

Rally Around The Flag, Boys

The National Committee to Show Our Flag has entered the controversy between the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Treco Company, Inc., makers of the "Stars 'n Stripes" panty girdle.

As you many have read, the good ladies of the DAR complained the undergarment was "a shocking caricature" of the American flag. Mr. L. Gross of Treco, who must have felt somewhat like Stonewall Jackson marching into Fredericktown, promptly withdrew. That is, he withdrew all 3,000 Stars 'n Stripes from the market.

"We will burn the damn things or send them to some foreign country where our flag isn't involved," he said. "Maybe we can give them away as charity gifts to people in other parts of the world."

It was at this point, of course, that The National Committee to Show Our Flag stepped in. In a statement to the press, the Committee's Honorary Chairman, Corporal Homer T. Pettibone, U.S. Army Flying Corps (retired), said he was "deeply moved by Mr. Gross's patriotic offer."

"Let me begin," said Corporal Pettibone, fingering the Good Conduct ribbon in the lapel of his conservative blue suit, "by saying that we do not agree with the DAR that this garment is a shocking caricature of our flag. True, it has only seven stars around the waistband but our investigation shows the legs display the requisite 13 red and white stripes. At least in the larger sizes.

"It was the general conclusion of our committee, therefore, that a lump would rise in the throat of any patriotic man to see the Stars 'n Stripes passing by. As we constantly emphasize, no one can wave the flag too much.

"On the other hand, the Committee did foresee grave problems involving flag etiquette. The requirement that men must remove their hats and servicemen must salute when Old Glory passes would, we felt, cause considerable confusion. Particularly in downtown areas on windy days. There was also the difficulty of a suitable ceremonies at sunset and the seemingly insuperable problem of observing proper flag etiquette on days of national mourning.

"Thus, in the final analysis, the Committee wholeheartedly applauds Mr. Gross's decision to send the Stars 'n Stripes abroad. It is in keeping with our spirit of Manifest Destiny. It is a vibrant echo of Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet. As befits a world power, we shall show our flag in every foreign clime. And brave hearts everywhere, gentlemen, shall leap up.

"Morever, the committee feels it can count on the strong support of President Johnson for this people-to-people aid program to overdeveloped countries. For he never spoke truer words than during the height of the Dominican crisis when he recited from memory a passage he had learned in a recitation contest as a little boy:

"I have seen the glories of art and architecture, and mountain and river; I have seen the sunset on the Jungfrau, and the full moon rise over Mont Blanc. But the fairest vision on which these eyes ever looked was the flag of my country in a foreign land."

Local Student On Dean's List

Richard Specht, a student at the Kellogg Campus of the California State Polytechnic College in Pomona, is among 233 students named to the President's List for 1964-65.

The purpose of the President's List is to give yearly recognition to students achieving academic excellence. To be eligible a student must be enrolled as a regular student carrying 12 units or more and must achieve a 3.0 (B) or better grade point average in all studies undertaken at the college.

COUNT MARCO SAYS

Does the PTA Cause Dropouts?

With millions of members, it's no wonder the PTA gets more than a little annoyed with me when I call it a totally unnecessary organization. One man wrote, "Many members are irritated at the image of the PTA held by some non-members who call it an organization of 'little old ladies in tennis shoes' or 'a ladies' tea and cookie group.'"

I, for one, would never envision it to be so. If it were, I would ignore it completely and tell the little old ladies to have a ball with their cookies and tea. But it isn't.

It's a snooping group made up mostly of young mothers who would rather pry into affairs that do not concern them than remain at home. Proof of this is readily at hand. If the PTA is doing so much good, then why is the school dropout rate on the increase and the juvenile delinquency rate rising to such an alarming degree?

One irate reader sent me a clipping from a PTA district report with her comment, "I have often read your

slurs against PTA in your column and have decided you really know very little about it. The enclosed report should give you an idea as to what the no-account PTA is doing."

"No-account" is probably as good a name as any, and she used it, not I. Now that she's crawled out on the limb, I'll take out my trusty little saw and cut it out from under her.

From the report: "A junior high unit made possible the purchase at school of paperback books of good quality."

If those books are important enough to be read, they are no doubt available at any local public library. The gift, therefore, was a mistake, a waste of time and money.

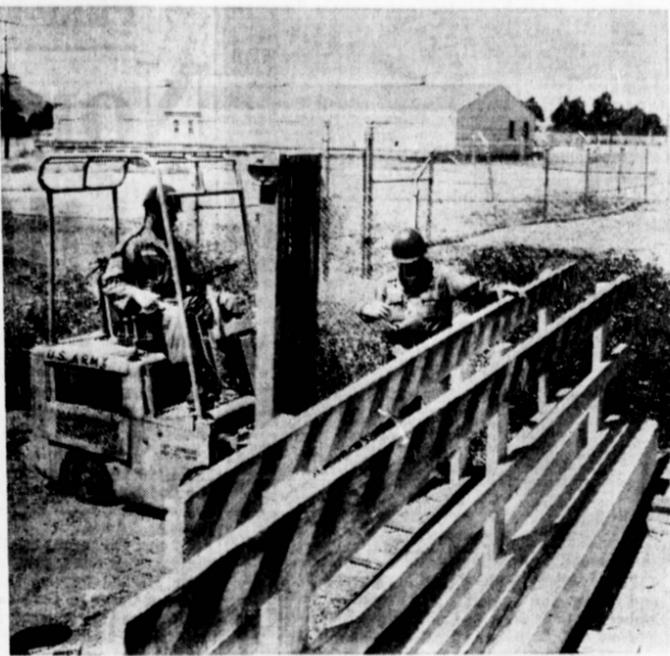
be no need for "experimental programs to assist poor readers."

The report also claimed: "A study in an elementary school found weaknesses in the fire protection program."

I wonder how much time they spent nosing and chatting and visiting in the preparation of that report. A quick visit to the local Fire Marshal's office would have come up with the same breaches of safety noted by him and reported long before the PTA even had the idea.

It's up to the school board, which is an elective body, to see that corrective measures are taken. The lengthy report also discussed various local, state and national conventions, an even bigger waste of time and money.

Mothers belong in the home. Teachers belong in the school. Your children's teachers wouldn't presume to tell you how to run your home, and if they did you'd resent it violently. Then why do you presume to tell them how to run their schools?



NATIONAL GUARDSMEN . . . from E. Company, 132nd Engineer Battalion, work on a road construction site during the unit's annual 15-day summer encampment at Camp San Luis Obispo. The Torrance unit, which saw duty during the recent riots, received an "excellent" rating during the encampment.

Chamber Outlines Goals In 'Keep Pace' Program

Ten broad "basic action goals" in six major fields of promotional and development work for the long-range "Keep Pace with Opportunity" program now being formulated by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were announced Saturday by President Bruce Jones and the program's two general co-chairmen, George W. Post, and Arthur L. Reeves.

In addition, many specific activities and projects will implement these broad goals, based on numerous ideas and suggestions submitted by the chamber's members and other citizens in a series of meetings and conferences held within the past three weeks, including special business group conferences of the seven major business groups held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

These sessions had large attendance, Jones said, and a special committee will be formed to evaluate all suggestions, so as to incorporate all that are feasible in the over-all program, giving priority to the most important and urgent items.

JONES ANNOUNCED that the chamber's board of directors is completing plans to launch a community-wide campaign, Sept. 15, for an adequate budget to finance the expanded program for the business, industrial and civic advancement of Torrance and the area. Post and Reeves will head the budget campaign.

When the campaign begins, the chamber will announce the annual budget goal, with explanations as to how the needs can be met for the total program, including an "annual investment guide" to indicate proportionate annual amounts for the various firms and individuals.

The ten "basic action goals"—the framework of the entire program of projects, activities and services—is as follows:

1. EXPAND all service activities and cooperative effort with our present industries to meet needs and solve problems so as to build our industrial payrolls, provide employment opportunities, and increase the prosperity of our citizens.
2. Aggressively encourage and promote suitable types of new industries and commercial enterprises, from within and from without.
3. Give strong emphasis to all feasible activities and projects for a well-rounded retail and wholesale trade expansion program for Torrance and the entire area.
4. Foster good-will toward Torrance-and-area — more courtesy and friendliness—a policy of "Try-Torrance-and-Area First" in buying—meet our competition.
5. Work diligently, year after year, for a continuing, well-balanced program of civic progress and improvement.

6. ENCOURAGE and foster the further development of educational, recreational, beautification, public health, fire prevention, public safety, and cultural advantages.

7. Work closely with City, County, State and Federal officials in behalf of good government; help build public sentiment for adequate public facilities; and study and act on legislative and tax matters at all governmental levels.

8. Work in the interests of shippers, the public and the carriers for transportation facilities, rates and services to meet ever-increasing needs of this expanding area and to enable Torrance and the area to compete with other cities and areas.

9. WORK aggressively for further improvements in the streets and highways serving Torrance and the entire area.

10. Work to improve our "business-industrial climate," and publicize the advantages and attractions of Torrance and the area as widely as possible—"sell" our community and its related area to itself and to the outside world.

The Gordons to Publish Dramatic Novel on FBI

"Power Play," an intriguing new book by The Gordons, pseudonym of screenwriters Mildred and Gordon Gordon, will be published by Doubleday on Sept. 24. It will be the first dramatic novel by the marital writing team whose previous best-sellers were all suspense thrillers.

The Gordons recently scripted Walt Disney's soon-to-be-released film, "That Darn Cat," which was based on their fast-selling novel, "Undercover Cat." Disney paid them \$125,000 for the motion picture rights.

SINCE NOTHING breeds success like success, several studios are already bidding for the movie rights to "Power Play." It deals with an attempt to seize control of the FBI, focusing upon the frightening sequences that might ensue if the wrong man were to replace J. Edgar Hoover.

Gordon Gordon is a former FBI agent. He served several years with the bureau in Washington, D.C., and Chicago. Assigned to counter-espionage cases, he figured importantly in the tracking down and the apprehension of Nazi agents during World War II.

GORDON AND his wife, Mildred, two years ago sold their novel, "Operation Terror," to Columbia Studios for \$112,500. They also wrote the screenplay. The film was released as "Experiment in Terror," and starred Glenn Ford and Lee Remick.

To date books by The Gordons have sold more than 10 million copies, including reprints, and have been translated into nine languages for world-wide publication in 17 countries. Seven have become motion pictures.

Crime has paid well for Gordon, who once earned \$4,300 a year as a FBI agent. And solving crimes on paper is safer, too," he says. "Nobody's taken a shot at me—yet!"

DON'T DRAG If you're a hunter — Don't drag the bag! advises the Los Angeles County Heart Association. When you've downed your deer, let him lie until you have help moving the carcass.

Ann Landers Says

Nervous Nellies Are Nail Biters



Dear Ann Landers: I am a 15-year-old girl who is writing not only for myself but for everyone who is a nail-biter.

First, is it true that a person who bites his nails is nervous? I have been biting mine way down ever since I can remember. I don't consider myself nervous, although I did stop biting my nails once for two weeks and then I couldn't stand it anymore so I bit them off again. It seemed like something I had to do.

I go with a bunch of nice girls and they all have pretty hands and nails. When I am with them I hide my hands in my lap or put them in my pocket.

I keep worrying about the day I get an engagement ring. I'll want to show it around the way other girls do. But how can I if my nails are ugly? Please help me.

—FRANTIC

Dear Fran: Nail-biting is a sign of nervousness. You will find that your nails take the worst beating when you are anxious, frightened, frustrated, or unhappy.

Some nail-biters have kicked the habit through gimmicky concoctions which are available in drug-stores. Usually, however, gimmicks won't work. I suggest professional help. When you find out what is eating you, you'll stop eating your nails.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a firm believer in the Ann Landers M.Y.O.B. Philosophy (Mind Your Own Business) but a relative of mine reads your column religiously and perhaps if she sees this she'll

recognize herself and get smart.

This relative has a little girl who is six years old. Susan is a delightful child—bright and lovable. When Susan does or says something that displeases her mother she gets a slap across the mouth in the presence of everyone.

My mother used to slap me across the mouth in company and it didn't make me behave better. It only made me hate her. If I'm old-fashioned please say so. If this mother isn't doing right by her child I hope you'll set her straight. Thank you.—WANT TO BE FAIR

Dear Want To Be Fair: Children should be corrected the moment they do or say something that needs correcting—but the child should be taken out of the room first.

I am dead opposed to cracking a youngster across the mouth under any circumstances. The loss of dignity that results from a slap in the face is often devastating to a child and it doesn't do anything useful for an adult either.

Dear Ann Landers: I'd like to comment on the letter from the teen-ager signed "Needing Wheels." As an employee of a credit bureau I see reports on thousands of kids just like that one. His file probably looks something like this:

Education: Applicant dropped out of high school. Employment: Applicant has had six jobs since leaving school. No record of steady employment. His earning capacity is limited since he is unskilled. At present he is unemployed.

Personal: Applicant is liked by associates. Informants say, however, he is immature and has no long range plans for the future.

Assets: Nothing of value. "Needing Wheels" would surely be turned down for a car loan for the next two to six years.

This young man should go back to school and get some training. A car is the last thing he needs.—DECLINE ON NO WHEELS

Dear Decline: Thanks for letting us know how it looks from the credit bureau. It looks the same from where I sit.

To solve some of the frustrations, disappointments and disillusionments of married life, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "What To Expect From Marriage," enclosing with your request 20c in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. © 1965, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

Plans for Sprinklers Approved

With plans and specifications completed, the Board of Supervisors has published a call for sealed bids for installation of a sprinkler system at the South Coast Botanic Gardens in Rolling Hills Estates.

The project, according to Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace, calls for installation of the second phase of the watering system at an estimated cost near \$52,000.

Department supervisors at the Botanic Gardens said the water lines are needed to curtail soil erosion at the facility.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answers on page A-6)

ACROSS	69—Old French coins	128—Went by	158—Worthless	87—Entrap
1—Stone cut in	70—Neckpiece	130—Clan	16—Forest wardens	88—Final (abbr.)
6—Servant	73—Esculent	132—Search for	17—Spurred horses	89—A state (abbr.)
10—Scorch	75—Breathes loudly through nose	134—Old (poet.)	18—Gull-like birds	90—Severe
14—Defeat	77—Facial expression	135—King of Spain	19—River in Belgium	91—Profound
19—Place for keeping birds	78—Baggie	141—Positive pole	23—Suparate	92—Snake
21—Satchel	80—Smileton	143—Projecting teeth	25—Woody plant	93—Frestles
22—Mixture	81—Dutch town	145—Anglo-Saxon money	27—Seep plants	94—Cash drawer
23—Buccaneer	82—Ripping	146—Stave	31—Maracas	95—Color name
24—Must damp	84—Liquid measure	148—Competitors	35—Body of water	96—Cen
26—Mends	85—Tried	150—Instructor	38—Sound a horn	97—Slave
28—Nate	87—Beggar	152—Makes into law	41—Let it stand	98—Enrags
29—Suffix forming adjectives	89—Moving	153—Linger	43—Barricade	99—Handle
30—Slave	91—King of birds	154—Baseball team	45—God of many youth	100—Symbol for
32—Fretful	92—Vegetable	155—Strike out	46—Yarn	101—Cindrical
33—Painful	93—Enthusiasm	157—Deletes	47—Cuts	102—Journéys
34—Army officer (abbr.)	95—Afternoon parties	158—Harlequin	48—River in Africa	103—Chicken
35—Piece for two	97—Worm	159—Mark left by	49—Inventor of telegraph	104—Growing out of
37—Female ruff	98—Adhesive substance	160—Mine veins	51—Dromedary	105—Hospital section
38—Chimney signal	100—Football position (abbr.)		52—Snakes	106—Biblical words
39—Dratched	101—Parent (colloq.)	DOWN	53—Vegetable	107—Humorists
40—Communist	102—Wife of Gerasim	1—Cried like	54—Ridiculous	108—Landed
41—Man's name	103—Trans-gression	2—Thoroughfare	55—Wavering	109—Man's name
42—Impose as necessary	104—Macaws	3—Fingerless gloves	56—Cut of meat	110—Irishman
43—Planet	105—Symbol for tantalum	4—Dine	57—Warbled	111—High card
44—Anon	106—Merry	5—Native metal (pl.)	58—Authors	112—Narrow sheep
45—Month	107—Note of scale	6—Manuscript (abbr.)	59—Take one's part	113—International
46—Jump	108—Server	7—Horse river	60—Whirlwind	114—Shallow vessel
47—Preparation	109—Praise	8—Roman road	61—Faroe islands	115—Labor
48—Chimney carbon	110—Falshoods	9—Place	62—Group of three	116—Conducted
49—Hauls	111—Chaise (colloq.)	10—Veasels	63—Prefix twice	117—Classics
50—Legal seal (abbr.)	112—Chaise (colloq.)	11—Organs of hearing	64—Faroe islands	118—Whirlwind
51—In addition	113—Chaise (colloq.)	12—Beat of burden	65—Deavored	119—Organization (abbr.)
52—Stitch	114—Stunted person	13—Symbol for ruthenium	66—Contest again	120—Francus
53—In addition			67—Weary	121—Teutonic deity
54—Pound (abbr.)				
55—Symbol for ruthenium				