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It's Graduation Week

This is Graduation Week in Torrance, and by week's end, an estimated 4,700 students will be graduated from Torrance schools.

Among those graduating will be members of Torrance High School's 50th anniversary class who will receive diplomas Wednesday evening.

Other graduating classes will range from the adults, who begin the week tomorrow evening, to the eighth graders who will be graduated on Thursday.

For many of this week's graduates, it will mean the end of school. For many others—a growing number—it will be a plateau in the schooling process but not the end.

Every student, whether graduation means lazy days at the beach, a job, or the beginning of a career, should keep in mind one thing about the world around him—it is changing more quickly than we can imagine.

Academic training can give an invaluable store of knowledge of our history and our heritage, of human relations, of technical matters with concrete commercial value. It can give preparation to meet the world as it exists on the day of graduation. But the day after, the week after, the year after, new knowledge, new reactions, new circumstances will pile up.

Graduation may mark the end of school days for three months or for the rest of a person's life, but it does not mark an end to the need for learning and growing in order to keep up with and contribute to the fast paced world around us.

So, find the fun of summer, let it bring exhilaration, refreshment, and the perception to find knowledge, wherever it may be found. Successful living must be based on a constant enlargement of all kinds of knowledge.

Opinions of Others

Not too many years ago the moon was an inspiration to lovers and poets. A few years from now it's just going to be another airport.—Robert Lee in the *Woodward (Okla.) Journal*.

If we could see ourselves as others see us, we wouldn't believe it.—James H. Russell, *Belton (Tex.) Journal*.

Industry is desirous of coming to grips with disturbed employe behavior. But in this age of industrial sophistication, we are committed to the positive frame of reference—the development of mental health. We are concerned with the effective utilization of people, not as tools of productivity, but, because the employe whose job offers him opportunity for growth and a chance to relate to others in a meaningful way will find real fulfillment and satisfaction in his job.—W. P. Gullander, president, *National Association of Manufacturers*.

Even though the automobile has replaced the horse, the guy who drives should stay on the wagon anyhow.—Langford (S.D.) *Bugle*.

Morning Report:

The harried American tourist can develop eye strain planning his trip abroad this summer. One eye, as ever, on the bank balance, and the other firmly scanning every new Page One of the daily newspaper.

Tanks rolling in Egypt, Israel, and Syria. Bombs falling on Saudi Arabia, and cannon popping in Yemen. A triumvirate of generals grabbing power in Greece—and triumvirates have had a bad name since Romn days. Those wonderful Chinese dressmakers and tailors rioting like crazy in Hong Kong. Indonesia getting over a blood bath, and rifle fire along the Kashmir boundary between India and Pakistan. Vietnam of course has been off limits for years.

World peace may be too important to be left to the United Nations. The American Society of Travel Agents will have to take over.

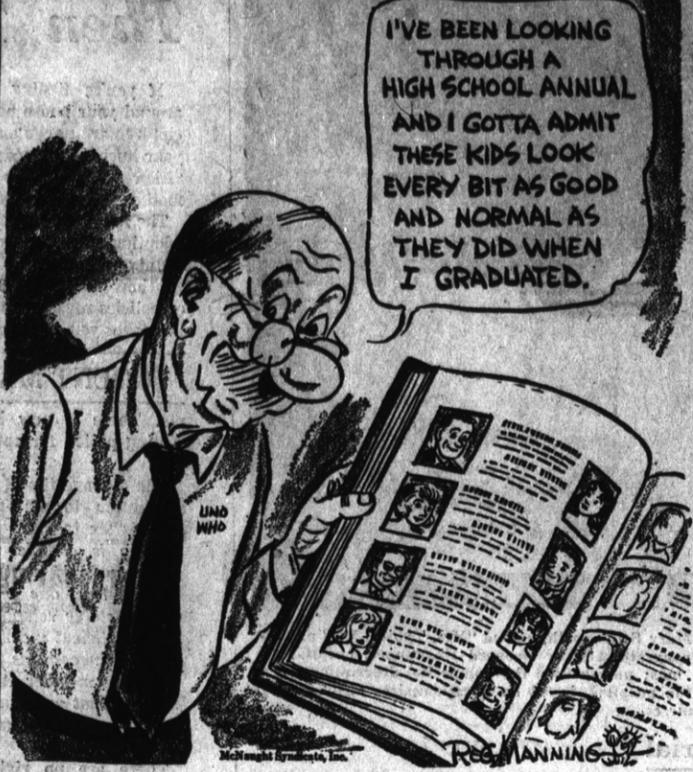
Abe Mellinkoff

O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH



Encouraging Picture Of Young America

(WORRIED ABOUT TODAY'S PUBLICIZED KOOKY YOUTH?)



HERB CAEN SAYS:

Note from Psychedelphia On a Matter of Hashish

We are privileged to share with you today three acerbic comments on the scene out there in Psychedelphia (S.F.'s Haight-Ashbury district). First up is KRON-TV's Art Finley, who sings one chorus of "Happiness Is Just a Thing Called POT," and then inquires:

"Isn't it odd that they call themselves the Love Generation, preach peace, and smoke marijuana? (Is it?) 'Why, yes indeed. Will you concede that marijuana and hashish are the same thing?' (Well, they are related.) 'Okay, now we come to the word 'assassin,' from the Arabic word 'hashashin,' which refers to the Moslems who killed Crusaders while under the influence of hashish. So what's so peaceful about it?' A telling point, and he might have added that 'hashashin' is the plural of 'hashash,' a person addicted to corned beef hashish. Hold that egg!

Comment No. 2 concerns

Quote
An American is the most ambitious individual on earth. He works from morning till night, then moonlights on the side to keep his earning power up to his yearning power.—Lee Call, *Star Valley (Wyo.) Independent*.

One of life's briefest moments is the time between reading the sign on the freeway and realizing you just missed the off-ramp.—Donald M. Weaver, *Winnabago (Minn.) Enterpriser*.

The best way to carve a tombstone is to chisel in traffic.—William Chaffee in the *Walnut (Iowa) Bureau*.

The mustard seed is very small, but it looms up like a Himalayan peak when placed by the side of the some minds.—Samuel Harden Stille in the *Wellington (Ohio) Enterpriser*.

Politicians wouldn't be so cocky if they only realized that today's president is tomorrow's six-cent stamp.—Fred W. Grown in the *Bergen (N.J.) Citizen*.

When we who administer business enterprises plan the use of profits retained in the business, we exercise a most important social responsibility.—C. W. Cook, chairman, *General Foods Corporation*.

Many who are working on their income tax returns at times wish the Indians had fought harder.—Lee Call, *Star Valley (Wyo.) Independent*.

the beards worn by the hashish of the Love Generation. Aside from the fact that they're a bore (anything that makes everybody look alike is boring), they seem a tactical error. As I seem to recall from my folklorico, Alexander of Macedon ordered his troops to shave their beards so their enemies couldn't grab them by the hairs while flailing them with sharp instruments. Next time the Love Generators are facing combat with the cops, they might remember this. Don't give the fuzz no fuzz to fuzz with.

Third comment from local

San Francisco
Atty. Frederick Kracke, who deplores the loving coverage conferred on the Lovers by the communications media. "It appears that the kids are attempting to reject the phoniness of our generation," he points out, "aren't we actually confirming their belief?" The Hashburies would be the first to agree.

Now then to the world crises. Re Kent Bach's campaign for on-headlights in the daytime to protest the war in Vietnam, Bob Nelson of Menlo Park says he can't make up his mind, "so it is okay if I just drive around with my blinker light on?"

WILLIAM HOGAN

Chester Aaron's Novel Really a Family Memoir

The Old Bunch: In recent seasons there have appeared several novels which focus on American Jewish life in this century. Most recent, and probably the most successful, is "Fathers," Herbert Gold's "novel in the form of a memoir." Another is "The Chosen," Chaim Potok's semi-autobiographical account of a Brooklyn youth's break with his Hassidic father's religious culture. Mothers and fathers are almost always prominent characters in these tales of strong, emotional family ties, and are again in "About Us," a first novel by Chester Aaron of Berkeley. Aaron is one of seven first novelists McGraw-Hill is introducing this season.

"About Us" is unusual in its geographic setting, a small Pennsylvania mining community not far from Pittsburgh. It covers the years from 1932, when Ben, the narrator, is 8 years old, to the wartime autumn of

1944, following the death in Italy of one of Ben's older brothers. The book is a collection of memories, notes and reflections about a minority group in an alien setting, about growing up, the disintegration of a family and the erasure of early dreams.

Papa studies the Torah and runs a successful store (Herbert Gold's father was a successful grocer in Cleveland); Mama is a benevolent autocrat; each of the five children, in his own way, is something of an eccentric. Aaron's narrative may remind you of the early Saroyan, but of Nikolai Gogol, too, as Benny, the "baby" of the family, recalls these vignettes of life, survival, maturity and death.

This is an interesting and honest "novel in the form of a memoir" by a writer of considerable promise. Most first novelists are autobiographers in some degree or

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Business Climate Hurt By Inventory Tax Fight

By HENRY C. MACARTHUR
Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — California's business and industrial climate appears to be worsening from day to day as the state legislature considers piling bigger and better taxes on productive enterprise, without due consideration of the economic forces which in ultimate analysis, constitute the difference between a prosperous people and a state struggling to maintain its standard of living.

One vital item in the many proposed for tax increases involves the inventory tax.

Although business and industrial interests for a good many years have pointed out this local assessment of goods on hand and subsequent taxation as a detriment to trade, and discriminatory in nature, the legislature has done nothing to ease the burden on what affects the entire business community.

As a result, the executive committee of the California Manufacturers Association, which represents virtually all of the major manufacturing interests in California, officially has gone on record as opposing the inventory tax.

This was announced by William Fellows, of Los Angeles, chairman of the executive committee, who said the organization is solidly behind the move to eliminate the inventory tax, and indicated the association will move to accomplish this objective as soon as possible.

One of the moves, he said, will be a conference with

Sacramento

Governor Ronald Reagan to press the Association's position. The governor's tax measure, being handled in the state senate by Senator George Deukmejian, R-Long Beach, and which is designed to raise nearly a billion dollars in new revenue, does not provide for repeal of the inventory tax, although some of his previous statements have favored the repeal in principle.

OBVIOUSLY, Reagan needs business support to steer the biggest tax increase in the history of California through the legislature. Such support could be more than lukewarm without elimination of the inventory tax. The assembly tax bill, by

Assemblyman John G. Veneman, R-Modesto, does have a provision in it for wiping out the inventory tax, and subsidizing local government around \$225 million to make up the loss. However, the Veneman bill, which also contains provisions for an income tax without withholding system, has been returned to the assembly committee on revenue and taxation after a Republican attempt to pass it in the lower house wound up in failure.

Thus, a situation which will demand a lot of compromise ensues. Some of the complications are:

Governor Reagan is opposed to a withholding tax. Business and industry are opposed to the inventory tax.

Democrats want the withholding tax, which business would tolerate if it can junk the inventory tax.

Utilities oppose the proposal for a sales tax on gas and electricity on users other than home-owners, proposed by Reagan as a new source of income.

These and other complications, according to reports, effectively are helping the state continue in a declining business climate.

ROYCE BRIER

Johnson Avoiding Issue Of Declaration of War

In a lead editorial, U. S. News and World Report offered a series of interviews on the question, "Why No War Declaration?"

Doubtless the subject is of growing concern in the United States, but the President himself has avoided it. The magazine, however, quotes excerpts from Secretary McNamara's testimony before a Senate committee last year.

In general, McNamara reasons that a declaration is not necessary, and would reduce the flexibility of the United States. He said we are only in Vietnam to aid the Saigon government, and that a 1964 joint resolution gave the President adequate power.

Most congressmen took the flexibility position, saying a declaration would be likely to involve Red China and the Soviet Union, particularly in the matter of supply of North Vietnam through the port of Haiphong. A state of war, with a formal blockade, would entail search of Soviet ships

at sea, and what happens then?

But those interviewed, either from oversight or design, with one exception failed to mention the overriding reason for Mr. Johnson's reluctance to ask for a declaration. The exception is Senator Morse of Oregon, and he did not elaborate.

World Affairs

ate. He said, "We don't have a declaration of war because the President does not dare to recommend one."

In our major wars of survival little opposition developed, but in two wars, 1812 and the Mexican, powerful blocs in Congress were opposed. Any administration going to the Congress for a declaration needs, if not an overwhelming majority, a large working majority.

Otherwise, the nation is in an untenable position before the world, and before itself, its division proved in a record vote.

Perhaps the President, as of 535 voting "nay." Let a political manipulator, sleeping dogs lie is a good knows fairly accurately what proportion of Con-

gress he could count on for a declaration. But if so, he hasn't mentioned it, nor is he likely to do so.

Yet there is a strong possibility that what now appears as a 75-85 per cent majority in "support" of the Vietnam war would not show when the chips are down for a declaration. It is one thing to grant extraordinary powers to the President, and to support it with appropriations, another thing to vote for a war without a visible end.

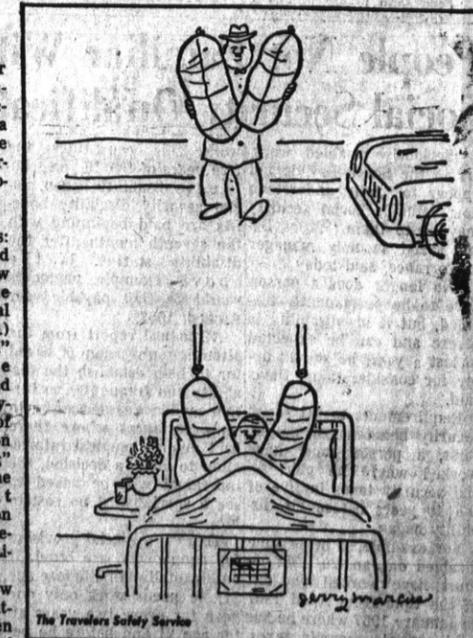
All Representatives and a third of the Senators are up for election next year, and a large proportion face a struggle to stay in office. A "yes" vote for declaration could well make the difference between re-election and retirement. Senator Dirksen's following, and many Republican members of the House may be unwilling to take the risk.

It is easier to vote appropriations (which only kill soldiers, not congressmen), and wait-see where Mr. Johnson lands in this hustle.

The President really doesn't care to find himself with 200 congressmen out of 535 voting "nay." Let a political manipulator, sleeping dogs lie is a good knows fairly accurately what proportion of Con-

Was It Sudden?

Jerry Marcus



Crossing between intersections killed 3,630 persons in 1966.