bad in the criticism of the schools and our other institutions and come up with some programs that will make for everlasting good.

In our own community we have a school system that has accomplished wonder in the face of a growth that would have stumped less competent leadership than we have been served by in the Torrance Unified School District, yet in common with other school systems throughout the nation, the Torrance schools are right now under attack for alleged omissions or shortcomings in academic training offered the city's ever expanding family of pupils. Doubtless there is ground for some of the criticism and it ought to be made sanely, objectively, and decently. It should be received and acted upon in like manner by the school administrators and the Board of Education.

A group calling themselves the Science Education Council has organized in Torrance. Membership for the most part is made up of individuals employed in scientific roles in local and area industries. Their objective is to improve and step up the teaching of the sciences in our public school system. Their cause seems to be worthy and, if they avoid the pitfalls of the all too prevalent pressure groups, they can be of great service to the community. Certainly a sincere interest in helping to improve the schools is a prerogative of any group of citizens.

The role of any group seeking to improve the schools should be specific lest in generalization it expand to a wildfire of indictment that can see repeated here what happened a few years ago in Pasadena.

Many great and fine things have been accomplished by Dr. J. H. Hull and our Board of Education. A very fine relationship has existed between the schools and industry which pays a big share of the taxes to make the physical assets of the district what they are today. The relations of the school system with the community at large have been good and should continue so. There will always be differences of opinion and certainly no school system or any other system is perfect to the point where it cannot stand objective criticism and resulting improvement.

Again, let us all be specific in our recommendations, avoiding at the same time the dissemination of inaccurate or questionable statistics, political and economic philosophies that can only confuse, and emotional outbursts that always split asunder.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Better Do It Tomorrow, Not Today

Why do today what you can put off until tomorrow?

That was my motto as I figured out my income tax on April 14, and stood in line at the Post Office on April 15 to be able to drop the money down the slot. I compared deductions with a couple of friends the evening I was

figuring it and discovered that they too were burning the midnight oil to complete the job.

There are some brave souls who got their tax in way ahead of time and stood around to laugh at the slowpokes like me.

Some provident souls al-



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

He Must've Danced All Night

Dear Ann: I've been married 15 years and I think I have a problem.

For the last five years my husband has been going to a public dance hall alone every Saturday night. He loves to dance and has won several cups. He says I'm a lousy dancer and it's hopeless to try to teach me. He comes home whenever he feels like it, and sometimes he doesn't feel like it until Sunday morning.

For the first two or three years I didn't mind because the children were small. I thought it was more important to stay at home with them than to go out and police their father. Now I think I'll have to do something, because he's averaging 10 phone calls a week from girls. Not only that, but I found an address book with 32 names and addresses.

I asked him if he wanted a divorce and he said I was crazy. He claims these girls are just dancing partners and that he loves only me. What shall I do?—Nola.

Are you a wife, or a housekeeper with two left feet who doubles as a telephone operator to keep her husband's dancing girls straight?

Tell him you've had enough of his little-boy stuff and if he wants to keep his happy home together he'd better grow up and act like a husband. Since dancing is such an important part of his life,

go along with him and watch from the side-lines. When the dance is over, take Fred Astaire home—where he belongs.

★ ★ ★
Dea Ann: For the past year and a half I've been dating a boy who thinks a great deal of me. I like him a lot, but I know now that we could never be more than just friends.

My problem is this, Ann. He has spent so much money on me that I just haven't got the heart to tell him how I feel. It keeps getting worse as time goes on. I'm sure he has serious plans for us and I'm becoming increasingly uncomfortable in his presence.

I feel like a fraud, yet I can't bring myself to tell him that I could never return his love. Please, Ann, tell me what to do. This is making a nervous girl out of me.—C.F.D.

If ever there was a "Do It Yourself" project, this is it. And the sooner you do it, the better.

There are times when we must be cruel to be kind. A clean, quick break will be less painful than dragging it out. Stringing him along knowing that he's serious, while you're not, is duplicity of the worse kind. This will only add to your own guilt and compound his heart-break.

★ ★ ★
Dear Ann: My husband's nephew opened a law office

recently and we sent him a beautiful leather desk-set.

When we saw this nephew at a family affair some weeks later he thanked us and said he was thrilled with the gift. On the way home, I told my husband I thought it was poor taste for the young man to have waited until he ran into us to say thank you. In my opinion, he should have written a note.

My husband says I'm completely wrong about this, and I expect a great deal. He claims men aren't supposed to write thank-you notes—just women. Is he correct?

Your husband is wrong—and that makes two of 'em. The nephew should have written a note of thanks, or at least telephoned.

Merely being a member of the male sex does not excuse a person from acknowledging a gift. They ACCEPT gifts, don't they? If then follows that they are expected to say thanks.

★ ★ ★
Confidentially: THE LOGICIAN: You may be a student of logic, but you don't know anything about the Old Testament. Those dietary laws were not "foolishness," they were based on hygiene and common sense. Your grandmother is right.

★ ★ ★
MRS. NOT A MESS: A grown woman who would put herself on the same level with a 5-year-old neighbor boy and argue with him, ought to be ashamed of herself. Ignore the child's remarks—he doesn't know better—but you should!

(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.

© 1958, Field Enterprises, Inc.

LAW IN ACTION

Mental Capacity

A court sent Mary Smith to a mental hospital and named her sister, Ellen, guardian of her estate.

A year later Mary was well enough to be discharged. But when she tried to take charge of her property, Ellen would not let her; she said she would remain guardian until she was sure Mary wouldn't squander her fortune.

★ ★ ★
How could Ellen be removed as guardian, and Mary's property returned to her? Mary could file a petition and go to court in the same county, and make a showing of her competency. Only the court could "restore her to capacity."

The court clerk sets the hearing and gives those concerned at least five days' notice—Mary and Ellen and their parents, if they are in California.

Mary may have a jury hear the question of her restora-

What Makes America Great?

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH —As I travel about the world, many people in many lands ask me, "What makes America great?" ... what made it achieve the highest standard of living in all civilized history? When the rumored ten-foot men from Mars land here some day, they will probably ask us the same thing.

Is it because we're "different" from other people in the world? Not so you can notice it. Physically, biologically, chemically, mentally, emotionally, we are predominantly European, and pretty much like millions of other people. We have smatterings of English, German, Scandinavian, Irish, French, Italian, Balkan, Middle-East cells in our bodies.

★ ★ ★
About ten per cent of us have African and Asian heritage ... a greater conglomeration of races than any found in Europe. You could accurately say that we have blood-cells of more different races and people than any other nation on earth. So America is not unique because of creating any kind of unique race.

★ ★ ★
Is it because every normal boy or girl can get a good education in America? Not exactly ... because other nations have good education and in the hard-core subjects some provide a better education by greater emphasis on mathematics, chemistry and physics than we do. Are we superior in mentality? Hardly, for there is no such thing as a superior race, but superior or inferior individuals in every race in existence.

★ ★ ★
Is it because we know how to mass-produce good products? Not entirely, as other nations know the methods of mass production and they use it, up to the limits of their capabilities. Their experts have visited our factories, inspected our production methods and can duplicate them. Our industries have branches abroad and our know-how is no secret.

★ ★ ★
Is America great because of our faith in God? Not entirely, because most nations have faith in a Supreme Being. Most of the people who migrated to America brought some religion with them and left some religion behind them. Is it our mixture of races? No, because other nations have mixtures of divergent races and cultures. Is it our fast communications? Hardly, because the telephone, the telegraph, the

planes, the ships on the high seas, were first conceived outside of America.

Is it our efficient agricultural techniques which produce an over-abundance of food ... is it virgin and productive soil? ... No, because there are many countries with good soil and mechanized farm power that produce all they can use and export their surpluses. Others have as good or even better natural resources, but they have never matched our growth and our high standard of living. Is it our consuming ability as a large nation? No, because there are larger nations in the world, with the potential of doubling or tripling our consuming power. China, India, Russia, Africa are much more densely populated, with a lot more consumers.

★ ★ ★
Are we great because we can cuss the president of the United States, or the president of U. S. Steel? ... Is it because of a free press, free elections, free institutions? No ... because these freedoms exist in other nations. Could it be our "culture"? No, because some nations are further ahead in "culture" than we are. Our "culture" is criticized more by foreigners than anything else. Certainly our art, music, literature cannot be called superior to others, for it is actually inferior to some others.

★ ★ ★
All of the above qualities play a part in the greatness of America. Education, religion, culture, science, technology, mass-production, abundance of food, consumer-buying power, freedom to choose, free-institutions, free-enterprise ... all these things have a prominent place in the good American life. But the secret of our success is encompassed in one simple exclusive American power and that is ... CAPITAL ... our accumulated invested wealth in the hands of more people than in any other nation on the face of the earth. It is money, invested-money, hazard-capital that has helped to make America great in the practical definition of the most abundant life we enjoy.

★ ★ ★
Our high standard of living is based on our accumulated wealth over generations. Our wealth, per citizen, not per a few elite as in some nations, makes us different from the Russians, Chinese, Indians, Africans, Europeans.

Asiatics. Most of the world has hard-working people ... some work harder than we. But they lack the ... tools ... the machinery ... the plants ... the facilities. They lack them because they lack ... capital. The only way they can raise their standard of living is by money, by planned invested money. No amount of planning will bring any change without invested capital. Nothing moves within a nation without invested funds. Faith and freedom and liberty are in the background ... but you cannot build skyscrapers and machines with faith and freedom alone. To faith and freedom you must add ... money.

★ ★ ★
Our ability to use capital to a great advantage in America is due to our dependence on common law. Our forefathers planned it that way. They believed in the natural laws and the laws of God. They believed that government law is subservient to the law of God.

The Constitution clearly defined the "rights of man" and how they were to be "secured." Our reliance on law is based on the assumption that there is a God-given right to the ownership of property ... and we set up our laws to protect that right. The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness spells this out clearly. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness includes the right to private-property, capital. The Constitution protects private property more securely than any other ever written in history. Out and out confiscation is not possible ... although in recent years private property has been imposed upon through discriminatory taxation.

★ ★ ★
It is capital that builds our churches, schools, libraries, art museums, factories, farms, homes. It is capital that enables us to travel so efficiently. It is capital that supports our philanthropies. It is capital that produces the tools and provides the profits which make life so much easier for the worker, the consumer, as well as the boss. There is greater release of human energy in America, because there is capital to back it up. There are profit-incentives and freedom to explore them. It is capital ... supported by faith, freedom ... and free-enterprise ... that makes America great ... and different.

Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH

Clearing Out the Mailbag

Question—Can infants be immunized against measles?—L.D.

Answer—No, but the administration of gamma globulin, while not an immunizing agent, can protect the infant from measles. The infant should have a natural immunity to measles up to its first six months of life if his mother had had measles prior to her pregnancy.

Q.—Should surgery be performed on a closed air passage due to cartilage deviation in a young child, or should the situation be left alone until the child matures?—A.G.

A.—This problem is a controversial issue among specialists who perform this type of surgery. The majority tend to wait until maturity, but many others feel that properly performed surgery can be done at an early age. If the obstruction is causing symptoms of sinusitis, ear skin and deafness disappear. Q.—What can be done for infections, or deformity of the face due to mouth breathing, then the surgery should be performed. Instead of removing the cartilage, the structures are rearranged and replaced in the proper position so that growth is not interfered with in the subsequent development of the nose.

Q.—Can a fungus infection of the ear cause deafness?—P.H.

A.—Yes. Fungus infections of the ear are similar in some respects to athlete's foot and produce an irritation of the skin of the ear canal, which sheds and forms thick, white so-called "blotting paper" scales that often fill the ear canal. This condition often is associated with much itching and the deafness that follows is largely due to this accumulation of scales.

When the accumulated material is removed with special instruments and equipment and the infection is brought under control, the irritation of the ear canal, shedding of little wartlike growths that

keep appearing on the bearded surface of my face?—J.D.

A.—The probable cause of this condition is a wart-causing virus that gains entrance through the tiny cuts one sustains while shaving. To prevent reinfection, all existing warts should be removed at the same time.

(Presented as a public service by the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.)

Torrance Herald

Established Jan. 1, 1914



Member of National Editorial Association, California Newspaper Publishers Association

Publication office and plant, 1619 Gramercy Ave., Torrance, Calif.

Published Semi-Weekly, Thursday and Sunday. Entered as second class matter January 30, 1914, at Post Office, Torrance, California, under act of March 3, 1879.

KING WILLIAMS, Publisher.

GLENN W. PEELE, General Manager.

REID L. BUNDY, Managing Editor.

Adjudicated a legal Newspaper by Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Adjudicated Decree No. 218470, March 30, 1927.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By Carrier, 45c a month. Mail subscriptions, \$5.40 a year. Circulation office, PA 8-4000.

NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE MEMBER

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.

1 Avoid	31 Don't	61 Dye
2 Make	32 Your	62 Ear
3 Travel	33 An	63 Future
4 The	34 See	64 Looking
5 Congenial	35 Plans	65 People
6 Opposite	36 Outstanding	66 Today
7 A	37 Let	67 And
8 Friends	38 You	68 Indicated
9 Permanent	39 Nurse	69 Deal
10 Financial	40 Guide	70 Optimism
11 Plans	41 Profitable	71 Wit
12 You	42 Secret	72 Through
13 Fear	43 Smart	73 Buy
14 You	44 Responsive	74 Others
15 Intuition	45 Extremes	75 In
16 Better	46 To	76 Make
17 Will	47 With	77 You
18 Con	48 Let	78 Peers
19 Make	49 Sorrows	79 Right
20 Don't	50 Avoid	80 People
21 Sure	51 Permissiveness	81 And
22 Avoid	52 You	82 Bank
23 Good	53 These	83 Reputable
24 Easily	54 Wrong	84 Less
25 Be	55 Decisions	85 A
26 Coordinate	56 Money	86 Frustrations
27 News	57 Suggestions	87 Direction
28 Both	58 Of	88 Veil
29 Both	59 Contrary	89 Charming
30 Don't	60 Pat	90 People

★ Good ★ Adverse ★ Neutral