

EDITORIALS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY—Through government spending and taxes our nation is blissfully driving down the back road to collectivism—and is on the last mile.—HERBERT HOOVER.

A Dangerous Proposal

All hands appear in agreement that Proposition 17 on next month's general election ballot would be disastrous for California.

The fact that California's voters have not yet been made aware of the dangerous proposition, however, is contained in a public opinion poll released recently which indicates that 54 per cent of Southern California and 49 per cent of all Californians indicated they would vote for the measure a little more than a month before the election.

Proposition 17, which appears to offer tax relief to lower income groups at the expense of the upper income groups, in reality would force a whole chain of new taxes on the lower income groups to support state government.

Both candidates for governor—Republican William Knowland and Democrat Pat Brown—oppose the proposition and are urging voters to vote NO on 17.

Governor Goodwin Knight, Congressman Pat Hillings, Judge Stanley Mosk, Controller Robert Kirkwood, Treasurer A. Ronald Patton, Controller Candidate Alan Cranston and Treasurer Candidate Bert Betts have urged defeat of the proposition. They represent the top line Republicans and Democrats of the state.

These leaders agree that passage of Proposition 17 will mean new and more burdensome taxes. Many have said that a sales tax on food would probably be necessary. It would cripple the program for schools, aid to needy, and other state services.

The bait is lovely—a sales tax reduction. But, look for the hook. It's deadly. Vote NO on 17 next November.

Guarding Freedom

The week of Oct. 1 through 8 is National Newspaper Week, the one time during the year when more than 10,000 weekly and daily newspapers of the nation join hands as a group and make a concerted effort to promote a better understanding of newspapers and the vital role they play in preserving the great American way of life.

Newspaper week was instituted nationally in 1946, and is sponsored annually by Newspaper Assn. managers, Inc., a nation-wide organization of state, regional, and national press association managers.

"Your Newspaper—Guards Your Freedom!" is the theme for this year's 19th annual National Newspaper Week observance.

Primary purpose of the week is not an occasion for indulgence in self-praise, but is of great significance to the public and is symbolized by the theme.

Newspapers of the nations have taken the week to remind readers how important and wonderful it is to live in a land with a free press... that freedom thrives only in an informed nation... that a free press is its voice.

The theme, "Your Newspaper—Guards Your Freedom!" is a challenge to each newspaper reader, and each editor—as citizens—to continue to wage a relentless battle to keep America's press free.

Opinions of Others

A man's conscience should be his castle in the same sense that his home is supposed to be.—Hartland (Cam.) Observer.

Too often in our modern time, history has proved the fallacy of compromising morals for short term expediency. At times the short term expediency has wound up with long term suffering.—Anora (Minn.) Journal.

There is no law on the books which says racial segregation in the public schools is unlawful, and one Southern gentleman has a standing offer to pay \$10,000 to anyone who can read him the text of a law of the United States prohibiting the maintenance of racially separate public schools. Nobody has stepped forward to claim this money yet, and nobody will, for there is no such law and until Congress undertakes to pass such a law, there will be none regardless of what the U. S. Supreme Court might say.—Pt. Lauderdale (Fla.) News.

STAR GAZER... By CLAY & POLLAN... Table with columns for dates and events.

You Can't Follow Him In Here



THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

City Water and Yankee Beer

How many glasses of water are used in Torrance in a day?

But if you take the low figure for consumption (15,000,000) and the high figure for estimated population served by the city (65,000), the district delivers more than 275 gallons of water per person per day.

And, it wasn't nearly enough Friday.

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They'll claim its the beer that made Milwaukee famous.

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Worry about getting the car greased every 1000 miles—then wrap it around a telephone pole.

Worry about the H-bomb—then blow their hands off lighting a stove.

He winds up by saying it's the ordinary things and occurrences that will kill you. How right he is.

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"Hotbodies and Coldframes."

An office slave called Friday to tell me that someone had just put up a sign over the water cooler reading:

"Notice—These waters closed in fishing except during the trout season."

The coffee shop philosopher decided the other day that it wasn't the idea of tying himself to one woman that a man dreads when he thinks of marrying—it's separating himself from all the others.

and Quote

"Sometimes a woman doesn't care for a man's company unless he owns it."—Anna Herbert.

"There still are people who can remember when the cost of high living was lower than the present high cost of living."—Dan Bennett.

"Poverty is not a disgrace—and that's about all that can be said in its favor."—E. M. Tucker.

LAW IN ACTION

Quirks of Law

Most of us respect the law, yet resent a parking ticket. Most of us admit we have too many laws, but ask for more.

Law grows out of our customs, needs, reason—in short, human nature.

The law recognizes two kinds of wrong-doing:

- 1. "Public" wrongs or crimes are offenses against society.
2. Civil law covers the law of contracts and of "private" wrongs ("torts") which violate personal rights.

To put down crime we have police, district attorneys, and courts.

And then to protect the innocent our law sets up safeguards: The right to a fair jury trial, the writ of habeas corpus, proof under rules of evidence, the right to a speedy and public trial, to bail to freedom from cruel and unusual punishment, and to the aid of counsel.

California has no customary "common law crimes" but our lawmakers must spell out each crime.

As for civil law, the old English common law (custom) gives us much common sense. "New" law is often ancient principles applied to new things in new situations. A train engineer coming to a crossing should exercise due diligence; the foreman of a blasting crew should believe in a "reasonably cautious"

Hope of United Europe Lies in Common Market

By KING WILLIAMS Herald Publisher

BRUSSELS—There is a dynamic organization in Europe well on its way that gives promise of eventually solving not only the economic problems of at least six of the Western democracies but eventually creating the long cherished United States of Europe.

It is called the European Common Market, sturdy backed by the United States and including such flourishing industrial units as Belgium, France, and West Germany. All Western European nations have been invited to join and the determination and ingenuity apparent in a three-hour session with officials of the organization, gave this group of publishers the impression that barring some unfortunate circumstance, Europeans may soon be able to look forward to more stability and a better standard of living than they have ever known.

Basically, the main objective of the program encompasses a 15-year plan of gradual reduction of customs tariffs and exchange quotas with executive adoption of a co-ordinated or universal currency within member nations of a "European Economic Community."

Conceived in 1952, the organization will come into active existence Jan. 1, 1959 with an across-the-board reduction of 10 per cent in exchange quotas.

To make this revolutionary plan effective, member countries have given up some of their sovereignty and trade customs of centuries. All are hopeful the new organization will enable them to increase intra trade and enable the group as a whole to extend their operations to the rest of the world and to Africa in particular.

A concluding address at our study session in the coal and steel institute on the fairgrounds was made by Walter Holbein, president, who called the historic effort a supernatural transfer of sovereignty on the part of the member countries with every hope of success.

Beligians, we found, are enjoying a flourishing prosperity. Historically, they have been considered the most "American" people in Europe. They are superb engineers, astute businessmen, and diligent workmen.

We, of course, did all the things tourists do in a European city. We enjoyed conducted tours of the magnificent cathedrals, were received by notables including Baron Moens de Farné, director general of the fair, et Belvedier Palace, and

Ambassador and Mrs. Walter Folger at the American Embassy. We were in Brussels historic city hall and taken on a tour of the magnificent old structure.

Brussels was moving about in motor cars in great numbers, contrasting with Amsterdam, where bicycles are popular. Shops and buildings

are modern with vast new housing and commercial building programs under way. Most capitals in Europe are short flights away, using airports that are superbly modern and convenient.

It is, therefore, easy for us to cover a lot of ground in a hurry and have time to learn in detail the facts about Europe today.

FROM OUR MAILBOX by Our Readers

A Quiet Oasis

Editor, Torrance Herald:

We are glad the county finally decided on just one plot of ground for the Civic Center. For three years people in Lomita were held in suspense as to which parcels

would be selected out of three different surveys. We wrote Supervisor Chace and contacted his deputies on numerous occasions.

Finally last spring we invited the Civic League, Lomita Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber, and any other group interested to meet with Chace to discuss and pinpoint the area if the county was going to put the civic center in Lomita. Mr. Chace sent his two deputies, Mr. Newton and Mr. Winters. Six months later after more letters, phone calls by our group, and the Lomita Chamber, we have our answer.

We are happy for the cooperation of the chamber in joining our eight-year fight to get low flying away from homes in Lomita and cooperating in asking for state legislation to establish responsibility of aircraft in case of accidents.

We also are glad they backed us up in our efforts to have Walnut north of Lomita Blvd. properly surfaced and driveways properly replaced. The property owners in the area even had Assn. Blyman Vincent Thomas to

join in the effort to get it finished and we are glad 242nd St. will no longer be dangerous to drive due to an 18-inch drop from road to curb where curbs had been put in.

Cooperation always succeeds—working together would get more for Lomita. Let's all work for another year of quiet progress. Our community is a quiet oasis in the busy turmoil of factories and traffic.

DESSIE G. MYERS

Report Cited

Editor, Torrance Herald:

We see that gambling interests are trying to incorporate the area between Figueroa and Avalon, Del Amo, and 124th. The notice in The HERALD of Sept. 10, 1958, included the information that the "poker player" failed in his attempt to legalize gambling in Hermosa.

Will the people be lulled to sleep to accept the tactics used in the attempt to incorporate Lomita last year? They should read the report of the State Assembly Interim Committee investigating incorporation and annexation before signing petitions or voting on incorporation.

DESSIE G. MYERS, President, Lomita Property Owners' and Registered Voters' Assn. Inc.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for words to be filled in.

GUARDING OUR FREEDOMS

