

Torrance Herald

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Important Election Coming

Because there are eight candidates running for two positions on the Board of Education, Torrance Unified School District, and because the voters will be asked to pass judgement on the issuance of an \$8 million bond issue to accommodate properly the certain growth of the school system, the election on April 16 assumes special significance.

Every school election is important, this despite the historic trickling of voters to the polls that rarely exceeds 10 per cent of those eligible. That Torrance voters will this time at least triple the number of loyal citizens who take the franchise seriously and will vote on Tuesday, April 16, is an earnest hope of those who quite properly place great emphasis on the importance of the city's educational system.

In the February issue of "Torrance Schools" an informative monthly publication of the Board of Education, cogent facts about the bond issue are listed.

The Bond Issue will provide:

1. Additions to: Hickory, Victor, Wood, Madrona, Towers, Magruder, Arlington, and Hamilton elementary schools.
2. Three (3) new elementary schools: Joseph Arnold, Grace Wright, and Tract 2200.
3. Additions to: Torrance High, South High, North High and West High.
4. Replacement for obsolete buildings at Torrance High.
5. An addition to the District Service Center.

The Bonds are needed to:

1. Keep up with pupil enrollment increases.
2. Avoid half-sessions.
3. Keep our own school plant up with population growth.

Bonds will not increase your tax rate:

The present rate will be extended but not increased. The bond tax rate was 83 cents in 1958. The bond tax rate this year is 87 cents. During this period (1958-1962) the District has sold over \$13,000,000 in bonds. The bond tax rate varies from year to year but remains within a few cents of its present range because the District can bond itself only to 10 per cent of the assessed valuation.

The HERALD unreservedly endorses the bond issue as an absolute necessity to make it possible for the Board of Education and the school administrators to continue to provide the kind of elementary and high school training needed to care for the constantly increasing number of children who are this community's responsibility. It will do its best during the succeeding weeks to help convince others that there is no other alternative.

Grave Threat

A great threat to the American teaching profession's ability "to teach in the spirit of free inquiry" has been cited by the executive secretary of the California Teachers Assn., Arthur F. Corey. It is the threat that organized labor's "well-financed campaign of propaganda and promises" will "cajole or, if necessary, force teachers into unions."

Speaking before the Educational Policy Commission of the American Assn. of School Administration in Atlantic City, Mr. Corey argued that the AFL-CIO American Federation of Teachers "has shown little interest and almost no activity in the fields of ethics, research, teacher education, or the improvement of instruction." Instead he charged "it comes back to its single song, its panacea for all problems—collective bargaining for teachers." And, he added, "The very nature of collective bargaining compels the school superintendent and the teacher to assume the role of antagonist in a continuing struggle."

That, indeed, could be the death knell of teaching "in the spirit of free inquiry" in America. That the teaching profession needs and deserves the generous consideration of a nation which so depends upon it goes without saying. Trade unionism with its "continuing struggle," hardly seems the ideal way to achieve such a meaningful and productive understanding.—CFS.

Governor Needs New Plane

Most citizens are skeptical over proposals of what may seem large expenditures of public funds for the purchase of housing or transportation equipment for elected officials in high places.

Since the notice of intention to purchase a much needed personal airplane for use of Governor Pat Brown has been served, some people have raised knowing eyebrows and some others have turned up some unkind blasts.

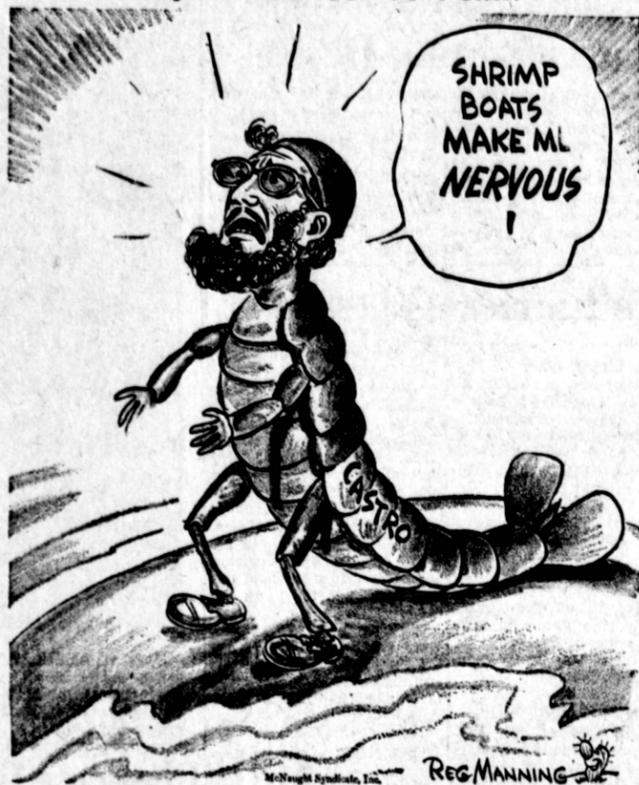
Although we are among the many who view with alarm all government spending, except for essentials, in this instance we believe the proposal was long overdue. The State of California now provides its chief executive with an ancient DC 3, still serviceable for certain short range tasks, but, totally inadequate for today's fast pace when the governor of the nation's largest state (by population) is expected to be in several widely scattered places in a single day. It goes without saying, he needs speed, safety and comfort, all three of which are lacking under all flying conditions in the present equipment.

No self respecting large corporation would do less for its president. We suggest the governor's needs for fast, safe travel are as great or greater.

One woman to another in Downtown Torrance:

"Only one family of our relatives lives within their income and they have to borrow money to do it."

Maybe He's Got A Point!



ROYCE BRIER

Suggests Giving Support To Malayan Federation

While we have been fooling around in a murky war apparently impossible to win in South Vietnam, we might consider giving moral support to Great Britain, and financial support to a proposed federation of Malaya, Singapore and three states of British Borneo.

This federation is due for establishment Aug. 31, to be known as Malaysia. It has a population of about 9 million, and is pro-Western, all its parts self-governing and prosperous.

This prosperity is one annoyance for President Sukarno of Indonesia, who is running something he calls "guided democracy," actually an authoritarian mish-mash with strong undertones of communism. Recently in Jakarta, Sukarno declared his antagonism to the new federation, and his support of Red Chinese malcontents who operate a jungle guerrilla against North Borneo. Sukarno can, and does, supply

them from his South Borneo territory. Sukarno used to break the brittle hearts of Hollywood on occasional junkets, and usually shows up in Washington every few years for kind words and a handout. Then he flies back to Jakarta and starts barking about "American imperialism." For years his own economy has been in a mess, and he is jealous of the free economy of the new federation. Malaya is a limited monarchy, head by Prince Abdul Rahman, and is the world's largest producer of tin and rubber. Singapore is the greatest trading center in the Far East, and on Borneo, Sarawak and North Borneo are crown colonies, and Brunei is a protected sultanate.

Sukarno has 2 million communists in Indonesia, mostly Chinese, and they are pushing him, fearing a democratic belt between them and their ideological home in Peking. How much trouble Sukarno can stir up for the new na-

tion, outside of fomenting insurrections, is not clear. He is a gifted trouble-maker. He has some military gear given him by Moscow, and last year strong-armed the Netherlands out of some jungle called West Papua.

A quaint aspect of Sukarno's vexation, more appropriate to the sports page than to this one, is that Sukarno has quit the International Olympics. The Russians gave him a whale of a stadium, and he's going to stage his own Olympics in competition with Tokyo. Perhaps he'll combine the best of the West and East, and hold 50-mile hikes around a swimming pool.

The Malaysians don't propose to let Sukarno kill their federation, and they are increasing their armed forces. Britain is planning to send troops if necessary. For us, this looks like a better free world gamble than some in those parts, and should you agree, you might tell your congressman.

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

I'm heartsick over an article in your paper today (Jan. 31), entitled "Don't Permit the Children to Wreck Your Home Life" by Count Marco (Beauty and the Beast). I had personally felt the "Herald" stood for good principle and ethics, but this article cuts an even deeper, uglier mark across the vitals of our American homes.

It is true husbands need love and attention but does he not have responsibility beyond a pay check? May I ask who fathered these children? He is also a contributor to life of these children by conception, if not by love and attention?

Paragraph 7 reads, "How much better off would many be as orphans instead." Instead! Instead! Instead of what? How much better to have no Mother's love, or wouldn't it be better for these children to have the love and be the center of both its parents.

Because Mothers make children their full time concern are they to be labeled "selfish" par. 1, "millstone" par. 1, "inadequate" par. 5, "brainless" par. 6, "idiots" par. 8? The person tells of men "moaning" about "total indifference to their own needs and wants" par. 2. I repeat "their own" wants. My, my, and these Mothers are called Selfish! Do these men ever consider the needs of their children?

Par. 4 "He wants to wine and dine the woman, romance her, party her, take her on trips. But she says the children." If this dear boy desires to remain a gay, care-free playboy, there are means

to prevent children. But since he's "assisted" in giving life to these children, would it be too much for him to mature enough to be a father and do some things as a family? The article goes on to say in the same paragraph that it is such a conflict "that he has reached the point of either wanting to break her head of the children's." My, that certainly is a wholesome thought and well adjusted too!

The 10th par. reads, "Children are just sort of an in-between thing to show you've contributed your share to populating the earth." Are they? Children are rare and priceless gifts of God. Immortal souls, in little bodies, very complex and ever so tender. Ours to love and cry over, to feed and clothe, play with, guard and I have no doubt we shall give an account to Almighty God for the life he has entrusted to us. They cause us many heart-aches but also they are an endless source of joy. How do I know? Ask a couple who has buried one.

Count Marco also warns Mothers "Be carefully lest you're replaced entirely" by some other woman. Now that may be very fine for our little Don Juan. He can get another woman and if she doesn't treat him right, get another and another, and another... Now I'd really like to take the final paragraph to task, which reads "many of the Better families have discovered wisely that others can rear their children much more successfully than the parent." May I ask in what ways these families are better? And what

is so wise about finding someone a better parent than you are to your own child?

"And just who are you to differ with them" is the familiar statement. I certainly wouldn't want to differ with these Better and wise families but I know someone who does, God! You and I, the Mothers and Fathers of these children are to train these children. Love them, discipline them, in short be parents who will give an account to God, not a tutor or baby sitter, or nurse. These may sit in on occasions, but it's our responsibility and privilege to raise our children... If these dear men get the way of life they want, will they ever have a son to say "I want to be like my Dad?"

God give us more Moms and Dads who want to be full time parents.

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A Bookman's Notebook

Dorothy Parker 'Discovers' Novel Printed in California

William Hogan

A novel of Hollywood by the writer Alan Marcus appeared in a limited edition a few years ago from a totally unknown source, Manzanita Press of Yucca Valley. Titled "Of Streets and Stars," it was handsomely designed by Merle Armitage, but so far as I can determine, received very little distribution.

Marcus used a Hollywood locale to write something more about a Hollywood novel. He observed the dying film mogul; the frustrated writer; the production dynamo and others, each with an inner anguish that set him apart and simultaneously bound him to his fellows. On the fringes of the story were tortured and oddball characters... the young lady who pretends to be a star, and a daffy fellow engaged in building an ark among them.

There was a ground swell of interest in the book when that veteran Hollywood-hater Dorothy Parker "discovered" it in Esquire. Such unlikely endorsers of anything as Kenneth Patchen and Archibald MacLeish had kind words to say of it. Sterling Hayden, a veteran observer of Hollywood mores, was among its most enthusiastic boosters. Still, the book had few readers.

The distinguished Boston house of Houghton Mifflin has now introduced a national trade edition "Of Streets and Stars," possibly on the strength of Parker, MacLeish and other buzzsaws. I was never moved by the book as they were. I still disagree violently when it is compared favorably with Nathanael West's "The Day of the Locust," that most grim and sardonic comment ever uttered on the Hollywood life.

On looking it over again, I find Marcus' book far less terrifying an experience than "The Day of the Locust." It is an oddly stilted work that borders on the pretentious, and in it I detect some of the very stereotypes and cliches among its characters and situations that its author obviously fought to avoid.

It is, at the same time, an addition to the serious literature on the American movie-making phenomenon. But let us not make the mistake of confusing Alan Marcus with Nathanael West, which is unfair to Marcus.

Lion Feuchtwanger non-described Marcus' exercise in anguish, joy and violence thus: "It is not a documentary, not polemic, not earnestly applied sociology; it is not the work of a social cartographer or anthropologist on safari; nor does it come under any of the innumerable sub-categories into which much, if not most, present day fiction pre-eminently falls." Feuchtwanger suggested

Quote

JAMES A. NEWTON, Palo Alto—"In 1950, Representative John F. Kennedy posed the question to the House: 'How long can we continue deficit financing on such a large scale with a national debt of over \$258 billions?' The question now appears to be: How much longer at \$300 billions?"

LARRY LEWIS, 95, S. F. waiter—I grew up with Navajo and Papago Indians for playmates and they taught me that a friendly approach brought a friendly response. I believe in smiling first."

GENE JOHNSON, U. C. trackman—"The pole vaulters are going so high they'll get a nose bleed one of these days."

MAYOR GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, S.F., to California publishers—"If we have managed news we will have mismanaged government."

DR. WILLIAM HUNTER, S.F. bone and muscle specialist, criticizing 50-mile physical fitness hike craze—"It's saying there's something the matter with your car so go drive it to beat hell."

that "poetry" might be the precise description of this glimpse into the Hollywood world of gaudy shadows. So you see how even the heavy-weight observers are hard put to analyze it.

Of Streets and Stars, By Alan Marcus, Houghton Mifflin, 304 pp., \$4.50

Around the World With

DELAPLANE

"On a cruise ship to the Orient, we will spend 10 days in Japan—(picking up the boat again later). We would like to stay in the Japanese inns you mention but my husband and I are a little shy about the baths where all the guests get in together..."

Fear not. Some Japanese inns have private bath with room. But most have a rather large but private bathroom somewhere off the corridor near your room.

This bath is used by a number of guests. But only one at a time. (Or two at a time—it's customary for the wife to soap up her husband while he sits grandly in the little wooden stool.)

The community bath is usually found in the seaside or hot springs resorts. A nice social, holiday custom that lets guests get acquainted. Japanese hotels don't have public dining rooms or lobbies or TV rooms.

Your private bath is decorated with a flower arrangement. Or often it has a sliding screen window opening on a private garden. Anyway, it has a pleasant aspect and is not just a wash-and-dry utility room.

"We did hear of bathhouses that have private baths. Maybe we should go there..."

Your answer is above. Anyway, the bathhouses—called onsen—are more social than the hotel. They are for the tired businessman: Music, cocktails and as a finale, the gentleman is given a bath and massage in a private room by a girl—sometimes two girls—in bikini.

The cost of this sybaritic living is \$2.50.

"What duty do we pay U. S. Customs on binoculars? Cameras? China made in Japan?"

You get the first \$100 duty-free. After that, binoculars, 30 per cent. Cameras 15 per cent. China, 45 per cent.

"My daughter wants to bicycle with another girl in Europe this summer. They are 19. This seems unsafe to me and I wonder if there isn't a tour that would accomplish this with some guidance."

Write American Youth Hostels, 14 W. 8th St., New York City. Ask for their folder "1963 Highroad to Adventure the Hostel Way." Gives you all kinds of group tours—by train and bicycle, group station wagon, bus, train and steamer. Any kind you want.

For example, a bike and train group trip for 30 days in England and Scandinavia—\$765 includes round-trip transportation from the U. S. and all costs. The girl must have \$30 with her for an emergency fund. After the 30 days, learning how to do it from the group leader, they take off on their own—at their own expense on a pre-arranged continuing trip. Total gives you 6 to 8 weeks of Europe travel.

That's an excellent price for the first 30 days. And a very practical way to break into such traveling. I think you could figure the continuing on-their-own travel at \$5 to \$10 a day. They still go as a group and stay at hostels.

There are some good ones in the U. S., too. By bike and train for four weeks through New England, \$170. By station wagon for five weeks through the Western National Parks, \$365.

"If we plan to camp around Europe, how do we get the equipment over?"

Why not rent some equipment—or buy it—in Europe. Everybody goes camping. Ask the tourist offices of the countries you're going to. They send you campsite lists and will tell you how to go about it.

Answer to Mrs. Corwin who forgot to enclose her address: Yes, I will take 25 people to Japan, Hong Kong and Hawaii on April 15. I still have room for nine. I need your address and I'll send you details.

This is going to be an unusual and fun trip—just the way I planned it for myself.

Stan Delaplane finds it impossible to answer all of his travel mail.

For his intimate tips on Japan, Italy, England, France, Russia, Hawaii, Mexico, Ireland, and Spain (10 cents each), send coins and stamped, self-addressed, large envelope to the Torrance HERALD, Box RR, Torrance, Calif.

Morning Report:

It seems that international troubles are getting into some kind of rut these days.

This little world had just survived the Cuban onslaught on one of our shrimp boats when lobsters moved into the troubled spotlight. Paris is rushing a destroyer to South America to protect a French lobster boat against attacks by Brazil.

I assume the United Nations Security Council will soon appeal to the California crab fleet to stay at anchor in the interest of world peace. Or, perhaps, all of us should give up shell fishing for the duration.

Abe Mellinkoff