

Editor, Press-Herald:
Read with pleasure, your editorial on taxes, "The End of the Line" in the Sunday Press-Herald of Nov. 15. As a former Torrance City Councilman, and in my business as a real estate broker, I have been advocating a ceiling on real property taxes up to 2 per cent of the market value. Regarding the statement in your article that the real problem does not lie in spreading the burden among California taxpayers, the point is this:

If we continue to tax real property too high, the government is bound to end up by owning the land and we will really have socialism of the old feudal system, so the answer is to put a ceiling on property taxes. If there has to be additional money raised, let the government return some of our income tax monies.

Fourteen per cent of all tax monies paid to the federal government comes from Californians. This would certainly be fair to all, including industry, commerce, businessmen, union members, and especially the older folks living on fixed incomes, or pensions, the latter having to watch their expenditures very closely. I would also suggest that the federal and state governments sell all land not used for parks, etc., as I understand they own about 40 per cent of the land in California.

I firmly believe a ceiling tax would be a step in the right direction. The taxpayers would know each year what their taxes would be and it would help the school and city administrators to more closely figure their budgets.

A sample of the tax is: \$20,000 market value—Present tax on 25 per cent or \$5,000 x \$9.47, or \$473.50. 2 per cent ceiling on \$20,000 home is .02 x \$20,000 or \$400.

Thank you for your excellent editorial in support of Southland homeowners. Sincerely yours, NICK DRALE

Editor, Press-Herald. Thanksgiving is the time set aside to be thankful and count our blessings.

On this special day, a majority of the people give thanks for food, shelter, clothing, and good health—which is good and these are necessities.

As a parent in the Victor PTA in Torrance, I would like to bring to mind another necessity of American life—the PTA organization. People are now concerned with what concerns the PTA—the welfare and future of their children. Not that we haven't always loved our children deeply and wanted to give them the best opportunities for happy, effective lives, happier and more effective than our own. But today there is additional urgency in this desire of ours.

We feel that the coming years will show whether or not peace-loving men and women will have the ideals, the courage, and the intelligence to prevent the chaos of global warfare. In those years, millions of children will have reached adulthood. It is our task to prepare them for the tests ahead.

What could be a better way than to take part in PTA? There we can learn what situations our children now face and what is being done about it and what we can do ourselves. There, we can make known the needs we personally know about and work with other parents and teachers all for the same cause. By doing so, the future for all American children can be brighter than ever.

We are all concerned with our children at home and at school, and feel they are guided well, but what about while they are en route to and from school, weekend activities, and holidays? Are we all aware of the situations which might occur or just where they will be spending their time? Some may say "Johnny is big enough to take care of himself." The Good Book says, "Train a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it after many days."

By being an active member in your PTA, you will

find your unit has a juvenile protection chairman—aware, alert, and informed—to help parents direct and train their children against such things as certain literature, child molesting problems, and vandalism. A safety chairman vital to the organization is cutting down accidents. The saying, "An

ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" can sum up the safety and juvenile protection programs. Scholarships are presented by the PTA Council to help leaders of tomorrow.

Millions of people who are seeking—urgently and tirelessly—to prepare and educate the oncoming generation for freedom's tasks are the PTA volunteer workers who feel their responsibility as parents getting things

done for the American way, keeping PTA strong is a sole purpose to benefit all children. We can give thanks that this is still the American way. May we continue to strive never to lose these rights. We can be thankful for all parents and teachers in PTAs whose devotion and strong conviction lead the way to the fulfillment of parenthood, on this special day of Thanksgiving. (Name withheld by request)

South Wins Lourney's Top Award

Speech students from South High won 11 gold medals during the Southern California Debate League tournament at West High School.

The Spartans also claimed the sweepstakes trophy for their performance in individual events and debates.

Debate teams discussed the question "Resolved: that nuclear weapons should be con-

trolled by an international organization."

Gold medal winners included: David Nesenholtz, Lee Pearce, Timothy Chang, Mark Abramson, Terry Lush, Kathy MacRae, Celia Steinlauf, Sherrie Hale, and Bobbie Barrera. Nesenholtz and Pearce won two medals each.

Certificates were won by: Linda Kramer, Sharon Mond-schein, Diane Kozlow, Jill

Kaplan, Bobbie Barrera, Susie Katz, Cheryl Aston, Eric Stratton, Alan Denny, Joe Ernest, Tom Crispin, Lee Pearce, Mark Abramson, Robert Parker, Cathy Peck, Joyce West, Susan Funtsch, Lyle Hughs, Sherry Haack, Julie Change, and Ed Moss.

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