

ARTHUR HOPPE

LBJ Will Tell Us Where to Go

Good news. After a couple of years of running the country like mad, Mr. Johnson has thrust forth his jaw, pounded the table and announced grimly that, by golly, he's now going to find out "where we are (and) where we are going."

"As the leader of this country," thundered Mr. Johnson, "I plan to set some goals!" And like all true leaders these days, he said he was going to appoint a committee to figure out what they are.

This bold concept is, of course, unassailable. Here we are, the mightiest nation in history, 190 million souls rushing around like crazy night and day. It's certainly high time our leader appointed a committee to figure out what on earth we think we're doing.

Moreover, as anybody who's ever served on a committee knows, it's just the right sort of job for a committee.

The Chairman: Well, ladies and gentlemen, now that we're all here, the committee will be in order and . . .

Professor Clyndham: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. Where are we?

Mr. Chairman: A good point. The chair will entertain a motion that we are, basically speaking, here. Thank you. Seconds? All in favor? So ordered. Now for new business. The first item is, I see, where are we going?

Bishop Goldstein: I move the committee go on record as favoring the elimination of war, poverty, and disease, without regard to race, creed, or color.

The Chairman: Well, now, that's a pretty big order. Let's say we take those one at a time. What about disease? Is there anyone who wishes to speak against the elimination of disease? Mrs. Pratt-Whitney

Mrs. Pratt-Whitney: I rise today, fellow committee members, to speak in defense of the marigold. Certainly in a nation as great as ours, the development of a more beautiful marigold . . .

Professor Clyndham: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. The motion before the committee . . .

Mrs. Pratt-Whitney: Then I would like to offer the development of a more beautiful marigold as a substitute motion to the original motion.

General Hollycost: Mr. Chairman, I join with the distinguished Mrs. Pratt-Whitney in her humanitarian defense of the marigold. But I feel we should amend her substitute motion to include building more and speedier bombers for the Strategic Air Command.

The Chairman: All those in favor?

Professor Clyndham: Point of order. The original motion was never seconded and therefore the amendment to the substitute motion is invalid under Rule 326.2 (a.) Thus I move to table, refer back to committee and appeal the ruling of the chair, sine die and non sequitur.

Amidst the ensuing confusion, fourteen ballots are taken. The Chair eventually manages to adjourn the meeting (on a close vote) after appointing an interim sub-committee to determine what the committee voted for. The sub-committee report, of course, shows that our new national goals are now development of speedier diseases, creating more beautiful bombers, and eliminating the marigold. Which, when you get right down to it, are as good a set of official national goals as any.

COUNT MARCO SAYS

Child Shows What Mama's Like

I saw something wandering the streets of suburbia the other morning which in my day would have been called a snottosed little brat.

About 3 years old with matted hair and dirty face, she was wearing a cut-off pair of old, faded jeans and a ripped, soiled shirt. Her bare feet were filthy. You might also like to know that this sight was in what would be called one of the better neighborhoods.

I couldn't help remarking to the famous actress who was seated with me in my Rolls-Royce, "If I could walk in on her mother right now I'll bet she'd be just as messy looking."

"Oh, come now," she answered. "You're right about things most of the time, I'll agree, but what makes you so sure about her mother?"

"Because I know women, that's why," I said quickly. In a foolhardy attempt to protect her sex she made a bet with me. I backed up my car and asked the little girl to point out "where Mommy lives." We followed her point-

ed finger to the house only a few doors away.

If "baby" looked bad, Mon Dieu! You should have seen the "mommy" who appeared at the door at our summons on the pretense of asking directions.

Obviously she didn't recognize me, because unfortunately for her she probably doesn't read the proper newspaper.

But she did recognize my companion. The creature gushed with the thrill of meeting a star, clutched self-consciously at the rollers in her hair, and pulled at her too, too short shorts.

Back in my car, I pocketed my bet and said not a word. There's an adage that advises a man about to marry to look over his intended's mother. Reflected there will be his wife in years to come.

Take a look at children of any age, any time, and you see the mother reflected. It never fails. If Daughter wears shorts or jeans and her hair in rollers, Mother does likewise.

Mother's philosophy seems

to be, "why wash a dress, starch and iron it when the girl can get by with an old stained rag?"

When I talk with owners of children's shops, the majority admit quite readily that the pretty, frilly little-girl dresses are purchased by hopeful grandmothers who still remember the adorable pictures little girls made when they were sugar and spice and everything nice.

Little girls, like their mothers, need good grooming discipline. Perhaps to her young friends a tot may look like an outcast from another planet when dressed with modesty, propriety and neatness, but remember, she's only a child for such a short time. Let her be a beautiful one.

Through your consideration, love and persistence, she will grow into a woman who remains a woman because she learned ALL the facts of life. Grooming is one of them.

So get out the starch, the ironing boards and irons, mothers; your lazy days are over.



BAND WINS HONORS . . . James Davidson, director of the Torrance Area Junior Youth Band, holds a check for \$50 while drum major Louis Velarde holds the second place trophy earned by the band in the State Championship competition held in Santa Barbara last week. The 60-member band has been under Davidson's direction since February. (Press-Herald Photo)

Junior Youth Band Wins State Honors

The 60-member Torrance Area Junior Youth Band, under the direction of James Davidson, has won second place in the California State Championship competition at Santa Barbara. The band received a \$50 cash award and a trophy.

Davidson, director of the band since February, said he hopes to expand the band's membership to 80 musicians shortly. In addition, a drill team of six pom pom girls, flag twirlers, and two exhibition baton twirlers march with the band.

The second-place award climaxed a series of special appearances throughout Southern California for the Junior Youth Band, Davidson said.

MEMBERS OF the band performed at the annual Youth Band Festival in June, held at the Sirine Auditorium, and marched in the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade.

Other appearances for the band have included the Lomita First Anniversary Parade, the Huntington Beach "Spirit of '76" Parade, and the Hawthorne Kiwanis Parade. The band won a first place award in Huntington Beach.

Special performances have included an appearance in the "Music for a Sunday Af-



SPECIAL RESEARCH . . . Peggy Ackerman, right, is participating in the National Science Foundation summer training institute at Southern Illinois University. Miss Ackerman is shown here in the physiology laboratory with Jackie Vaden, left, and Allen B. Okey, research associate.

Torrance Hi Student at NSF Seminar

Attempting to determine the effects of lead in frogs is a serious summertime business to Margaret Ackerman, a junior at Torrance High School, who is taking part in special research at Southern Illinois University.

Miss Ackerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ackerman of 1104 Cerise, is one of 56 high school students picked from over 2,300 applicants to attend the National Science Foundation summer training institute at SIU.

Specializing in the field of physiology, her work is under the direction of H. M. Kaplan, professor of physiology at Southern.

The NSF participants, representing 21 states, attend lecture sessions in the mornings and work on individual research projects in the afternoons. Campus entertainment and living in campus residence halls adds to the college atmosphere surrounding the group.

This is the seventh consecutive year SIU has conducted an 8-week summer science institute under NSF sponsorship. Course work and research are in the areas of physiology, psychology, engineering science, physical sciences, and computer and operational math.

Lost Dog Sought by Small Girl

A 9-year-old Palos Verdes girl recovering from major surgery is waiting today for her constant companion to return.

The young lady—Robin Parmett—awaits the return of "Fluffy," a 2-year-old rust and white dog believed lost Monday in Torrance. The dog is a mixed-breed and resembles a collie or shepherd, according to the girl's mother, Mrs. Richard Parmett.

"Fluffy" rode with Mrs. Parmett to the area near Hawthorne Avenue and Carson Street Monday, but did not make the return trip to Palos Verdes.

Robin's fear for "Fluffy" is multiplied by the fact that her family soon will move to New York. Mrs. Parmett has offered a reward for the return of the dog.

Persons having information about the dog may call Mrs. Parmett at 377-4239, or call Robin's aunt at PO 6-1889.

Hospital Staff Slates Annual Family Picnic

Riviera Community Hospital employees and their families will hold their annual family picnic Saturday at Alondra Park. Activities will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 8 p.m.

Sports and recreation activities have been scheduled throughout the day so employees from all shifts will have an opportunity to attend.

Arrangements are being made by Barbara Silagy, Eleanor Graves, Sonja Baca, and Janice Plank.

A Penny for Your Thoughts

By HAL FISHER

"What do you think of Police Chief Parker's part in handling the riots?"

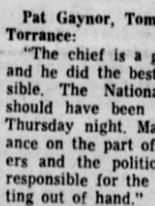
Richard Hansen, El Prado Ave., Torrance:

"We can all find fault with someone, but we can't criticize a person when we don't know what he was facing. One can't automatically jump on the police and make them a scapegoat. The problem is that the rioters don't respect the law."



Susan Mershon, 218th Pl., Long Beach:

"I think he did as well as could be expected under the sudden and unexpected circumstances. I understand there has never been a riot of this magnitude in Los Angeles, so the police couldn't have had the experience necessary."



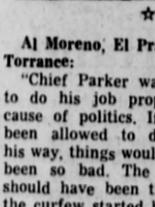
Pat Gaynor, Tomlee Ave., Torrance:

"The chief is a good man and he did the best job possible. The National Guard should have been called in Thursday night. Mass ignorance on the part of the rioters and the politicians was responsible for the riots getting out of hand."



Vassar Holoubek, Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach:

"I think Chief Parker handled his part of the riots well. There have been charges of police brutality and I don't condone this, but we must restore order and strong methods are necessary in some circumstances. We have to rely on the good judgment of the policeman."



Al Moreno, El Prado Ave., Torrance:

"Chief Parker was unable to do his job properly because of politics. If he had been allowed to do things his way, things wouldn't have been so bad. The Guard should have been there and the curfew started by Thursday night. It's unfortunate that such methods are needed but if they had been used earlier there would have been less people hurt."

Summer Slump Thing Of Past, Reports Librarian

Circulation figures for five Torrance libraries for July indicate the traditional summer slump in the use of public libraries may be a thing of the past.

The same conclusion was drawn by County Librarian William S. Geller after he examined figures for all county libraries.

An increase of 5,000 in the circulation of books and other items from the Torrance libraries was reported, with total circulation up from 50,706 last year to 55,861 for July this year.

Both the El Retiro and Walteria libraries reported a decline in circulation from July 1964. El Retiro loaned 8,812 books, while Walteria recorded 7,184 transactions. Slight increases were reported at the main Torrance branch, 18,155, and the North Torrance branch, 9,565. Isabel Henderson branch reported a gain of nearly 3,000 over July, 1964, recording 12,145 transactions during July, 1965.

Figures for other libraries serving the surrounding area are: Carson, 12,146; Dominguez, 2,572; Gardena, 16,424; and Lomita, 5,610.

Gardena Man Donates Car To Auto Shop

Thomas L. Winn of Gardena has donated a 1954 model sedan to the Torrance Unified School District.

The car will be used in the automotive shop program at Torrance High School.

Board of Education members accepted the gift and asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Winn.

Dear Spunk: Yup — your advice is better than mine. Thank you for the improvement.

C 1965, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate