

# EDITORIALS

## A Salute to Labor

This is Labor Day and we should take time out from our holiday activities to pay tribute to the men and women who have helped make America strong with their skill and sweat of their brows.

The American laboring man enjoys an exalted position among the world's workers. He has a standard of living unmatched by his brothers in any other land and in most instances his wealth in worldly goods isn't even approached. He handles myriads of machines that have made his burden lighter and his short working week has broadened his living to an extent undreamed of only a few decades ago.

He owes his present standard of living to no political party and he should guard jealously his freedoms gained by the sacrifices of enlightened men of the past and the ingenuity of great Americans who dedicated their lives to building our great American industries. Gone is the sweat shop of the past and with it the vast majority of back-breaking tasks under conditions that made men age early and die in poverty.

The more serious thinkers today will accept this holiday as an occasion, also, to memorialize those who have lost their lives in dangerous occupations. Great strides have been made in eliminating many of the gross dangers of some occupations; but, still men die in accidents directly associated with the risks they must take in earning their daily bread. This is the tragedy of progress and we must elevate these unfortunates to a deserved position of honor.

The great majority of men and women employed in the Torrance area's fine industries work under conditions that are altogether favorable. The equable nature of our climate creates thousands of extra outdoor jobs. Our workers live in comfortable homes within reach of beaches and other resort attractions, vacationers travel thousands of miles to enjoy. The average Southern California worker has it on his Eastern cousin and he generally knows it.

THE HERALD takes special enjoyment on this Labor Day of 1955 in extending felicitations to our working men and women. Their part in contributing to the prosperity of this and every other community in America is recognized and appreciated by this newspaper and its readers.

## Doesn't Cost--It Pays!

The Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce approved a change in by-laws raising the minimum active membership from \$25 per year to \$40 and changing its fiscal year to conform with that of the city. Both steps have long been indicated and should result in further equipping this important organization to better serve the community.

The Chamber has an active program underway which should make 1955 one of its most fruitful. To be effective the organization must not be hamstrung by lack of finances and must be in a position to maintain close liaison with the City Council.

Every business man and property owner in Torrance should be vitally concerned with the success of the Chamber of Commerce. It is the one agency we have that is organized for the expressed purpose of bringing new industry to the community, developing the city's commercial resources and generally acting in an advisory capacity in controlling the development of the city.

Someone has said that a wise business man will regard his membership in the Chamber as a cost of doing business. It would follow then that the slogan "Membership in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Doesn't Cost--It Pays!" might be a good one to keep in mind.

## Litterbugs Outlawed

California's litter-strewn highways are to be targets of a new motor vehicle law which goes into effect Wednesday.

After that date, the "litterbug" will be guilty of a misdemeanor, according to an act which passed the legislature at its recent session. Gov. Knight signed the measure, Senate Bill No. 52, on April 11.

Enforcement of the new law, Section 600.5 of the Motor Vehicle Code will mark a triumph for many state groups which have for years sought means of keeping the state's highways clean. Women's Clubs, Garden Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, the California State Chamber of Commerce, many public officials, and numerous private enterprises are among those seeking cleaner highways.

"We have asked (the public) to practice the same good housekeeping in their cars that they do at home," says William J. Losh, chairman of the roadside cleanup committee, California State Chamber of Commerce.

## IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

## Who Controls Labor's Vote?



## AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

By JOHN MORLEY BEIRUT—CAIRO (Special to the HERALD)—As you drive along the Israel-Arab borders today, you just know there is trouble ahead. The freshly painted signs read ominously: "You have been warned!" There are no signs of peace, no signs resembling a compromise. The high-sounding opinions of the United Nations commission is mostly wishful thinking. Everything points to trouble... serious trouble.

In all of the Middle East's 2,000,000 square miles of strategic oil-rich land, we have only one staunch ally... Turkey. We are hated by the Arabs, disliked by Israel for our recent support of the Arabs... and we are fast losing the support of Greece over Cyprus. I have just gone over the area in the blistering heat with a friend who is talking with both sides of the Israel-Arab problem. It's still being complicated by present British manipulations and still influenced by political decisions in the U.S. during the Truman administration. Add this to

the historical enmities between Arab and Jew and you have a social, political, nationalistic, religious problem of explosive proportions.

Israel has recently celebrated its seventh anniversary as a sovereign state. It was established more through the efforts of the United States than through Jewish blood. The U. S. recognized it first... and put up nearly all the money that keeps it going. Another \$48,000,000 is going to Israel this month... to join other millions in gifts by supporters of Zion in the U.S. and Europe. In this seven-year period, the Arab states received a total of \$42,000,000. Israel's total of \$500,000,000 in U.S. direct aid and private loans and gifts. This rubs the Arabs the wrong way.

Along with the money to Israel came a know-how. U. S. and Jewish scientists, engineers and workmen to help the new Jewish state. The combination of money, material—and fanatical zeal of the unfortunate victims of persecution who migrated from Europe—made the industrial

miracle that is Israel today. No one can deny that the Jew is carving out of the desert waste land of promise and hope. It's amazing.

The budget of Israel for 1955 is about \$205,000,000. To cover it Israel is getting \$42,000,000 in U.S. grants... \$60,000,000 in German reparations... \$7,000,000 from world Jewry... \$20,000,000 in private capital... \$13,000,000 in development bonds.

The rise of Egypt is changing the balance of power in favor of the Arabs tremendously. I was in Cairo during the celebration of the third anniversary of the overthrow of King Farouk and saw Premier Nasser. Egypt is fast becoming the most powerful Arab nation in the Middle East and with the seizure of the Suez canal from Britain after 75 years, is fast becoming a serious threat to Israel's economy and military defense. The recent delivery of military arms and equipment from the U.S. has increased the threat to Israel.

In all the Arab-Moslem countries, I heard officials give defiant emphasis of their vindictiveness against Israel. A member of the Arab league said to me in Jerusalem: "The Israel-Arab problem can only be settled by the same way it started... by force of arms." It looks bad.

Don't believe the travel literature about "average weather" figures in the 60's. It's blistering hot... from 95 degrees - 120 degrees... from Greece to Cairo, to Baghdad. Greece has 8,000,000 people... the size of Florida in square miles. It's a tourist paradise because the dollar is worth 90 drachmas, twice as many as before.

Israel has about 1,800,000... the size of St. Louis... and 8,000 square miles which compares with Massachusetts. It has only a few of the holy places in the land of the Jordan side. The beautiful street of Tel Aviv and Haifa are a miniature New York. The hotels along the sea are sumptuous and expensive (\$20 a day) in the city about \$8 per day. The tourists get \$180 pounds to the dollar. There are no night clubs in Israel, forbidden by agreement. Tipping is taboo.

Lebanon is about the size of Detroit, 1,250,000; but Beirut having half of the population of 600,000, the size of Cincinnati. The principal income here is "tourism." It's one of the most beautiful cities of the Near East. Cost of living is reasonable.

Syria is about the area of the state of Washington (65,000 square miles) and has a population of 3,400,000. Like Lebanon, the climate resembles Louisville, Kentucky. Damascus is the oldest city in the world, is a tourist's kingdom. Jordan (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, a officially called) is a little larger than Lebanon (1,600,000) but twice as poor. About 15 per cent of the population is Christian. Most of holy places are within its borders. I saw newly erected high stone walls in areas close to the Israel frontier to prevent Israel's sniping. Jerusalem and Bethel are to the Christian world what Mecca is to the Moslem. New hotels are going up constantly; but still fall short of the tourist demand.

# The New 'Go Home' Plan Squirrel Caged Outlined for Attack

By JOSEPH M. QUINN City News Service

By REID BUNDY

The weather was much with us the past few days—so much, in fact, that one man we know drove into a service station Thursday, bought 11 gallons of gas and promptly wrote out a check for 11. The heat had got to him.

It was somebody else who said the swimming pools were so crowded around here they looked like live bait tanks on a sport fishing boat.

One fellow we met Thursday afternoon didn't think it was so hot around here. When we told him that the Fire Department mercury had hit 110.5 degrees (which goes into the books as 111), he said "surely" holding. When we convinced him that we weren't, he allowed as how that was too hot for him and he closed up and went home.

One thing about the heat wave is that it certainly brought out the summer shirts. We'll wager there wasn't a dozen neckties worn in the downtown area Thursday afternoon and Friday. One executive here who lives in East Los Angeles came to work in a white shirt and tie but by noon had gone downtown and purchased a cool, short-sleeved shirt to finish out the day.

Twelve-Dee, my yellow parakeet, spent a pretty miserable "two days." Caught in the usually tiresome bird-sitting with wings outstretched, head low Friday just panting for air. When the breeze came up, however, the bird came to life again and was singing merrily the last we noticed.

The heat wave brought out an easily forgotten bit of information—you can cool off in zero weather just five miles from the Torrance City Hall. Straight up.

The warm weather also brought out a reminder from our long-time friend Ken Downs, who goes around all day singing "What'll You Have?" for his weekly pay check. He reminds us that he can buy 4 per cent beer here tomorrow. On that day a new state law upping the allowable power from three-point-two goes into effect. Also going into effect tomorrow is a new law about a hundred new traffic regulations—changes in the California Vehicle Code authorized by the Legislature this year.

Don Hyde tells us that the heat isn't too bad for the fellows working in the open hearth at the steel mill. In fact, when the little breeze came up the other afternoon, one of the men moved back into the charging area, saying it was too cool. It was a cool 110 degrees.

The heat brought out a generous showing of Bermuda shorts at the Ram-Brown football game in the Coliseum Friday evening. I didn't think too much of it until we saw one man wearing the shorts without the usual long hose. In fact, he was barefooted. Somehow it didn't look quite right, even for California.

And, for the first time in many a trip to the huge saucer on Figueroa, we didn't feel sorry for the baton twirlers performing on the field during the breaks in the game. For once, the evening was warm enough to keep them from getting blue with coldness between performances.

The best way to save lives in event of an enemy bombing or other major disaster is for all persons to go home and stay with their families, according to a drastically revised Civil Defense "Survival Plan" for the Los Angeles basin.

The new program anticipates that not only a sneak attack but also a heavy earthquake, sudden flood, or other "natural" disaster may cause numerous casualties, requiring the expert services of trained Civil Defense personnel.

It takes advantage of the natural instincts of human beings and recognizes that catastrophes strike without warning, have a limited area of destruction, and require prompt neighborhood rescue operations.

Discarded is the notion that 5,000,000 persons can be quickly evacuated from a region hemmed in by ocean and mountains and void of even remotely adequate escape routes. However, this possibility still is under study in case of a road network is developed and a way is found to provide advance warning of an aerial assault.

The new concept is based on four simple precepts:

1—The "go home" idea is the most practical because men, women and children rush home from force of habit when an emergency hits, and they know the quickest way to get there.

2—Since there is no way to know in advance what particular area will be ravished by a disaster, the homeward trek of school children, shoppers, and workers would expose the minimum number of persons to danger.

3—With a large number of civil defense districts organized into "self-help" units, each manned by trained personnel equipped with emergency supplies, a devastated area could quickly be helped by adjacent units.

4—Those nearby who were unthamed by the disaster could rush into the afflicted region to provide immediate first aid for the injured, extricate victims trapped in par-

tially demolished homes or buildings, evacuate the wounded, fight fires and perform other emergency duties.

As outlined by Col. Richard F. Lynch, "operation survival" envisions the training of tens of thousands of volunteers in rescue techniques and the stockpiling of blood plasma, anti-biotics, bandages and medical kits in numerous residential areas.

Lynch, as city CD director, has nearly 35,000 volunteers scattered throughout Los Angeles and is enlisting and training thousands more, mostly housewives. Similar programs are under way in other cities and in unincorporated regions of the county.

"In case of disaster, we want our people first to do the natural thing—go home," Lynch explained. "There they should await further civil defense instructions which will be given by radio or other means. If an evacuation is necessary, family units will be moved wherever possible."

"If the disaster is caused by an atomic explosion, we want to keep people out of the path of the radioactive fallout.

"If the disaster results from natural forces, we can do our rescue work more effectively if those not immediately concerned stay home."

Lynch said the city of Los Angeles has been divided into 35 "self-help" districts. To date, more than 500 persons have attended a four-day light rescue course at 1143 Bishop Rd. in Chavez Ravine to learn the techniques of safeguarding lives in emergency. More courses are scheduled.

In addition, a new warning system is under installation and the public information and education program has been expanded, he said.

"We have stepped up our efforts by placing greater emphasis on the need to prepare now against the day when disaster may descend upon us," the civil defense chief explained. "It should be comforting to know that if disaster strikes, there will be someone close by who has taken time to prepare and who knows how to bring aid and comfort to the injured."



## LAW IN ACTION

**YOU AND YOUR AGENT**  
What if you paid Johnnie to mow your lawn and he mowed down and ruined your neighbor's hedge? do you pay for Johnnie's act? Most likely.

Or suppose you want a loaf of bread for dinner and ask a friend to take your car and get it. On the way to the store, suppose he runs down old Mrs. Higgenbotham. Are you responsible? Again, most likely, at least in part.

Why is this? Didn't you tell everybody to be most careful?

In both cases, you got someone to act for you. Under the law, what he did, you did. You were responsible for what he did since he was your "agent."

Why does the law make you, as "principal," responsible for your agent's acts?

Well, agents do most of the world's business. And for our affairs to go forward, people

must trust your agent as if you yourself acted. "Third parties"—other people doing business with you or your agent—have a right to expect you to stand behind his word.

Suppose your agent does what you told him to do, or even suppose you let third parties think he is your agent when he is not. Then you may well have to make good on any deal he makes in your name. He is either your agent or your "ostensible agent." Which is all one when it comes to paying the bills, or repairing the damage.

In most ways partners are agents for each other. What one does can bind the other.

So one day you and your partner decide not to buy any thing for more than \$100 unless you both sign the contract. But your partner goes ahead anyway without telling you.

Your private word with your partner won't protect you, if the salesman did not know of it.

Because our business world is so complex, the law of agency bulks large today. For it defines and enforces the rights and duties of principals, agents, and third parties.

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## Crossword Puzzle

- 1. Kind of fish
- 2. Fire residue
- 3. Police outfit
- 4. 12 percent of time
- 5. Record
- 6. Speed contests
- 7. Ladies
- 8. Raw metals
- 9. Marine formation
- 10. Mosch
- 11. Lifeless
- 12. Extremely
- 13. Proceed
- 14. Exist
- 15. Female sheep
- 16. Witless
- 17. Lullaby
- 18. Title
- 19. Chariz
- 20. Terminate
- 21. Consumed
- 22. Biblical person
- 23. Lullaby
- 24. Mouth edge
- 25. Start
- 26. Pedal ducts
- 27. Press
- 28. Leavins
- 29. Treated
- 30. Flap
- 31. Bullet
- 32. Afloat
- 33. Fragment
- 34. Theresa (Abb.)
- 35. Novice
- 36. Annum
- 37. Marched
- 38. Before
- 39. Rafter
- 40. Exclamation
- 41. Hard wood
- 42. Musical instrument
- 43. Departed
- 44. Wound
- 45. Killed
- 46. Verse poem
- 47. Hall
- 48. Relieve

