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A Message from Vietnam

(The following letter was received this week by the Rev. Lloyd H. Newlin at the First Baptist Church of Torrance. It's a message from a 19-year-old serviceman, Don Edwards, who is serving in Vietnam and one which the Rev. Mr. Newlin believes should be shared. We agree.)

Dear Reverend and the Congregation:

I doubt if all of you—the members of the church, know me. If not, I will explain. I am a member of the Memorial Baptist Church and I am also a serviceman in Vietnam.

I have been in Vietnam for seven months now. I have five more months to do, and I am beginning to doubt if I will ever make it through. The past seven months have been tiring and slow.

But now you might think I'm writing this letter for sympathy, but I'm not. I'm writing this letter for all the guys over here.

Every day we receive a little paper called the Pacific Stars and Stripes. Whenever we pick it up the headlines always cover a story about Protest Marches against the Vietnam war. That doesn't build up the morale any over here.

In fact, that's the reason a lot of guys have been killed over here and are being killed at this moment.

We don't care about our lives any more because we don't have a nation to go back to. We have to go back to America and fight an-

other war, a war that's going on in most of the cities across America between the protestors, the civil rights demonstrators, and the supporters of the Vietnam war.

Nobody bothered to ask a serviceman in Vietnam if he wanted to stay or come here. If somebody did, though, he would get an answer like this:

"Sure, I want to stay here.

We're fighting for a worthwhile cause, which I believe in and am willing to die for. You can just look at the little children's eyes and see them flashing a sign saying you're the one they're counting on, the only one who can pull them out of the jam they're in. That's the reason we're over here."

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If somebody had just bothered to ask one of us, the U.S. might not be in the jam they're in now. What I'm getting at is this: We spend 12 months 15,000 miles from home in a foreign land fighting a different kind of war with no support from home. That makes a man turn against his country and the way of life that he's dying for. In other words, we need the support of the people back home.

Would you please give us the prayers and support of yourselves?

Maybe some day we can win this war, but not without the support of the country we live in.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards

SACRAMENTO SCENE

State Leader Sounds Off About College Terrorism

By HENRY C. MACARTHUR
Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — At least one state official has hit the nail on the head regarding the disturbances in the University of California and the state colleges, and says so forthrightly with no mincing of words.

This is Paul Leake, member of the state board of equalization, and publisher of the Woodland Democrat, daily newspaper in Yolo county. Leake is well known throughout the newspaper for frank and honest comment on affairs of the day.

Leake's conclusion is that the college disturbances stem from Communist activity and "boring from within" to destroy eventually the American institutions which are cherished in the American way of life.

He points to the "conniving, 300-campus organiza-

tion of the Students for a Democratic Society" as the prime conspirator to create general chaos in the United States.

"According to the FBI, the society is infiltrated by communists and DuBois club

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members whose real aim is to capture our universities first, and then America's industries," Leake declared.

"The SDS seeks the day when the workers will have more authority than the employer, and depositors can write their own tickets for a bank loan, and when the craftsmen will operate the automobile plants, and when subscribers will dictate policy to editors."

Commenting on the overall picture, Leake said the world-wide college mutiny had its inception at the Uni-

versity of California four years ago when the administration "fell asleep at the switch."

And further, if the president of Columbia university had acted the first day of the demonstration, "the rebels would have folded like a house of cards."

He said the troubles at San Francisco state college may not yet be over, nor has Berkeley subsided. He declared that the campus ceremony in which draft resisters were honored was "treasonous" pointing out that "even the over-cautious supreme court has ruled that burning a draft card does not enjoy constitutional protection."

"And aggravating the situation," he said, "is the fact that our Republican and Democratic spokesmen distrust each other and refuse to act. Legislative lumps were taken by a simple resolution condemning regents and trustees who disrupt classes."

"Why cannot a valid way be found to withhold financial support of schools that tolerate terrorism?" Leake asks. "Why do we have to offer sanctuary to any mob that advocates violence and disrespect of the law? There is need for intelligent legislative action to prevent our institutions from being sabotaged."

"A free society can't survive if men in powerful positions do not forget their political differences and come to our rescue. As long as our colleges and civil authorities continue to foster encroachment and appeasement, this country will be courting chaos."

"It is still our duty to encourage young people to seek the whys, wheres, whens and hows, but we must halt campus lawlessness."

How About a Little Gun Control for Him?



FROM THE MAILBOX

City's Normal Budgeting Procedure Is Questioned

Editor, Press-Herald

In the annual budget hassle, why is the Council always the villain: condemned by the public because they spend more than they expect to take in and have to raise taxes, condemned by the employees for not giving them the moon, and by all departments by making them work too hard, when the persons actually preparing the budget come off without a scratch.

The council probably got themselves into that mess—possibly with some expert guidance. For instance, why has the council let the budget be prepared with "recommended" raises in taxes in order to balance it. Why shouldn't a prior request to the council, not connected with the budget, be required for any raises in taxes, in the event they are approved, then the budget could be balanced by including such raises, otherwise the budget must be submitted balanced.

Why should capital improvements always be the goat and be deleted all the time? Capital improvements are an investment in which you expect an immediate return in taxes—the elimination or reduction of capital improvements, such as roads and utilities, is paying the way for reduced tax revenue in the future. Why shouldn't recreation be considered the "luxury" and be increased or decreased according to the funds available.

Why are salary surveys of the city only compared to other cities who compare theirs with other cities, why not compare them to salaries in industry? Maybe this is why a recent industry survey concluded that government salaries were 25 per cent higher than comparable salaries in industries.

As to executive "time off," most executives that work on a salary are expected to put in more than 40 hours a week, but it appears in Torrance that this is a way to raise their wages. We all know it is impossible for the department heads to competently run their departments on 40 hours a week, counting all meetings they should attend (and educational seminars and conventions) and the time off in lieu of overtime is just a way to get the Council in a spot and raise their wages by paying overtime.

There should be no objection to the department manager only putting in 40 hours if his department is operating efficiently. But if it isn't, he should be obligated to put in as much time as required to get it running right. The answer may be in getting new department

heads if their demerment is not functioning.

Most cities, I am sure, require officials to attend council and other important meetings without equivalent time off. Why should Torrance be so generous?

G. L. ALTER

Mother Salutes Crossing Guards

Editor, Press-Herald

During the greater part of the year, we mothers send our children off to school and settle down for our second cup of coffee, confident that they will cross every major street safely. Few of us bother to think of the tremendous task which we are asking of the 31 City of Torrance crossing guards under the direction of our police department and in particular Sgt. Tom Woodridge.

Parents are responsible for their own children, teachers accept care of a classroom full, but the crossing guard must see to it that an entire school, and sometimes several schools, are brought safely across our busiest streets and highways. If they do their jobs well, we forget that they exist. But if there should be the slightest show of inefficiency, we cry to high heaven in complaint.

Sergeant Woodridge has the tremendous obligation of coordinating the schedules of public and private schools to see that the intersections are covered at all times when the children will be going to and from schools. Many times, even the schools themselves do not think to notify him of changes in schedules.

So, could we please use the facilities of your news media to say "thank you" to Sergeant Woodridge and the 31 unsung heroes who brave the dangers of modern-day traffic to assure the safety of our school children?

MRS. R. STINCHCOMB

Offer Britain Second Chance

Editor, Press-Herald:

This is an open letter to England's House of Lords: Your Lordships: In case your history books overlook the fact, it embarrasses me somewhat to inform you that 195 years ago a man by the name of Thomas Paine talked a bunch of "Indians" into throwing some of your tea into the ocean.

Though Tom thought this was the common sense thing to do you boys over there didn't take kindly to it and sent Cornwallis over to teach us better manners. Well, the good General

couldn't find us for the trees, so after a while he said, "Aw, to hell with it," and went home.

Now after about 200 years we might as well both face up to the fact that we need each other. During this time you have lost your Empire, and we have lost our sanity.

In view of the above would you consider us to be overly presumptive if we suggested that you take us back—if we promise to curseyour Queen and not dunk your tea?

We would both benefit. This arrangement would save us from self-destruction and give you back your Empire.

Actually I don't know who you would talk to about this, as most of the fellows in Washington are packing to go home and getting signed up for Social Security and Unemployment. The general attitude along Pennsylvania Avenue seems to be "Let George do it."

And a lot of people think the way things are shaping up he's going to, come Nov. 5th.

C. T. GILBREATH

Quote

Organizations that purport to represent 'sportsmen' and their innocent interest in hunting have turned out to be working for the vested interests of the U.S. gun and ammunition industry.—Assemblyman windfield Shoemaker, Santa Barbara.

Self-appointed leaders of the so-called poor are in fact betraying the people the profess to represent when they promote unnecessary marches and demonstrations which have no real purpose other than to stir up violence and trouble.—Governor Reagan.

There is almost unanimous opinion in black communities that guns should be outlawed entirely for fear of what whites intend to do with the arms and ammunition they have amassed over the last few years.—Assemblyman Bill Greene, Los Angeles.

You've literally got to scare the hell out of these people (legislators) to get them to believe you.—Assemblyman Willie L. Brown Jr., San Francisco.

Handguns aren't even worthwhile instruments for sports activity. To permit their use for hunting, considering their inaccuracy, is an invitation to the practice of cruelty to animals.—State Sen. George Miller Jr., Martinez.

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Hippies Resent Slurs on Taste

Mouth-watering: Some time ago, I ventured gingerly that this might be the last generation of haute cuisine, since none of the hippies I know seem to have any interest in cookery—unless you place non-organic foods in that category. Herewith two of many angry rebuttals:

"Whaddya mean, hippies aren't interested in cuisine?" shouts Sharon K. "Most of us (us is defined as my immediate friends, many of whom are gainfully employed, but all hairy and fond of Algerian herbs for the head, and beads, etc) don't drink much booze but we do haunt the liquor stores for mismarked

night by Sterling Edwards—the new Mrs. Dibble's second husband. Gee and they had asked him to be best man, too.

Bay City beat: Comedian Godfrey Cambridge walked into Sid Modell's jewelry salon on Geary, and Sid went wild: "Godfrey Cambridge! My favorite! I never miss you on the air or in movies," and so on. Godfrey purred his thanks, selected a \$13.50 stopwatch, and asked: "May I write a check?" Sid: "Get any identification?"

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I will now accept the general definition of The Establishment and tell all you young up-tight beards that its great strength lies in its insidious ability to assimilate what it can't comprehend. It's uncanny, this instinct to kill with kindness, to go for the jugular with velvet gloves, and all because The Establishment has a remarkably immature need to be With It. And it has the economic power to devour what it's with.

The least salient example is clothing. Pendants, beads, microminis, salvage shop castoffs, Poor Boy sweaters—you name it, Pucci or somebody will copy it, destroy its validity and sell it to half the matrons in town who can't wear it but do. Everybody's wearing flowers except the police, and maybe they should.

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The Established Order can reduce Bonnie & Clyde and Mao Tse-tung to the level of a fashion fad, and transform Che Guevara into an industry. Watch for the Guevara books and films, and the Ché Beret, designed by Yves St. Laurent. Followed by the Kim Philby Spy Game.

Sometimes I wonder what the dissidents are dissident about. The hippies by their own testimony have all the girls, pot, and freedom. The New Left is the sole repository of The True Word. The people I really feel sorry for are those who are jammed into a municipal bus twice a day. If I were them, I'd be sore 24 hours a day at everybody.

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That WAS Dick Gregory out at the airport the other day, picking up some "Dick Gregory for President" bumper strips at United.

When some of the workers began posting the strips on the walls, the boss raised absolute hell. So guess who drove home that night down the freeway, all unaware that on his rear bumper was a Gregory bumper strip...

"Diary of a Rapist," the latest novel by S.F.'s Evan Connell, has now been published in Italy ("Dittorio de Uno Stupratore") with a photo of Connell himself on the cover, looking appropriately carnal in yellow shirt, green suit, and purple hair. "I was thinking about suing," says Connell, "till the publisher told me he couldn't find an Italian willing to pose as a rapist."

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Clickety-clack: The mystifying "security" before Rockefeller's Commonwealth Club Speech—agents seemed mainly concerned with young ladies' bags—leads observers to conjecture that they were looking for something specific. An unusual prescription, perhaps? Add local radio stations that observed that the Long Park Weekend with taste and dignity: KSFO, KFRC.

Our own Laugh-In! continued despite popular request: Norma Polston in church, as the collection plate approaches: "Here come de nudge!" Linda Klemm: "Now that Eldridge Cleaver has proclaimed himself a presidential candidate, will LBJ provide him with Secret Service protection?" Howard Giles: "If Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller married Hubert Humphrey, would she be Happy Happy?" Dean Webber: "If Margaret Truman married Truman Capote... Hum. Well y'all can't win 'em all, and besides, think of the letter Harry could write!"

