

# Press-Herald

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## Some Pruning Indicated

Rep. Wilbur Mills (D-Ark.), Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has proposed the formation of a bipartisan Government Program Evaluation Commission, to be composed of 12 members to be selected from private life. Its purpose would be to examine new and projected Federal programs and activities, as well as current ones, and assign priorities among them.

This proposal merits widespread support, since the country today is in an unpleasant fiscal situation because of its earlier failure to exercise control over the growth of federal spending. This continuous growth of non-defense spending is the heart of the nation's present fiscal problems.

After the tax reduction in 1964, it appeared that the rate of Federal spending had moderated. But in September 1965, the spending rate rose quickly and now, if certain contingencies occur, the nation is faced with the prospect of a possible fiscal year 1968 budget deficit of nearly \$30 billion, the largest since World War II.

It is time that Congress and the Administration undertake a program for stringently reducing federal expenditures and controlling their future growth. Taxpayers, who bear the cost of government and to whom the government turns when emergencies arise, should insist that members of Congress favor such a proposal as the Government Program Evaluation Commission.

## An Unconquered World

Those of us living on the edge of one of the world's great oceans may be prone to take for granted its role in our lives.

We accept the ocean's beaches as wonderful recreation spots, its waters for pleasure boating and for commercial shipping, and depths to provide us with food fish, minerals, and oil.

Tomorrow, however, should bring us to the realization that the ocean is our greatest unconquered world.

The first Oceanography Curricula issued recently by the National Oceanography Association in Washington, D.C., listed more than 50 universities that give courses and degrees on oceanographic subjects.

Those now enrolled in these classes will be on the front lines of discovery in this frontier of tomorrow.

We wish them well, so long as they leave the beaches for our swimmers, surfers, and sun lizards; and the deeper waters for our fishermen, boaters, and commercial shipping fleets.

That still leaves a lot of ocean for the scientists.

## Where Your Money Goes

Americans work 2 hours and 25 minutes each day just to meet their federal, state and local taxes. This is an increase of six minutes in the past year, according to the Tax Foundation. In contrast to the tax bite, John Q. Public works only 1 hour and 26 minutes to provide for his housing, 1 hour and 14 minutes for food and tobacco, 40 minutes for transportation, 30 minutes for clothing, 19 minutes for recreation, and 21 minutes for medical expenses. All other expenses take up only 1 hour and 6 minutes of his day.

## Opinions of Others

The constitution guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of the press, but we are beginning to believe that there is an encroachment by government on this guarantee by the regulatory method. We are thinking particularly of the rules and regulations which are placed upon radio and television through the licensing system. We believe that the broadcasting industry should be as free to criticize government — and even the FCC if the occasion arose — as the newspapers are free to point out weaknesses in governmental structure. America needs free speech over the air waves, but the rules and regulations of the FCC are going to do more to throttle that freedom than they are to defend it. — Somers (Pa.) American.

## IT'S TIME TO REVIEW—AND PRUNE!



## HERB CAEN SAYS:

# After All, David's Been Trained to Be Dramatic

Hippie David Simpson, the San Francisco Mime Troupe actor charged with being a public nuisance, chose to defend himself before a jury and won—but that's not the item; in summing up her case against Simpson, Asst. D.A. Jean Wright warned the jurors not to put their faith "in his sincerity—after all, he's an actor and is trained to be dramatic." At which point Mime Troupe member Lynn Brown piped up: "Hey, what about Reagan, Murphy and Shirley Temple's Black???" (Laughter) . . . Outside a Montgomery St. pickup bar Friday night, Eve Crane overheard one secretary grin to another: "Well, should we go inside for a little computerless dating?" . . . Add little landmarks that always make the tourists stare twice: the plaque reading "Here was born the first white child in San Francisco on April 15, 1838"—at the corner of Grant and Clay in the heart of Chinatown. (A few of us think the DAR, which posted the plaque, should win some sort of award forchutzpah).

Now take my hand and I will lead you into the heart of Straightville — the suburbs of Sunnyvale, Calif. There, starting at noon Saturday and running 'til noon Sunday, Jeanette and Mar-

## San Francisco

vin Bellis gave a hippie party recently for 80 fellow suburbanites, and a brave sight they were, with their rented wig, guitars, beards, bells, and sandals.

All except one couple, Betsy and Bob Daugherty, who have IMAGINATION, man. They didn't wear hippie clothes. They dressed like what you always see AROUND the hippies—tourists from Iowa! Bob had on these silly white shoes and a straw hat and a big camera around his neck, and Betsy was a real kick in her printed dress, a mink stole, sling pumps and like that. And they arrived in a Gray Line Bus, stopped on the sidewalk, gawked at the hippies falling out of Chez Bellis and took pictures.

While they were thus engaged, a neighbor lady crept up to Betsy and whispered: "What in the world is going ON in there?" "A hippy party," Betsy whispered back, and oh, the neighbor lady was shocked. "You mean," she gasped, "with real LSD and marijuana?" "Well, I should hope SO," sniffed Betsy, hitching up her stole and sweeping in. "I didn't bring any of my OWN!" Sunnyvale may nev-

er be the same, which is all to the good.

Flash: Sailors are getting bigger! The Navy is now ordering 36" by 80" mattresses for enlisted men, six inches wider and five inches longer than the old standard. Officers, I gather, are no bigger than they ever were . . . Another true fact: Ice Follies dancers are fined if they're caught skiing (and they hate to pay it because they're cheap-skates) . . . More colorful language from the Haight-Asbury: Brooks Brother types who like to turn on and are known as "plain-clothes hippies" . . . This is ridiculous. Actress Eva Renzi, who starred in "Funeral in Berlin," was turned away from Tarantino's the other night because she was wearing an Italian pants suit—and she looked SMASHING (she also looked just married to Swiss Actor Paul Hubschmid, and she was).

Little did lady of the week: One who lives on Elm Street in San Carlos, surrounded by a glorious garden. On her picket fence is a pair of scissors dangling from a string and this sign: "Help yourself to a piece of lilac!"

## WILLIAM HOGAN

# How to Knife a Siberian Wolf, Other Travel Tips

Browsing: Advice to the traveler from "Siberia: Land of Promise," by the French journalist Pierre Rondiere who has traveled widely in the region and recreates the historical background to the present boom situation there (Frederick Ungar; \$6.50):

"If attacked suddenly by a wolf, the thing to do is to brandish the right-hand fur glove with the left hand, for the wolf will jump at the first hand he sees moving. Then you can knife him quite easily with your right hand . . . However, this is unlikely to happen, since during the last 20 years wolves and bears have withdrawn many hundreds of miles north."

From "One Chilly Siberian Morning," by the British documentary filmmaker Douglas Botting who spent some months in the more remote areas of Siberia, including Yakutia, a frontier settlement somewhat like the Yukon during the Gold Rush (Macmillan; \$4.96): "Yakutia, the land of the

## AFFAIRS OF STATE

# Approval for Queen Mary Project Raises Eyebrows

By HENRY C. McARTHUR  
Capital News Service

SACRAMENTO — More than a few eyebrows are being raised at the approval of the state lands commission for an expenditure of \$3,444,000 tide-lands oil money by the city of Long Beach to purchase the obsolete Cunard liner Queen Mary for a maritime museum, hotel, restaurant and shops, all of which is considered "harbor improvement" for the oil-rich community.

Not that there is anything illegal about the deal. The money belongs to Long Beach by virtue of legislative action, beginning in 1911 when the state granted the tidelands to the city. That was long before the rich field was discovered.

Subsequent legislative action culminated in the late 1950s when rather than face a lengthy court suit, the results of which were debatable, the state made a deal with Long Beach where-in funds off the top of the oil revenue were to be used to whip the subsidence problem and the remainder shared between the city and the state.

Some years have passed

since the last legislative action. During the interim, the financial condition of the state has reached the point where massive increases in taxes were needed to meet the fiscal requirements.

But at the same time, tideland oil revenue for the city of Long Beach built up to a point where it can afford purchase of an old ocean liner to refurbish at additional costs for delivery, duty, use taxes and remodeling of \$1,867,500, making the grand total of oil revenue \$5,311,500.

Meanwhile, Long Beach continues to receive its share of state subsidies for various purposes, as terms of the legislation prevent the city from using the rich income for purposes other than harbor improvement and maintenance.

Senator George Deukmejian, R-Long Beach, says he does not think it has been decided who gets the concessions which undoubtedly will be available aboard the liner after tidelands oil

money takes care of the engineering and remodeling.

However, when announcement was first made of the purchase and the plan to convert the liner as a rival of Disneyland for tourists, it was stated "the non-profit California Museum Foundation plans to establish the maritime museum." F. T. Hortig, state lands commission executive officer, said 68 per cent of the 590,000 square feet of usable space would be used for the museum.

## Sacramento

The California Museum Foundation is the old Exposition Park Associates and is registered as a charitable trust with the attorney general. Its directors number a long list of prominent civic leaders and financiers. Among them are J. Howard Edgerton, listed as president of the California Federal Savings and Loan company; Howard Ahmanson, well known in the political world; Edwin W. Pauley, of Pauley Petroleum Company; John E. Canaday, vice president of Lockheed, and others.

Governor Ronald Reagan, hard put to make ends meet in financing state operations, has voiced his approval of the Queen Mary purchase.

## ROYCE BRIER

# Call for a Free Quebec De Gaulle's Finest Hour

When President de Gaulle, visiting Canada, shouted "Vive Quebec Libre," all the erudite analysis flipped with complex explanations for the presumed faux pas.

But it wasn't a faux pas, as M. de Gaulle soon made it known. He meant it that the Quebec French should be "liberated" from Canada, and let the chips fall where they may, to coin a phrase. A modern statesman has seldom generated such a density of chips, hence the analysts with all their political psychological and gerontological examinations. Could the old boy have turned a little dotty?

Maybe not. What follows is a theory derived from watching the man for upward of a quarter century, and blending it with a little history you learned at school when schools taught history. It's quite simple, and if you think it simple-minded, there's no law against that. These Anglo-Saxons, as from beyond the North Sea

settled in England about 1,500 years ago. Alfred integrated them in the 9th century, and they reigned until the Norman Conquest (1066). The Conquest didn't change their basic character.

There Anglo-Saxons, as we later called them, were a tough and competent people, traders and fighters with a measure of arrogance. They were born aggressors, and under the Plantagenets and Tudors began biting off Continental realms, particularly in France. Joan of Arc was a liberator.

The term Anglo-Saxon covers all these depredations, and you could hardly expect the French to like the term connotes, or to love people of Anglo-Saxon stock. Since when have Latins liked non-Latins, or vice versa? Not since 500 A.D. anyway.

Yet in 1939, as in 1914, Frenchmen had to accept help from these obnoxious characters, to stave off even more obnoxious characters from the east. This was a drag, and M. de Gaulle abhorred it. There were, for instance, two difficult and wily fellows, Churchill and Roosevelt, and they were Anglo-Saxons (a taint of Dutch in the latter, but never mind). They were not nuts about M. de Gaulle, either, and let him know it. When they had big plans they huddled, and when he mentioned French glory, they gave him the fish-eye. They had glory plans of their own, once they knocked over the Berlin ogre.

That's how M. de Gaulle came to the Liberation. He was lucky to be assigned a billet in Paris, and was sore! So when he got big at home, he saved his best blasts, not for the "British," nor for the "Americana," but for the "Anglo-Saxons." For note that in years of speeches, when annoyed, he used the term.

So here was a French enclave, descendant of the grand old days of the Grand Louis, suffering amongst Canadian Anglo-Saxons. Who could pass up such a gleaming opportunity to give them the shaft? He couldn't, and didn't. It was his finest hour, to quote an immortal, if pestiferous, Anglo-Saxon.

## My Neighbors



## Mailbox

Editor, Press-Herald,  
The crews of pilots and planes of the 21st Powder Puff Derby have departed from Torrance. The memory of wonderful association with the race will long linger on in your thoughts as well as ours.

The enthusiastic comments we have heard from race contestants and their families, local Ninety-Nines, and those who came from afar, city and business officials, and the whole South Bay Area and the County of Los

Angeles assure us that this, the 21st Powder Puff Derby Terminus, was the best ever!

You can be justly proud of the role you played. The planning of the technical aspects of the race, the social events, the myriad activities associated with the successful conclusion of this year's AWTAR could not have been carried out without your generous support.

On behalf of the Terminus Committee please accept our most sincere "Thanks" for your help in making the 21st Powder Puff Derby Terminus such a success.  
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"Rush hour on a freeway is the only thing that stops the wheels of progress."