

SACRAMENTO REPORT

Informed Citizenry Is One of Best Defense Against Communism

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Recently some parents have told me that certain books, which are not the principal texts, but supplementary reading matter, in one of the high schools within the 46th Assembly District, were written by communists, fellow travelers, and others who have refused to state their communistic affiliations under oath and who have hidden behind the Fifth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution when questioned about communist membership.

These parents complained that several passages in each of these books were heavily slanted in favor of communists and were calculated to undermine confidence in the American form of government. However, in no instance did they cite specific titles, authors or passages within the books. Furthermore they supply no evidence as to how this material is being used. This is an important point. Because a good teacher sometimes uses controversial material in order to expose its bias. Having voiced their complaints, the parents then asked me what I intended to do about it. I shall now attempt to answer these complaints publicly.

**Function of Legislature**  
When I receive complaints about subversive textbooks, I refer these complaints to State Sen. Nelson Dilworth, Chairman, Senate Education Committee, which has been much more effective in this field than the Assembly Education Committee.

However, Senator Dilworth's Committee has not had enough personnel or money allotted to it by the Legislature to do the job that should be done. The Committee itself is sound but it simply lacks co-operation from others.

The California State Legislature exists for the purpose of enacting laws. We are not entitled to enforce the laws. That is the business of the police and sheriffs. The district attorneys, the Attorney General and the grand juries place complaints and accusations before the courts where offenders are tried and then sometimes punished.

Also, in general, the California State Legislature is not in the business of investigating crimes. We can investigate crimes for the purpose of deciding what new laws are needed and what old laws need repairing, but we are not supplied

with personnel or money for general investigation. When an investigation is requested of Un-American activities in California, this must be done by the California State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities, but it has not done anything very effective for about two years. Incidentally, the Assembly has no Committee on Un-American Activities.

**Put Complaints in Writing**  
All suggestions and complaints submitted to any law-making body should be typed and you should retain a carbon copy. Assuming that you have examined some school books which you regard as subversive, write a letter to the school board, listing the titles, authors, publishers and copyright dates of the offensive books, together with the chapters and pages where the bad passages are found.

Having written and mailed your specifications of offensive textbook material, appear in person at the next meeting of the school board. Take with officers of interested organizations, such as the American Legion, the PTA, the VFW; but be sure that all of these people are thoroughly familiar with the details of your complaints so that they can personally add their opinions to yours before the School Board. The School Board may want a reasonable time for studying the problem. Ask them to please tell you when they will reach a decision. In accordance with State law, their deliberations are illegal unless held in public.

Dan Mayers Completes First Annapolis Term

Daniel F. Mayers, midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, is now completing the first term of his freshman year. He is the son of Mrs. Alva A. Mayers, of 2920 W. 174th St. During the past term, he studied engineering drawing, mathematics, chemistry, composition and literature, and foreign language.

Torrance Woman With College Choir Group

For the third consecutive season, the Chapman College Madrigal Singers are touring California giving concerts of Christmas music. Miss Nancy Prime, of Torrance, is a member of the group, which now is on tour through Fullerton, Whittier, Huntington Park, Pasadena, Redlands, Santa Maria and points north.

School Shift Planned Soon

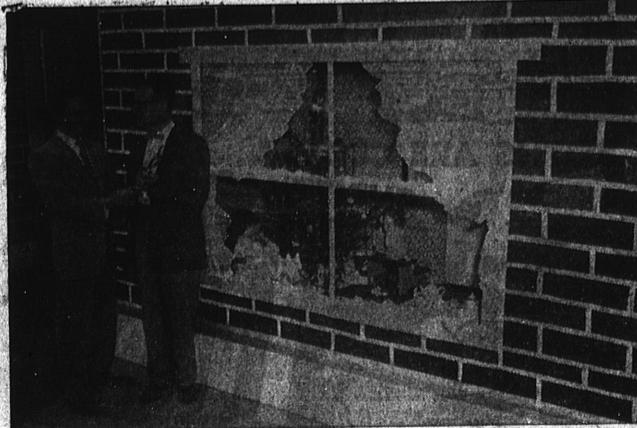
With the completion of new facilities at some Torrance schools, some pupils will be shifted, Dr. J. H. Hull announced today.

The greatest number of students to be transferred are at Crenshaw School from the Perry School district.

"We regret changing students in the middle of the year and urgently request the cooperation of parents in this matter," he said. "This has to be done to make room for new students from the new tracts."

**FARM EXODUS**  
More farm girls than boys in the United States move to the city in their teen ages, but by age 20, boys leave the farm in larger numbers than the girls, creating a manpower shortage.

**LOG YIELD**  
Plywood utilizes more cubic inches of material from a log, than sawed boards.



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**SWEEPSTAKES WINNER . . .** John Hogan of John's Paint and Window Shades, 1413 Cravens Ave., receives the Junior Chamber of Commerce Sweepstakes trophy for his Christmas window from Jack Warnitz, chairman of the Jaycee committee who sponsored the contest. It was a repeat win for Hogan.



(Herald Photo)  
**ANIMATED SCENE . . .** Bud Bourlay and Bertha Kehrer, of La Galeria Florists, 1626 Gramercy Ave., admire the animated window which won them a first prize plaque in that division from the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.



(Herald Photo)  
**CLASS A PRIZE WINNER . . .** Mrs. Sam Levy and her daughter, Mrs. Edward Schwartz, stand by the Class A prize winning window of Levy's Department Store. A plaque was presented by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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