

# EDITORIALS

## Day of Many Meanings

Labor Day has many connotations for many people. To those who spell the entire labor movement H-O-F-F-A, it may be a day of infamy. To Jimmy, it may well mean a challenge to go after more power. To some, it's just a long week end in which to get themselves killed on the highway.

To a vast number of Americans, however, Labor Day has been a notable symbol of Man's effort to make a better life for himself to enjoy just rewards for the work he does. There were times when it was difficult for man to do this, and the labor movement was the product of those times.

Today, the labor movement has come to a crisis. Successful in improving the economic lot of its members, it is beginning to push others into the conditions from which it has struggled so long to emerge. Boycotts, organizational strikes, good squads, money hungry labor bosses all have cast a sinister shadow on what should be a day of proud accounting.

The people of America have supported organized labor in its worthy efforts and will continue to do so. But the American people, and this includes a great majority of union members, will not stand idle while corruption takes over and greed threatens the nation's economic and military security. That is why Congress has been debating a strong but equitable labor bill.

If the labor movement cannot clean its own house — and a few dangerously powerful men have made that almost impossible — then the public will make it possible.

May this Labor Day mark the beginning of a new era in the union movement — an era of progress, of self-discipline, of dedicated public interest — an era in which the working men and women can maintain with pride and dignity their vital role in our national life.

## Utilities Ad Expense

When you argue with a government agency you are up against it.

That agency usually writes the rules, enforces them, acts as judge and jury.

Take the example of the electric utility companies in the hearing before the Federal Power Commission on their battle to charge certain advertising expenses as a cost of production for purposes of fixing consumer rates.

An FPC examiner ruled that the only point of controversy is whether the money was spent for advertising for discussion of a "political question"—the public versus private power debate. The FPC upheld him and has ruled that testimony is not admissible which attempts to prove that the expenditures were "ordinary, necessary, just and reasonable."

The largest singlet producer of electric power is the government against which these privately-controlled companies must compete. It seems to us that Congress is going to have to declare sooner or later that the electric companies can talk about their competitors in or out of advertising Congress' failure to do so will imply that criticism of a government agency is against the law.

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## Rawhide!



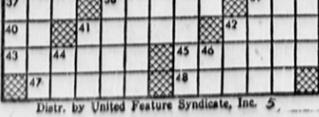
## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1-Demand
- 6-Former Russian ruler
- 11-Jewish quarter
- 12-Balances
- 14-Ciao
- 15-Undergarments
- 17-Preposition
- 18-Total
- 19-Lacking
- 20-Man's name
- 21-Compass point
- 22-Crawled
- 23-River in Germany
- 24-Paid notice
- 25-Weapons
- 26-Imitation
- 27-Periods of time
- 28-Partner
- 29-Infelix
- 31-Preposition
- 32-Hebrew month
- 34-European
- 35-Abrasive instruments
- 36-Bohoid!
- 37-Bitter vetch
- 38-Brooks
- 39-Everyone
- 40-Registered nurse (abbr.)
- 41-Thick soup
- 42-Of of Celebes
- 43-Style of automobile (pl.)
- 45-Forgives
- 47-Group of eight
- 48-Goes by water

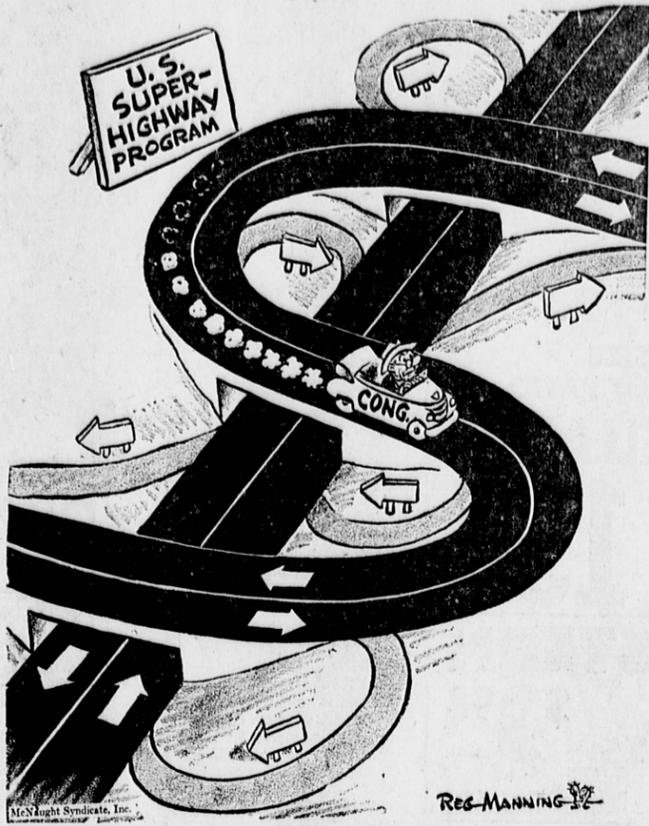
### DOWN

- 1-Improved
- 2-First use of
- 3-Unit of Siamese currency
- 4-Fronson
- 5-Mohamme-
- 6-Bond
- 7-Ciao
- 8-Throat-toed slither
- 9-Football position (abbr.)
- 10-Coastlines
- 11-State in Africa
- 13-Trap
- 16-Part of face
- 18-Tapestry
- 20-Unemployed
- 22-Pencil position
- 23-Solemn vows
- 24-Goddesses of destiny
- 27-Lampreys
- 28-Imitators
- 29-Island in Pacific
- 31-Trick
- 32-Apportions
- 33-Spanish weapon
- 35-Initial (abbr.)
- 38-Icelandic writing
- 39-Bye plant
- 41-Stroke
- 42-French for "friend"
- 44-District of Columbia (abbr.)
- 46-Babylonian deity



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## A Cloverleaf Can Be Confusing



## Dealers in Smut Send Million Pieces a Year

A million American boys and girls of high school and junior high school age may receive obscene literature and pictures in the mail this year, even though they neither wanted or solicited it, Postmaster Clara A. Conner said today.

The Postal Inspection Service, she stated, on the basis of available facts has estimated that dealers in smut are sending such materials to children at a rate of 700,000 to 1,000,000 mailings a year.

"It is quite possible that children here in Torrance are unwittingly being carried on lists used by mail order pornography houses to solicit sales of their filthy materials," Postmaster Conner said.

The local Post Office has joined in an intensive campaign launched nationally by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield to stamp out what the Postmaster General has described as "a vile racket of huge proportions."

Using first class postage which protects the mail from inspection, filth peddlers send out lewd circulars by the hundreds of thousands, soliciting orders from youngsters for obscene movies, photographs, comic books, slides and similar material.

"It is shocking to realize," Mrs. Conner said, "that sales of such trash amount to half a billion dollars a year, by Post Offices estimates."

In a recent speech, she noted, Postmaster General Summerfield stated that police records and sociological studies show that a link exists between addiction to pornography and the increasing rate of sex crime.

The Postmaster General also pointed out that juvenile delinquency and the distribution of pornographic materials have been growing in parallel. A Senate committee has reported that one out of every five boys in the nation, from ages 10 to 17, has been taken into court on a juvenile delinquency charge.

In investigations of armed robbery, extortion, embezzlement, and forgery, authorities often find that those guilty were early collectors of obscene pictures and films, she said.

"And," she added, "it is well known that almost all sex criminals prove to have a long record of obsession with pornographic and satiric material. Children who may never be exposed to this material could nevertheless be victims of these distorted criminals who have been exposed to it."

Congress, as far back as 1865, made it a federal offense to mail obscene matter.

The Post Office has lent its fullest support to such legislation, but commercialized pornography has continued to grow. It has doubled in just the past five years, and the Post Office Department predicts that, unless a concerted nation-wide "war" is waged against it, it will double again over the next four years.

Until recently, the Post Office encountered great difficulty in bringing these racketeers to bay because the federal laws permitted prosecution only in the courts at the place of mailing. The pornography dealers concentrated — and still do — in New York and Los Angeles, where liberal court rulings over a period of time established virtual sanctuaries from which they could operate with impunity, Mrs. Conner said.

The Post Office in recent years urged legislation which would permit prosecution not only at the point of mailing of obscene material, but in the communities where it is received — where, Postmaster General has put it, "the real damage is done, and where citizens have an opportunity to express their standards of morality and decency."

## LAW IN ACTION

### History of Wills

Courts see that your intention or "will" as to property is carried out after you die. Before then you may revoke or change it any time.

The passing of property to heirs is one of man's oldest transactions.

As far back as the Egyptian, Assyrian and Jewish civilizations we have wills written and witnessed on papyrus, clay tablets, etc. In one will an early testator left some of his property to his wife and named a guardian for his children.

The Hammurabi code (2100 B.C.) permitted a father by deed to favor his son.

Under early Roman law the head of a house could tell the patrician assembly his wishes, but later Roman law favored a written will to keep the testator's plans secret until death. It also favored having a firm record of his wishes, not resting on memory.

By 1200 A. D. England, where we got our law of wills, was quite well advanced. The church courts (like our probate courts) supervised disposition of property according to a "testament" of how the testator wanted his property to go.

Church courts supervised personal property (movables like armor, or personal effects); land was passed on by wills which the king's court handled. Hence today we speak of "last will and testament" since English courts came to pass on both real and personal property, so that one court could handle the whole estate.

English church courts had "executors" who carried out one's testament. To die "intestate" (without a testament) was almost like dying unconfessed. Sometimes the church in the interests of a man's soul could give some of the man's goods to others besides his family. Then as now, some property had to be left to the surviving wife and children.

By the time of the American colonies, the laws were well settled, and law courts, rather than church courts, administered and distributed estates here.

Though some states have special probate surrogate or orphan's courts, California superior courts handle all probate matters.

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

## THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

# There's Been Enough Diggin' To Dig a Full Size Basement

Whew!

It's been a heckuva week for gold-plated shovels in these parts, pardner.

First off, a bunch of fellers got the idea to open up some factories here and the shovelin' which went on between Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon would dig a full basement for a respectable Cape Cod bungalow.

It led off at the new AiResearch facility at 190th and Crenshaw Monday forenoon — went on to an announcement party for the new Del Amo Medical Center (second phase), up to Tom Roadway Dodge-Plymouth, out to Taft Allen Realty, and rush back in time to catch the shovel that bit at the huge new Magnavox Research Laboratory (MRL) on Maricopa west of Crenshaw.

Things being what they were, we're not sure we didn't miss one someplace along the line.

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This groundbreaking bit,

although a symbolic thing, means a lot to a city. In this case, the week's activities means several million dollars in assessed valuation which will come in handy when the tax collector starts making his rounds, looking through windows to see how big your television screen is.

And with Torrance's total tax load coming to a figure over \$8 this year, these groundbreaking rites bode the time when the average taxpayer might look ahead to a lowering of his rate—if he can just figure out some way to quit building new schools here and governmental palaces in the Los Angeles Civic Center.

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Things to Check On: Heard a citizen named Jack Long drew up to a stop signal the other day, stopped alongside of a lady motorist wearing an outlandish hat, and burst out laughing like he was wearing a feather shirt.

Made the lady mad—the way we hear it—and she

yanked off the hat, slammed it on the seat beside her, and looked resolutely straight ahead until the one-eyed signal turned green.

After the holiday maybe we can ask Jack about it.

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Also heard that a Marine recruiting officer was making a real pitch to a prospective recruit the other afternoon and finally got down to the point where it was decided that the only thing that kept the lad from signing on the spot was his car — he wanted to sell it first.

So . . . the recruiter — who must have been on the verge of making his quota — ups and buys the car, signs the recruit, and lived happily ever after.

We've been meaning to wander over to the recruiting office and check on it, but we'll have to put off now until after the holiday.

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In fact, why don't we just put off the whole thing until after the holiday?

## From the Mailbox

### By Our Readers

#### Against Red Visit

Editor, Torrance Herald: Most folks don't have the following information about that Krushchev, so it is up to me to spread the news.

Several years ago I read a book which explained communism. One chapter was devoted to the "Politburo." The members of this closed group were the big-wigs or the brains inside the Kremlin. There were 12 in number.

It was stated that one of these men, Nikita Krushchev, has already been chosen as dictator of the North American Continent if communism comes into power here!

This is the man rightly called the "Butcher of Budapest," who is coming here to visit at the invitation of the President of our beloved country.

There are none so blind as those who do not wish to see.

I weep for the dying honor of my country. I grieve for the lack of moral fiber and lack of fortitude on the part of our leaders.

ANNE FICKES

#### Labor Day Safety

Editor, Torrance Herald: Another Labor Day observance, the 77th, is just ahead. Once again our country will celebrate the outstanding

achievements of the working men and working women who have helped make America the greatest industrial nation in history. One of the ideals of working people throughout the country has been and is the prevention of death and tragedy, disability and hardship—with safer work, safer working places and safer workers.

Labor organizations have worked hard to promote safety on the job. Today, the National Safety Council tells us, more than twice as many workers are killed in off-the-job accidents than in work accidents.

The Communications Workers of America, Local 9506, reminds you during the Labor Day holiday period, our roads will be crowded with speeding cars and impatient drivers who are potential accident makers. Don't take needless chances. Drive at a sensible speed. Avoid alcohol. Watch out for the other guy. Make this a safe and enjoyable Labor Day.

JAMES TRENT  
Publicity Director  
Local 9506



#### Concert Well Received

composer or by the orchestra!

Twelve-year-old Ronnie Romm is a truly amazing young artist. With the greatest aplomb, and a beautiful tone and technique he played La Virgen de la Macarena by Rafael Mendez. This was the very same composition which was played by its composer on the same stage a few years ago. Ronnie was unaware of this fact. Those who heard both gave Ronnie ample praise.

Preceding the concert Rev. William H. Schatz and Rev. William Roderer conducted a vesper service especially written for this occasion. It was inspiring. May we have more of these united vespers. They demonstrate a true Christian spirit. The hymns gained new beauty by being played by a double string quartette from the orchestra. Their beautiful tone and blending intonation along with the congregational singing gave a revelation of the beauty latent in the hymns.

This was indeed a magnificent finale to all the fine and inspiring programs which have been heard in the Torrance Civic Auditorium which now will become only a nostalgic memory.—C.S.B.

"In industry, too much inefficiency often coupled with dishonesty eventually results in bankruptcy of the business. In government it only adds to higher taxes."—Henry Crown

"If nobody ever said anything unless he knew what he was talking about, a ghastly hush would descend upon the earth."—Sir Alan Herbert

"Perfection of means and confusion of goals seem—in my opinion—to characterize our age."—Albert Einstein

"The only way to get rid of responsibilities is to discharge them."—Walter S. Robertson

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

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

ARIES	1 Your	31 Trips	61 Bruises
APR 20	2 Good	32 Enduring	62 Opposite
23-39-44-50	3 Guard	33 Charm	63 Necessary
69-70-83-84	4 Much	34 By	64 Friends
TAURUS	5 An	35 Attend	65 Persuade
APR 21	6 Against	36 One	66 Plans
17-20-36-57	7 Beneficial	37 Divine	67 Ways
71-74-88-90	8 News	38 Unless	68 Sex
GEMINI	9 Admirer	39 Could	69 Cold
MAY 22	10 Day	40 Services	70 Pop
21-24-41-47	11 Don't	41 Year	71 Gem
65-67-72	12 Don't	42 Attention	72 Today
CANCER	13 For	43 People	73 Unfamiliar
JUNE 23	14 Love	44 Be	74 From
28-33-42	15 Is	45 In	75 Church
JULY 23	16 Spend	46 Nickel	76 Pay
31-32-43	17 Don't	47 Soft	77 And
LEO	18 A	48 That	78 Today
AUG 23	19 Minor	49 You	79 The
2-8-14-28	20 Let	50 A	80 Interesting
32-43-56	21 Turn	51 Can	81 Watch
VIRGO	22 Burns	52 Romance	82 Contacts
SEP 23	23 There	53 To	83 Floating
3-9-15-29	24 On	54 The	84 Around
33-43-56	25 Personal	55 Pleasure	85 You
SCORPIO	26 Dance	56 Indicated	86 Fuller
OCT 23	27 Or	57 Penny	87 Confidential
3-9-15-29	28 Laugh	58 In't	88 Year
33-43-56	29 Gained	59 Wins	89 Status
LIBRA	30 C	60 An	90 Pure
NOV 23	31 Good	61 Adverse	91/6 Neutral
7-10-13-31	32	62	92
32-55-66			

AGNUS  
JAN 21  
4-15-29-34  
42-53-87-89

PISCES  
FEB 20  
5-9-30-54  
62-68-81-85