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Pull Down Those Shades

The diligence of the police department, demonstrated by a raid on a poker party being held in a private home, may win the praise of those inclined to favor literal interpretation of the laws.

It should be pointed out, however, a precedent has been established obligating the police to follow some trails that may lead them into the privacy of a lot more living rooms, into some church parlors, out on to the city's own three-par golf course and to many, many other places where football, baseball or ping pong are being played or are topics of conversation leading to inevitable differences of opinion.

If the police were in possession of prior evidence that the game was of the "floating" variety with professional implications, they certainly were doing their duty and are to be commended. Otherwise, we suggest, the home owners of the community might adopt maximum security measures when sitting down to their social pursuits or resign themselves to a long winter of Simon purity.

U.S. in News Business

Few people probably know it, but, to quote Editor & Publisher, "The U. S. Government has entered the business of collecting and disseminating news in competition with private news agencies."

The arm of the government involved in this disturbing and unprecedented enterprise is the Department of Agriculture. On the first of August, it inaugurated a marketing news service over a national leased wire teletype network. The significance of that is found in a protest filed by the American Newspaper Publishers Assn. with the Federal Communications Commission: "An expansion of this concept would result in a government-controlled news service such as presently exists in some other countries including the Soviet Union, where the so-called news service Tass is government-owned and operated." The FCC answered that it was without jurisdiction, and the matter has been passed on to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Whatever the final result, the very real dangers inherent in this step should be universally understood. To quote Editor & Publisher once more: "A government, or official, news agency is the last thing we want in this country. It could lead to attempts by other government agencies to enter the same area and this particular endeavor would put the government in the censorship business in an odious form."

If you think those words are too strong, a statement by the Department of Agriculture itself should resolve your doubts. It "reserves the right to cancel at any time the connection of any and all subscribers who abuse the service by misrepresentation of reports, or for any other reason when, in its sole judgment, such cancellation is desirable." That can mean only one thing—a user of the service is warned to go along with the Department of Agriculture line, whatever it may be, or be prepared for punishment.

This is no small matter—after all, great oaks from little acorns grow. And if government is to disseminate news, what power would be left to prevent government from doctoring and warping news as it sees fit?

Open the Bottleneck

Opening of the two-mile stretch of Hawthorne Blvd. south from Newton St. in the Walteria section of Torrance, through Rolling Hills Estates to Palos Verdes Drive North, deserves priority consideration by the City of Torrance.

The present bottleneck should be eliminated to help in the accommodation of the ever increasing flow of traffic between Torrance and the Peninsula area. Rolling Hills Estates and Los Angeles County already have budgeted funds for the improvement that now awaits action of the City of Torrance in acquiring the necessary right of way.

On Civil Rights

In our conscientious attempts to see that all Americans achieve and have protected their civil rights, we should be careful that in the process more civil rights for more people are not violated.

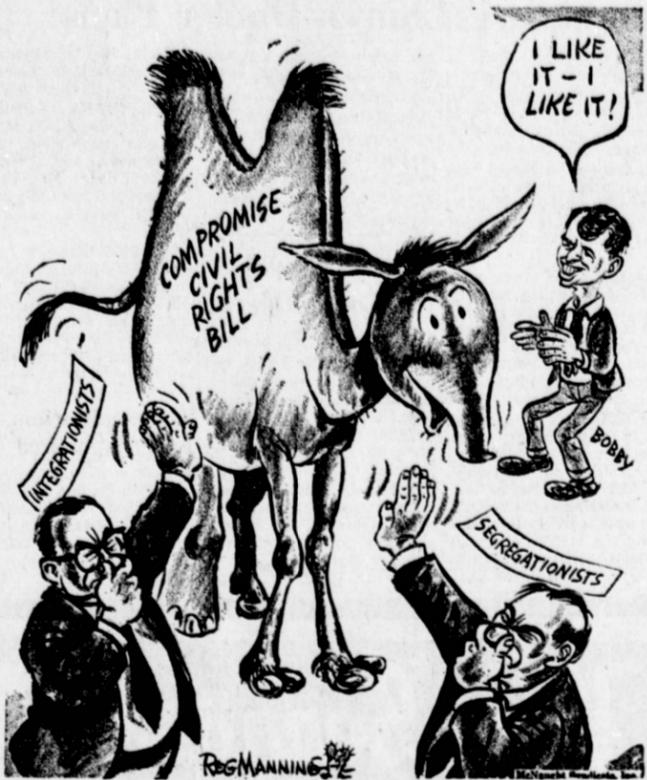
John C. Satterfield, a past president of the American Bar Assn., feels that President Kennedy's civil rights bill may give the Attorney General powers apparently prohibited in the Constitution. He believes this strong shift in the thrust of federal power is especially notable in the matter of voting rights. He feels it destroys more civil rights of more citizens than it protects.

A most disturbing fact is that more and more competent observers feel that the President's civil rights bill consists of 90 per cent federal power and 10 per cent civil rights.

Opinions of Others

LITITZ, PA., RECORD-EXPRESS: "There are indications that the banning of books is on the increase in the United States. This apparently reflects the growth of a widespread but mistaken idea that someone ought to be telling others what to read. . . . In 1954, for example, Hans Christian Anderson's beloved fairy tales were stamped in red ink, 'For Adult Readers Only,' by order of the Illinois secretary of state. Mark Twain's 'Huckleberry Finn,' possibly America's greatest novel, was banned in New York because an influential organization disliked one of its characters. Other examples, involving even such masterpieces as plays by Shakespeare, are numerous."

Definition-'Horse' Designed By A Committee



ROYCE BRIER

Temple Raising Project Saves Record of the Past

One of the heartening news stories of our time came out of Cairo — work is to begin this month on lifting the Temple of Abu Simbel to a high ground, thus rescuing it from lake waters which will be created by the new Aswan High Dam.

This mighty monument of Rameses II (1300 B. C.), 600 miles up the Nile from Cairo, was not even known until 150 years ago. Sand from a desert plateau covered it entirely, though a smaller downriver temple of Queen Nefertari was exposed.

Rameses cut a wedge in red sandstone 108 feet high, 124 feet wide. Four colossi of the seated Pharaoh, 67 feet high, flank a temple entrance. The head of one of the figures is missing. Beyond the entrance is a temple with eight 30-foot Pharaohs, 200 feet into the rock. The walls are elaborate with bas-reliefs of Ramesid history.

Excepting the mutilated figure, this is the best-preserved antiquity in Egypt, probably due to the sand drift. From a river boat it is a startling spectacle, even to one familiar with Karnak, Luxor, and the Pyramids.

But its base stands only a few feet above the Nile flood. Hydraulic engineers expect the High Dam to raise the waters 60 feet, which would soon disintegrate the monument.

To put a cofferdam about it would cost scores of millions and impair the play of light and shadow which give the monument majestic life. An Italian firm planned to raise the whole facade on jacks, which would be equally expensive.

President Nasser and archaeologists took the problem to the United Nations, and UNESCO organized a worldwide appeal for funds. The United States came in for \$12 million, and most of a \$36 million fund is now available.

Engineers, archaeologists and the Egyptian Ministry of Culture agree on a plan to cut the facade in blocks and reassemble them on higher ground. Full technical details regarding the interior temple and the smaller Queen's temple have not been disclosed, but the job will take six years.

Charles Chapel

Conservative, Liberal Differences Defined

Editor's Note: "Sacramento Report," a weekly comment on events of interest in Sacramento by Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel, is carried regularly by The Herald. This week's copy is considered to be of special interest because it departs from usual format to present historic background helpful in enabling the editorial page reader to more thoroughly understand the difference between "liberal" and "conservative" as political labels.

By Charles E. Chapel
Dwight D. Eisenhower, former President of the United States recently said: "We should discard such shopworn terms as 'liberal' and 'conservative.' I have never yet found anyone who could convincingly explain his own definition."

Carter Glass of Virginia, who was U. S. Senator, U. S. Secretary of the Treasury, a successful author and newspaper publisher, and one of the great leaders of the Democratic Party in modern times defined a liberal as "a man who is willing to spend somebody else's money."

Ambrose G. Bierce, who was nationally famous as a newspaper reporter, book author, and foreign correspondent until he disappeared and apparently died about 1914, was once asked to define the words "conservative" and "liberal." With tongue in cheek, he replied: "A conservative is a statesman who is enamored of existing evils, as distinguished from the liberal, who wishes to replace them with others."

Bierce was thinking in the terms of the era in which he lived. Today, he probably would retain his definition of a liberal, but it is impossible to guess how he would define a conservative because Bierce was as fully aware of the difficulty of defining these words as Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Pericles, the Athenian statesman who lived in Greece from about 495 B.C. until 429 B.C., when asked to define a conservative, replied with this profound question: "What was the road by which we reached our position, what the form of government under which our greatness grew, what the national habits out of which it sprang?"

Very truly yours
JAMES D. McCUNE
Publicity Chairman

To the Editor:
For the past seven years it has been my pleasure to serve the Torrance Police Officers Association as our annual Show and Dance chairman. During these past seven years our show and dance has been (Continued on Page 19)

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Fruits of Castro Plot Ripening in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — The fruits of Castro's plotting are ripening fast in Mexico. It is apparent as the nose on your face. Only a fool or a fanatic will deny the seriousness of the Communist threat here.

From here to Vietnam and beyond, all our eye-witness reports will spotlight the highlights, reserving our notes for detailed opinion and inside stories next February.

The American way of life is definitely not for Mexico, or, in fact, for Latin America. Reason: the people here lack the historic, ethnic, political, educational and economic base on which a free society must take root.

Take for example, the strongest point of our Alliance for Progress billion-dollar program which is "land reform." It sounds great: the handing over to peasants of a few acres of land. But it isn't working in real life because a few acres of land cannot be worked profitably without mechanical equipment and small plots cannot produce enough to pay for it. The financial base is lacking.

Politics in Mexico is another great handicap. One party, the Institutional Revolutionary party (PRI) has ruled for 30 years and barring a miracle, it will rule for another 30.

Castroism in Cuba, like Peronism in Argentina, has caught fire in Mexico. Its popularity emerges from the promise, however, false and fleeting, that "popular movements" carry hope in their wane. So any kind of revolution is better than standing still and decaying in the burning sun.

Hunger and hopelessness keep people on the go emotionally. They seem to be driven mentally and physically in all directions at the same time by almost any slogan—just for the sake of moving.

Castro's Communists are here by droves promising everything . . . even to taking over the White House and all the gold at Fort Knox. Many of the stupid masses believe it . . . and grow beards to prove it.

Castro promises the Mexicans the return of Honduras, now that Guatemala (where we go in a few days) has laid claim on British Honduras. Ironically, Castro is urging the application of the Monroe doctrine against England but says nothing about applying it to Russia.

Mexican Foreign Minister Manuel Tello expressed support today (November 7) for the independence of British Honduras, but didn't say how it will be done.

British Honduras, better known as Belize in Latin America, is less than 10,000 square miles with about 50,000 people and can hardly support the population trading chicle and lumber. But the size of Belize can be deceiving . . . for propaganda and principle overwhelm size of real estate when the Castro pitch-men are doing the commercials.

Communism is here in a

Quote

Walter Spatz, Los Angeles — "The three R's deserve the keenest attention not only because of their utility, but because they also lay a foundation of intellectual discipline."

Richard L. Benton, Orangevale, on religion in schools — "This country was built by our forefathers with a trust in God, and a strong back and a clear eye: not to be destroyed by a few who would bury our heritage and kill the spirit that has created this country of ours."

Jill Jacobsen, Auburn — "Governor Brown has refused to repudiate the Young Democrats for their Commie-like resolutions. He says they have a right to their views. Yet he insists that Senator Goldwater repudiate the Birch Society. Don't they have a right to their views?"

big way and only varies depending on the hot and cold seasons, food, jobs and the Caribbean revolutions.

The political official temper is left . . . from Ex-president Lazaro Cardenas, who expropriated U.S. oil holdings in Mexico in 1938 . . . President Adolfo Lopez Mateos. Maybe not all the way to Moscow and Peking, but certainly to Havana.

From top to bottom, officials like Alfonso Corona del Rosal of the PRI . . . Manuel Sanchez of the Mexican senate . . . Emilio Piedras, Interior committee, are strong leftists.

Mexico is considered as a federal republic . . . with a president and congress like ours, elected by direct vote of the people. But in actual operation, it is a dictatorship, due to the long tenure of the PRI.

The most formidable opposition to the PRI comes

from the recently organized Independent Peasant center (CCI), which is dominated by Communists . . . and headed by former president of Mexico, Lazaro Cardenas, who is the idol of the peasants for his give-aways back in the '30s. Cardenas has announced his candidacy for the presidency in 1964.

Opposing him is the conservative, rightist group, Mexican Civic Front of Revolutionary Affirmation, organized last summer by another former Mexican president, Miguel Aleman.

But what happens in Cuba, Venezuela, Dominican Republic and other Latin America political volcanoes, more than what happens inside Mexico . . . will determine victory or defeat of right or left in Mexico and other Latin American countries in the months ahead.

(Eye-witness report from Venezuela in the next "After Hours" column).

Our Man Hoppe

U.S. Lagging In Scandal War

Art Hoppe

LONDON—What a lucky break! Here's this high-level Government sex scandal breaking in Washington. And here I am in England, mother of parliaments, cultural center of the English-speaking world, and home of the high-level Government sex scandal.

Being an ace newsmen, my first thought was, naturally: "An analytical piece!" and my second, of course: "Miss Christine Rice-Christies!" Who is, undeniably, a leading expert on the whole subject. With incredible luck I managed to catch Miss Rice-Christies alone in the salon of her mews house. Between appointments with her lawyer and her publisher.

"What can I do for you, love?" she asked, sinking into her Louis Cinq sofa and crossing one scantily-clad knee over the other. "A magazine series? A Sunday supplement article?"

No, I said, I was seeking her expert analysis of this big sex scandal in Washington involving the beautiful German girl and . . . "What did she do?" inquired Miss Rice-Christies, showing interest. Well, I said, nobody seemed to know, but she was denying it vigorously.

"A shame that," said Miss Rice-Christies. "A denial always hurts book sales later. And who's the Cabinet Minister involved? War Ministers are best. But I suppose even an Undersecretary would do in a pinch."

Well, I said, we didn't exactly have a Cabinet Minister involved. But the name of Bobby Baker was cropping up. And he used to be secretary to the Senate Majority Leader.

"Really?" she said, suppressing a yawn. "Pretty small potatoes, if you ask me. But go ahead, love. Tell me the parts about the girls in the pool and the whippings and the nude man in the mask. I'm sure you Americans must have come up with something new."

Well, I said very hangdog, there wasn't much of that so far. But we had hopes. Mr. Baker's secretary was once named "Miss Peace." And we ace newsmen had dug up incontrovertible evidence proving his chauffeur was arrested last year for speeding. But other than that, I admitted, the scandal seemed mostly over financial deals.

"Oh, simple corruption," said Miss Rice-Christies with a sniff. "Isn't that just like you Yanks? Really, no offense, but you have no talent at all for a proper scandal. Lack of tradition, I suppose. Now when you look back over a thousand years of English history, think of the glorious names that leap from the pages: Lady Hamilton, Nell Gwyn, Lady Castlemaine. . . I say, how's that for a title? 'Me and Nell Gwyn.' Do run along, love. I have to write."

Alas, it's true. And you can't blame the British for looking down their noses at our lack of cultural traditions. But we keep trying. And as a patriotic American I can only hope this current Washington scandal will blossom passionately. Can't we link Mr. L. B. Whatsname with Madame Nhu? Or something?

For while I love the British dearly, at the moment they're insufferable. Oh, I don't mind a whit their superiority in manners, dress, and language. But if there's one thing I can't stand, it's their sexier than thou attitude.

Morning Report:

Dames. Dames. Dames. The newspapers are full of them. Just as we were running out of Christine Keeler in London up popped Elly Rometsch in Washington. She was married to a German sergeant, but was doing a little modeling on the side in high places.

And in between these two beauties there was Mrs. Nhu on Page 1, whose figure is also above reproach. In 50 speeches across the country she made Vietnam a lot prettier if just as confused as ever.

Women's hands may still rock the cradle, but I don't think they are running the world - yet. It's just that man's hand is picking the pictures and writing the headlines.

Abe Mellinkoff