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A Maze of Paint

We were told once by a traffic engineer that "you can't control traffic with paint." He was referring to a complicated intersection and the obvious inference from his remarks would be that some structures of substance were needed to guide motorists through the intricacies of some California street crossings.

An honest-to-goodness, living example of this maxim can be seen any day of the week at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Cataline Avenue in the Hollywood Riviera business section.

There, an extremely wide intersection which includes a "Y" street and a crossing for Camino Del Campo, offers motorists a real challenge. First timers through the traps could well find themselves driving through off-street (supposedly) parking lots, on the wrong side of a wide street, or hopelessly lost in a maze of white paint that would befuddle the smartest laboratory rat.

We don't propose a traffic pattern for the area—we'll still leave that to the trained engineer. But we do propose that some of the paint be replaced with traffic lanes which would be easier to follow—lanes marked plainly with concrete edged planting areas or something substantial.

The opening of Palos Verdes Boulevard onto Pacific Coast Highway, awaiting only the installation of traffic control signals which will go to bid early in September, will add immeasurably to the dilemma facing motorists at the jigsaw-puzzle corner. It should be remedied now.

A Weekend Warning

For many, the long Labor Day weekend will begin tomorrow afternoon. As with such holidays, thousands—even millions—of Californians can be expected to hit the roads and freeways to take advantage of the three-day respite from their normal routine.

And again, as with such holidays, the National Safety Council is computing in advance the number of motorists who will die the horrible death in the tangled steel of automobile bodies throughout the nation. Their computations are sickening but realistic.

Whatever your weekend travel plans, include Safety First as a front seat passenger.

Time may be precious, but life is priceless.

Opinions of Others

A rough-hewn philosopher has said: "We Americans sure have been living high on the hog these last few years. But the trouble is, it ain't our hog. It belongs to our children." He has expressed a very real moral problem. Are we going to drop our national debt, amounting to more than \$7,000 for every American family, into the laps of our children and tell them it is their problem to handle as best they can? What kind of morality is that?—*Marshfield (Mo.) Mail.*

Medicare may be something the people want. If that's the case, eventually their wishes will be granted. But there seems to be something wrong with blaming defeat of one proposal after another on the lack of a big enough majority in Congress. The thing the defeated bills have in common is that they call for more Government direction of the lives of American people. —*Riverton (Wyo.) Ranger.*

The most crucial decision of all, war or peace, has been allowed to slip into Communist hands. The Communists have achieved psychological dominance. The Kremlin has almost become master of mankind's fate: harsh, jealous, vengeful, and unpredictable—a father image the like of which the world has never seen. This worldwide influence is the true measure of Soviet success in psychological warfare. —*Duluth (Minn.) Publicity.*

As the days of campaign come and go, concern of this country editor grows at the apparent indifference of the average citizen towards the qualifications of the several candidates for both houses of the national Congress. All other issues dwindle into insignificance compared with those of the national budget and the gallop into socialism. —*Holbrook (Ariz.) Tribune-News.*

Do you believe, like they do in Washington, if you throw enough money at your problems they'll go away? —*Benton (Mo.) Scott County Democrat.*

It's an I for an I when two egotists get together. —*Chevelah (Wash.) The Independent.*

James Dorais

Concern for Future of Social Security Mounts

One reason for the defeat of the Administration's Social Security Medicare program has been little publicized. It is the growing concern in Washington over the fiscal soundness of the entire Social Security setup.

An employee who makes \$4,800 a year or more currently has \$150 deducted from his wages for Social Security. Up until 1946 he paid only \$30. By 1968 he is scheduled, under present law, to pay \$222. Employers must make matching contributions.

Social Security is not a true insurance program in the sense that premiums paid are used to finance future benefits for the person paying them. Taxes currently paid by employees and employers are used to pay benefits to people already on the Social Security rolls, and benefits which present workers hope to receive upon retirement depend on future taxes against employees and employers who follow them.

There are two ever-present threats to the soundness of the program: one, that taxes

collected will be insufficient to pay scheduled benefits; and two, that the taxes required to be paid by employees during their working life may reach the point where they exceed the benefits due them on retirement.

As a matter of example, the first of these unhappy conditions now applies in the case of the railroad retirement system—a program for railroad workers that operates independently of Social Security. The second is about to apply.

According to the Railroad Retirement Board, its system is running in the red by about 1.79 per cent of the taxable railroad payroll. The board has requested congress to subsidize the system from general taxpayers by forcing the treasury to pay higher interest on the government bonds in which the railroad retirement funds are invested.

Railroad workers and employers make far higher payments into the railroad retirement fund and employees receive far higher benefits on

retirement than workers covered by Social Security. The cost of railroad worker retirement benefits is estimated by the Retirement Board at 8.94 per cent of the worker's taxable wages. By 1968, his tax is scheduled to rise to 9.125 per cent. This means that unless benefits are increased—and any increase would run the fund further into the red—new employees will pay more into the fund than they can ever take out.

One of the problems of the railroad retirement system is that the number of railroad employees has declined over the years, and today almost as many retired employees are drawing out of the fund as active employees are paying into it.

Conceivably, this situation could apply in the future to the Social Security system as pressures for earlier retirement and expanded benefits mount, and as the ratio of working people, following present trends, declines in relation to college students and retired people.

ROYCE BRIER

Mr. Hoover Speaks Out On Behalf of Americans

At the dedication of a Presidential Library at his Iowa birthplace recently, Herbert Hoover said something strange.

The thoughtless may even criticize him for it, but when it is examined it appears to offer a profound truth.

It is: "The mightiest assurances of our future are the intangible spiritual and intellectual forces in our people, which we express not by the words The United States, but by the word America."

When the Englishmen came to the New World in 1620, they came to escape forever the accumulated wrongs of the Old. These wrongs were momentarily religious, but increasingly in the ensuing century they became economic and political. In that century other than Englishmen came to our shores seeking, and finding, a new social contact.

By 1750, when George Washington was a youth, they were no longer transplanted Europeans. They thought of themselves, and were in reality, Americans. So Washington in maturity thought of himself, and without this deep inner feeling in all the people, no rebellion against the English Crown would have prevailed.

Having won the rebellion,

our forefathers became a new, and unexampled, society within mankind, despised by the ruling forces of Europe, but a shining goal to the common people of Europe. And in the next century and a half millions of them reached that goal, and amalgamated with the American society.

On the society the forefathers superimposed a government called the United States. It established American ideals, many adapted but reshaped from Old World dreams of freedom and justice. It has become now the most successful government ever erected by man.

In the 1830s, when the government was still young but the American society was already two centuries old, a Frenchman named De Tocqueville visited us and wrote a book called "Democracy in America." This is a stunning book, and every American today should read it.

For it tells us (as no American has) who we are and where we are going. It shows us clearly how different we are from the European people from whom we came. It expounds our striving, our achievement, our hope, nor does it overlook our shortcomings and our setbacks. It is nothing less than miracu-

lous that a European political observer should write a book so penetrating that over a century later, thoughtful Americans can find themselves in its pages.

Perhaps something of this was in Mr. Hoover's mind when he made his pronouncement.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"... then I asked Jimmy how he'd like to go to the dance without me? He decided to find out!"

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

What Ingredients Make Today's Good American

After my address at the Redlands University convocation, a student asked me the penetrating question: "What is a good American?"

He wanted to know what basic principles it included... what specific things he could put his teeth into... what it involves. I promised him I would put a few ideas in my column.

One cannot be a good American without adopting as his own the basic declaration of principles upon which America was founded. To be a good American is to learn those principles, to hold them high against intrusion or deviation... and to do one's best to live up to them.

Every American, however prominent or humble, can adapt the principles of the American Constitution to his life and environment. He can narrow them down to his particular way of living, his individual choices and preferences... or expand them to fit his inward convictions.

A declaration of principles can begin with the belief in religious liberty... and the principle that this God-bestowed right is best exercised when there is separation between church and state... and the freedom of all Americans to worship God in their own way... even to find spiritual comfort outside any organized religion.

A good American believes in the individual's natural and inalienable right to freedom of conscience... to profess or not to profess... to practice and promulgate, or not, his religious beliefs... to change them at any time according to his conscience or opinions, holding that this privilege is the very essence of liberty.

But in the exercise of this right, he should also respect the equivalent right of all other Americans.

A good American believes in civil government morally ordained to protect all humans in the enjoyment of their natural rights... and to rule, regulate and protect these rights... and in this realm civil government is entitled to the respectful and

Quote

One reason why the courts don't handle more drunken driving cases: the undertaker gets them first.—*Frieda J. Monger, Duluth, Minn.*

Safe driving begins in the area about the ears.—*Don Pauschert, Pana, Ill.*

Some people celebrate holidays by smashing their heads against the windshields of their cars.—*J. W. Richards, Pageland, S. C.*

Philosophy is something rich people used to convince the rest of us that it's no disgrace to be poor.—*Ernest L. Henes, Willington, Ohio.*

Do you suppose that in the history books President Kennedy will be remembered as the "man of steel"?—*Dale Holdridge, Langford, S. D.*

voluntary obedience of all the citizens.

A good American believes in a society of laws, freely adopted and freely obeyed, with such safeguards as to make justice available to all the people on an equal basis.

A good American believes that good citizenship imposes certain responsibilities intended to safeguard good government. To pursue honorable and legal means to prevent the enactment of legislation which tends to discriminate against any segment of our society, or to change laws for political or other reasons which violate or infringe upon the basic principles of the founding of the republic... like free enterprise and free choice.

A good American believes that true liberty is based on the Golden Rule which teaches every man that... he should do unto others as he would have others do unto him.

A good American believes

in the Declaration of Independence and its three basic principles: 1—There is a Creator... 2—Man as an individual has rights emanating from this Creator... 3—Men as individuals form governments solely to protect those rights.

A good American should so live as to be worthy of the privilege... and be ready to die if need be... as his forefathers... to preserve the right of freedom... the right of individual opportunity... the right of free choice... the recognition of human dignity... the sanctity of his privacy... equal justice under the law... equal right as any other citizen... and the pursuit of his own happiness.

It seems to me that as an American we are of different opinions at different issues and moments... but it is universally conceded that we keep our word... and our hearts are on the side of truth and justice.

Our Man Hoppe

Who's Watching The Watchers?

—Art Hoppe

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to another in the distinguished Nutshell Series of Lectures, designed for those who wish to be informed in a nutshell on the burning topics of the day. Today's burning topic is "Antisubversion in South Dakota in a Nutshell."

In a nutshell, antisubversion in South Dakota is very popular.

This can be documented by a list of the 100 member organizations in the "American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Inc." All of whom have informed Congress that our purchasing any U. N. bonds would be unpatriotic. Which information makes Congress nervous.

Leading the list under "A" we find the "Antisubversive Group of South Dakota," which must meet a need. But what surprises us is that no other state in the Union has and antisubversive league. Not even North Dakota.

True, New Jersey has an incorporated coalition, known as the "New Jersey Coalition, Inc." And, nationally, there is a "Grass Roots League, Inc." undoubtedly an underground movement. But no other state has an anti-subversion league as such!

So what, you may well ask. Just read further. Not only is there an "Antisubversive League of South Dakota" under "A," but tucked down under "S" we find a "South Dakota Antisubversive League!" This gives us twice as many antisubversive leagues in South Dakota as State Chambers of Commerce.

Anyone who has been even a casual visitor to the state will readily recognize why antisubversion is sweeping South Dakota by storm. In South Dakota there is very little else to do.

Unfortunately, however, while South Dakota now has two leagues with who-knows-how-many amateur enthusiasts hunting down subversives, South Dakota has, at last count, only five subversives to hunt down. There are an elderly Anarchist, two transplanted Alabamans still preaching secession, a gas station attendant who openly admits being the agent for our secret Martin rulers, and a Sioux Indian who, when intoxicated, is given to demanding the return of his ancestral grazing lands.

Understandably, the lack of subversives to hunt down is becoming most frustrating to South Dakota's zealous antisubversives. As it is to our antisubversives everywhere. So they are turning a suspicious eye on the clearly un-American U. N. As are our antisubversives everywhere. Which, if you ask me, is a crying shame.

One solution is for the State of South Dakota, which now stocks fish for fishermen to catch, to stock subversives for the antisubversives to hunt. These could be imported from Cuba or Russia and everybody could have a great time. Leaving the U. N. alone.

Otherwise we simply must limit the number of anti-subversives to the number of subversives available. Those left over could join in some other patriotic group. Like the one under "W" called merely the "Watch Washington Club." I think everybody should watch Washington. Suspiciously. It's twice the fun. And about equally frustrating.

Morning Report:

You can't say that everything Fidel Castro does is wrong. He's sending a thousand young men to Russia to study "farm problems." After what Mr. Krushchev says about the Soviet agriculture, I feel sure Castro picked the right place.

Then for a postgraduate course in farm problems, the young Cubans might be sent to Red China.

But if Castro wants to grow more stuff than the Cubans can eat or sell, he doesn't have to send any Cubans to study over here. Just buy a subscription to the "Congressional Record." It's all told there.

Abe Mellinkoff

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.

ARIES	21	1 Curtail	31 Be	61 Mind
Taurus	22	2 New	32 Linger	62 Lose
23-30	3 Seek	33 Live	33 Live	63 Projects
4 Analyze	34 Authority	34 Authority	34 Authority	64 Visit
5 Social	35 Any	35 Any	35 Any	65 On
6 Stars	36 A	36 A	36 A	66 Proved
7 Be	37 New	37 New	37 New	67 A
8 Activities	38 Wily	38 Wily	38 Wily	68 Year
9 Can	39 Financial	39 Financial	39 Financial	69 Into
10 Unpleasant	40 Be	40 Be	40 Be	70 In
11 Try	41 Can	41 Can	41 Can	71 In
12 With	42 Possible	42 Possible	42 Possible	72 Romance
13 To	43 Impersonal	43 Impersonal	43 Impersonal	73 Practical
14 Before	44 Financial	44 Financial	44 Financial	74 Flower
15 Superior	45 You're	45 You're	45 You're	75 Pocketbook
16 You	46 Romantic	46 Romantic	46 Romantic	76 A
17 Be	47 Bring	47 Bring	47 Bring	77 Decisions
18 Wary	48 Assistance	48 Assistance	48 Assistance	78 That's
19 Of	49 New	49 New	49 New	79 Business
20-26-30-45	50 Opportunity	50 Opportunity	50 Opportunity	80 Money
21 That	51 Make	51 Make	51 Make	81 Year
22 Criticize	52 You'll	52 You'll	52 You'll	82 Mutter
23 Live	53 Live	53 Live	53 Live	83 Live
24 Don't	54 Make	54 Make	54 Make	84 Mutter
25 Be	55 Move	55 Move	55 Move	85 New
26 News	56 Some	56 Some	56 Some	86 Adventure
27 Drain	57 For	57 For	57 For	87 Involvement
28 Move	58 Your	58 Your	58 Your	88 Day
29 To	59 Dear	59 Dear	59 Dear	89 Dear
30 H	60 Interested	60 Interested	60 Interested	90 Caution
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28-29-35-84				