

# ...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

There seems to be an election in the near future. The papers are full of it and television time has been purchased for a conglomeration of various people that I have never seen. These jobs that they are seeking must be very lucrative—why else would they spend thousands of dollars in telling people what is wrong with so-and-so?

I suppose that politicians are necessary, just as artists are necessary in our present day society. Artists make more sense to me than politicians do, though. I'm wondering what kind of a government we would have if we elected some celebrated artists to high government positions instead of the people who are really elected.

It has been a long time, but I remember reading a serious article written by an admirer of Walt Disney who was boosting him as a possible candidate for the office of President of the United States. At the time it seemed rather remote that a man with this much talent, creativeness, and foresight could qualify for such a grand position as head of a great country.

WALT DISNEY's art appeals to the masses because it is fantasy, corny, and they can understand it. It's "pretty" and "clean" and "whole-some"—that in itself would get him elected to something. His amusement center in Anaheim is really a monument to his genius—his genius for making money—lots of it. That might be an interesting switch if he were elected to some high office—maybe the government could make money.

If Walt Disney actually were elected President of the United States—or even Governor of California—quite a few changes would be made. First of all, Disneyland would become the summer White House, which would please all of the visiting dignitaries. That's where they actually want to go anyway. Nobody would be left in Washington to run the national byword instead of what they have now.

Naturally, one of the next items in the program would be to build a non-stop monorail from Washington to Disneyland. There would be no expense involved in creating scenes of the Grand Canyon or the Rockies to show through the windows. Maybe scenes of underwater locations, complete with mermaids, would be better—especially during the part where they go through so much barren countryside. Many people from Washington wouldn't take the monorail through Disney wouldn't serve anything stronger than soda pop—so that's automatically out for them.

THAT'S ENOUGH for Walt Disney—it is a ridiculous thought anyway. Who could really visualize Mickey and Minnie Mouse running around

## Halloween Event Set In Lomita

Halloween ghosts, goblins, and spirits are preparing to invade the city of Lomita as the city's Recreation Department completes plans for its annual Halloween festivities. Events will begin promptly at 6 p.m., Oct. 31 with a costume parade, followed by the traditional burning of the Witch at 7 p.m. A Halloween carnival is scheduled to get under way at 7:45 p.m. Activities for children of years of age and younger will be held in the community building. While events for those 7 and older will be in the gymnasium. Games and activities will be free of charge. During the evening, members of the St. Gerard Guild of St. Margaret Mary's Church will man food booths.

## Meeting Slated

The Lomita Traffic Commission will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners are scheduled to consider the installation of new signals at Lomita Boulevard and Walnut Street and a change in the speed limit on Narbonne Avenue.

the White House lawn looking for Easter eggs? Disney would probably make a replica of himself and leave it at his desk in his absence. The replica could be programmed to answer any possible question. There are a limited number of stock answers that are used now anyway—no matter what the question is—so it wouldn't be too far off.

Speaking of replicas—another possibility for the office might be old loveable Edward Keimholz. Remember him? His exhibition of assemblages at the Los Angeles County Art Museum set all kind of attendance records—partly due to Supervisor Dorn's help.

Keimholz's idea of a replica would be a battered-up store dummy with a broken record being played on the record player inside the dummy. The effect would be really the same as Disney's realistic replica—nothing would ever really be answered or resolved. Anyway, be sure and vote.

## HAVE SOME PRAISE, TOO

# Panel Cites Bias in New Text

By LEONARD KREIDT

Education News Service  
Three distinguished California historians have lauded "Land of the Free," controversial state-adopted 8th grade history of the United States, as "superior in many respects," but severely questioned the authors' objectivity.

Reviewing the textbook at the State Board of Education's request were Dr. Allan Nevins, senior research associate at Huntington Library in San Marino and emeritus professor of history, Columbia University; Dr. Glenn S. Dunke, professor of history and chancellor of the California State Colleges; and Dr. Charles G. Sellers Jr., professor of history, University of California at Berkeley. The review panel, found much to praise in the authors' interpretive approach, their selection of the expansion of freedom, civil liberties and social justice as an organizing thesis, and their avoidance of patriotic myths in treating U. S. history.

The panel's report commends the book's fair treatment of all segments of the American population, its use of vivid materials from social history, and a wealth of illustrations. However, in admonishing that "the writer (s) must be objective in taking account of all relevant facts . . ." the panel set the basic tone of the report.

Some selected quotations follow:  
• "In some areas it emphasizes national shortcomings and mistakes too heavily."  
• "The consistent neglect of the large role that religion (especially orthodox Protestant Christianity) has played in American experience amounts to distortion. Except for a laudatory characterization of Unitarianism, most reference to religion are hostile."  
• "Many expressions of

American altruism are ignored. . . Students would not guess (from the text) the strength of the idealist in American life, literature or institutions."  
• "Accounts of the Haymarket Riot of 1886 and the Pullman strike of 1894 'seem weighted against a conservative interpretation.'"  
• "The hostile sketch of Rockefeller fails to mention his contributions to the efficiency and growth of the oil

## Prize Winning Play Ready at El Camino

Preparations for the Oct. 28 opening of "Look Homeward, Angel" at El Camino College are continuing on schedule, according to William Buck, drama instructor and director of the production.

Buck has described the play as "an honest, outspoken, meaningful, and sometimes humorous study of a youngster trying to break away from his decadent family and become a man."  
Performers include Martin Lair, Rebecca Goldstien, Todd Bingham, Ken Heckman, Christine Vasquez, Kim Turner, William Byrne, Barbara Burns, Robert Gioannucci, Don Miller, Roger Werner, Thomas Eberhardt, Ellen Shepard, Pamela Colbert, Karen Riviera, Richard Ulrich, Valerie Humphreys, and Floyd Hansen.  
Carolyn Eubank will be the student director.

## Attends Seminar

Neil Campbell, student body president at West High School, represented the school yesterday at the University of Southern California's annual High School Student Body President Day. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Campbell of 5613 Bartlett Drive, participated in a series of seminars on career fields. The group also attended the USC-Clemson football game.

## Hahn Urges Study of Double-Deck Freeways

Priority for a rapid transit route to the Los Angeles International Airport and the double-decking of freeways has been urged by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn said the double-deck plan for existing freeways will save taxpayers millions of dollars in the acquisition of right-of-way. He said traffic jams and the lack of parking at the airport "focus attention on the need of mass rapid transit, directly from the downtown area to the airport."  
"THERE NEEDS to be a fast, direct rapid transit service and the highest priority should be given to it by the Southern California Rapid Transit District," Hahn added.

More than 16 million persons passed through the airport last year, Hahn said, and the total this year is expected to reach 19 million.  
Turning to the question of freeways, Hahn said the public has not received sufficient information to be convinced that a second deck on existing freeways can help solve traffic problems.  
"THOUSANDS of businesses would be saved and the tax base preserved by double-decking, he said, since no additional rights-of-way would be needed.  
Hahn suggested that a moratorium be declared on freeway construction until a study of the double-decking plan could be completed.



PLAN FALL EVENTS . . . Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Member Relations Committee are pictured at a planning meeting held last week. Events for the fall will begin with a noon meeting Thursday, Nov. 3, at which District Attorney Evette J. Younger will speak. Younger's subject will be "What's Happening to Law Enforcement." Members of the committee are, from left, Charles Cederlof of Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Association,

James Becker of Southern California Gas Co., Jack Eardley of Eardley Associates, Hank Lucero of Taco Bell, John Flanagan of Stone and Myers Mortuary, Edward Gordon of Western Federal Savings and Loan Association, and Howard Weichsel of Bullocks. Reservations for the luncheon meeting, priced at \$2.50, may be made at the chamber offices. The event is open to the public.

"The account of the Senate's refusal to ratify the League of Nations Covenant emphasizes the intransigence of the irreconcilables, but does not state Wilson's opposition to any effective compromise."  
• "The successes of the WPA and TVA under Franklin D. Roosevelt are well treated; the failure of the NRA is not."  
• "The pages on immigration . . . merit special commendation. In the discussion of the restrictive legislation after the first World War, however, the reasons for its swift passage are not adequately summarized, and the responsibility is laid upon 'progressives' and 'racists' without allusion to the part that organized labor played."  
• "Californians in particular should feel it less than fair to dismiss Herbert Hoover as a President who, in the Great Depression, accomplished almost nothing, without alluding to his earnest labors and to the ideas of constructive economics intervention by the government embodied in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation."  
• "When describing the exploitation of workers in the age of industrial development the authors could indicate that the heavy social cost of industrialization is a problem for every developing nation and suggest some comparisons with the social costs of

the industrial revolutions in Britain, Germany and Russia."  
• "The authors might make it clear that not everybody approved the evolving pattern of government-business relations in the Progressive and New Deal eras, and give the student some assistance in thinking about why the disagreements were so sharp."  
• Citing other controversial eras and issues in U. S. history, the panel commented: "In none of these instances . . . is the pupil given enough information about the ideologies, interests and motivations of the contending groups to understand how such angry divisions could have occurred."  
• "While . . . their (the authors') specific criticisms of American foreign policy are in certain cases tenable, a suggestion of comparison with other nations, including Russia, would help students to take a better-proportioned view."  
Franklin Publications, Inc., the publisher, will revise the book on the basis of the Nevins-Dunke-Sellers report and submit revised proofs to the Curriculum Commission and the panel by November. Final adoption action on the text by the State Board is scheduled for Dec. 8 and 9.

The text's authors are Dr. John W. Caughey of UCLA, Dr. John Hope Franklin of the University of Chicago, and Dr. Ernest R. May of Harvard University.

## Williams Hits Curbs on News Coverage of Trials

Spencer Williams, Republican candidate for State Attorney General today took serious exception to current proposals to limit pre-trial publicity of criminal cases.

In a carefully drawn position paper just released, Williams noted that "legal safeguards are now available" to protect the rights of the accused to a fair trial.  
"We need no censorship," Williams stated. "Instead we should welcome the close scrutiny of the press on all public business."  
"STRICT mandatory procedures would most certainly protect the rights of a guilty party to a fair trial but it is conceivable that the rights of an innocent person so arrested would be seriously infringed upon," Williams said. "The GOP candidate pointed

out that "the detailed publicity of an arrest is in itself a protection against fraudulent charges, or high handed tactics."  
"The history of American journalism is sprinkled with cases where newspapers have uncovered evidence to free the innocent and the ignorant," he declared.  
WILLIAMS also noted that to censor criminal news would invite other types of censorship, possibly legitimate news critical of government or its employees.  
According to Williams, the defense attorney can now protect his client from over zealous, pre-trial coverage by requesting a change in venue or moving for mistrial.  
Further, Williams said, "the trial court can grant a mis-

trial on its own initiative."  
Williams suggested that the judge also could "abandon the jury to disregard all newspaper, radio, and tv coverage much as he would . . . and does . . . in other situations where inadmissible evidence is injected in jury cases."  
Williams termed the right of the public to be informed "paramount."

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