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A Loss for Torrance

Torrance is poorer today by two giants. The death yesterday of Col. N. F. Jamieson, a resident here since 1914, following Saturday's death of Sam Levy, a Torrance resident and business leader since 1919, closed the chapter on two careers which amounted to nearly a century of service.

Each man, in his field, has been a potent force in the development of Torrance from trackless ranchland to the county's fourth largest city.

Col. Jamieson's engineering skills brought him to Torrance more than 50 years ago when he became one of the first engineers working for the infant city. He later played a vital role in construction of the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct to the Southland, a bold project undertaken by 13 California cities, including Torrance.

Mr. Levy came to Torrance in 1919 to begin a business career that was to span the next 46 years, ending only at the moment of his death.

Always active in the city's business life, he also compiled an exemplary record of civic service which ranged from church bake sales to hospitals, from the YWCA to the Jewish Welfare Fund.

The trails blazed by these two men have made the way easier for countless thousands of their contemporaries, and their unstinting devotion to service has touched other uncounted thousands who will long remember their help.

Anyone who knew either of the two men whose lives have been such a force in the development of Torrance can only be better for it.

Those who knew both were privileged to know men whose works will live long after them. Both were giants and Torrance is richer for them. And Torrance, indeed, is poorer without them.

OTHERS SAY:

Laws Must Be Obeyed

ONE CONCEPT which is wholly inconsistent with democratic processes is the totalitarian idea that the end justifies the means. In a free society sustained by respect for procedural as well as substantive rights, the "end," however noble, can never excuse unlawful "means."

A current move in this country advocating unlawful means has been labeled civil disobedience. This doctrine is based on the startling theory that if one does not agree with a law and believes it to be morally unjust, he may disregard it to achieve a particular objective.

I think society, by and large, is unaware of the long-term implications of this creed, primarily because those who seek immediate and temporary solutions have obscured the future by a smokescreen of slogans and high-sounding cliches. No matter what the goal, the fact remains that a peaceful, healthy, orderly society cannot exist, now or ever, if each individual may determine which laws he is going to obey and which he is not.

The basic question is respect for law and due process and whether dispassionate justice is to be rendered.

To my mind, there are two frightening aspects to civil disobedience. One, sowing contempt for law and order and promoting pride in lawbreaking among the Nation's youth can only result in an acceleration of our serious crime problem. In some quarters, it already appears that the social stigma formerly attached to lawbreakers is being replaced by sympathy for their actions and an irrational hostility to law enforcement.

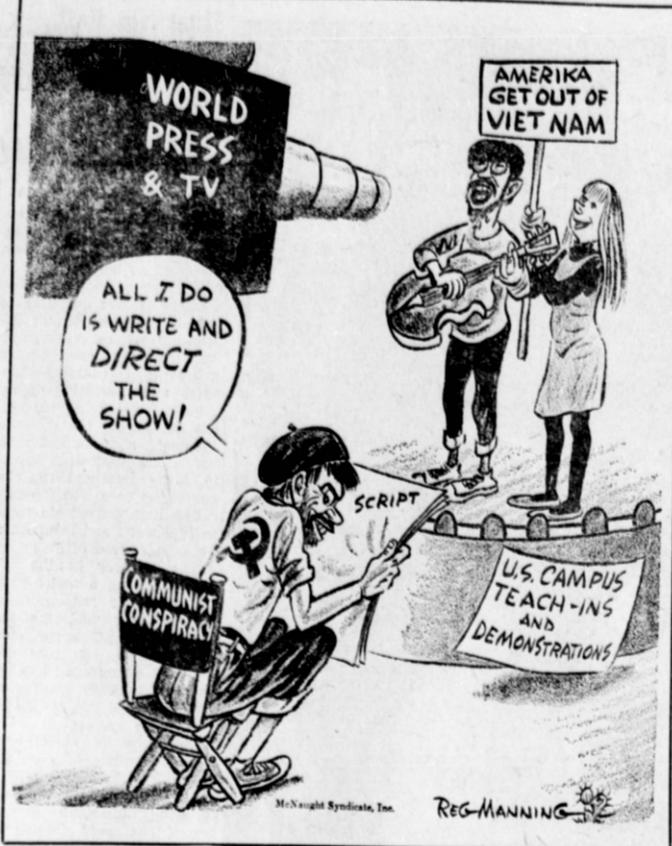
Secondly, where is the line to be drawn against the snowball effect of civil disobedience? Willfully disobeying misdemeanor statutes today and committing felonies tomorrow is a logical regression from a government of law to an anarchic society.

There is no question but that the right of dissent and the right to petition for redress of grievances are absolutely essential to the security of a free people. But the very life of liberty requires that these rights be asserted in a lawful manner. Civil disobedience and the unwillingness of many to resolve their differences by established legal means will surely lead to the destruction of the institutions which protect their freedoms.

It is folly to hold that a utopia of individual rights will rise from the destruction of respect for law. — J. Edgar Hoover. Reprinted from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, November, 1965.

One more good word is losing its reputation through misuse: "protest." Of late many perpetrators of disorderly conduct and even crime have excused themselves as making "protest" against some policy they disliked. . . . Such an attitude is far off base, however. Protests have an honorable history, and have helped to abolish many tyrannies. The word is too good a one to be soiled by irresponsible lawlessness.—Terre Haute (Ind.) Tribune.

Farm failures were the prime motive behind the dismissal of former Premier Khrushchev; continued food shortages could cause another shakeup in the Soviet hierarchy. But of more immediate importance is the historically proven fact that while the Soviets are going through one of their periodic food crises, they generally behave themselves in world affairs lest they disrupt imports.—Findley (Ohio) Republican-Sourier.



STAN DELAPLANE

Caribbean Pace Quickens With Arrival of Winter

"Can you tell me where to find hotels and rates on the island of Madeira?"

You write Casa de Portugal, 447 Madison Avenue, New York City. This is an inexpensive sub-tropical island. Two hours by plane from Lisbon. There's also an overnight boat supposed to be very nice, but I've never ridden it.

There are two prices. Winter is the higher priced on-season. Very British — the English have all the bargain places figured out. This is one of their favorites. Winston Churchill came here to paint. Reid's is the best hotel — near Funchal, the capital, with 100,000 people. My single room at Reid's last year cost \$5.50 a day. That included three meals and afternoon tea.

I saw several smaller hotels for \$3. The island rises to 6000 feet. At sea level it's warm enough to grow sugar cane and bananas. Water is warm. But there are no beaches. The island drops right off into the sea. You swim off small piers.

There's a gambling casino. Rather poor night clubs — and too expensive for what they offer. Good Portuguese wine as well as local Madeira.

Quote

If, as many say, autos create most of the smog, how come on a recent holiday, with less than half the usual traffic, the smog was as bad as ever, if not worse? —Joe Glover, Studio City.

Only when we find ourselves, and realize we must live with ourselves, will we be close to understanding what is meant by "the goal of life." —Gwendolyn Eowhall, 16, San Francisco.

The future is bright for those who live for all; dark for those who live for self. —Virgil McComb, Sacramento.

Morning Report:

A fellow in one of our fancy suburbs has just gone bankrupt — owes better than \$1,000,000 and only has \$600 in cash. This is reported not in sadness but in wonder. I wonder how you do things like this.

It's easy to see how a person could be down to six hundred dollars but how do you go a million in the hole? Doesn't somebody ask you to pay up when, say, you are only \$900,000 behind? Just forget to pay the phone bill for two months and the debtor gets the impression the FBI is around the corner and the Marines have been put on standby alert.

Bankruptcy is not nice but just think what you could do spending a million bucks.

deiras. Shopping is mainly for Madeira embroidery. (Taught to the natives many years ago by a visiting Englishwoman.)

It's quiet. It's peaceful. It's sunny. It's cheap. For me it was TOO quiet. And British hotel guests are pretty reserved. There's dancing at night at Reid's. But you'd better bring your own partner.

"What do we wear in Bermuda? I understand the island goes formal two nights a week. Would the rest of the week be semi-formal?"

I never heard of two nights a week formal. But it may be this is the custom in some of the more posh hotels. All these Caribbean (and particularly British) islands insist on coat and tie at dinner. And golf hose with shorts in day time. No swim clothes on the streets as we do in Hawaii. Generally the Caribbean islands take dress customs from the British and the Eastern U.S. A little formal.

"If I buy a watch in Switzerland, what is the saving over what I would pay in America? Are the free ports cheaper?"

The cost in Switzerland is about half of what you pay in the U.S. on watches in the \$200 or over bracket. Less than that, the saving is about one-third. Hong Kong sells Swiss watches a LITTLE cheaper than Switzerland. But I am not sure about free ports such as Shannon Airport. Anyway, the selection is much larger in Switzerland.

"What would be the cheapest way to go to Mexico and tour the country?"

The cheapest way is by bus. Greyhound takes you to the border and puts you onto first-class Mexican bus lines — they have some kind of deal with them. The cost should be about \$100 round trip from the mid-West. Greyhound has an excel-

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lent tour that runs three weeks from El Paso or Phoenix. Goes down one route, comes back another. This costs about \$225. Includes fare, hotels, tips, sightseeing, bus guides and a few meals. I've done this, and I thought it was very good. Learned a lot about Mexico I didn't know going on my own.

"You mentioned a place to buy gloves, gifts and perfume from Paris . . ."

You get a very good catalogue by writing Freddy, 10, Rue Auber, Paris. I checked a couple of prices on things I know. They seemed fair and competitive.

"Can we get good gasoline in Mexico? What kind?"

For cars that need highest gasoline, buy Gasolmex. If you can't get that, get Super-mex. These are usually available. But not always. So if you have to get plain Mexolina, drive slowly — not over 35 — until you can get highest again. The lower gas is apt to blow a cylinder head at high speed. And usually your car keeps right on firing after you turn off the key. To stop it, turn off the key and hold the accelerator all the way down. That kills it.

WILLIAM HOGAN

'The Great White Fleet' --A Bid for Recognition

One of the pleasantest, most absorbing, eye-opening works of popular history I have read in some time is "The Great White Fleet," in which the young Amherst historian Robert A. Hart describes "our nation's attempt at global diplomacy in the twilight of its innocence."

The period was 1907-09, an age when Americans thought of their battleships as "the noblest works of man." President Theodore Roosevelt sent 16 of these festooned, ungainly coal-burning, white-hulled American beauties on a "prestige cruise" around the world, and that is what this spirited, beautifully researched book is all about.

Never had so much money and energy been invested in a bid for international recognition. But the idea of "selling" America, from Buenos Aires to Yokohama to the Mediterranean, caught Roosevelt's fancy. In spite of Congressional and other opposition — ladies of the WCTU worried about sailors carousing in exotic ports —

HERB CAEN SAYS:

After-Party Chats May Bring Peace for Demos

FILE & FORGET: British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart's off-record dinner party at the Pacific Union Club for "the 20 most powerful men in California" (yeah?) turned out to be dullsville — but there was a newsy aftermath. Enemies Pat Brown and Jesse Unruh, shepherded by Adolph Schuman, spent 90 friendly minutes together over pots of coffee in Ben Swig's suite at the Fairmont, the result of which may be peace in the State Democratic party . . . Barry Goldwater made it at last; he and his wife, Mynahbird, stayed at the Mark — in the Presidential suite . . . Flash: Harper's Bazaar announces "a new monthly column. The Scene, dealing with timely events. The first will discuss premissiveness in sex." Golly whillikers, there's a new topic. . . . Hard worker: Jayne Mansfield, who left a show called "Nature's Way" to have Child No. 5, will be in S.F. Nov. 29 — starring in a new show called "Rabbit Habit," headed for Broadway or bust.

ADD INSIDERS: The Royal Danish Ballet, one of the world's best, opens at the Opera House next weekend, but the burning question among balletomanes is: will its greatest dancer, Erik Bruhn, appear in "Romeo and Juliet?" The latest buzz is negative — the theory being that he doesn't relish being compared with his old buddy, Rudi Nureyev, who raked up a big score as Romeo when England's

Royal Ballet was here a few years ago . . . Evading the question for the moment, Bruhn talks about Nureyev: "He's a hard worker, but all this publicity is beginning to hurt him. It's hard for him to keep up his standards when he knows the public doesn't care whether he stands up or falls down — in fact, if he falls down, it makes more news. I really hate the public. I don't rely on their warmth, I don't need it" . . . And if he doesn't appear here as Romeo, he won't get it.

LA TRIVIATA: Alvah Bessie's "The Symbol," a novel based on the life of Marilyn Monroe, has been accepted by Random House . . . The death of the Stork Club stirred a few memories for Doug Hertz. At the Stork's opening, he jumped his horse over the six-foot-high circular bar, only he didn't. The horse's hindlegs caught the top and knocked over the whole schmeer . . . Gillette is about to hit the market with a razor that unrolls the blades the way a camera rolls film . . . There's a story making the rounds that Mr. John, the noted milliner, asked a lady, "What's your pleasure?" When she replied "Adultery," he called out: "Put a sailor on this lady!" Funny, except Lady Mendel first made the reply in the '20s, getting for an answer: "A bowler for this lady."

BAY CITY BEAT: The Lovin' Spoonful, the first rock 'n' roll group ever to appear at the hungry i, were a box office success — but their volume drove owner

Enrico Banducci to cover in the Other Room. "They're great," admitted Bandooch, "but I can't stand 'em" . . . Humble Ronnie Schell, a member of the "Gomer Pyle" TV cast: "Although I am a big star in a top-rated series, my phone is still listed. However, the town I live in isn't" (Toluca Lake) . . . Author Ernie Gann admired the big brass "Ernie's" sign outside that restaurant once too often. Owner Vic Gotti had a replica made, and it now adorns Ernie's fancy digs on the Sausalito waterfront . . . When APL's liner President Roosevelt eased into Pier 50 the other day, the first line went whistling over the side — and who caught it? Screen-star Jerry Lewis, dat who, and he isn't even a member of Harry Bridges' Bhoyns. He will, however, be shooting scenes for his next movie, "Three on a Couch," aboard that ship for the next few days.

THE SMILING COBRA:

Atty. Belvin Belli has fired his faithful exec secty., Eileen Wollette, who is taking the blow in stride ("I outlasted all my predecessors—I stuck it out for three years"). Mr. Belli's ultimate displeasure was caused by the arrangements she made for the fancy black tie dinner he threw in his offices the other night. "Everybody thought the dinner was a great," she grits, "but he said 'Eileen, you're through.'" She's now looking for a job as a press agent, "since that's what I've been the last three years."

ROYCE BRIER

Schools in Chicago Feel Weight of Federal 'Club'

In July, a civil rights group complained to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, known as HEW, that the Chicago school authority was practicing racial discrimination.

The following month the office of Education, an agency of HEW, announced it was making an investigation of complaints in Chicago, San Francisco, Boston and Chester, Pa. It seems the Office has "investigators," just like the FBI.

These agents talked to School Superintendent B.C. Willis in Chicago and subsequently lift him a questionnaire to fill out. Eventually, Francis Keppel, federal commissioner of education, notified Dr. Willis that \$30 million federal education funds was being held up

due to "possible noncompliance with civil rights rules."

Dr. Willis exploded. He averred Keppel did not conform to the rules and called his action "despotic, alarming and threatening . . . it undermines the foundation of local control of public education."

The instant aftermath bordered on scandal. Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago is one of the most powerful Democrats in the Midwest. It is virtually certain he reached President Johnson, and a HEW undersecretary bobbed up in Chicago. The next day the \$30 million was released.

Now this column has inveigled against federal aid as universal principle, and particularly against state

and local officials looking to Washington, every time they want a bundle for this or that. Yet it is conceded federal grant principle is settled in many fields, and grants in education may be one.

But if this is inevitable, grants should at least be honest and equitable, and should not be used as a club to intimidate local school districts to submit to arbitrary decree from Washington. The Chicago case violated the common ethic. The withholding was used as a club, it was devoid of equity or public hearing, and reversal of the withholding was politically dishonest.

Whatever the law says, the problem of racial discrimination does not submit to rigid, nationally determined definition.

There is obvious and declared discrimination in many Southern cities, and some Northern and Western cities, as well, where cunning rather than open discrimination may prevail. But many Northern and Western cities offer borderline situations. Citizens both honorable and intelligent differ sharply as to whether discrimination exists, and as to which of hundreds of possible procedures constitute true discrimination.

It is intolerable that some Washington office holder, let alone anonymous agents bearing questionnaires, should have the power to grant or withhold important federal education money. By what logic is Commissioner Keppel qualified to make a determination on mere complaint and with no more than cursory inquiry?

This question reaches to the roots of our education and our society, and we'd better take steps to bring it into line with our liberties and our common rights.

league contains much first-rate naval and diplomatic history of the period just before the first world war. Mostly, the book emphasizes the naivete of America before its entry onto the world stage, just shortly before the Hapsburg archduke, Franz Ferdinand, was shot at Sarajevo, and all the big white ships were painted gray.