EDITORIALS

Records and Responsibilities

In a list of 25 leading construction jurisdictions from Denver to Honolulu, Torrance stood nineteenth on the list with $3,279,000 in new building for the month of July. Actually this city of opportunity led at least two entire counties in California and was ahead of Long Beach.

This business of maintaining building leadership is becoming a habit for Torrance and one that easily can be taken for granted by a population, some factors of which seem to be almost insulated against the realization of this progress. Older residents, who have seen this community grow from a pleasant little settlement to a city of more than 52,000 population in a few years, can be excused for a lack of comprehension of this fantastic growth. Those who have become residents here since the war, or have established businesses here in the last eight years, certainly should know what is going on around them and be preparing for a bright, but, trying future.

This tremendous growth is already taxing the facilities of city government and imposing responsibilities upon the present city council that gives them perhaps the most difficult task in the history of the community. A city destined to have a population of 100,000 cannot expect to go along on a budget set up for 20,000 nor proceed with physical facilities established for a bygone era.

Torrance already is a big town. All of our thinking now must be predicated on ten and 20 years hence. Such thinking will guarantee orderly and prosperous growth even while setting new records.

Greater Productivity

It should be apparent to all that greater productivity is the keystone for the maintenance and improvement of our standard of living. Men working with ever improved machinery have increased production threefold since 1900 and better machines and more efficient methods can be expected to multiply output in the decade to come.

Greater productivity depends on the quality of management, the availability of sufficient capital and the cooperation and skill of the workmen. Properly coordinated, these three major factors in successful production can be depended upon to make living better and easier in the years to come.

Kiss of Death

The Communist Party's National Committee recently briefed over one hundred delegates from twenty-four states on their role in the coming elections. The idea is for these delegates to work for candidates, irrespective of their Party loyalty, who favor co-existence with the Soviet Union.

The delegates were told to support candidates who believed in further negotiations with the Soviet Union, those who favored United Nations membership for Red China, and expansion of trade between the West and the Communist world.

The Communists—evidently abandoning hope of building any strength in Congress—will now concentrate on supporting candidates who come closest to their foreign policy proposals. It is obvious that the Communists have failed to build a party of significance in the United States in recent years. They are sure to fail in their efforts to influence U.S. policy by supporting candidates closest to their views.

In fact, this policy will result in the kiss of death for those candidates supported by the Communists. In most areas of the country, endorsement by the Communist Party would be tantamount to sure defeat, and, therefore, we believe the Communists will have no more success in this line than they have had in trying to build a party strong enough to be represented in Congress.

Menace to Liberty

If you think the menace of super-government is new in the world, read this: "The way to have good and safe government is not to trust it all to one, but to divide it among the many . . . What has destroyed liberty and the rights of man under every government which has ever existed under the sun? The generalizing and concentrating all cares and power into one body, no matter whether of the autocrats of Russia or France or the aristocrats of a Venetian senate."

That was written in the early days of this Republic, by one of our greatest statesmen, Thomas Jefferson. What Jefferson fought and argued for was true liberalism—as contrasted with the phoney "liberalism" of today which urges all-powerful government—the kind of government that has brutalized and enslaved hundreds of millions of people in the last 30 years.

IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL

Touchy Demolition Job

Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answers which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

COMING HUSH HUSH EVENTS:

A world-famous doctor will soon face a paternity suit filed by the daughter of a former Congressman, and this will shock the nation for all the brutal facts will be clearly stated on the front pages of the newspapers . . . A new process of showing motion pictures during the daytime in drive-in theaters will revolutionize the outdoor movie as we know it today! . . . The mysterious death of a world-famous man will be cleared by the authorities as a plain case of self-destruction, in other words, suicide! . . . A world-famed evangelist will write the shocking story of his early life which will prove that "Saints weren't always Saints!" . . . One of the most famous cities in all the world faces the most tragic fire of this decade because of their laxity of enforcing precautionary measures! . . . A world-wide campaign will be started to discredit religion of all kinds starting in October through the direct orders from Moscow! So beware!

FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES:

Mamie Eisenhower: You will be voted as the most popular First Lady by the Women's Press Association next month! . . . Mobile, Ala., The new Federal Harbor Installations will boom your area! . . . Budd Schulberg: Your novel "The Disenchanted" will be filmed with Clifton Webb as the alcoholic writer who lived in the past! . . . Paris: You will triple-tax all American business firms who have branches there! . . . Senator McCarthy: You will be the most discussed man for 1955! . . . Anchorage, Alaska: Your coming Fur Festival under the direction of Hal Bockoven will draw a banner tourist crowd! . . . Bessie Love: You will return to the screen in a bright new comedy! . . . Washington, D. C.: You will have the most active social season in your history!

WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO:

President Eisenhower will make a most dramatic world move on Oct. 12, a most important date in the history of the future! . . . Dan Hartman, and his astute handling of Vistavision for Paramount, will guarantee profit for the company, plus the top grossing picture of 1955 which will be Mae West as "Diamond Lil" in this sensational screen process, placing Paramount Pictures at the top of the list! . . . Solly Alkana will soon introduce a new method of color photography which will revolutionize printing from a dye transfer, with 8x10 pictures costing the public 20 cents each, and can be used in any camera!

WOMEN WHO WILL MAKE NEWS:

Eleanor Roosevelt will retire from public life in 1955! . . . Fanchon Devoe, whose syndicated "Rocking Chair Gossip" is the most widely read column in Spanish speaking nations, will soon have an American version in our papers here, plus a television and radio program of this amusing feature! . . . Margaret Chase Smith, the senator from Maine, will be voted the most progressive feminist for 1955! . . . Colette, the famed French novelist, will have her life filmed with Jane Russell in the title role! . . . Oveta Culp Hobby will have one of the most successful lecture tours this coming season with her topic on "What We Owe To The Unfortunate"!

A VERY FAMOUS PREDICTION

In 1436, Mother Shipton made the famous startling prediction. "In a land that is now unknown gold shall be found and shown." In this short sentence she predicted that America would be discovered (which happened six years later) and gold would be found (in 1848). Also Mother Shipton prophecied "Taxes for blood and for war, will come to every door . . . with our bloodmobile banks, and our astute way of collecting taxes, Mother Shipton hit another bull's eye! Next week I am going to print Mother Shipton's amazing prediction concerning tobacco and the lowly potato—and how she named the man who was to discover this a full century before it actually happened! Coincidence is the language of fools!

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Frances 0-617: You were quite right in going back to work. You will have the last laugh where this present matter is concerned, so just bide your time. October will bring you relief when the heat abates.

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Essie-3657: The pension will be raised and things will be ever so much brighter for you. Yes, I dare to make predictions that aid people, for the elderly people of this state deserve much more than they have received at the present time. I am looking forward to meeting you in person one of these days. You are most deserving.

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Helen Edith C: God will not permit you to be a burden to any one, and I know that your late husband was a hero and there will be a widow's pension for you if you press hard enough.

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Mrs. KLC: You will hear of this missing person very soon. Do a little detective work on your part for the missing money, and some one will let a word slip which will prove to be the culprit.

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AF-Lawndale: There is true happinesss ahead, but you will be bold and claim it for yourself.

Mrs. Flora M: You will go to the large public clinic at the Los Angeles Hospital, and I know that the miracle of medicine will be able to cure you.

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Mrs. Walter J H: You will take this proposed trip to Victorville and see how you like it there before you consider moving. Many people talk and say very little truth, so do not be worried about all the wild rumors.

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Bill M-1731: Your doctor will be able to control this alergy you now have, and will give you a written permission to return to work. I am so happy that you enjoy the column in the Torrance Herald.

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Roy G: My television program is heard each night Monday thru Friday over KCOP channel 13 at 10:30. I will soon visit your area and am looking forward to meeting you in person. Please bring your mother with you at that time, for I know that I can help her.

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Dear Criswell:

There was a woman at my husband's funeral whom I do not know. She seemed very upset and I have a strange feeling that he was running around with her. Is this true? I know my husband was not always true to me, but didn't think any of these women would dare come to his funeral. Mrs. Alvina Mc.

My dear Alvina:

Your husband was associating with this woman but she did not know he was married for he told her he was a free man. You will befriend this woman for she will publicly apologize to you. Your husband has another bank account he did not tell you about, and you will request your attorney to check into this matter.

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Dear Criswell:

My son ran away with a circus when he was quite young. Now he writes and asks if he can come home. He is 28 years of age and we have not seen him since he was 16, nor has he written to us. Should we accept this boy in our home again?

Mary Y.

My dear Mary:

You will accept your son in your home, but you will advise him that if he desires to stay with you he must pay his own way. This boy had a good home, but he was dissatisfied and now that he has seen life at its worst, he wishes to come back into the folds of his family. You will welcome him for he is your own flesh and blood, but you will not weaken in your stand.

The Bible Speaks

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

Scripture: Acts 10:38; Galatians 6:1-2; James 1:22, 26-27; 2:14-17; I John 3:16-18.

Devotional Reading: Matthew 10:40-42.

Lesson for August 29, 1954

Is right belief all that is needed to make a Christian? In several places in the New Testament a plain NO is given to this question. For one thing, there is the example of Jesus. The first biography of him we have is the thumb-nail sketch from Peter's sermon at Caesarea, spoken (of course) years before the gospels were written down: "He went about doing good." Jesus not only was good, he did good, he spent his time helping people. What can we say of a "Christian" who makes no effort to do as Christ did? Then James and John, different types though they were, agree on the same point. James says flatly that faith without works is dead, and a look at the whole paragraph where he says this, shows that the "works" he is thinking of are just the giving of "things needed for the body," to those who are ill-clad and in need of daily food. As for John, he makes the same point: if a man sees his brother in need and closes his heart to him, how can the love of God be in such a man?

Dr. Foreman

Need for Bread

Some one needs you. This is as certain as that you are a human being. Nowhere in the New Testament is it suggested that any one should be so super-generous as to make a pauper out of himself. But all through the New Testament it is strongly suggested that if there is a need in the world that we can supply, we do not have to ask ourselves, What shall I do? but only How can I help? The simplest needs are physical. There are children in our own families; there are the perpetually poor, the unemployables, the defectives, in every community. There are people without work, hard-up people, even in the best of times. These are people you can see.

And you do not have to travel farther than the nearest church to be reminded of hungry people you will never see but whom you can help through the church. In Korea, for example, missionaries in every church that is at work there have been spending a large part of their time, in these last few years, in famine relief. Through "Church World Service," CROP and other interdenominational agencies you are offered the chance to help widows and orphans who without help would simply starve. When your church helps to support "agricultural missions" you are helping people in backward countries to farm more intelligently and feed more people on the same amount of land.

Not by Bread Alone

But man does not live by bread alone, though to be sure he does live by bread. Just because he is man and not brute, he has needs which are mental and spiritual. Every minister of a prosperous congregation knows families that never have needed help to pay their bills; they have all the money they need and all that money can buy. But these may be among the most needy families of the congregation, their lives may be empty, or filled with fear and despair. Physically well-fed, spiritually starving people are all around us. In these days in particular there is need for cheer and courage. We are certainly living in the darkest hours of human history, and many believe these are the last hours of the human race. At such a time men's hearts melt within them.

Sharing and Bearing

There are also the needs of those who have missed the mark, who have been (to quote Paul) "overtaken in a fault" and need above all to have their spiritual health restored, they need to "get right" with God and man. Here again is a need which Christians supply not only to those whom they personally know, but—through the missionary work of the church which they support—to others around the globe. Wherever, in mid-Africa or in a lonely western mining-camp, or anywhere else, the message of Christ is brought by those who are supported by churches such as those in your community, there the Christians in the home churches are helping the deepest human needs perhaps better than, they could if they were there themselves. Each of us has his own load of responsibility to bear; but also each of us can share some of the burdens of the heavy-laden, near and far.

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AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of four columns on Communism, as John Morley saw it as a Correspondent in Europe from 1931 and from 12 secret missions behind Russia's and China's Iron Curtain since 1950, free of emotion, bias or propaganda. This series will reach newspapers in the U. S. Europe and Asia.)

Part I

What Is Communism . . . How Did It All Begin?

The word "communism" is tossed around these days to mean almost anything, from a Soviet spy to a sincere liberal. Some people refer to "shades" of communism, from pink to red. There is no such thing. In the majority of cases "communism" is applied out of all proportions to its original meaning and purpose. If communism just encompassed the 37-year Russian dictatorship, it could be defined simply. But it definitely does not.

To put it simply, "communism" in general terms is a system of "common property" and "common work," with equal participation of all members, all workers, in the products produced and consumed. It's a system of social organization in which goods are held in common, equally among the participants. It's a system of life which advocates common ownership of everything and a goal of equal distribution of everything produced. Communism is the opposite of private prosperty.

A Communist is one who believes in one or all the phases of communism and who attempts by legal or illegal methods . . . by propaganda, education, indoctrination . . . conspiracy, espionage, intimidation, violence . . . to put communist principles into practice. It's no mystery at all. This is the basic interpretation I learned in 12 secret missions behind the Iron Curtain in the past four years, and the fundamental policy of Communism I became exposed to from my first reporting assignment to Russia in the 30's.

Origin of Communism

Originally communism was identical with socialism . . . and is still a branch, so to speak. It can be said that "communism is socialism in a hell of a hurry." Back in the 19th century the early socialists used communism and socialism synonymously. The socialist movement as we know it today was theoretically founded on the Communist manifesto of Marx and Engels, issued on behalf of the League of Communists in 1847 . . . yet it does not call itself communist, but social democratic. Only since about 1905 has the movement taken the name of communist and broken away from all ties with the old socialist group.

To define the difference between communism and socialism would be academic and difficult. There is little overall difference. In practical politics around the world, I found that "socialist" means the moderate and "communist" the radical, fanatical faction in the movement, but both aiming at the nationalization of all industry and a planned economy.

As regards the ultimate aims, both are striving for the same goals. The Socialists in Britain and the Communists in Russia are aiming for the same goals . . . except the British Socialists are resorting to legal means, while the Rusian Communists are doing it by illegal means all over the globe.

Some observers would describe as "socialist" any communal or planned system of economy, even if not based on universal common property, such as a co-operative system. The term "communism" would then be reserved for a system in which all property is common and the whole economy, indeed all life, is communized.

In socialism the means of production are common property, but not the goods of consumption. The economic principle is: "Each according to his ability and to each according to his WORK." In communism all goods are common property, all consumption goods are available FREE OF CHARGE, and the principle is: "Each according to his ability and to each according to his NEED."

The Soviet Union is on this theory only in the stage of socialism, which is to be followed by full communism, at a later date. Meanwhile it calls itself the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. The word communism is soft pedalled.

Russia today is the most ruthless atheist imperialist dictatorship of all time. Its basic operations follow the Communist manifesto only to a point. Beyond that point it is an oppressive dictatorship from within and a conspiratory imperialism from without. It is Godless and without morality. Its socialist-communist experiments in factory and farm failed long ago . . . but they are being maintained by force under a police state and police methods.

(Part 2 . . . "The Political Movement of Communism" will appear in the next issue of this column.)

THE MAIL BOX

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Monday Herald

Editor
Torrance Herald.

Congratulations on the new Monday edition of the Torrance Herald.

Your constructive policy, together with the complete and impartial local news coverage, is a great asset to our community.

It is always a pleasure to read the Torrance Herald.

Sincerely,
ALBERT ISEN

Dump Plowed

Editor,
The Torrance Herald.

The dump and fly trap on Main St. has been plowed under and all the filth hauled away. We don't know by whom, but it sure makes a difference. I guess we weren't the only ones who complained about it.

A HOMEOWNER

Green is Green

Editor,
The Torrance Herald:

Fully intended to get into the office before I left last week but didn't make it. Have been transferred to new Ferndale, Wash., refinery from the Torrance refinery of General Petroleum. I am wondering if you will put me on the subscription list and bill me for same. Having lived in Torrance since 1936, we feel we would like to see what is going on there, also.

Can't remember the subscription price—even after 18 years, as I always took it from a carrier.

The move from Torrance here will surely be a change for my wife, son, and I, we know. It is beautiful here now and hard to realize how green "green" really is.

Several more of the men from the refinery will be heading this way before long and they, too, will see quite a change.

We don't have a permanent address just yet as we are looking for a place to live, but send the paper in care of general delivery, until you hear from us again.

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