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This Week's Motto:

Carelessness is the fire that changes friend to foe.

Countdown for Seniors

"Four . . . three . . . two . . . one . . . zero!"

"Lift-off"

It may not go exactly like that tonight at the three jammed stadia where nearly 1000 graduates of Torrance three public high schools will step from the classroom to the adult world, but the transition will be as abrupt as a Vandenberg blast-off to the outer fringes of space.

The halycon days of high school, once gone, can never be recaptured.

By the same token, the lessons to be learned in high school classes can never be learned in a better place . . . if at all. Students who will graduate tonight represent nearly every residential block of the city, and tomorrow will be the community's businessmen, professional men, and civic leaders. It's trite, but true.

On behalf of the community, the HERALD congratulates those who are reaching the first major upheaval in the fleeting years given to man on this earth. Although momentous, we believe tonight's graduates will find greater thrills as they develop their full potentials.

We hope for all that they have learned the lessons of citizenship and the basic tools of civilization—reading, writing, and arithmetic. In addition, we hope they have received a hint of the wonders of science, literature, music, and the cultural values of living.

For those who have had their appetites for knowledge aroused, schooling has just begun.

For the truly interested, it will never cease.

Opinions of Others

"I'll never be able to understand men. They order tickets in June for football games to be played in October and then rush out on December 24th to do their Christmas shopping."—R. M. Westerfield, Fayette County (La.) Union.

"The first message over the first telegraph line was 'What hath God wrought!' From outer space 117 years later . . . 'The machine works perfectly . . . Icarus, fly not too high!'—Margaret Beck McCallum, Hanover (N. H.) Gazette.

"The bathtub was invented in 1850, and the telephone in 1875. Had you been living in 1850, you could have sat in the bathtub for 25 years without the darn phone ringing once."—Ward Lowe, Lometa (Tex.) Reporter.

Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

30 Years Ago —

Although given a majority of the vote, the park-playground bond issue was defeated here Tuesday for want of a two-thirds majority. There were 1109 votes cast representing 40 per cent of the city's 2534 qualified voters.

On the same ballot 15 citizens were elected to the board of freeholders which will start work in the near future drafting the city charter.

Two girl members of the graduating class at Torrance high school are the first stu-

dents born in Torrance to graduate from the school. They are Norma Rappaport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rappaport and Jean Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith.

Next week is Commencement Week for the high schools in the city. Summer vacation starts June 18.

The camp for younger boys, 9-12 at Big Pines Recreation Center under sponsorship of the Boy Scouts of America, opens Wednesday, June 18, for several periods during the summer.

Fresh from winning their first trophy, a cup awarded by the Long Beach post for the most complete unit in a parade held in that city June 1, the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 American Legion drum and bugle corps, will participate in the Pre-Olympic Pageant at Hermosa Beach Saturday evening, June 18.

20 Years Ago —

Residents of North Torrance affected by the failure of a private water company are expected to receive water from the county through mains now supplying the Prairie Avenue school until some means is found to supply the 15 families with private water service.

Construction of the new west wing and enlargement of the present nursery at the Torrance Memorial hospital is scheduled to get underway September 15 of this year, it was announced by the construction committee, Grover Whyte chairman.

Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan was a familiar figure in Torrance in 1941 as he sought to locate an aircraft plant in the city. Corrigan told a local banquet meeting he didn't drink or smoke and didn't even drink coffee. He disliked cereal so he couldn't conscientiously endorse the many advertising offers he was offered after his epochal 28-hour flight from New York to Dublin. He took off from Long Beach airport, from a spot now marked by a bronze plaque, to begin his strange odyssey that brought him to national fame.



'New Frontier' Sounding Like New Deal Playback

By JAMES DORAIS

The New Frontier, it has been widely observed, isn't very new at all, but simply a playback of many of the old, discredited ideas and programs advanced during the New Deal in the depression-minded Thirties.

A striking example is the new Administration's hostility toward investor-owned and operated public utilities and its determination to build a socialistic nation-wide grid of taxpayer-financed power plants, despite the failure of President Kennedy to win voter approval in the so-called public power states.

During the New Deal heyday, while Tennessee Valley Authority was in the building, the socialist-minded braintrusters embarked on what Newsweek's Raymond Moley described as "a revolutionary plan to reshape the United States into what might be called the United

Valleys of America—seven in number, each with an automatic board appointed by the President and with control of electric energy as a source of political power capable of superseding state and local governments and absorbing private industry."

Despite lavish propaganda and patronage, plans for the initial stages of the "United Valleys" project—the proposed Columbia Valley Authority and Missouri Valley Authority—never won Congressional approval.

The New Frontier plan for eventual nationalization of the power industry is more sophisticated. It calls for building a huge network of power transmission lines across the nation, tying together major power pools from TVA to the Bonneville Power Administration's dams in Oregon and Washington. One justification for the idea is that this is the way it is done in Russia. Another

is that Bonneville's revenues last year were \$8.5 million short of the amount of the scheduled installment to the Treasury on construction costs, and the shortage is expected to reach \$13 million next year.

An over-ambitious project in the beginning, Bonneville needs new markets, and if these can be obtained only at the expense of privately developed systems, so much the better, according to the New-Old Deal philosophy now prevailing in the Department of the Interior under Secretary Udall.

The facts that investor-owned utilities do not require the taxpayers to put up the money for their developments, and must pay huge sums in federal, state and local taxes that would be lost under public development, are airily brushed aside, as they were in the New Deal Thirties, by the architects of the New Frontier.

During This Week

June 11, 1735 — Christopher Sower, Germantown, Pa., began making the jambstone; the first in America designed to heat more than one room.

June 12, 1796 — America's first Unitarian Church was organized as the Society of Unitarian Christians, in Philadelphia.

June 13, 1889 — Large scale use of waterpower from Niagara Falls was begun by the Cataract Construction Company. A plant using three 5,000 hp. generators delivering two-phase currents at 25 cycles and 2,200 volts was completed four years later.

June 14, 1937 — Pennsylvania became the only state observing Flag Day as a legal holiday, following legislative

designation, May 7.

June 15, 1537 B. C. — Joshua, future Israelite leader after the death of Moses and subject of modern spirituals, was born in Egypt, the son of Nun, Ephraim chief.

June 16, 569 A. D. — Leovigild, Visigoth king, introduced improved laws for people's benefit. He helped develop the international Canon Law — rules guiding faithful to eternal happiness.

June 17, 1775 — British Gen. Gage sent strong forces against Colonials entrenched on Breed's Hill (connected with Bunker Hill). The 2,500 Americans were beaten, after a hard fight. The moral victory was great, for Americans now knew they could defend their liberties.

Law in Action

Meeting Special Needs

Over the ages one branch of the law, equity, has devised "extraordinary writs" to meet special needs. Before equity, only the king, as a boon, could grant orders to do or stop doing something. In contrast the law courts dealt almost solely with settling money matters.

Some of these extraordinary writs have come and lasted in our law:

1. Mandamus (Latin "we command") directs a person, corporation, government officer, or a lower court to do a certain thing on pain or contempt of court, with other penalties for failure to obey. The person asking for man-

damus must show the court that he has a right to have something done, say, to enforce a private or public right. Madamus can order a public officer to give a taxpayer a hearing or let him vote; or a private person may want to have his fence repaired or his neighbor's land shored up.

2. Quo Warranto (By what right do you hold office or position). This writ makes a person, corporation, public official, or municipality say by what legal right it holds office, exercises powers, franchise, and privileges.

Reds Get Real Estate But Not the Citizens

"Freedom cannot be suppressed indefinitely."

SEATTLE — Communism around the world has had more defeats than victories, but the victories are better headlined.

One European defects to Russia and his name is headlined around the world. A million defectors from the Iron Curtain to the West are taken for granted.

Russia is not a Communist country. It is controlled by Communists, China is not a Communist nation. It has a Communist government. Communism has grown around the world, but not by the ridiculous figures credited to it. What some observers pass for Communist growth is reluctance on the part of some nations to commit themselves to our side in military coalitions.

Because Communism has falsely aligned itself with nationalistic movements inside nations, successes of those movements are misinterpreted in the free world as successes of Communism.

Russia, under Communist leadership, by concentrating on spectacular space science and military weapons, has come up with great propaganda successes. As a result they have increased Communist prestige throughout the world.

But at the same time, wherever Communism has infiltrated outside Russia and Red China — it takes the armies of Russia and Red China to keep the masses from revolting against Communism. In places where these armies were not present, or available — as in Kerala, Iraq, Lebanon, Iran — Communism was defeated by the free choice of the people.

Communism has conquered a lot of real estate—but such conquest does not mean conversion of peoples to Communism. It simply means Communist control by police methods, fear, punishment. Control by such methods is never complete.

To be sure, the takeover of more and more peoples pre-

sents dangers to the West . . . but it also presents greater dangers to the Communists. Some say it does not matter whether the people are converted to Communism, so long as the Communists are in control. We say it does matter.

It does matter, for instance, that out of 650 millions of Red China less than 10 million are Communists. It does matter that out of 210 millions in Russia, less than 6.5 million are Communists. It does matter that in every Communist-dominated country, percentage of Communists is less than 5 per cent of the total population.

This proof of inability to convert is infinitely important. Russia, as the seat of world Communism, has made considerable progress in space science through hired German scientists, and gained spectacular propaganda. But an examination of Russia in depth will reveal weaknesses, exaggerations and distortions not apparent in the build-up of Sputniks.

Communism is not successfully selling its ideology. Proof of this is obvious to anyone who covers Communist-dominated nations. They permit no free elections. They operate a police state, which means no freedom of expression, press, travel, etc. While Communism has grown dangerously in the past 44 years, how long can it suppress freedom within its empire? The millions who have escaped Communism — the millions who periodically revolt — the Chinese prisoners of the Korea war who, when given a free choice, overwhelmingly chose to go to Free China rather than be returned to Communist China — all these examples represent a hope not apparent in the growth of Communist-dominated areas.

The free world stopped Communism in Berlin. We stopped it in Iran, Iraq, Lebanon. We stopped it in the Congo and saved its industrial diamonds. We stopped it in Formosa and below the

38th parallel in Korea. We are in trouble in Cuba and Laos — but the Communists are in trouble in India, Thailand, Malaya, Pakistan — and right in their own backyard in Albania and Poland. The fanatical drive of Communism around the world cannot be minimized. It is the greatest threat to freedom. It should be exposed and crushed whenever it raises its ugly head of deception from Cuba to the Congo.

New laws and safeguards should be enacted to fill the holes the snake manages to crawl into. Eternal vigilance should always remain the price of our liberty. Expansion of Congressional investigations and law enforcement agencies should be encouraged. Military power should be maintained as a deterrent against attack. All this should continue in an ever-expanding form.

It is our opinion that time is against Communism—not against the free world. Communist gains were the result of deceit and miscalculations of some formerly free nations—not the result of Communism itself. Communism filled vacuums created by colonialism and greed.

The list of present Communist-dominated countries is a list of millions of peoples bled white by domestic or foreign elements for centuries. In a country the size of the US there are enough misfits and ill-advised to join the Communist ranks. While they are a small minority, they can do a lot of damage if not curtailed.

Ten years ago the largest Communist newspaper in the world, "La Unite," published in Paris, had a circulation of 500,000 a day — today it has less than 100,000. Perhaps in the declining circulation of Communist newspapers here and abroad lies the proof of the decline of Communist acceptance.

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves — and under a just God cannot long retain it." — Abraham Lincoln.

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald:

We in the Harbor District of the Los Angeles Area Council of Camp Fire Girls want to thank our friends and neighbors for their generous support of our sale of chocolate covered mints and creams.

The successful sale means that the girls in our District will have funds for their service projects, their trips, and other Camp Fire expenses. It also means that we can continue our efforts to expand the program of the Camp Fire Girls and make this fine youth activity available to more girls in this area.

We are grateful for your publication for your help in printing the news of our sale progress; for the merchants who permitted us to sell on their property; and to the public for buying candy in quantity sufficient for us to meet our goal.

Jim Davis
District Candy Chairman

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Once again I would like to air my views through your newspaper. Members of the police department will appear again before the city council asking for longevity. In the past, this has been denied them.

I feel we the very fortunate to have such good protection that our understaffed force gives us, and the council should make every effort to keep our officers. Also, such a program as this would no doubt entice other qualified men to apply for a position on our force.

I find by checking with other cities that we are far behind in police protection. At times, when you call, you have to practically be put on a waiting list. They have 22 square miles to cover and a population over 103,000 to protect, yet we have only 105 in the department. This includes clerks, secretaries, etc. In our juvenile department, we have only six with the average age in Torrance being approximately 25. We have been very fortunate so far.

EVE BISOU

Editor, Torrance Herald: I recently received a letter from the "Citizens Committee for Improved Treatment in our State Hospitals." The letter stated, "As a member of the State Republican Central Committee we are asking your help . . ." The help they ask is to increase the salary of state psychiatrists to \$1250 - \$1650 per month range.

I do not attempt to judge the appropriateness of this munificent salary, and cannot equate it against the corn and potatoes my doctor father was sometimes paid years ago.

I do protest this letter appearing to have Republican origin. In fact, the co-chairman of the committee sending out this propaganda is a member of the Democratic Central Committee, and chair-

man of the Santa Barbara Democratic County Central Committee.

Neither she, nor anyone else on the "Citizens Committee" is a member of a Republican State or Central Committee. Skulduggery I am used to. But this is a little too thick.

TOM COFFEY, Member
Republican State
Central Committee

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Your fine interpretation of our purpose in selling candy and, further, of our on-going purpose in providing a recreation-education program for girls is deeply appreciated by all our volunteers and our girl members in the area served by your newspaper.

This is the most successful sale we have had in recent years, and we believe the attention given to the sale by your newspaper was an important factor in the sale's success.

You will be pleased to know that candy sale dollars will finance increased service to girls in the Council, and will also pay for many needed improvements at the Council's resident camp in the San Bernardino Mountains, Camp Yallani. Mrs. Irving R. Eastin, Council Candy Chairman

My Neighbors



"I will listen to your problems, dear, after I get the kids to bed, clean up, dress up, and go out somewhere with you..."

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"It's a conversation piece . . . Edwin and I had plenty of it before I got it!"