

# DEAR EDITOR....

**Teach Russian at ECC**  
Torrance Press

The annual report of the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee charged, that today Russian subversion in this country is "The equivalent of 20 Combat Divisions of Enemy Troops." Those enemy troops are engaging in propaganda, espionage, subversion, and are loyal only to the Soviet Union... according to Chairman Francis E. Walter, Pennsylvania.

We all realize that those subversive activities represent a

great threat to our democratic institutions. I believe it is duty and privilege of every institution of our democratic USA to help our government in combatting those subversive activities.

One way of helping would be to train a comprehensive staff of young (as well as mature) folks to understand and be fully versed in the Russian language. The US Army school of languages at Monterey, Calif., is now training personnel in the Russian language; this is however just a drop in the bucket and the need of help from civil learning institutions is im-

mediate. Why not to inaugurate Russian language courses at El Camino college this fall?

(s) Alexia N. Pestoff  
24429 Neece ave.,  
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**Cancer Drive**  
Torrance Press

I wish to thank you on behalf of the American Cancer society for the cooperation you gave in for the cancer drive.

(s) Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, publicity chairman, American Cancer society, Torrance.

**Lomita Campaign**  
Torrance Press

Why not try to count the score in Lomita? Ten months of campaigning have netted a scant 1000 property owners who

would submit to incorporation, as against more than 3000 who want no part of it.

Why the clamor for election? The promoters would have to whip into line more than 2000 non-property owners in order to win. What inducement could they offer? Experienced, intelligent renters know that whatever raises the landlord's taxes will raise the tenant's rent.

The man with a small business, whose land use is non-conforming, is protected by the county zoning. Incorporation would destroy his safeguard. The home-owner who wants peace, moderate taxation, and freedom from local political meddling, must protect himself from incorporation.

The huge campaign fund of the promoters forces us to tire mendous effort to offset it. The appalling waste of money and

time goes on and on. They must know they cannot win. Why persist?

Very respectfully yours,  
(s) MAY W. ROSS,  
25022 Pennsylvania,  
Lomita.

**An Open Letter to People of Torrance**

Dear Patron: We, the Career Employees in the Postal Service, have in the past prided ourselves on the tradition of the Post Office department: "Speed and Efficiency." We know that in the past, you, the Public, have more or less taken this type of service for granted. But now we need your help.

We know that you are interested in the welfare of your Postal Employees. We know that you want the type of Post-

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al Service we would like to give you, and which you have every right to expect.

Now it takes several years to properly train a person so that you can be given a fast, efficient Postal Service. In the past year the Torrance Post office has had a turnover of approximately 50 per cent of its force. Most of these men left because postal employees have received inadequate in comparison to the present cost of living. This isn't just a local problem, it is a problem plaguing every Post office in the country. This high rate of turnover means that YOU cannot be given the kind of service possible under more equitable salaries, which in turn act as an inducement and would stabilize the working force.

There are now two bills being considered in Congress to put Postal salaries on a comparative basis with private industry. Only YOU, our Patrons, can effectively act to obtain for us an adequate adjustment, rather than a partial one such as we have had in the past.

If you wish to help, write Senators William F. Knowland or Thomas H. Kuchel at the Senate Office bldg., Washington 25, D.C., and ask that they support Bill S 27 (Postal Employees Pay Bill) or write Representatives Donald L. Jackson or Cecil R. King at the House Office bldg., Washington D.C., and ask that they support HR 2474 (postal employees pay bill).

Red Cross Campaign  
Editor,  
Torrance Press

We would like to express our thanks for your help during the annual Red Cross fund campaign in giving prominence to our releases in your paper.

As you know, our needs this year bordered on the desperate with expenditures for disaster relief the highest in Red Cross history and constantly mounting.

While this campaign moved more slowly in some areas than has been the case in other years, returns are still coming in and we hope to make our quota before the end of the fiscal year, June 30. We feel it was through the cooperation of people like you, in a position to influence the public, that we shall be able to remain "On the job when it counts."

Again our thanks,  
(s) W. B. Ross, Director  
Public Information Dept.

**Taxes vs. Services**  
Editor,  
Torrance Press:

In your paper of April 18 you asked that the taxpayers of Torrance write to you. You say the City Council has to make a decision whether to increase taxes or cut service.

As you well know, the newspapers of Los Angeles are printing a budget slash, tax cut petition for the people to sign and send them to the local, state, and federal government. They say the mail is heavy.

Mr. Stevens said the city would not be able to hire one additional employe to meet the requests of Torrance residents who are asking for certain items and special services. I wonder what Mr. Stevens means by special services. If people are asking this kind of service let them pay. Why should I?

I have never asked the city for any special service. The people in our tract are satisfied with the service we are getting with one exception, and that is this: the other day while I was mowing my lawn, a city truck drove down the street and parked across from my home, and out came three men. One had some pruning shears. They went over to a small tree planted between the curb and the sidewalk, and after talking over as to how they were going to trim this tree, the man with the shears started cutting down about a half-dozen branches. Then the second man stooped over to pick them up and put them in the truck while the third man did nothing.

This, Mr. Editor, is a costly item for the taxpayers. I don't know what those men are paid per hour, maybe you know. It was 15 minutes per man. If this isn't a waste of the taxpayers' money, I wouldn't know what is. Give me some pruning shears and some containers and I don't need two other more men to watch me. These men could be used on other work where they would do some good.

I am retired and my pension is my only income, and I can't afford higher taxes. I believe the time has come that Mr. Stevens, the Mayor, and the City Council practice more efficiency and economy.

In other words, use the help you have and learn how to spend the taxpayers' money like you do your own.

Anonymous.

**Award Books Available At Library**

All three books that won the first ALA Liberty and Justice Book Awards, in what is expected to be an annual event in the world of books, are obtainable at the Torrance branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library, at 1345 Post Ave.

County Librarian John D. Henderson said that while copies of the winners are not in every branch, they are in the Library system and will be made available to any reader at any branch who requests them.

The award books are: "The Organization Man" by William H. Whyte, which won first place among 1956 books in the field of contemporary affairs; "Harlan Fiske Stone: Pillar of the Law" by Alpheus Thomas Mason, which placed first in the field of history and biography; and "Further Fables For Our Time" by James T. Thurber, which won in the field of imaginative literature.

**THS Students Win Honors**

Two students of Torrance High school won high honors when they were selected as the winners of an essay contest from among thirty students. The American Association of the United Nations sponsored this program. The students took a three hour examination on the subject of the United Nations, and the UN charter.

Their essays were judged for their originality, insight and understanding of the subject. The two winners, Diane Hinshaw and Nancy Taylor will receive certificates of merit, and possible further honors when their papers are reviewed in New York.

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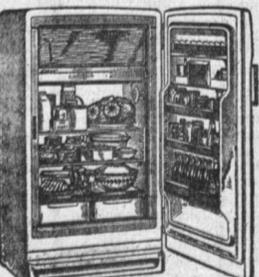


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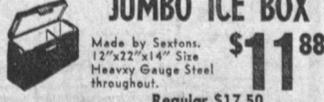
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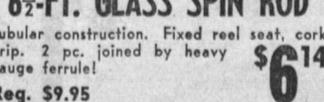
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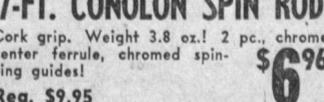
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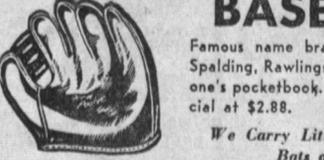


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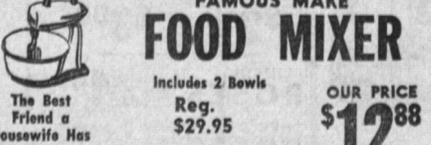
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