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Need for Overhaul

References here Thursday to the city's patchwork of ordinances which boast amendments upon amendments brings up a point which long has bothered a number of concerned citizens and some public officials.

The city's ordinances, and the underlying structure, the city charter, are in dire need of an overhaul.

This is never an easy task, and the first step is to catalog the deficiencies and the inconsistencies which have long served as a brake to the city's move toward maturity.

The current case in point is the wish of a majority of the City Council to open examinations for future chiefs of the city's fire and police departments to qualified professional men now members of the respective departments. This is something which should have been settled as a matter of policy long before now. Now that examinations to fill at least one of the positions is imminent, establishment of such a policy can hardly be divorced from a consideration of the city employees directly concerned.

The city's many ordinances and charter are shot full of such potential traps. Zoning ordinances are breached weekly by variances.

Members of the city's several commissions often are uncertain of their role in the establishment of city policy and the application of those policies to specific cases.

Ordinances governing appointment of commissioners need some revisions. The Airport Commission, as an example, is deprived of the technical knowledge of anyone associated with aviation in an executive capacity.

The procedure for revamping the city's charter would appear to call for the appointment of a citizens committee to work with competent legal council. Nothing will ever be accomplished until this first step is taken.

An Easy Goal

A goal of only \$26,866 has been set for Torrance in the first annual campaign of the United Way, Inc., formerly the Community Chest.

For a city within easy reach of becoming Los Angeles County's third largest in population, the quota is small and should easily be reached.

Commerce and industry will raise more than half of the goal, leaving only about \$13,486 for the general public numbering some 100,000 souls.

Considering that the United Way assists 300 agencies throughout the county in carrying on their many good works, this is an opportunity for the individual to take care of his annual charities and civic obligations with a single gift. Obviously, if every individual would give only a little the goal would not be reached but greatly exceeded.

Give this year in this easy, practical way. Give the United Way and feel good about it.

Sheer Contempt

For sheer contempt of their country's laws, the attitude of the so-called "student crusade" to Cuba tourists is hard to match in the annals of American travel abroad.

This motley band of incorrigibles, many of them members of the Progressive Labor Party, seemed bent upon embarrassing their country in the world and giving the Castro communists and fellow travelers a new source for propaganda.

This contemptible congress of male and female misfits were quick to seek the protection of their status as American citizens and, fortunately, were able to get back into the country during an administration that seemingly refuses to face up to any situation likely to cause too much controversy.

The authorities would have had the sympathy, and would have been on sound legal grounds, had they carted most of the insolent nogoods back to Castro and let him maintain them in the manner to which they certainly are not accustomed.

Opinions of Others

When a dynamic editorial comes along the pike we believe it should be given the widest possible circulation. We commend to our readers' attention the following editorial from Odessa (Tex.) American:

WHAT KIND OF A 'NUT' IS HE?

- He wants to run his own business.
- He wants to select his own doctor.
- He wants to make his own bargains.
- He wants to buy his own insurance.
- He wants to select his own reading matter.
- He wants to provide for his own old age.
- He wants to make his own contracts.
- He wants to select his own charities.
- He wants to educate his children as he wishes.
- He wants to make his own investments.
- He wants to select his own friends.
- He wants to provide his own recreation.
- He wants to compete freely in the market place.
- He wants to grow by his own efforts.
- He wants to profit from his own errors.
- He wants to take part in the competition of ideas.
- He wants to be a man of good will.

What kind of a nut is he? He's an American who understands and believes in the Declaration of Independence, that's what kind.

Aren't you glad you are too? And don't you wonder why so many of our fellow Americans are trying so hard to destroy the kind of life that has made us the aim and the envy of every other people on earth?

The question is: What kind of nuts are they?

Changing Pitchers



ROYCE BRIER

Wheat Boycott Policy Now Appears Obsolete

After 46 years, it may be said that the Soviet Union is a going concern. We don't like its political system, but it jogs along.

The mark of a successful economy is the surplus, and the Soviet Union has a few, notably oil. But it is sailing close to the wind in grains and meat. We have many surpluses, some so large as to embarrass us. The Russians use their limited surpluses for political ends, but some of our foreign aid allotments are not above politics.

The Soviet wheat crop is short this year an estimated 10 per cent, while all North America is smothered in a wheat surplus. Recently Canada made a deal to sell 228 million bushels of wheat and flour to the Soviet Union for \$500 million. But the United States export policy prohibits sale to communist nations lest it strengthen their economies.

That this policy is out of date and shortsighted is evident. This summer Canada also sold 187 million bushels to the communists, so Canada manifestly doesn't revere our world trade viewpoint.

There is a small bugaboo for the timorous in the Canadian-Soviet deal. The Russians are the sole source of wheat for Cuba, so some of the Canadian wheat will go there. But Cuban consumption is a small factor. The only exceptions to our boycott are Poland and Yugoslavia.

The Canadian deal whetted some appetites in the Mississippi Valley. Senator Humphrey, Minnesota, questioned American grain export policy, and Senator Carlson, Kansas, a major wheat state, spoke of "pollyanna platitudes" in our export restrictions.

Grain export law is confused, involving interpretation of the Mutual Security

Act declaring against sale of "subsidized" products to "unfriendly countries." The wheat subsidy is about 50 cents a bushel.

Meanwhile, in a little-noted meeting, 200 businessmen went to the White House to discuss export policy. Secretary Freeman, Agriculture, and Secretary Hodges, Commerce, favor a change. There were New York reports the Soviet Union intends to approach the United States on a wheat purchase.

Humphrey, a staunch supporter of President Kennedy, is outspoken for a revised policy. He denied the national security is impaired by the sale of wheat and other non-strategic goods of the Soviet Union.

All foodstuffs may be "strategic" in war. But in peace, how many billions of bushels of this stuff do you want to squirrel away — at your own expense, of course?

FROM THE MAILBOX

Councilman Maintains He Did Not Change His Vote

Editor, Torrance Herald

First of all I want to congratulate your reporter on the way he handled the details concerning each councilman's stand on the ordinance pertaining to police chief and fire chief. Your staff has consistently been pretty accurate.

I object however to the headline "Scharrotta Changes Vote on Ordinance." For your information, I did not change my vote at this my first opportunity to vote on it. Two weeks before I voted with the majority of the council to have Mr. Remelmeyer draw up this much needed ordinance because the old one had outlived its usefulness.

Voting for the drawing up of an ordinance does not imply that the finished product must be accepted in its entirety. Any legislator, in any of our American political institutions, has the right of debate to institute changes or deletions. Furthermore, our City Manager and most of the members of our Council knew my stand right along.

Most of the proposed ordinance appealed to me. I felt, however, that it was not necessary to go outside the city for a fire chief when we have eleven qualified men in our Fire Department to compete for the post. Furthermore, not one single city of 100,000 or more population in the entire state of California opens the examination of fire chief to outsiders; only small cities do.

I have no opposition to that part of the proposed ordinance that dealt with the police chief. Under the circum-

stances a councilman's duty is to assess the existing conditions and availability of talent and then make up his mind. This does not mean that we do not have talent in the Police Department — only the circumstances warranted my position. I must say the timing is bad. I disagree with the argument that both departments should be on equal footing. Even the existing ordinance does not do this.

In closing I must say that my stand will not keep us in the horse and buggy days.

ROSS A. SCHARROTTA
Councilman

Editor's note: Councilman Scharrotta's contention that 11 men are eligible to compete for the post of fire chief is possible only if the ordinance governing selection is changed. At the present time, only one man, the deputy fire chief, is eligible to seek the post.

COMMENTS ARTICLE

I wish to commend you for publishing the article "Stranger in Town Finds a Spot of Hospitality" on the front page of the Sept. 26th Herald.

This is indeed refreshing when so much of that which is sordid is continually before and all about us. More like it, I say.

People at heart have much that is kind and good. I repeat: more like it.

REV. CARL J. TILTON
Lomita

PRaises DORAIS

I like the to-the-point articles you run once in a while by James Dorais. His last Sun-

day's story about how homeowners are discouraged from making improvements because it always raises their taxes was particularly good, I thought.

I also enjoy John Morley's column. He is a real American. Your man Hoppe is a very clever writer but sometimes he gets a little way out for me.

I spend most of my summers in Torrance visiting relatives and friends and have enjoyed reading your paper each week.

JONATHON TALBERG

Quote

PAUL HERZOG, Reseda — "The real question of the Test Treaty is 'Shall the nuclear powers poison the babies of the world?'"

LYNN BURROWS, S. F., upon return from Red Cross overseas duty—"The role of the Red Cross is that of a kind of universal mending tape—an idea that makes friends out of total strangers."

THOMAS C. ROGERS, Sunland, on legality of abortion—"The basic point is whether an innocent human life may be willfully taken by another person, no matter how difficult the circumstances."

WINSTON SCOTT, Los Angeles — "Character is developed day by day from experiences, attitudes, and concepts such as are provided in the Boy Scout program."

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Will We Ever Reduce Our Growing National Debt?

"Pay every debt as if God wrote the bill"—Emerson

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Here at the capital they shake their heads when you bring up the menacing public debt, soon to reach \$315.6 billion.

From here across the nation a cult has risen which calls itself "liberal." This cult believes in fairy tales. Some of its followers practice public or self-deception.

They believe that balanced budgets are old-fashioned . . . and "public needs" should always take precedent, no matter what. The cult also believes that public funds should be expended for almost everything that man desires that he individually cannot afford.

The "liberal cult" gives little or no thought to the diminution of public and world confidence in the dollar . . . or what might happen if that confidence was suddenly destroyed.

The cult for 30 years now . . . excluding the war years when federal outlays essentially skyrocketed . . . has pyramided war and non-defense deficits to a cool \$315.6 billion by 1964.

Here is the record of the rising public debt since 1934:

Year	Fed'l. Expend. in Bill. \$	Natl. Debt in Bill. \$
1934	6.7	27.1
1935	6.5	28.7
1936	8.5	33.8
1937	7.8	36.4
1938	6.8	37.2
1939	8.9	40.4
1940	9.1	43.0
1941 (WW 2)	13.3	49.0
1942 (WW 2)	34.0	72.4
1943 (WW 2)	79.4	136.7
1944 (WW 2)	95.1	201.0
1945 Roosevelt-Truman	98.4	258.7

Year	Fed'l. Expend. in Bill. \$	Natl. Debt in Bill. \$
1946	60.4	269.4
1947	39.0	258.3
1948	33.0	252.3
1949	39.5	257.4
1950 (Kor'n war)	39.5	252.8
1951 (Kor'n war)	44.0	255.2
1952 (Kor'n war)	65.3	259.1
1953 (Kor'n war)	74.1	266.1
1954	67.5	271.3
1955	64.4	274.4
1956	66.2	272.8
1957	69.0	270.5
1958	71.4	276.3
1959	80.3	284.7
1960	76.5	286.3

Each time a columnist raises a voice of warning over the menacing public debt, the alert administration propaganda mill mails him a bulletin to the effect that our fears

James Dorais

Loss of Land Threat to Agriculture

With every passing year, more and more of California's rich, irrigated farm land is converted to paved streets and tract houses in order to meet the housing needs of the continuing influx of newcomers to the Number One State.

What effect will suburbia's encroachment eventually have on the total importance of agriculture, which in the past has been the state's number one industry?

At a recent conference on "Food the Man of the Future," one of the state's leading agricultural authorities, Bank of America's vice president J. Earl Coke, predicted: "It appears inevitable that irrigated crop production will be totally pushed out of the coastal valleys and plains by 1988, with the possible exception of the upper Salinas Valley. And the areas surrounding metropolitan centers, as for example, Sacramento and Fresno, will shift out of agriculture."

Whether agriculture will retain its importance will depend on the ability to open new lands to irrigation, and this in turn will be determined by the price of the water available for irrigation.

To illustrate how agriculture vitally affects all Californians, whether they live in farm communities or not, the California State Chamber of (Continued on Page 21)

are without foundation . . . and that the country has nothing to worry about. The bulletin indicates that the Gross National product is climbing and the "public-debt ratio" is being reduced . . . whatever that means.

The implication seems to be that while the public debt keeps increasing, so is GNP . . . and this ratio reduces the dangers inherent in a rising public debt.

This is either ignorance . . . or a calculated colossal misrepresentation.

To illustrate: Suppose Mr. Jones owns a little business which produces \$30,000 worth of goods a year. If the GNP fiction writers are honest, they would just calculate the \$30,000 in the GNP report. But they don't stop there.

Suppose Mr. Jones decides to take it easier, or retire and hires Mr. Smith at \$20,000,

out of the \$30,000, to run the business. Then Mr. Smith hires Mr. Brown to help him at \$10,000.

Now, all these sums, totaling now \$60,000, got into GNP, or production. But in reality only \$30,000 is production. Thus, the GNP figures released by the administration do not necessarily mean an increase in production, or in tax revenue . . . nor do they have any relation to the dangers inherent in a rising public debt.

It is apparent that GNP figures are misleading in that they imply a rate of growth up to twice the actual amount . . . and a subsequent false impression of increased tax revenues.

The only way to reduce the public debt is to spend less than we take in and apply the difference toward debt reduction. There is no other way known to man.

Our Man Hoppe

A Moderate for President

—Art Hoppe

The Liberals are furious with Senator Goldwater. And in their anger they're hurling a pretty vicious charge at him. The Senator, they say with outrage, is becoming more like them.

"He has begun his Great Mutation," cries the New Republic. And it says the Senator is no longer issuing clarion calls to abolish the income tax and farm subsidies or crack down on labor unions. At most, he's demanding maybe "a complete study" of these problems. Which is a pretty wishy-washy clarion call.

So the Liberals are accusing the Senator of forsaking his principles! (Which they can't abide.) And coming over to their way of thinking! (Which sounds disastrous.) Just because he wants to be President! (Which is true.)

It seems to happen every four years. The country's lousy with radical candidates from the Left and Right. Yet we always seem to elect a moderate President. It's like the case of Dr. Albert Pangmire, the standard bearer of the Nudist-Communist-Vegetarian Coalition Party.

As you recall, a computer with a nagging headache misread a digit late in the campaign and announced Dr. Pangmire was preferred by 48.6 per cent of the voters. Reporters rushed to Dr. Pangmire's headquarters in an abandoned garbage scow to record his fearless stand on the issues in depth.

Q - Dr. Pangmire, if you'll pose for a picture . . .
A - Wait till I get my trousers on, gentlemen. There. Now my vest, coat, top hat . . . Good. Shoot.

Q - But, sir, as a practicing nudist . . .
A - True, true. I stand foursquare for nudism. In carefully selected private areas, highly fenced. If the local authorities don't object.

Q - Now, sir, about the clarion call you issued yesterday in the Daily Worker for "an immediate revolution of the proletariat, though the streets run red with blood."
A - Exactly. And when elected President, my first act will be to order an exhaustive Federal study to determine whether an immediate revolution of the proletariat is feasible. At this time.

Q - An exhaustive study?
A - I don't care if it takes 20 years.

Q - Yes sir. Do you feel your vegetarian principles will cost you the support of the meat industry?
A - My vegetarian principles, gentlemen, are as American as the hot dog. I firmly believe vegetables are good for you. And that goes for hot dogs, too.

Q - Can you sum up in a word, then, the answer to his question: How do you stand, sir?
A - Moderately.

Q - Since when?
A - Since that poll came out.

Unfortunately, the computer corrected the figure the next day to .000468 of one per cent. Dr. Pangmire promptly took off his trousers, raised the hammer and sickle and marched off munching a stalk of celery. And he hasn't been seen since.

Which all proves you can count on a politician to swear by his principles. As long as he hasn't got a prayer. For the Liberals' sake, however, I hope the Senator proves the exception. For their sake I hope he gets elected, wrecks the economy and plunges us all into World War III. It's the only way he'll make them happy.

NO doubt about it any longer. Former Vice President Richard Nixon hasn't got enough law business in New York to keep him busy full time. So he has returned to politics.

He endorsed the A-bomb treaty, favored by the majority in the Senate. But saw tough times ahead as a result of it, the position of the minority. Thus he not only is standing in the middle of the road but at both curbs as well. A perfectly four-square political position.

Then to prove solidly that he is a candidate for the GOP nomination, he said he wasn't. It isn't clear just why anyone asked him.

Morning Report:

Abe Mellinkoff