

A Loss in Sacramento

The Torrance - Peninsula area lost one of its staunchest friends and strongest boosters this week. The sudden death in Sacramento of Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel, Republican representative of the 46th District since 1950, is a personal loss to thousands of his friends in the 46th District and in California.

Author-engineer-legislator, Charles Edward Chapel lived a full life. He overcame polio at the age of 9 when all doctors had given up. He went on to serve in the U. S. Infantry, and as a Marine Corps officer in Nicaragua, aboard the USS California, and as commander of an anti-pirate guard on the Yangtze River in China.

He was a recognized authority on ballistics, firearms, and on the history of handguns. He organized the first Cub Scout Pack, was chief of research in a development for Northrop Aeronautical Institute, and produced motion pictures for the Air Force.

As a man of widely varied interests and abilities, Mr. Chapel was blessed with many honors during his busy lifetime. His friends and supporters were many and loyal.

As a busy man involved in many fields of activity, Mr. Chapel also collected critics, both in and out of his own Republican party. He consoled himself, however, in the realization that most of the criticism came from stuffed shirts and empty suits; from men who couldn't measure up to him in any endeavor.

Voters of the 46th Assembly District sent him to Sacramento nine times as their representative. He had a consistently sound voting record and was a strong voice for his constituents. As such he regularly won the backing of the voters and of this newspaper in his campaigns for office.

Mr. Chapel, his wry humor, and his disdain for the pompous among us, will be sorely missed.

OTHERS SAY

The Price of Freedom

George Washington was a leader who recognized the gifts and talents of others and assigned to each the task for which he was fitted. His simple, unassuming manner well graced a republic and helped to make him the true leader that he was.

On the birthday of our first President, it is well to remember the fundamental principles he propounded—principles that have helped guide this nation through the years.

It was a cold day at Valley Forge as General Washington prayed for Divine guidance for our young nation in its moment of severe trial. Later General Washington met with a group of his military. With tears in his eyes—not tears of fear or failure but rather tears of pride for his fellow man and admiration for his struggling nation—he gave his military patriots a simple command, "Put none but Americans on guard tonight."

What General Washington meant was simply this: the salvation of our cause required true men, men willing to stand firm in the face of great odds. Men who loved their flag and liberty and freedom more than life. Men willing to prove it.

His words are just as true now as in 1776.—*Indus trial Press Service*

One of the most persuasive voices of the world of religion has been added to the swelling chorus of protest against ultra-zealous court concern with the rights of criminals. The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, Bishop of Rochester and a leading philosopher of the Roman Catholic Church, said in a recent telecast that crime is increasing because of a widespread "false compassion" for wrongdoers. False compassion, he said is "a pity that is shown, not to the mugged, but to the mugger; not to the family of the murdered, but to the murderer; not to the woman who was raped, but to the rapist." Also stung by the Bishop's eloquent scorn were the "social slobbers" who insist on compassion for "the junkies, the dope fiends, the throat slashers, the beatniks, the prostitutes, the homosexuals and the punks." This is strong protest; but something must stir us to a wise and truly compassionate dedication to the God-given rights of all our fellow men.—*California Feature Service*.

In the opinion of many European economists, unless the United States balances its payments soon, a run on the dollar is possible at any time. With the war in Vietnam expanding, this isn't an easy time to balance payments. Yet, firm action is needed, and has been needed for a year or more, to stop the loss of U. S. gold, bolster the reputation of the dollar and the pound. It is a hard decision to make, and the temptation which intrigues the Administration is to wait a little longer before a hard remedy is effected.—*Heflin (Ala.) News*.

Morning Report:

Injustice has reared its male head again — this time in the gymnasium we run for our statesmen of the House of Representatives. Three House ladies, from Illinois, Washington and Hawaii, were turned away even though they were properly elected by their voters. It's a clear case of denial of equal rights and I think Herb Bots, the director of the gym, should be called before a committee for questioning.

If the ladies want to indulge in nude swimming with the male representatives, who is Mr. Bots to deny them? The ladies have every constitutional right to sit in the steam room and swap dirty stories with anybody who will listen. As a matter of fact, if the ladies get their rights, a lot of more lively men might be persuaded to run for Congress.

Abe Mellinkoff

Things Have Changed Since Your Time, George



HERB CAEN SAYS:

Cold Sausages Cost the Co-Pilot a Cool \$1,500

Care to hear about a \$1,500 breakfast? Okay: one of the national airlines, on an economy kick, is cutting down on all frills — including food for the cockpit crew (this is a frill!). So one morning, earlier this month, a copilot sneaked into the galley and snatched himself three little pig sausages. Tilt! An airline inspector on board caught him greasy-handed and suspended him for the rest of the month — meaning he was docked about \$1,500 in salary. "Three \$500 sausages," lamented the pilot at S.F. Airport, "and they weren't even hot."

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member baseball? Well, the major leagues held a meeting of the brass in Pittsburgh — and the plane carrying the L.A. contingent back home (the Dodgers' Walter O'Malley and Buzzie

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Bavasi, the Angel's Cowboy Gene Autry, Bill Rigney, etc.) couldn't get its wheels down. As they circled, the pilot explained the wheels could be lowered by hand — but meanwhile, the passengers were instructed on how to sit for a crash landing. Lastly, they were asked to remove their shoes and give them to the stewardess, as

they have a tendency to fly off on impact. It was at this point that some irreverent soul (Rigney?) hollered: "Poor Autry — they aren't even gonna let him die with his boots on!"

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A mess of dottage: A sports car smashed into a house hereabouts the other night at 85 miles an hour, with such force that it landed completely inside the living room — but, by a miraculous fluke, nobody was seriously injured. Owner of the house: William T. Fluke. . . J. Arthur Rude, managing director of the Calif. Traffic Safety Foundation, walked out on "Grand Prix" at the intermission, because his seat wasn't equipped with a safety belt. But on l'autre hand, Kevin McAree figures that traffic safety is a lost cause anyway. By dint of much research, he finds that in 1904, there were only two cars registered in the entire city of Kansas City — and in June of that year, they collided with each other.

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Russ Rudzinski, owner of the Mingey restaurant, underwent surgery at French Hosp. and came through nicely — except for one scare. The sodium pentothal was injected by an old customer, Dr. Robert Leggett, who whispered eerily through his mask as Russ was going under: "NOW I'll get that secret recipe I've been after for the last five years!"

A visiting French scientist describing the ideal candidate for President of the University of California: "A brilliantly educated, scientifically-trained administrator, who, when he directed a large educational and scientific institution proved himself capable of maintaining peace and efficiency among a multi-racial group of students, faculty and employees that included Communists, rightwing militarists, colonial-minded conservative politicians and revolutionaries. In other words — Ho Chi Minh, who accomplished all that as chief of the Pasteur Institute in French Indochina." Got him.

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The phone rang Thurs. night at the hungry I and Mgr. Dave Allen answered to hear an angry voice: "This is the Reverend Connors of First Presbyterian and I wish to complain about the salacious material used by your so-called comedian." Dave, shouting: "Salacious? Shelley Berman is a genius! His material is bright, original, funny and NOT dirty. Why." Voice, interrupting: "Actually, this IS Shelley Berman and I wish to congratulate you. You have passed the loyalty test."

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Protests Mount in Cut Of Federal Road Funds

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR
 Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO—It seems now that almost everyone is waxing prolific with arguments to have federal funds restored to California's highway program.

Governor Reagan is disturbed over planned cut-backs of monies supposedly earmarked for the federal interstate highway program, in view of the tremendous need for freeway construction throughout the state.

Assemblymen and senators are climbing on the bandwagon with claims the state stands to lose some \$70 million this year alone, and there is the possibility of an additional loss of from \$35 to \$40 million annually.

The argument also is made that California has sent more highway-user money through federal channels that has been returned to California for road construction, and that the proposed cut-back would compound a gross inequity which has existed for some time in the past.

In fact, one state senator, James E. Whetmore, R-Fullerton, says he is not prepared to accept the excuse that the proposed cut-backs are needed to halt inflation, and assist the conduct of the war in Vietnam.

"One cannot ignore," says Whetmore, "the specter of

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political retribution, however remote this may be, as it is a political fact of life that the Johnson administration certainly owes nothing to the people of California after what transpired at the polls last November."

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The highway user tax situation is likened in principle to federal imposition of the unemployment insurance tax. For more than 30 years, the business interests in California have been contributing more to this administration fund than the department of employment has been getting back for administrative purposes. This has occurred while

other states receive more than business contributes.

Thus, the people of the various states are beginning to reap the rewards of turning over what initially is a state function to the whims and follies of bureaucratic government and the pleasure of Congress in relinquishing such functions, the states can do little better than enter the picture as beggars in attempts to restore and regain what they previously bequeathed for the benefit of the less fortunate, or more affluent.

While there may be some moral responsibility for the federal government to return to the individual state what it contributes, or at least a greater part, there is no legal responsibility at all. Federal decisions are final unless sufficient pressures can be brought to bear, and even then, the outcomes are dubious.

Also, the federal government may run out of money sometime, and a retrenchment effort can't be said to be too far out of line.

ROYCE BRIER

Population Growth Key Factor in World Unrest

When we were kids the teacher always said there were a billion and a half people in the world, and it was more or less true.

The word billion had little meaning then, and was not used about money, dollars. Smart kids knew a billion is a thousand million, and it was a whopping figure and all you needed to know.

Population reference Bureau came up with a new figure for world population, 3,346 billion, with an increase of 65 million, or 180,000 a day, for 1966. Just last year the fixed figure for world population gain was 55 million.

United Nations estimates world population increase stands at a steady 2 per cent a year, and at that rate, total population will double in 35 years, which means that in the year 2000 it will be approaching 7 billion.

The trouble is, this growth is not uniform in its distribution.

About a quarter of the world's population is in low birth rate countries, under

25 per thousand per year. These comprise the industrialized countries in North America, Europe, including the Soviet Union, and Japan.

In the high birth rate areas — Asia, Africa and Latin America — the births number 35 to 60 per thousand and per year. But in these

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countries the death rate has been steadily declining since the war, hence the absolute growth far surpassed that in the low birth rate area.

Half the world's people live in the five biggest countries: China, India, the Soviet Union, the United States and Pakistan. But note that only the United States has food production surpluses, and the Russians have adequate food supply. China and Pakistan are a little below subsistence level in food, while India is far below subsistence level.

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Most demographers believe that bare subsistence and below subsistence food production in a score of na-

tions accounts for much of the political and social unrest existing in the world today. Excepting in nations like Britain and Japan, which can afford to import food they lack, a general air of frustration prevails in lands not self-sufficient in food.

Another more subtle factor in world-wide unrest is suggested in the Reference Bureau's Bulletin. Half the existing world population was not born when World War II ended. Hence this half has no experience in the central historical problem laid down in our time. They can only acquire knowledge from print or from their elders, and they are more likely to acquire prejudice than objective fact.

Occasionally the President, or some other American or other Western public figure, makes indirect allusion to the population phenomenon now engulfing the globe. So far none of them has advanced any serious plan for coping with it in the remaining third of this century.

WILLIAM HOGAN

Edgar Cayce Sees Great Disaster by Year 2000

For some weeks now a book titled "Edgar Cayce: The Sleeping Prophet," by Jess Stearn, has been climbing on our best-seller list. Who is Edgar Cayce, and what is his appeal? The poet and critic James Broughton looks over the phenomenon in the following paragraphs:

Citizens, take warning! By 1998 San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York will have been completely destroyed by earthquakes, most of Japan will have slid into the sea, Northern Europe will lie in ruins, Georgia will be under water, and the lost continent of Atlantis will have risen again off the Bahamas.

By the year 2000 the rotational axis of the earth will have tilted with even more drastic results: the Arctic will melt, the Flood will come again, and the shore of the Pacific Ocean will be somewhere in Nebraska.

Such are a few of the earth-shaking prophecies given in trance by Edgar Cayce, the famed psychic of Virginia Beach, whom this goggle-eyed book called "the greatest mystic America has ever known."

Though he has been dead 20 years, his disciples claim

his predictions proved 100 per cent accurate for other events of the 20th Century, such as the exact dates for the World Wars, the Depression, and the discovery of the laser. Therefore one could view with some immediate alarm his assertion

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that the coming geologic cataclysms would begin in the present decade with earthquakes along the Pacific slope from Alaska to Chile.

Cayce himself was a God-fearing sixth grade dropout quite awed by his psychic powers. His life work was the clairvoyant diagnosis of disease and his odd homeopathic remedies often proved miraculously successful. Hence there is today a widespread cult devoted to studying his revelations about health, diet, mind power, and dreams; the 1966 conference was held at Asilomar, California.

But the Cayceites tend to bypass skeptically the prophecies of world doom emphasized in this particular book. Like other human beings they are more concerned with making themselves comfortable right now.

Meanwhile, anyone you know building an Ark?

Notbes on the Margin—"The Bridge in the Jungle," a republication of a 1928 novel by B. Traven, the shy, mysterious writer who resides in Mexico, will appear in March from Hill & Wang. A classic story of a day in the life of a Mexican village.

When John Mark's "To the Bullfight" was published by Knopf in 1963, Ernest Hemingway said it was the best book on the subject — after mine." This month Knopf will publish "To the Bullfight Again," an enlarged and revised edition of this spectator's guide to the great Latin ritual.

Next month Prentice-Hall will publish "The Futile Life of Pito Perez," by the Mexican writer Jose Ruben Romero. Deemed the all-time best-seller of Mexico, the novel has appeared in 17 Spanish editions. The Prentice-Hall publication is the first edition of the novel in English.

Bernard DeVoto's distinguished studies, "Mark Twain's America" (1932) "Mark Twain at Work" (1942), reappear as a one volume edition from Houghton Mifflin (\$6.95).