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A New Torrance Boost

An item so prosaic as a beer can may turn out to be one of this city's prime products, if the projections of a large aluminum firm and a leading brewery are realized.

The announcement here this week that Reynolds Aluminum is making all-aluminum beer cans in its Torrance plant for the Theo. Hamm Brewing Co. ushers in a new era of West Coast beer distribution.

The new packaging idea, perfected after seven years of work by Reynolds and Hamm technicians, will mean the operation of a large production line for the cans in Torrance and a possible early expansion if the demand for the aluminum cans rise as expected.

Reynolds officials told the Press-Herald this week that the new facilities will add 150 to the Reynolds payroll in Torrance, and except for a few key personnel, the new help was being recruited locally.

Reynolds is to be commended for its growing contribution to our local prosperity. The addition of 150 persons to the local payroll casts off benefits which grow outward to touch all parts of the community.

With what looks like the beginnings of a boom in aluminum packaging, the present Reynolds operation could be of great importance to the future of this area.

The Value of Service

Volunteer public service is as American as Boston Beans. The men who framed our Declaration of Independence did not do so for profit. They did so for the common good.

In the simple life of the Revolutionary era men saw their responsibility clearly. When illness struck, when a wagon bogged down, when new barn walls were ready to be raised — neighbors volunteered.

Since then America has become big, strong, and complex. But men still help their neighbors.

Today, however, help is seldom given face-to-face. Our problems demand specialized agencies. Our non-profit hospitals, nurseries, children's homes, and clinics require skilled, professional staff.

Today, therefore, volunteer help is of two kinds: We give money to support work we haven't the skill to do personally. And even more important, we give ourselves to tell the story of need, persuading our neighbors to join us in a wave of community support.

In this region about 250 United Way agencies and 11 Chapters of the American Red Cross make their appeal through United Crusade. Crusade leaders are being appointed now. Soon these leaders will begin fleshing out their campaign units for the general public appeal this fall.

You may be asked to serve as a Crusade volunteer. Do so, for the good of your neighbor, your community, your nation. It is in the American tradition. Volunteer service is a major point of difference between this country and totalitarian states where people move, only on command.

Opinions of Others

Now that the economists and politicians figure that everybody should get \$3,000 a year whether they work or not, whether they are sick or healthy, educated or illiterate, we sometimes wonder just what the heck is the use of beating ourselves to a pulp trying to make a living.—*Random Lake (Wis.) Times.*

For all practical purposes, we have reached a point of full employment. . . . This does not mean that we will have no unemployment in the future, but at the present time there are unfilled openings for persons with many skills and know-how in many fields. It may be that as long as present conditions continue there should be some adjustment to make better use of those persons who have retired. . . . The skilled workers and executives who have become work-oriented make many plans for the time of retirement, but experience has shown that when that time arrives it brings with it a sense of dislocation and boredom which cannot replace that of usefulness and achievement.—*Portland (Ore.) Daily Journal of Commerce.*

The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches seems to have put itself in an untenable position by laying down specific terms on which it believes peace in Viet Nam may be secured. . . . the Council's committee has usurped, in the words of the New York Herald Tribune, "a political function for which it bears no constitutional responsibility. . . ." The Herald Tribune suggests the clerical uproar that would follow if the government should urge an ecumenical movement and specify the concessions that Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths should make. Separation of church and state still seems to be the best policy.—*San Diego (Calif.) Press.*

It is not hard-hearted to say the reasons some people are "poverty-stricken" is because they do not want to work. There is no use beating around the bush, some people are plain lazy, and want all they can get without any effort on their part. Certainly, help the real unfortunate, but the industrious do not have the obligation to care for society's drones. The Good Book says man shall live by the sweat of his brow, and we haven't read in the Bible where any Great Society has to take care of him.—*Port Gibson (Miss.) Reveille.*

95 Per Cent May Be Duds -



STAN DELAPLANE

House Living in Hawaii Proves to be Expensive

KAUAI, HAWAII — Adding up the grocery bills after two weeks: House living in Hawaii seems a little on the expensive side. Shipping costs raise the price of canned goods and liquor. Bacon and eggs are a little more than the mainland. Island lettuce is cheaper and almost as good as limestone. Tuna is fresh and cheap. Beef about the same as mainland but more tasty. Papaya and pineapple are free — if you've got the right friends.

"Could you estimate the cheapest way a family of four could vacation in Hawaii?"

All the islands have some fairly inexpensive hotels that don't have enough money to advertise widely. Hawaii Visitors Bureau, Honolulu, will send you a list for any island. Better get folders from the hotel, too. Some of them are pretty rundown.

Nobody seems to think of camping. But there are excellent camping grounds with miles of beach almost to yourself. A foldout camper sleeping four rents for \$65 a week. Includes everything — just bring your toothbrush — linen, blankets, soap, outdoor stove with charcoal, plates, silver, matches.

Hertz (on all islands) rents Falcons for \$50 a week plus 10 cents a mile. (Distances are short. Mileage won't be much.) For folders on campers write Camping Service of Hawaii, Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii.

You shop in little general stores in plantation towns. I'm running about \$6.50 a day for food for four people.

"The town you were trying to remember in Mexico — where they make guitars — is Paracho. Off Highway

The trouble with Russian Roulette is that not enough Russians are playing it. — George J. Melvin, Claysville (Penn.) Recorder.

The world's sharpest trader is a lad with five cents to spend for candy. — Dan Tabler, The Queen Anne's (Md.) Record-Observer.

Quote

It's getting tougher on our young scholars all the time. First, all they had to learn was the Monroe Doctrine — to keep Europe out of Latin America. Then came the Truman Doctrine — to keep communism out of Southeastern Europe. But now — we have the Johnson Doctrine.

Yep, by golly we have. As stated by Mr. Johnson's vice president, it provides for Asia an American pledge: "To defeat aggression, to defeat social misery, to build viable, free public institutions and to achieve peace." I hope everybody in the history class today gets that straight.

It's a lot more to memorize than the other two doctrines combined. But everything is getting escalated these days — including presidential doctrines.

Morning Report:

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HERB CAEN SAYS:

Mexico Taking a Chance On Sinatra's Air Power

Whee, the people: This marvelous spring weather has even lured Princess Barbara Hutton out of her Fairmont Tower suite for a few languid walks around the block. . . . Screenstar Jimmy Cagney's old 68-ft. schooner, Martha (built here in '08, pappy) has been picked up for a mere \$20,000 by three salty types and they're refurbishing her for some lazy cruising in Mexican waters. . . . And isn't Mexico taking an awful chance, declaring war on Frank Sinatra? After all, he has a bigger air force than they have. And if Frank fights back, Bob Hope has already volunteered to entertain the troops in Acapulco. . . . A note from Ronnie Schell, supporting star of the "Gomer Pyle" series: "As I got off the plane in Detroit, somebody hollered, 'Hey, there's Ronnie Schell, that exciting young TV star' and everyone turned and stared at me. I was so embarrassed, I'm sorry I hollered."

All ceteras: Prof. Arthur Schlesinger Jr., author of the best-selling book about JFK, "A Thousand Days," looked out a window of the Fairmont's Crystal Room and gasped: "What happened to the view?" He was looking toward the East, where, sure enough, the "Chinese Wall" of the growing Golden Gateway has blotted out the once exhilarating expanse of Bay and Bridge. "You people ought to be ashamed of yourselves," he scolded. "Don't you have zoning laws?" Then he shrugged: "I know, I know — business before the pleasure of views." . . . The Beatles, due here Aug.

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Reading the papers: That whimsical story — McNamara's announcement that the Pentagon had bought back 5,500 750-lb. bombs it had sold to a West German firm as surplus — explains why our satirists are having so much trouble finding material! The straight news is funnier than any twist that can be applied later. . . . By the way, the German firm bought the bombs two yrs. ago to use as fertilizer, and how come they're still intact? That's not too funny.

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Paris government Tuesday, the United States questions the April 1 deadline as "precipitate," and suggested a 1968 deadline.

In any case, the French attitude tends toward an al-

most total divorce from NATO, even though they insist they will remain members and continue consultations with the other 13 members.

Mr. Rusk may be right if he implies NATO can continue in being even though excluded from French soil, but without the geographic

al participation of France it cannot continue at the same level it did.

In other words, it will become something other than an armed and integrated coalition against aggression in Europe, but it remains a question whether the old NATO is now necessary to the security of Europe.

President de Gaulle thinks it isn't necessary, and he may have good grounds for his convictions. The aggression in question was always Soviet aggression, but there are massive signs the Soviet Union, whatever its hopes in the Stalin era, no longer dreams of military conquest of Europe. It could not now attack without a massive armament building which could not be concealed, and it can no longer guarantee its eastern frontier against Red Chinese aggression.

Neither of these factors were paramount in the last half of the 1940s, when NATO was established.

It therefore appears that NATO, without French participation, must become a coalition similar to those created to meet potential threats prior to the two big wars of this country.

These coalitions, such as the Triple Alliance, did not have a permanent pool of military resources. They depended on political agreements resting on mutual interests on staff consultations and on occasional joint maneuvers. This is the classic form of coalition, and the permanent armed and integrated coalition is an anomaly in history.

The unintegrated coalition is a balance-of-power arrangement. It has a bad name and it has often proved unsuccessful, but it may have preserved a working peace in some periods minus France may be more and circumstances, NATO than that for some years, but American and British combat troops will ultimately have to leave middle Europe, as France is now leaving. Twenty-one postwar years is an uncommonly long time by normal historical standards.

ROYCE BRIER

French Withdrawal Will Change Status of NATO

Secretary of State Rusk gave an interview to a Paris newspaper in which he said NATO countries "will not be paralyzed by the attitude of France" — meaning withdrawal from NATO.

This is indeed an ambiguous way of putting it, because there are many gradations of injury short of paralysis, so what does Mr. Rusk mean?

In March the French announced they were withdrawing their troops from NATO forces in Germany July 1, and they demanded the United States withdraw its bases and personnel from French soil by April 1, 1967. In a note handed to the

Books

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John O'Hara Collection Pains Card-Carrying Fan

As a card-carrying member of the John O'Hara fan club since 1934 ("Appointment in Samarra") it pains me to report that a collection of 53 weekly columns O'Hara wrote for Newsday and its syndicate during 1964-65 is a big bore. Well, not that big, because O'Hara can't help but be an interesting writer. A big irritation, though.

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