

EDITORIALS

Merchants Organize

Retail merchants of Torrance are closing ranks to present a united front in the anticipated battle to attract their share of the vast new business potential created by this ever growing community. The need for such action may be overdue; but, it is a wholesome, promising sign that they will exercise their prerogative in laying claim to rewards that are rightfully theirs provided they make the downtown business section an attractive, fruitful place in which to shop.

This newspaper has said it before and will say it again: old established business sections need not fear the encroachment of modern shopping centers if they but move to meet the needs of the times. People still like to go where there is a multiplicity of shops in wide variety and they like to do business with old established merchants.

Landlords in the downtown section have a stake and a responsibility in this awakened movement. Buildings should be remodeled and painted up to help in the overall plan and make the area attractive and inviting. By supporting the creation of a parking assessment district, they already have recognized a need and demonstrated an attitude of cooperation. Continuing and extending this spirit of cooperation will enable alert retailers to carry out an important phase of their overall plan to bring business into downtown Torrance. Property values will be preserved and enhanced.

The Torrance retailers are to be congratulated on their efforts to unite. Out of these preliminary meetings can come a lusty organization, one strong enough and imaginative enough to meet any competition.

The HERALD offers its complete cooperation.

You Can Still Give

Merely because you have not been called on directly, or because you have managed thus far to avoid giving, it is not too late to make amends by sending in a check to the local Red Cross campaign committee.

This year, as always, individuals like to save their consciences by raising the worn out complaint that the Red Cross has too much overhead and that it once sold donated cigarettes to the service men.

The charge that the Red Cross has too much overhead may not be entirely groundless, but show us any other large organization that doesn't have too much overhead. Considering the fact that the Red Cross is the one agency organized to meet catastrophe and disaster, it is remarkable its overhead is as small as it is.

The Red Cross has to be ready for disaster, has to be organized to do a big job in a hurry. It is like a fire department. We could say firemen don't earn their living because they only work a few hours a month putting out a fire. Ridiculous as such a charge might be, it has a parallel in the thinking of the critics of the Red Cross.

Tonight if disaster besets, you will look around to see who is ready and able to help. Ten to one it will be the Red Cross.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHE, Herald Staff Writer

Kid's report cards are confusing, and what's more, they're socialistic, a group of California State Senators reported this week.

After investigating a number of report cards, the Senators declared that they felt that Junior should get an "A" or an "F", not merely a "satisfactory" mark in his school work.

The spirit of free enterprise is not being served by the new-fangled report cards, the senators decided, since the child is competing only with himself, and not with the rest of his class with the gradeless report cards.

Modern educators, on the other hand, feel that Junior should be graded on what he does, with relation to his ability, and not with relation to Susie Schickelreitz, who sits next to him. Children, the school men claim, grow at different rates, and shouldn't be graded on the same basis.

Not so, say the Senators. This is a tough old world, and children should get into the swing of competition while they're young. By the time they grow up, they'll be used to the hard knocks of life.

The brainy student should be rewarded for his efforts, and the less brainy student should get his grades according to what he does, our lawmakers contend. The "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory" remarks on modern report cards smack of socialism, one senator explained.

Conference between the teacher and parents, with discussion of the child's abilities still don't have quite the same effect as the old "A" or "F," they declared.

Teachers, on the other hand, think that Junior's future mental growth may be damaged by discouraging him if he is compared too rigidly with outstanding students.

Some eighth graders may be six feet tall, while others may be only four-foot five. There may be that much difference in mental ability, the teachers say.

It all boils down to the fact that the legislators grew up under the old system, and like that best. Teachers, on the other hand, have grown up with new theories of education.

Maybe both of them have a point.

REFLECTIONS ON THE FUTURE



Latest "Brainwash" Victim?



OF ALL THINGS

By ROBERT B. MARTIN

Law by shotgun is with us again.

And because of the rules laid down by a sober-thinking society, our own Los Angeles policemen are powerless against it.

I'm referring to the shooting of a cocker spaniel the other day... the shooting of a defenseless animal that had blundered on or near a man's property.

I am told that three squad cars answered the calls of frightened citizens, and all of those policemen together were unable to make him answer for the grievous wounding of a small dog, because not a single witness would sign a complaint. They said they were "afraid."

Fear will live with them... it will live in their memory just as surely as will the sight of a cocker spaniel that had fallen in agony; and laid twisting and turning and trying to nurse a leg that had been blown to shreds by shotgun pellets.

The dog, perhaps, had trespassed on the man's property. The man told police that he recognized it as a dog that had once killed a goose he'd owned. He said that the dog had broken into his property, and that on this more recent occasion was after his ducks.

Whatever the case, there is no excuse for law by shotgun.

If law by shotgun is permitted to exist here and there, I see no reason why I cannot

strap a six-gun to my waist. I, too, should be entitled to take matters into my own hands... to protect my honor or my family and property.

But no... this is dangerous thinking... it is the kind of thinking that could put our civilization back a hundred years.

Our Los Angeles policemen have come a long way in trying to pull us from the mire of shotgun, six-gun and any other kind of gun justice... they've pulled us as far as they can.

Unfortunately, they cannot always complete a successful mission when witnesses to an incident refuse to cooperate.

The one bright spot in this whole story is the treatment given the animal.

A pet ambulance from the Ann Street Animal Shelter rushed it to the animal care center where it was placed in the hands of a city veterinarian who, up until press time, was doing all that he could to save its life.

I cannot help but wonder about the rage that would cause a man to fire a lethal weapon at a domesticated housepet. How thin is the veneer that would separate this rage from the type that would cause a man to kill a human being?

The mark of Cain is upon us all. If we tolerate its showing in any degree, I cannot wish for the future of our civilization.

(Editor's Note: Shortly after submitting his column to us this week, Martin was informed by the Ann Street Animal Shelter that Patient No. 484, a cocker spaniel, wounded by gunfire, had died.)

The big budget problem received widespread attention in the State Legislature last week when Assembly Minority Leader Vincent Thomas (D-San Pedro) demanded to know on the Assembly floor when the budget bill would be out of committee and ready for consideration. He received no answer to his question from Ways and Means Committee Chairman Thomas W. Caldwell (R-Berkeley), but applause followed the request.

Caldwell stated in a committee meeting several days later that the budget bill would not be ready "for at least another month." Many legislators estimate that the Assembly will not actually begin debate on the budget until the latter part of May.

Thomas pointed out, in making his request, that all special appropriation bills must be considered after the budget bill, in accordance with the law. Numerous special appropriation bills covering a wide, and in some cases complex, variety of subjects have already been introduced.

To date, budget items totaling something over \$100,000,000 have been approved by the Ways and Means Committee. Governor Goodwin J. Knight has submitted a total budget of \$1,500,000,000, the largest in the state's history.

In order to balance the budget, legislators will have to take one or a combination of the following courses: Raise taxes, cut money requests or dip into reserves.

Another controversial subject which came up on the Assembly floor this week harkened back to the bitter Speakership fight in January. A proposal to transfer the power to remove committee chairmen and vice-chairmen; from the Speaker to a 41-member majority of the Assembly was defeated 37-32.

Most of the action in the legislature this week took place in committees. Subject by subject, developments were:

LIQUOR AND GAMBLING The Assembly passed a bill by Assemblyman Caspar W. Weinberger (R-San Francisco) prohibiting the transfer of liquor licenses. The same body also approved a measure by Assemblyman Byron Rufford (D-Berkeley) which permits the alcoholic content of draft beer to be raised from 3.2 to 6 per cent. The Assembly Ways and Means Committee approved a \$5,600 grant to the Attorney General's office to continue Southern California liquor license investigation, while the Assembly Committee on Government Organization okayed another Weinberger measure tightening penalties on bars which are hangouts for professional gamblers, prostitutes, narcotics addicts, homosexuals and panderers.

SALARY INCREASES—The Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Economy Committee continued for a week its consideration of a proposal by Assemblyman Wallace D. Henderson (D-Fresno) to raise the pay of top state officials. Under Henderson's plan, the governor's salary would be raised from \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year after Governor Knight's current term expires. Other top officials would re-

American Resistance AWAKENING: The ground swell of resistance to the leftward, internationalist trend of our federal government is evidenced by the rapidly-growing number of organizations, groups, and individuals who are conducting, or participating in, vigorous pro-American movements all over the country.

Political campaign orators strive to create the impression that all is unity within their respective parties, but this is far from true. When the people are united behind a leader—any leader—they do not use their own time and dig into their own pockets for the purpose of supporting their fellow citizens. It is when the people sense danger, as they do today, that their resistance becomes vocal and active. Then the situation becomes a grass roots upheaval and is bound to have deep and far-reaching significance.

The present over-all resistance movement ranges all the way from the thousands of private individuals who squeeze the personal budget for postage to conduct direct mail campaigns and bombard congressmen to such forceful and fearless radio commentators as Dean Clarence Manion and John T. Flynn, and on up to the large organized groups such as For America and the Congress of Freedom.

CONGRESS OF FREEDOM: Probably the largest and most active of these pro-American

organizations thus far is the Congress of Freedom, "a coalition of patriotic American organizations which are concerned with increased tendencies toward internationalism through the United Nations." The Congress will hold its fifth national assemblage in San Francisco the week of April 25-30. Convention headquarters will be the Veterans War Memorial Building (Convention Committee Chairman, Willis A. Carlo, P. O. Box 180, San Francisco, Calif.).

All the patriotic organizations are doing a worthy and much needed work, and all are clear and cogent in pointing out the dangers which face us. But I believe the Congress of Freedom has gone farther in taking a definite and decisive stand on what probably is the greatest danger of all—the United Nations.

The stated purpose of the April convention of the Congress of Freedom is "An appraisal of the United Nations in terms of the American principles of individual liberty." In other words, they propose to take the UN apart and see what makes it tick—or not tick; to examine its whole sorry 10-year record and tell the large American people what they find.

NO WHITEWASH—In healthy contrast to the timid middle-of-the-roads who fear offending high-placed left-

wingers and internationalists both in and out of our government, Robert LeFevre, executive director of the Congress of Freedom, has said: "We look forward to a significant accomplishment in San Francisco, where our side for once shall take the initiative and reveal the U. N. and its world agencies for the enemies of freedom which they are."

That LeFevre and the Congress of Freedom will be smeared is a foregone conclusion; in fact, the smear campaign has already started. Anyone who speaks out for the Constitution of the United States and dares to criticize the United Nations is in for the full treatment, with no holds barred, and from the nation's controlled press, radio, and TV networks they can expect, at best, silence.

Quite recently, Feb. 22 and March 6, two vitally important speeches were made by two outstandingly important United States senators, William F. Knowland and John W. Bricker. But were they noticed by the press in general, or covered by radio and TV newscasts? Of course not! — they were critical of the UN. Both Knowland and Bricker stated that the UN had failed as an instrument of collective security.

TO ALERT YOU: Both senators warned of the danger of the United States becoming involved in world government through the UN and its various agencies, treaties, covenants, and conventions. Senator Knowland said: "Let me be edged into such a world state before we learn too late wherein we have been taken, I believe that every candidate for public office—executive, legislative, or judicial—should be asked to give a forthright view upon this great public issue. It is later than you think."

Senator Bricker stressed the urgent need for a constitutional amendment (the Bricker Amendment) to prevent the surrender of American sovereignty and our individual rights and liberties through "interpretation" of the UN Charter, giving documentation of such interpretations by prominent and powerful internationalists.

Adding further substance to the objectives of the Congress of Freedom with respect to the United Nations is a detailed assessment of the UN by 15 outstandingly competent writers in the March issue of the Freeman magazine. Here, in one issue, is the whole wretched and irrefutable story. (The Freeman, Irvington-Hudson, New York, March issue, 50 cents).

If all alert and patriotic Americans will support this widespread resistance movement to the limit of our ability, there may yet be time to save our sovereignty and our individual liberty. But, as Senator Knowland said, "It is later than you think!"

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