

### A Move for 'Home Rule'

Cities and counties of California would get back some of their authority for enforcing vice laws and other local ordinances under terms of a bill introduced into the Legislature last week by an Arcadia Republican.

A "home rule" bill introduced by Sen. H. L. Richardson is designed to restore authority which has been stripped away under the pre-emption rulings of the State Supreme Court, a ruling which has put a cloud on the validity of local codes and ordinances.

Such a cloud developed in 1962 when the State Supreme Court ruled in the Carol Lane case that a Los Angeles ordinance against prostitution was in conflict with state law on the matter. Because the state had laws on prostitution, it had pre-empted the field, the court ruled.

By extension, the cloud fell on the validity of a large number of other local ordinances throughout California.

Senator Richardson's bill should receive the backing of all Legislators who believe in the communities of California having authority over their own codes and ordinances. The bill should be adopted.

### Opinions of Others

The U.S. Civil Service Commission, in advertising for a postmaster at Sierra City, informs that all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, politics or any other non-merit factor. Then it goes on to say, "persons over 70 years of age cannot be appointed." What, I wonder, would be wrong with a seventy year old postmaster in Sierra City? Or any other post office for that matter. I know many seventy year olds and better who would do a better job in a post office than many hippie type longhairs in their twenties.—Loyalton (Calif.) Sierra Booster.

It is a bit difficult for most of us to comprehend the enormity of a billion dollars. When we talk about the federal budget being up \$75 billion we tend to think of the 75 and forget the billion . . . a person with a billion dollars could spend \$100 a day and 27,000 years later he would still have several million dollars left.—Morris (Minn.) Sun.

The balance of payments problem is a very serious one, and certainly every inducement should be offered to encourage Americans to see America first, and the neglected rest of the Western Hemisphere second, but there is something that goes against the grain in the idea that the free-spending, deficit ridden government of the United States, the bastion of individual freedom, can no longer afford to allow its citizens to come and go as they please.—New Bern (N.C.) Sun-Journal.

Government "made work" is not the same as being employed in private industry. . . . to be employed and trained, and to become a part of an industry on the basis of merit, to be hired because one is needed and capable; not only brings in an income but it creates a personal pride that goes on to build inside of men a sense of sufficiency and assurance which moves them into the main stream of an orderly and responsible way of life.—Tulsa (Okla.) Eagle.

Right now Congress is getting ready to have another go at spending billions, and undoubtedly they'll do an unprecedented job. It would be something of a surprise if the new budget does not hit another all-time high.—Sisseton (S.D.) Courier.

### A Letter . . . . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische  
High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce:  
As a teenager, will you think that adult laws about drinking are hypocritical? Probably.  
Will you be right? Probably.  
"Why set the drinking age at 21 if it's not going to be enforced?" my students ask. I haven't a good answer.  
Allowing some teenage exaggeration, I repeatedly hear from my students that alcohol is easy to come by if a teenager really wants it. Mature-looking boys know places to buy it themselves, with or without phony IDs, while others get it from teenage employees of stores, from older friends, or from winos.  
Many teenagers feel that adults either don't care about or encourage teenage alcohol. Several students reported that when they went to a post-high school prom dinner at a large beach area restaurant last year, they were asked what kind of cocktails they preferred, when they hadn't even tried to order any.  
Some of the same parents

who complain about the breakdown of law and order do their small bit to contribute to it by freely serving liquor to their children's teenage friends or by hosting teenage beer busts. (Legally, they are contributing to the delinquency of a minor.)  
Teenagers have the impression that the police "make a lot of noise but don't do anything much" about underage drunks and drinking practices. Police-men complain privately they have trouble getting convictions in court.  
The net result is a loss of respect for law and order among teenagers. If 21 is the legal drinking age (and I'm not sure that 18 might not be a better limit), why don't parents, businessmen, police, and judges enforce it? Teenagers traditionally have tried anything they could get away with, but why do adults encourage law-breaking or look the other way? If the law is good, enforce it; if it is bad, change it.  
Yours for good laws,  
YOUR DAD



HERB CAEN SAYS:

### Hope Defies a Manager; Mouse Hits the Bottle!

Bob Hope headlined the Children's Hospital benefit at the Circle Star Theater in San Carlos, despite the advice of his managers (You been working too hard, Bobby?). Hope had an eye operation at Children's a couple of years ago, "and I still have a soft spot in my eye—I mean heart—for that little hospital." . . . I always thought those tales about somebody finding a mouse in his soft drink bottle were fables, but danged if it didn't happen down the S.F. Peninsula—and this week it cost the bottler \$3,000 in the Redwood City Courthouse. Testifying for the plaintiff, by the way, was a Dr. Pepper, although the guilty drink was NOT that of the same name. . . . More suit-stuff: Lt. Cmdr. Marcus Aurelius Arnheiter of Marin County, who was relieved of command of the USS Vance (and promptly stirred up a mighty fuss, via Drew Pearson and others), is now being sued by two of the junior officers Marcus said were "mutinous." The juniors—Luis Belmonte and William Generous (ha?)—want one million bucks each from Marcus Aurelius. One chorus of "Rancors Aweigh."

Report From Our Man In San Francisco  
time he was appearing at Lake Tahoe and confided: "I got great reviews, but word-of-mouth is killing me!" . . . We have jokes, too: This week, City Supervisor Jim Mailliard recommended pay raises for the S.F. Police Dept., but won't that do terrible things to the fuz-budget? I guess that's a joke.  
Domestic note: San Francisco Examiner Reporter Caroline Drewes was walking in the picket line in front of the paper when the rains came. A few minutes later, her husband, Judge Robert Drewes, drove up, handed

her an umbrella, drove off. . . . That particular picket line was going around in some pretty funny circles, by the way—because Drama Critic Stanley Eichelbaum showed up with a pitcher of martinis. If those strikers don't watch it, they'll give Skid Road a bad name. . . . Hello, George Lemont: "So Doubleday sends back my latest novel because it's too short. Ho hum. So much for 'The Second Fastest Gun in the West.'" G'bye, George.

Everybody to his own schtick dept.: Women's Wear Daily has a full-time correspondent in Saigon! And his Page One headline story in that paper one day recently, his first flash following the Viet Cong uprising, began "The Vietnam textile industry received a knockout blow during the Communist offensive in Saigon." A veritable exclusive, but I don't mean to make light of it. The Vietnam textile industry probably makes the whole cloth that U.S. communiques are cut from.

### WILLIAM HOGAN Your Flying Saucer Pal Might Be Worth \$10,000

Want to make \$10,000? This is a bonafide offer, according to Random House. All you have to do is to sign an agreement with Philip J. Klass, whose book "UFOs—Identified" explains "flying saucers" scientifically. Klass is Senior Avionics Editor for Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine.  
In "UFOs—Identified," Klass advances a new theory that Unidentified Flying Ob-

### Morning Report:

In addition to all the damage the Vietnam war may be doing to our economy, our foreign policy and our domestic policy, let's not forget what that conflict is doing to our language.  
Take the word "demilitarized" as in "The Demilitarized Zone." All the kids must know by now that it means an area that is full of enemy troops and is bombed regularly by our planes. Or what about "neutral" as in Laos or Cambodia? A country that is up to its borders with enemy formations on their way to the front. Or even "enclave" which always had the sense of a peaceful retreat away from the other people. After Viet Cong and Saigon, enclave will never be the same.  
I figure this generation will misuse these three words for the rest of their lives.  
Abe Mellinkoff

### AFFAIRS OF STATE

### Legislators Toy With Bid To Trim Regents' Power

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR  
Capital News Service  
SACRAMENTO—A move to change the California constitution to wipe out the extraordinary powers of the board of regents on the University of California was bound to show up sooner or later, as an aftermath of the many criticisms that have fallen on that body over the past year.  
This has arrived in the form of assembly constitutional amendment 26, introduced by Assemblyman John Stull, R-Encinitas, who represents the 80th Assembly District.

The amendment (and even the prospects of its being passed by the legislature and therefore submitted to the people next November are debatable) would in effect eliminate the present board of regents and substitute thereof another board of regents authorized by the legislature itself.  
Under the present provisions in the constitution, the board of regents can do with the university about what it pleases, except for the fact that the board must come to the legislature for funds to operate the various plants which make up the university as a whole.  
The legislature has no control over the conduct of ei-

### ROYCE BRIER

### Mr. Johnson Discovers A 20th-Century Lincoln

For at least fourscore years and seven, even Democratic Presidents have honored the name of Abraham Lincoln, a Republican. So February 12, Lyndon Johnson went to the Lincoln Memorial, laid a wreath at the foot of the statue, and spoke.  
The words were subjective and curious. After a brief tribute to the man's character, Mr. Johnson drew an analogy. He said President Lincoln, too, had a rough time in office. Millions of his countrymen called him wrong and he gave it no attention. He stuck with his cause, as Mr. Johnson put it, and emerged victorious.  
Literate Americans know all this about Lincoln in the travail of the civil war, but whether they accept the analogy is another matter. Mr.

Johnson is no ignoramus, but it is possible he thinks many of his fellow-Americans are, for the analogy is false. True, Lincoln was reviled, and Johnson has been reviled, but that is as far as the parallel goes. Fundamentally, any parallel falls utterly on the ground of time and circumstance.  
President Johnson supports his war in Asia as a

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crusade against communism. Averting the destiny of the United States depends on winning that war.  
Both the President and his Secretary of State have cast about desperately in an effort to shore up this thesis. In emotional moments the President has implied that if the Asian war is lost, the western Pacific up to the shores of Hawaii will be lost.  
This may become an oratorical congressman, or some brigadier whose world view is confined to his brigade, but it hardly becomes a President and presumed statesman, because it is stark nonsense.

You'll see Martians off the shores of Hawaii before you ever see a fleet of Chinese junks there. No force on earth can wrest domination of the Pacific Ocean from the United States in this historical cycle, unless the United States collapses, a most unlikely event.  
But the peril is Mr. Johnson's story, and he faces it, he says, bravely.

### Quote

Well anyway, mini-skirt hems, if any, won't get wet in snow drifts.—Louis Nelson Bowman in the Tri-County (Mo.) News.  
Consumers should pause to realize that the closer they come to achieving their goal of setting the government up as a superpolice-man in the marketplace, the closer they are to abolishing their own influence and right to speak. Ted E. Hanawalt in The Mackay (Ida.) Miner.

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