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## A Notable Birthday

Almost 3 1/2 million members of Girl Scouts of the USA will celebrate their 50th anniversary on March 12. For 50 years, communities across the nation have been grateful for the influence of Scouting on their young people and for the many service projects carried out by individual councils.

The impact of Girl Scouting is not only local and national. It is international as well. International friendship has been at the core of the movement since its inception. Through the World Assn. of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, American Girl Scouts are linked to their sisters in 50 other member nations. Each year sees the growth of international exchange of persons, including not only girls but adults, who belong to the world association.

Both national and international Girl Scout programs are based on the code of ethics expressed in the promise which today is just as valid in motivating force of Scouting as it was in the movement's early days: "On my honor, I will try to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times, to obey the Girl Scout Laws."

Although they adhere faithfully to the original promise and laws of conduct, Girl Scouts have developed a flexible program to meet the needs of a changing world. This combination of stability and adaptability undoubtedly accounts for the tremendous growth of the movement.

The promise is reflected in the girls' eagerness to serve their community. As they enter upon their golden anniversary year, troops throughout the country are pledging to carry out a project of service to the children and youth of their community. They will be putting into action the second part of the birthday theme, "Honor the Past — Serve the Future."

Our heartfelt birthday congratulations to the Girl Scouts of today and best wishes to those of tomorrow!

## Opinions of Others

Of each automobile owning and operating dollar, Mr. Average Motorist spends 88 cents for his vehicle and 12 cents for the road in the form of state and federal gasoline taxes, registration fees, and all other automotive taxes. — *Auroras (Mo.) Review.*

Any government with the power to give you anything you want is strong enough to take everything you have. — *West Concord (Minn.) Enterprise.*

The government's money can't buy excellence in learning. And federal aid to education would lead to control by Uncle Sam — distorting and devitalizing the educative process. — *Agawam (Mass.) Independent.*

No business man or woman in any town should allow a newspaper to go to press without his or her name and business being mentioned somewhere in its columns. — *American Bankers Magazine.*

## From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald

The workers, area chairman, and all who had a part in raising funds for the recent Heart Fund Drive wish to thank the public for the very generous response in the amount of funds collected for this worthy cause. The amount from the residential drive amounted to \$1,653 and there is still some money being sent to headquarters either in Inglewood or Los Angeles.

The commercial division asked for an extension of time and the report from this part of the drive will be announced later.

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ROYCE BRIER

## Secrecy That Surrounds U-2 Pilot 'Unbecoming'

The fanatic secrecy thrown about the return of Francis Gary Powers to the United States is unbecoming a nation dedicated to informed self-government.

That this mummery can be laid at the door of the Central Intelligence Agency admits no doubt, and it alone is sufficient evidence that CIA is getting too big for its britches. Just how to reduce it to reason, however, is a problem running through three administrations.

The whole U-2 incident was a blunder by the CIA, almost immediately compounded by President Eisenhower or his advisers. The CIA employed Powers, a civilian, to do espionage work for the American people, using their money. This may be the way to spy on the likes of Fidel Castro, but is it the way to conduct espionage involving the very fate of the United States?

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As inasmuch as three Presidents have shown no disposition to get CIA in hand, peopled as it is with some thousands of vested and anonymous characters so far answerable to nobody, we can only look to the Congress, and particularly the Senate, for relief.

Many a senator is hot as a firecracker on his investigatory prerogative when it involves some poor wight without friends. Why not a little courage when it involves the right of the people to know who is committing them to what?

Now CIA will cover the stable door with padlocks two years after the horse is stolen. Some reasonable secrecy was indicated. If it can, CIA must discover from Powers what happened, if only to document its own carefree and imperceptive record of a job ill done. The interrogation should have been carried out in West Berlin. Instead it became a panic operation at some hideout in the vicinity of the national capital.

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## No, No—That Was O. K. Last Year—



THIS WILD WEST by Lucius Beebe

## 'World Opinion' Myth Strictly for the Birds

Prominent in the farrago of completely meaningless ideological jargon to which Americans are these days subjected by pollsters, politicians and merchants of mendacity is the myth of "world opinion," a body of sentiment of which the Casper Milquetoasts of the United States are instructed to stand in humble awe while the rest of the world gets a horse laugh at our timorous veneration of something that doesn't exist, and if it did would be of no least material consequence.

Pious frauds in public office, scoundrels in Washington and editorial charlatans with a hanker for "significant" thinking pontificate about world opinion as though its existence were a demonstrable fact, although the only place it can ever be pinpointed is in news releases by the State Department in this country and Tass in Russia, where world opinion curiously enough follows the party line of the moment with amazing exactitude.

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hedgers in this country whenever it is suggested that the United States should actively and effectively resent insult and affront to its sovereignty and dignity abroad or protect its investments from confiscation by the revolutionary practice of thuggee in adjacent banana republics.

World opinion is the bogey constantly raised to intimidate the United States and prevent it from conduct becoming an independent, powerful and resolute nation with rights and privileges of its own in a world that has largely succumbed to total barbarism.

It doesn't stop anybody else, anywhere, at any time from doing precisely whatever opportunism and self-service may suggest. The Russians have ignored world opinion. So have the warlords of India who while beating their breasts to proclaim the most patent mendacity of our time—that "peace is with us a religion"—were putting the armed snatch on somebody else's territory they happened to covet.

World opinion, according to retailers of this non-existent commodity, was outraged and horrified when the Russians resumed their atomic bombing tests, so the Russians recognized this powerful deterrent to evil by going on to explode the grandfather of all nuclear devices.

World opinion, according to Western sources, has had its marrow congealed by the partition of Berlin and the communization of East Germany, but somehow the news hasn't gotten to Herr Ulbricht's government.

World opinion obtains nowhere else on earth except in the mind of intimidated American people whose hanker to be loved instead of feared and respected has brought them very close to the end of the road.

## Morning Report:

Nancy Dimock works for the city of Los Angeles and was elected queen of the Employees Assn. Then it was discovered she had once posed in the nude for one of those barbershop magazines.

This caused quite a stir. And above it all could be heard Nancy's clear 19-year-old voice: "After all, Marilyn Monroe did the same thing." But Nancy should remember that undressing is only the beginning. She still has to marry a playwright (Miller) and a baseball player (DiMaggio).

And old-timers, like Marilyn, should remember that they are setting records that youngsters will try to beat.

Abe Mellinkoff

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

## Nobody With Any Guts Can Be 'A Good Loser'

The more I see of other nations, the more I learn to love and respect my own. The United States is the finest society on a grand scale the world has yet produced.

We in the U.S. rest on the proposition that the honest may honestly disagree.

The world respects America because it's a great country . . . not because it's big.

It's easy to live in a community, or a nation, following the "going opinion" . . . but the real contribution and challenge comes from pursuing our own sincere opinions to a proper conclusion.

The power of faith behind the Iron curtain . . . Catholic, Protestant, Hebrew, Muslim . . . is a far greater force against communism than all the military power which can be exerted by man against it. Ironically, it doesn't cost a cent.

I see the phony handshaking and congratulations between winner and loser at sports events. Nobody with any guts can be what people call "a good loser."

Even though women are chided a lot about their feminine gullibility, wasteful glamour traps, emotion jags . . . they are the creators of human life . . . and they probably have the secret of how to enjoy it best.

The more I read the dispatches from Moscow, the more I am convinced that Khrushchev started his own burial when he reburied Stalin.

What's the difference if a pleasure doesn't please forever . . . if it pleases for only an instant, it's still no less a pleasure.

The world judges America by what we do . . . not by what we have . . . or by what we think, or say.

To the ignoramus nothing, nor anyone, is good. He sees the frailty, not the courage . . . the exceptional error rather than the consistent good . . . weakness of body instead of strength of the soul.

If individual initiative thrives, that society advances . . . when bureaucracy and free-loading thrives, that society is on the road to ruin.

In covering the world I regret to say that the one thing that money buys most is . . . people.

The most exhausting thing I encounter constantly is listening to persons who don't know what they're talking about.

The truly great ideas of the nation come from the heart . . . not from Harvard.

The more servants a man has in his home and garden . . . the less it belongs to him . . . and the less he enjoys it.

Lonely people get that way more by insulation than isolation.

Probably no sound in the world exceeds the interest of a knock at a door when I'm expecting a loved one.

An atheist is also a double-dealer . . . while he denounces God, he invariably chooses to raise his children in a community full of churches.

One person gets a year's happiness out of one hour . . . while another but one hour out of a year.

This is true in every language, in every culture . . . if a person has good manners,

## Quote

"You're getting along in years if you can remember when you looked for the day you could make enough money to be on the income-tax paying list." — George B. Bowra, Aztec (N.M.) Independent-Review.

"When making out your income tax report, be sure you don't overlook your most expensive dependent: the government." — S. E. Mekeel, Ovid (N. Y.) Gazette and Independent.

"The Herald collects taxes for the government from its employes and peddles printing and subscriptions as a side line." — Lloyd Neff, Overland Park (Kans.) Johnson County Herald.

he'll get by anywhere, even if he's stupid.

How wonderful nature planned everything . . . as soon as a child enters the world, it has a mother to take care of it . . . and grand-

parents to handle the publicity.

The man who forgets to be grateful is dead standing up.

If a lady must tell her age, she should put the word "only" in front of it.

Hoppe in Wonderland

## Pundit Flays Patriotism

Art Hoppe

The Love Everybody (Except Antarticans) Crusade was launched, innocently enough, to provide the world with what you might call Love with a Loophole. But before I knew it, the heretofore unsensed Insidious Penguin Menace lay revealed. Could you see my mail, you would shudder to know how many of your friends and neighbors are overt Penguin Sympathizers. Or PenSymps, as we call them.

So it's high time we woke up America. By opening the Christian School of Anti-Penguinism.

The school is based, of course, on the premise that Penguins have infiltrated everywhere amongst us. And that if we apathetic Americans do nothing, the Penguins will conquer us through internal subversion in 10 years.

Nor should we be fooled one minute by Mr. J. Edgar Coolidge. Who says that Penguinism in this country is at its lowest ebb in 50 years. And that there are only a few thousand Penguins left around here. And that the Feds are better trained to ferret out Penguins than we. Mr. Coolidge is obviously an unwitting Penguin dupe. Maybe even a witting one.

The school will be strictly educational. And who can argue with that? Courses will be given in The Naked Penguin, Penguinism Is a Disease, and How to Debate with a Penguin. Should a Penguin ever challenge you to a debate.

The faculty are all experts on the complex dialectical-materialist atheistic-theories of Penguinism. We have two retired generals, a police sergeant, and seven former Penguins, including the author of that noted exposé "I Laid Three Eggs."

Once we have stirred up the proper fear of Penguinism, students will be taught to recognize Penguins among their friends and neighbors.

This is relatively simple as all Penguins are under 3 feet, 6 inches high and smoke mentholated cigarettes. More difficult is recognizing PenSymps and Penguinist Dupes who are 6.8 times more dangerous. That's where education comes in.

As the school's founder, I happen to be one of the world's greatest authorities on Penguins. Having read several encyclopedia articles on the subject. And if Americans can be taught what I know about Penguins, they will be safe.

For example, the Encyclopedia Britannica, a respectably scholarly work, says that in many Penguin communities, "the young are cared for communally and not by their parents alone." Now, do any of your neighbors advocate cooperative nursery schools? Well, you know what to do.

What we must guard against most is the wish-wash theory that democracy is a better idea than Penguinism in our health society, democracy will inevitably triumph over Penguinism.

This would be true, but as everybody knows Penguins are smarter than we are. (This also explains why we must stop negotiating with Antarctica). And because we're stupider, they can make us believe all kinds of lies. So rally to the cause: Stamp Out Penguins and Make the World Safe for Stupidity!

Well, it's awfully exciting hating Penguins. But keep thinking I've forgotten something . . . Sure enough, the Love Everybody part of the Crusade. But we certainly haven't got time for that right now. Not when we have so much to fear. Maybe some day.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"I'll go along with you . . . if you've got the nerve to wear it!"