

# EDITORIALS

## Too Much Paper Work

If Uncle Sam ever went out of business, the entire paper industry in this country undoubtedly would have to holler for the sheriff, too.

According to the latest findings of the Hoover Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, taxpayers are paying \$4 billion a year—as much as the entire annual U. S. budget prior to 1933—just for paper work.

The Federal offices grind out more than a billion individual letters annually, and produce 127,000 reports just for their own use. It takes 25,000 employees to sort the mail.

In all, the Government handles about 25 billion pieces of paper each year—and that doesn't include the many tons of paper used in printing pamphlets and various types of government publications.

The cost of the latter type of paper work is offset to a slight extent by making a charge for the various pamphlets offered the public. A recent selected list of publications (1955 bulletin No. 3) includes such varied titles as Annual Report of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 1954 (70 cents), Bark Structure of North American Conifers (35 cents), Careers in Mental Health Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, Psychiatric, Psychiatric Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing (20 cents), Infrared Lamps, Their Use in Brooding Pigs (5 cents), Structure of the Residential Building Industry in 1949 (30 cents), and Rounded Corner Hutch for Rabbits (5 cents).

No subject, apparently, is too complicated or too simple for pamphlet treatment by some agency of the Federal Government. A typical pamphlet authored by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is entitled "Your Children's Feet and Footwear." It contains many gems of information that parents long have breathlessly waited for. Here are a few:

"Feet perspire a great deal."

"By the time school starts, the average child will have grown out of shoes he put aside at the beginning of vacation."

"A child whose shoes hurt him will take them off every chance he gets."

"Each day a growing child uses the muscles of his feet in many ways such as running, jumping, climbing and standing on tiptoes."

"The time to replace shoes is when the child has outgrown them."

"Buy stockings and socks so that they are longer than the foot."

The research involved in the production of original material of this type requires a great deal of personnel. The Hoover Commission reveals that since 1933 the number of civilian employees of the Federal Government has grown from 583,000 to 2,300,000.

And, the Commission estimated, if the paper records of all Federal agencies were gathered together in one building, that building would have to be seven times as huge as the Pentagon!

## It May Be Horsefeathers

Years ago, cartoonist Billy de Beck, of Barney Google fame, enriched our language with the word "horsefeathers," a term synonymous with bunk or baloney.

Lately, the press, radio and television have been dishing out an increasing number of commentators who delight in irresponsible guesses dressed up in authoritative sounding phraseology intended to fool their audience into believing that they have private pipelines into some fountainhead of knowledge.

We note some of the traditional openers that, in most cases, are used to conceal a blob of horsefeathers. "It seems to be generally agreed that..." (This often means: "Some of the boys at the club thought it was a good idea."); "All thinking people will concur that..." ("It sounds okay to me, and naturally I'm a thoughtful person."); "Most Americans accept the belief that..." ("Joe, the shine boy told me this one, and I reckon he's a typical American."); "An extended survey shows that..." ("I asked the fellows on the golf links, and they all gave me the same answer."); "Reports from authoritative sources leave little doubt that..." ("Mamie told me this one over a hamburger, and Mamie works in a government office"); "Most retailers, it seems, expect that..." ("Old man Glotz at the corner market says so, and I guess he's a typical businessman."); "A study of this highly important matter develops some significant conclusions..." ("I snatched this from a rival commentator who reads the Readers' Digest.")

Oh, well, you get the idea. The next time you hear that the world is going to the devil on greased skids, have your salt shaker handy. It's only somebody's guess, and maybe a wild guess at that.

Relax, brother. It may be horsefeathers.

## Front Porch Philosopher

By MILDRED HUNT  
Herald Staff Writer

Reading a newspaper came under discussion the other day and I heard a gent say that he really did not get anything printed in a newspaper. "Well, here's the way I do it," he said, "first I read the headlines then the lead stories, providing they are not about murders—I never read a murder. Then I turn the pages and read the usual stuff, you

know, the ads, classified, etc." From cover to cover he says. In questioning him further, he slyly admitted that perhaps there were items which he gave a passing glance but like most people he had his likes and dislikes when it comes to reading a newspaper. "You can't always take a person at his word, especially when it comes to reading a newspaper. I have often wondered if there lives such a human being who regularly reads a newspaper from the first printed word to the last, and



## OF ALL THINGS

By ROBERT B. MARTIN

THERE WAS an average of 1,116 U.S. soldiers killed each year during the American Revolution.

There were 876 killed each year during the War of 1812.

Last year, 3,104 people died on California's "peaceful" highways.

Not a shot was fired. But the 3,104 people are just as dead as if they'd been cut down by a machine gun.

They died at the rate of one every two hours and 50 minutes during the entire calendar year.

THE LIST of injured stands at 108,265.

Economic loss is \$341,440,000... or more than one-third the cost of operating California State government for the entire fiscal year.

These are figures for California... not the entire United States.

TRAFFIC DEATHS are hitting astronomical proportions across the nation.

During the first 32 months of the Korean War, 23,500 U. S. soldiers were killed in battle. And on the streets and highways of America, 106,000 gave up their lives during that time.

It's quite easy to say that something's got to be done about the situation... but what? What would you suggest?

I, for one, am all for the increased use of scientific aids in traffic law enforcement such as the statewide use of

intoximeter and radar equipment.

There's been a lot of talk against the use of scientific aids. People say it's illegal to "trap" them that way.

Speed caused 33.3% of all the collisions last year... yet officers of the California Highway Patrol were not permitted by law to establish "speed traps."

Some law! Some law! Some law! Some law!

Some law when every five minutes throughout the year a man, woman or child was injured because a driver was breaking a traffic rule.

Highway Patrol Commissioner Bernard R. Caldwell has asked for the establishment of radar control on a state-wide basis and the idea is being talked down on all sides.

TALKED DOWN... when Highway Patrolmen used 74,050 bandages while administering emergency first aid treatment to traffic accident victims during 1954.

TALKED DOWN... when Highway Patrolmen issued 881,504 citations for moving violations.

TALKED DOWN... when CHP officers spent 52,941 hours in court giving testimony about the money, acting from arrests made while on road patrol and from results of accident investigation.

We urge that something be done about the fatality rate on our highways... when members of the California Highway Patrol and our own

Police Department are doing all that is humanly possible to put the clamps on speeders, drunks and reckless drivers.

We live in a modern age. Our automobiles are miracles of science. They are precision instruments. They, as machines, are not responsible for the death and havoc... the operator who misuses the machine must take the entire responsibility on his shoulders.

Since he is using a machine that has been made and developed by the scientific minds of our nation, it holds true that he should be prevented from mis-using the machine by all means possible.

RADAR SPEED control aids in establishing proof of a moving violation. And signs warning of radar control keep all drivers mindful of the fact that "the law" is "somewhereabouts."

This alone helps to cut violations. The Intoximeter, used in sobriety tests, can clear a man or convict him. It's just another "scientific instrument."

We've passed the horse and buggy stage as far as traffic is concerned. Our traffic law enforcement officers must be given the right to keep up with the times.

## The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

We know a guy who's all dressed up

Complete with cumberbund.

He's seeing the town the minute he gets

His income tax refund.

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The "Foghorn" publication for employees of the Naval Supply Depot, had what might be termed a sort-short article recently entitled "Short History of an Accident." It went like this:

"Injured," said the workman. "Inattention," said the leadman.

"Inflammation," said the nurse. "Hopeless," said the doctor.

"Incredible," said the mourners. "Income," said the heirs.

"In probate," said the lawyers. "In court," said the judge.

"Insolvent," said the bailiff. "In peace," said the tombstone.

"In doubt," said St. Peter.

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"Tomatoes last year put more than \$63 million into California pockets," according to a news story released yesterday by the American Can Co. We'll wager a lot of California guys will tell you that some tomatoes took far more OUT of California pockets last year. A lot off it after he'd hung his pants over the post and gone to sleep.

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If you want to hear some top notch boosting for the Torrance Memorial Hospital, just chat for a couple of minutes with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, as I did last week.

"Bart" just spent a week in the hospital undergoing a bit of surgery, and if anyone is enthusiastic about the treatment afforded patients in the local hospital, he's the one.

"I'm telling you," he told us, "that the friendliness and efficiency at that hospital is 100 per cent."

Recuperating at home now after exploratory surgery last week—surgery which proved that there was "much wrong with the veteran City Clerk—"Bart" is spreading the word about the local hospital.

"I think we should tell every body that it is a good hospital and that they should all get behind the fund drive that is under way and help them add on more space. They need more space badly," he said.

Like he says, if everyone in town would send 50 cents in to the hospital fund, those extra beds would be provided on the double.

## The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

Americans who have been convinced that there is something "squirrelly" about politics and politicians had their views confirmed last week.

One of the biggest controversies of the week came over the squirrels on the White House lawn.

It seems that President Eisenhower was irritated by the fact that the pesky rodents were tearing up the greens on which he practices his golf shots.

This brought immediate protests from the squirrel lovers of America, headed by Senator Richard L. Newberger of Oregon, who was outraged by this attack on American wild life.

The viewpoint of the squirrels, who merely wanted a nice green plot of lawn on which they could frisk around was not recorded. Their taste in choosing the First House of the land, with its vast green lawns, is not to be scratched at, however.

The president reportedly wanted the squirrels deported to some suburb where they could scratch up somebody else's golf green. No mayhem on the furry little beast was intended, he said.

Senator Newberger championing the cause of the squirrel for the first time, offered to donate money for a "save the Squirrels on the White House Lawn Fund."

It is interesting to note that Senator Newberger is a Demo-

crat, while the president is a Republican. While it is doubtful that many squirrels vote Democratic, the lawmaker is apparently hopeful that all squirrel lovers will be won for the Democrats.

"The squirrel is an American institution," one Democrat noted. "When the Pilgrims arrived here, he was greeted not only by the Indian, but by the friendly gray squirrel. To remove him from the White House lawn would not only be sacrilegious, but it would be rank ingratitude."

It is supposed that the squirrels would endorse this viewpoint.

Most people think it funny that politics concerns itself with such sideights, but lesser things have turned political campaigns.

Political experts believe that Charles E. Wilson's famed remark, in which he used the words "dog" and "worker" in the same sentence, led to the defeat of Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan. Most people who have studied Wilson's remarks believe that he didn't mean workers were dogs, but his use was unfortunate.

It took a sharp political opponent to twist the words.

Eisenhower is riding on a crest of popularity, but if the Democrats can convince the nation he is an enemy of the squirrel, they may garner plenty of votes.

## It's Your Country

By JOHN BECK

Down the River! PASSING STRANGE: The confirmation of John Marshall Harlan to the U.S. Supreme Court is now history. In a questionable exhibition of bipartisanship which left the protesting American public stunned and reeling, the Senate on March 16 confirmed the appointment by a vote of 71 to 11.

Though many people are content to regard the matter as water under the bridge, which it is, many others realize the grave possibilities involved. Not even the sudden and almost simultaneous "leak" and release of the Yalta papers served to distract all public attention from this dubious appointment to our highest court.

Moreover, the political questions brought up by knowledge of the "yea" votes of certain senators are a source of confusion and disturbance to many Americans. Though it is being conveniently ignored by the major media of communication and by nearly all columnists and commentators, conservatives and nationalists in both parties received a dash of political cold water when their popular heroes went right along with the "liberals," leftwingers, and internationalists in confirming Judge Harlan. The impact of this surprise blow is more serious than meets the eye.

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WHY? It is not surprising, therefore, that the question still in the minds and on the lips of alert and patriotic Americans is, "Why? Why did Americans do this? Why did it generally known to the public, and most certainly to the Senate body that Harlan is a member of the national advisory council at the Atlantic Union Committee and of the Citizens' (or American) Association for the United Nations. His possible membership in still other One-World fronts has not yet been disclosed, but these two are of record and not even he denied them, though he claimed he didn't know their purposes.

Judge Harlan's "protections" that he is not "an internationalist, a One-Worlder, nor a Union Now" do not hold up under examination. It is asking too much to believe that a man of his legal training and stature would join internationalist organizations without having, as he claimed, any idea of their programs and aims. Such ignorance and naivete, if true, could hardly qualify him to sit on the highest court in our land.

Nevertheless, 71 U.S. senators chose to place the balance of power in our Supreme Court—the body which rules upon, and, alas, "interprets" our Constitution—in the hands of a man who holds membership in organizations committed to a massive surrender of American sovereignty.

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NINTH MEMBER: In these crucial times, with the survival of our Constitution and our Republic at stake, no greater issue ever faced our nation than the appointment of the ninth member to the high court. The eight present members are evenly divided, 4 to 4, in their opinions as to the supremacy of treaties over domestic law and the Constitution. Now, with the confirmation of another internationalist as the ninth member, who could cast the decisive vote, they can "interpret" the Constitution out of existence. As if membership in internationalist organizations were not sufficient reason for blocking the confirmation of Judge Harlan, it was also revealed to the Senate that he had no views on whether Red China should be admitted to the United Nations; that he hadn't had time to learn what the Bricker amendment was about; and that he refused to answer when asked whether he thought treaties (such as the UN Charter) should supersede the Constitution.

As Senator Eastland, one of the nine Democrats who voted against the confirmation, said in his forcefully and brilliantly stated objections, "If the most intelligent, and supposedly best informed, citizens of the country can so disregard and be so oblivious to such vital matters, wherein can there be hope for the survival of our Republic?"

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POLITICAL REAPPRAISAL: Senator Eastland further pointed out that not only did Judge Harlan lack judicial ex-

perience, but that "this is a political appointment, dictated by Thomas E. Dewey and his henchmen..." Are we never to escape the pernicious influence of Thomas E. Dewey?

Approval of the known leftwingers and internationalists in the Senate was to be expected. But it was the action of the hitherto conservative, pro-American bloc, some of whom had been especially vocal and militant in their warnings to the American people, which brought the greatest confusion and disillusionment.

When such senators as Bricker, Jenner, Knowland, and McCarthy vote in unison with such notorious leftwingers as Flanders, Humphrey, Kefauver, and Lehman on an appointment which could adversely affect our national sovereignty and Constitutional rights, it is time for conservative and nationalists, regardless of party, to make an objective re-appraisal of their political leadership. Many are asking, "Whom can we trust?"

Brought face to face with the unhappy fact that 71 senators chose to play fast and loose with American sovereignty and Constitutional rights, and that only two Republicans and nine Democrats voted against the Harlan confirmation, speculative and appreciative glances are likely to be cast more and more in the direction of those who have steadfastly upheld American government, Constitutional government, and States' Rights.

This could very well upset the whole political appearant in 1956.

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## Crossword Puzzle

- Look for Answers on Page 11
- HORIZONTAL**
1. Anagram
  2. Somewhat obscure
  3. Excitation
  4. Quota mark
  5. Point with season
  6. Each (Abb.)
  7. Printer's measure
  8. Plan of care
  9. Wealth of flowers
  10. Fathers (Abb.)
  11. Personal woman
  12. Palladium reaper
  13. Bone
  14. European capital
  15. Field with variegated lines
  16. At all
  17. Athletic kingdom
  18. For example
  19. (Abb.)
  20. Orator pictures
- VERTICAL**
1. Exclamation to draw attention
  2. Photographic instrument
  3. Bustard
  4. Act acro
  5. Answer
  6. South Sea Island
  7. Palehoods
  8. Send forth
  9. Relate
  10. Marks
  11. Maritime abode
  12. English saloon
  13. Doctrine
  14. Pie men
  15. Wrappings
  16. Kind of fish
  17. Neotropical bird
  18. Kind of blanket
  19. Excessively dense
  20. Coosumma
  21. Cattle surmer
  22. On the sheltered side
  23. Talk back (Slang)
  24. Kind of
  25. Italian coin
  26. Sae
  27. Inna

