

# EDITORIALS

## The Gentlest Memory

(1809 - 1865)

Who can forget the gentlest memory of the boy who watched the tall grass waving over freshening fields? He was brother to the trees and friend of all growing things. He saw the wild geese fly south, and wondered at the portents of his destiny. He heard the challenge of the earthworm wriggling in the sod, and the brief murmur of the morning glory that whispered: whence and whither?

In the spring the rains came, unleashing an emerald canopy over the land. At night the boy looked with wistful eyes at the stars and found in their constant glow a deathless faith in the great Unknown.

Who can forget the gentlest memory of the boy who became a man and met, with self-forgetfulness, the tempest and the crucible? With love and understanding for all, with mercy for their failings and pardon for their faults, he spoke the words for which the centuries had waited.

And there came an April day when men, tight-lipped and pale, gathered by twos and threes. Unbelieving grief was in their eyes, and thoughts unuttered. The bells in the churches tolled, slowly they tolled, tolled through the long afternoon and into the evening, tolling, tolling, until the stars came out to glow in saddened majesty, remembering the youthful Lincoln who once communed with them.

## Early Start Counts Most

"Crime Prevention starts in the high chair, not in the electric chair." Thus, with J. Edgar Hoover's slogan as its keynote, The National Exchange Club will launch its eighth annual National Crime Prevention Week next Sunday.

Ever since crime statistics began rising, both at the juvenile and adult levels in our country, The National Exchange Club has presented a week-long program each year to curb this costly burden on the country and on the American taxpayer.

This year's target is juvenile delinquency, and for a good reason. Last year, there were over two million crimes in the United States, over half of which were committed by persons between the ages of 10 and 17. Further, authorities recently stated that if statistics continue at their present rate, the year 1960 will see a staggering total of 1 1/2 million juveniles on trial for crime.

As if those figures by themselves aren't enough, we are told this year that the chances of your child becoming a juvenile delinquent are one in 50... a pretty good chance.

Let's face it; the whole problem is thrown right in your lap. What are you going to do about it? Will you just sit back complacently and say, "It won't happen to my kids." Mere words... and words they will remain, unless they are backed up by parental action. Let's recognize right now that too many parents have been saying just those words for too long while doing nothing. Thus, the situation we have today. And, there is no excuse for it...

As Mr. Hoover said, you can start crime prevention in the high chair. He means you, the parents of this community. Parental neglect is the major contributing factor to juvenile delinquency. For with parental neglect, the door is open for any youngster to fall prey to the evil forces and temptations of crime, stemming from too much unoccupied and unsupervised time.

The National Exchange Club, through its National Crime Prevention Week, is issuing a personal appeal to the citizens of the country to become advised on what is happening. We must realize that these young people of today are the future of America. Paraphrasing an old line, "As our youth go, so goes the nation."

We have an opportunity and an obligation to start now and become a part of this great movement to save our youth. It is up to each one of us to become so concerned as to what is happening in our land that we will not stop at the conclusion of National Crime Prevention Week, but will continue to fight crime until it is beaten. The child you save may be your own.

## OUT OF THE PAST

### 30 YEARS AGO

February, 1925  
A property owner near 222nd St. and Western Ave. threatened suit against the City Board of Trustees for its failure to grant him a permit to build a house in an area zoned for industrial use... A local cafe owner committed suicide in the washroom of his business... Twenty foreign consuls were slated to spend the day in Torrance inspecting local industrial plants... The new Episcopal Hall in Torrance was dedicated by a number of dignitaries... Plans to improve all alleys in residential sections were announced... Representatives of four cities held an Eastern Star meeting in Torrance... Torrance was preparing to vote on a sewer bond issue. Backers claimed that the city would be forced to return to the cesspool system unless the issue was passed.

### 20 YEARS AGO

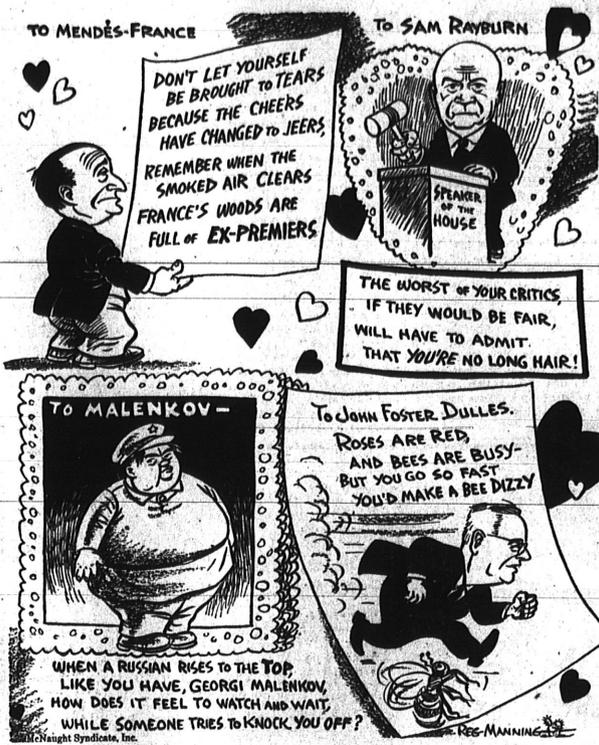
February, 1935  
Steel frame housing, a new development, would soon become a necessity in the building of new homes, an official of the Columbia Steel Corp. predicted... A three-and-half pound boy, the smallest baby ever born in Torrance, was reclining in an incubator at Torrance Memorial Hospital... A Torrance man—J. J. Millard—was reportedly one of three Southern California mushroom growers... A group called the Appleton Council announced

plans to "clean up" motion pictures and raise ethical standards in the area... Mayor Scott Ludlow announced that the city would seek work relief funds to build a new city library... The city asked for \$170,000 from the government for work in its water system... The City Council refused to renew the license of a south Torrance night spot after the stabbing of a local man. Police said they had arrested 15 persons there within the last month... Marriages in California showed the greatest total since 1927, officials reported.

### 10 YEARS AGO

February, 1945  
The Navy announced plans to locate two new warehouses for storage, administration building, and cafeteria unit in Torrance. The project would cost an estimated 2.6 million dollars, officials said... Harry B. Lewis was named president of the newly-instituted Torrance Lions Club. The new group had 21 members... Recreation officials were studying the possibility of setting up a new teen-age center... City officials announced plans to survey the south Torrance area to determine limits of the municipal water district... Grover Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald, said that while signaling a left turn in his car a pedestrian snatched a lit cigarette from his hand. At the time, there was a serious cigarette shortage.

## Sassy Valentines



## Income Tax

A retired couple may now receive an income of \$4730 without paying any federal income tax whatsoever, if at least \$1425 of their income is from dividends. This is the way it works under the new tax law (omitting cents):  
Subtract dividends they are allowed to exclude \$50 each: \$100.  
Reduce the remaining \$5630 by the standard deduction of 10 per cent: \$563.  
Subtract their exemption (\$1500 each, if they are both over 65): \$2400.  
Taxable income: \$2687.  
Tax at 20 per cent (income splitting of joint return keeps them in lowest bracket): \$533.  
Subtract dividend credit, limit being 2 per cent of Remaining tax: \$480.  
Subtract retirement income credit at 20 per cent of taxable income up to \$12000 (assuming both husband and wife are eligible to total credit would be 20 per cent of \$2400 (\$480)).  
Result: no tax.

## Dividend Exclusion and Credit

There are good many "ifs" and "buts" involved in the above illustration. Consider first the matter of dividends. All taxpayers (regardless of age or retired status) are entitled under the new law to exclude from their incomes the first \$50 of dividends received in 1954. Husband and wife can each exclude up to \$50 if they both own stock. A credit of 4 per cent of dividends beyond this amount received after July 31, 1954, may be subtracted from the tax that would otherwise be due. The 4 per cent dividend credit is limited to 2 per cent of your taxable income for the calendar year 1954 (and fiscal years ending before 1955), but will go to 4 per cent of taxable income for future years. The dividends referred to do not include so-called dividends from mutual savings institutions and loan associations or dividends from tax-exempt cooperatives, certain insurance companies and foreign corporations.

## Retirement Income Credit

The computation of retirement income credit is rather complicated. You are eligible if:  
1. You earned more than \$800 a year in any ten calendar years, or your deceased husband or wife did.  
2. You are at least 65 or have retired under a public retirement system other than for the U. S. armed forces.  
Your credit is 50 per cent of your taxable income from any public retirement system (other than armed forces pensions)—and, if you are 65 or older 20 per cent of your other pensions, annuities, interest, dividends and rent.

This credit is limited to 20 per cent of \$1200; reduced to 10 per cent if you are receiving railroad retirement benefits, and (for anyone under 75) any earned income, such as wages, salaries and professional fees, above \$900.  
The credit cannot be any more than the amount of your tax otherwise payable. If it cannot in itself produce a refund.

## OF ALL THINGS

By Robert B. Martin

VANDALISM continues at schools, throughout the Los Angeles area... and across the nation.

The best adult minds in the land have tried to cope with the problem. Thus far, little has come in the way of a solution.

Some people suggest using the hair brush. Others are of the opinion that erasing juveniles should be psychoanalyzed.

I think that a juvenile turns to vandalism mainly because he's flaunting authority. He gets a kick out of doing something naughty behind teacher's back.

IN GRANDPA'S DAY (oh that surly with the fringe on top!) it was considered quite daring to steal the school bell or put a tack on teacher's swivel chair.

And when dad was a young'un, they were stuffing chewing gum in the gas lamps and dropping tomatoes in player pianos.

BY THE TIME I reached high school, the mechanical age was upon us and teenagers were attempting more elaborate practical jokes... like dismantling an automobile and reassembling it in the principal's office.

But none of that was really vandalism. The average teenager is entitled to a few wild cats.

It's the comparative few who go beyond the practical joke stage... those who destroy portions of their classrooms out of sheer devilry... they are the ones who must be reckoned with.

We read of their miserable doings and condemn all teenagers. Yes... it's unfair, but that's how people are.

SO IT TURNS OUT that a good part of the problem should be considered by the students themselves. In MY

day (oh those raccoon coats!) we had classroom monitors, hallway monitors, gymnasium monitors, schoolyard monitors, and so forth. There were so many monitors that everybody began watching each other. Somehow, we also had to attend classes and get a prodigious amount of work done. With the arrival of a weekend, we were so sick of school that we wouldn't go near the place... not even to burn it down.

But that doesn't solve today's problem... the problem of what to do about the kids who are damaging classrooms... and the reputation of fellow students.

I recommend that no leniency be given to a youth involved in school or other vandalism. No suspended sentences... no matter what the circumstances.

Parents should be made to pay for every stick of public property destroyed even if they have to go in hook rigger to their eyeballs.

DRAFT-AGE STUDENTS should be expelled from school and given two weeks to report for service. Students in the 16-17 age bracket should be dropped back a year in grade. Younger students should be made to stand before a board of their own classmates for judgment and sentence (subject to review by the faculty).

Facilities are made up of fine people who have studied long and hard. The buildings and facilities are especially modern here in Southern California. There should be no discontent among students.

A FEW OF THE youngsters have forgotten that it is a privilege to attend school. When this fact is brought back to them, I think we'll have beaten the problem of vandalism.

## The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Among cats from ocean to ocean,  
This day is set apart,  
For notes of frantic devotion  
Such as "Dig this crazy heart."

The 1955 Valentines are gay. They're gay because, after all, St. Valentine's Day is really one of the happiest occasions in all the year. Doves of designers, artists and craftsmen have been busy creating and producing nearly 250 million of the gayest and happiest Valentine greetings ever.

There just doesn't seem to be any limit on the imagination and cleverness of these folks who supply the means for lovers, sweethearts, husbands, wives, relatives, friends and neighbors to express affection and whimsical greetings on the day ruled by King Cupid, according to the National Association of Greeting Card Publishers.

The 1955 Valentines are pretty. Some of them are truly beautiful and many have nostalgic characteristics of the lavender and old-lace of bygone years combined with modern color treatments, sparkly fringes, and other embellishments that make them utterly charming.

St. Valentine's Day was once the exclusive property of lovers, but today everyone gets in on the act! That's why there seems to be an endless variety of Valentines especially designed for members of the family, relatives, friends and acquaintances.

Even the "funny Valentines" are much more attractive and colorful than ever before. Whether sent by a serious suitor to his "one-and-only" or selected with "a tongue-in-cheek" to extend a little good-natured kidding to the one who receives, every 1955 Valentine is meant to create a heartwarming atmosphere and make everybody feel good... well, almost.

The 1955 Valentines are clever. Generally speaking, there are four varieties of Valentines.

First, there are the serious and affectionate Valentine greetings. The second group is made up of the whimsical and humorous cards, and the third is that of the Valentines that express the sender's inadequacy to be "Your Valentine." The fourth and smallest group are "slam" Valentines which in most cases are innocuous ghosts of the once popular "Vinegar Valentine" that glorified the insult and were sent anonymously for obvious reasons.

But no matter from what group you choose your Valentines, you can always find messages that say the right thing in the right way. For instance, here's one that says "Just for You—On Valentine's Day" and continues "Valentines go to the folks we hold dear, whose nice ways we find to recall—so when you find this in your mailbox today, it shouldn't surprise you at all!"

And then here is a really sentimental Valentine that announces it is "Just for Your Own Dear Self Alone" and goes on to say—"Just for your own dear self alone is the message that brings to you the things I say on this special day as just to know as the swift days go that the ties of the past hold true, and deep in my heart is a place apart I have kept for you—just you!"

Over on the humorous and whimsical side, the Valentine sentiment writers are completely uninhibited. Brevity is the sole of wit on most of these creations which startle the recipient with stoppers such as this—a little lightning is flying around on this card which says "Hi, Honey!—Just a Valentine to say—I 'glow' for you in a great big way." Or philosophical h'ou'n' dog announces "When love rules my life, it's really a mess—but who's complaining?"

The self-deprecatory school of thought is exemplified by a little old maid on a Valentine which says "Just an unclaimed treasure—waiting for the rush!"

In the "slam" category, a courageous sender says "Oh, Valentine, for you I'd blow my brains out—and then we'd make A PERFECT PAIR!" Topping this is a little Valentine that says "You aren't fat, you aren't tall, you aren't thin, you aren't small—you're NOTHING!—this one is surely a candidate for the 'G U E S S WHO?' category.

What kind did you get?

## It's Your Country

By JOHN BECK

### Atlantic Union

MORE TRAPS: Many and devious are the schemes that have been hatched to divest the United States of its sovereignty, destroy its Constitution, and abolish the rights of its citizens. Of all these, the United Nations is the largest and most comprehensive. It is the master plan, the gigantic trap-into-which we fell so quickly. But it is of such huge dimensions that we still enjoy limited freedom, somewhat like squirrels in a large cage.

Therefore the busy one-worlders have set a number of smaller traps for us within the master trap. These smaller traps, enticingly baited and well camouflaged, are designed to snap instantly and hold fast. They are the various treaties, covenants, conventions, pacts, federations, and unions "within the framework of the United Nations."

One of these was called the "Atlantic Union Resolution." As such it was twice sponsored by Senator Kefauver, who has been called "England's Senator," and twice defeated. It is soon to be reintroduced in our Senate, but this time with a more disarming title. It is reported that Senator Kefauver now proposes to call it the "Resolution for an Atlantic Exploratory Convention."

TO DECEIVE: Such casting about for a title sufficiently euphemistic to deceive U.S. senators was demonstrated last October when Harry S. Truman, Gen. George C. Marshall, Adlai Stevenson, Henry Ford II, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., and others of that ilk issued an appeal for "Atlantic Unity." This scheme provided the strengthening of NATO to extend its control "beyond military requirements and into the political, economic, and cultural aspects of our lives." The title was changed slightly but the objectives were left crudely and starkly naked.

The nation's press and major information channels promptly lowered the blackout curtain over "Atlantic Unity," as is their custom with respect to world government schemes. The people shouldn't be told "too much about plans to destroy their rights, liberty, and property, lest they protest. So far, they have been able to ascertain, the press service carried one brief story last October 3, and after that—silence.

DISCLOSURE: We heard nothing more about "Union Now," "Atlantic Union," "Atlantic Unity," or any other euphemisms for world government until January of this year, when the patriotic American underground learned that Senator Kefauver was again ready to reintroduce the "Atlantic Union Resolution," the same resolution which, it is reported, had received the endorsement of Milton Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles, and Senators Nixon (now vice president), Carlson, Flanders, and Lehman when it was before the 82nd Congress.

Among the few publications which exposed the most recent of the one-worlders' plans for Atlantic Union was the Guardians of Our American Heritage, 1628 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C., issues

of Dec., 1954 and Jan., 1955, 10 cents a copy.

Alerted Americans at once began protesting to their senators, with the result that a delay was called apparently in order to take off the "heat" and arrange better camouflage.

CAMOUFLAGE: The president of the Atlantic Union Committee, Owen J. Roberts, who regards national sovereignty as a "silly shibboleth," decided that the title had better not be the "Atlantic Union Resolution" after all, but something less revealing. The purpose of the resolution, however, was to remain unchanged. All that was needed was a more disarming title, a little time for the people to cool off, and the exertion of more pressure on members of Congress.

Since no change was made in the purpose of the "Atlantic Union Resolution" which Senator Kefauver was ready to reintroduce in January, it would be well now to examine the reported text of that resolution. Here it is:

"Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President is requested to invite the democracies which sponsored the North Atlantic Treaty to name delegates, representing their principal political parties, to meet this year with delegates of the United States in a Federal Convention to explore how far their peoples, and the peoples of such other democracies as the convention may invite to send delegates, can apply among them, within the framework of the United Nations, the principles of free federal union."

TO EXPLORE: Compare this more carefully and deceptively worded resolution with the "appeal" issued last October by the "Atlantic Unity" group. Their purposes are the same and will remain the same, regardless of the insertion of such specious words as "explore" or "exploration."

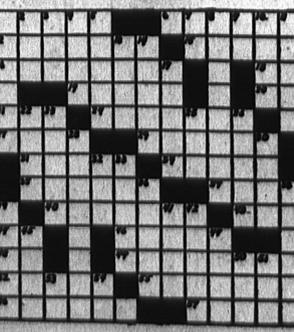
To "explore" the possibility of relinquishing our sovereignty and our Constitutional rights makes just about as much sense as to explore the possibility and means of committing national suicide. The objective is to merge the United States with a number of other countries under one ruler or governing body, with sufficient power of taxation to enforce a common foreign policy, a common defense force, a common economy, a common currency, and a common citizenship.

A common foreign policy would subject us to the majority vote of countries who favor or communist appeasement. A common defense force would subject us to policing by foreign soldiers. A common economy would do away with our free enterprise system and our high wage and living standards. A common currency would debase our money unit beyond all recognition. A common citizenship would lift our immigration barriers. Extension of the control of such a union over the "cultural aspects of our lives," as has been proposed, stagers the imagination.

This is the Atlantic Union trap, no matter what euphemistic title it may carry—baited and camouflaged for the squirrels in the big cage.

## Crossword Puzzle

- 1. Oriental country
- 2. On land
- 3. This week or
- 4. Always to
- 5. Life
- 6. Inverse in
- 7. Sun god
- 8. Mexican tree
- 9. Bull
- 10. European
- 11. Laborer
- 12. Male swine apt.
- 13. Type of assiduity
- 14. Deliverance
- 15. Kala's wife
- 16. Rejuvenating
- 17. Honorable
- 18. (Abb.)
- 19. For example
- 20. (Abb.)
- 21. Role of gods
- 22. Pertaining to
- 23. Blank home
- 24. Break under
- 25. Chief member
- 26. Endless (Pres.)
- 27. VERTICAL
- 28. Core
- 29. Cleanse
- 30. Robustness
- 31. Low tide
- 32. Aiders
- 33. Street (Abb.)
- 34. Student's hood
- 35. Open
- 36. Binder part
- 37. Attitude
- 38. Salt (Abb.)
- 39. Metal used on
- 40. Honored
- 41. Bar
- 42. Ridden
- 43. (Abb.)
- 44. (Abb.)



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## IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL

