

EDITORIALS

End of Death Trap

One of the city's potential deathtraps has been eliminated!

City workmen this week have completed the conversion of Torrance Blvd. east of Portola Ave. from angle to parallel parking—thus eliminating one of the most dangerous traffic situations in the city.

For years, eastbound traffic has been faced with a major hazard at the intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Portola where three moving lanes of traffic suddenly narrowed to two lanes without any warning.

Removal of this threat to the thousands of motorists who daily use Torrance Blvd. had been sought by The HERALD during the past year. The HERALD'S views were shared by Traffic Consultant Ralph Dorsey, and several members of the Council who ordered the changes.

Three lanes of traffic will now be available in each direction on Torrance Blvd. in addition to the parking lanes.

The change should save a lot of wear and tear on the brakes and nerves of area motorists.

Opinions of Others

Good unions are needed, but the day of the racketeer-unworld-dominated union is about over. — Douglass (Kans.) Tribune.

While a good case can probably be made for the Government maintaining high taxes, the case for reducing them is even better, and they must come down in the near future or the country's expansion will be adversely affected.—Twin Valley (Minn.) Times.

The secretary of the delinquency and crime division of the Canadian Welfare Council, Ottawa, is reported as saying that the best weapon against juvenile delinquency is parental love. We have a notion that a little parental discipline might help, too.—Brantford (Ont., Can.) Expositor.

We may not agree with many things Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has said and done, but we sure hand him the accolade for a remark he made the other day: "The test of friendship is to keep it when we do not agree." If we could do that little thing, how different would be the story of man's relationships with his fellow-man!—Winter Haven (Fla.) Herald.

Young people today have every right to resent the growing tendency to associate all teenagers with "delinquency." Certainly we must be concerned about this growing problem, but we must also recognize the fact that the great majority of our young people are good citizens.

You wonder what "those damn kids" will do next? Well, if you look at the majority rather than the minority, you'll find that they are doing pretty well, so here's a salute to all the young citizens in worthwhile organizations—and to their leaders who are showing them the way to good citizenship.—Sharonville (Ohio) Suburban Press.



LAW IN ACTION

UNBIASED JURIES

In the early days of the English common law, juries needed no instructions. They knew the customs and the facts before the trial began. Rather the judges themselves needed instruction, for William the Conqueror had named Uorman judges who knew little of English law.

The king's writ directed the sheriff to find the people who knew the facts of the case and bring them into court to serve on the jury. They told the judge not only the facts, but often the local customs.

But for centuries those who know the facts have been called as witnesses, and under our system witnesses cannot serve on the jury. To start out with we want jurors who do not know the facts or the legal principles involved in a given trial.

The American colonists knew and liked such impartial juries. It is the type of jury which our constitutions, federal and state, guarantee. Such a jury needs instruction.

Today jurors must ascertain facts from the evidence given at the trial. Because our times are complex, jurors must lean heavily upon the judge to guide them. They look to him for a clear statement of the law of the case.

To see how that jurors have in fact no improper information or bias, the law lets lawyers on both sides question jurors on "voir

dire." This term comes through old French law to English from Latin (verus dicere, to say the truth). Just the other day after a trial, a California court of appeals held that a trial court could receive jurors' sworn statements about what happened during their deliberations to show that one juror was biased and had concealed this fact on the "voir dire" examination.

Note: California lawyers offer this column for you to know about our laws.

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Typical Easter Season Scene



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Don't Call a Cab, Mister

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a taxi-driver. Usually I agree with you. When I read that letter where you advised an expectant mother to "CALL A TAXI" to take her to the hospital because her husband didn't feel like going, I almost flipped.

Mrs. Landers, do you realize what a burden you place on the taxi driver when you encourage such a thing? I've had several expectant mothers in my cab and it's rough enough when someone comes with her. But a woman alone in this condition is a real nightmare.

I've had to check women into hospitals and stick around to comfort them. On one occasion I had to stop and get a policeman to ride in the back seat with a lady because she kept me from driving. A buddy of mine who drives a cab had to deliver a baby himself one night.

Please, Ann, don't tell these women to call a taxi. Advise them to wake up the old man and let HIM drive her. This is a husband's responsibility—not a taxi driver's.—Buck.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married nine years. We have three children, 6, 4, and 2. I worked before the kids were born and then again between babies. A home of our own was my goal and I put away every spare cent so someday that dream could come true.

When we finally got the money for a downpayment I was walking on air. The place we selected was exactly what we both wanted. Last week, behind my back, my husband took his mother and sister-in-law over to see our new house. Then he drove them to a store where they picked out all the fixtures. When he came home and described the selection I became furious.

I asked him where he got off letting THEM pick out fixtures for our new house. He said I wasn't much of a housekeeper and their taste was better than mine anyway. I've decided to make him pay dearly for this insult. If he has so little regard for my feelings he deserves to be dragged through the divorce court. If he likes his mother and sister-in-law's taste so well he ought to go live with them. Don't you think I'd be a fool to spend the rest of my life with a man who would treat me this way? Let's have your frank opinion. We're both waiting.—H.H.L.

Where you cut off your head to get rid of a headache? This makes about as much sense as divorcing a man because he asked his mother and sister-in-law to select fixtures for your new home. I agree your husband was extremely inconsiderate to

humiliate you this way, but don't break up your marriage just to get even. You can always change fixtures, but a broken home means some broken hearts. In your blind attempt to punish this man for hurting your feelings you'll wind up punishing your children and yourself as well. This is pretty expensive spite, Sister. Settle this—at home.

Dear Ann Landers: Hurray for that wonderful answer you gave the snob who was ashamed of her husband's foreign-born parents! I've been married 10 years to a wonderful man who's mother and dad came from the other side. They are so loving and kind I'm proud to be in the family. They don't speak much English but I understand the look in their gentle eyes far better than any words.

My own parents are third generation Americans. My father owns a large business and has been "comfortable" all his life. When we needed help to pay for an emergency operation, and had to have a loan to buy a car so my husband could go on the road, it was my foreign-born in-laws who came through. When I went to the hospital to have my third baby, it was my mother-in-law who moved in to care for the two little ones. (My own mother took a Caribbean cruise.)

These "foreign-born ignorant peasants (to whom the snob refers) have made this country great. They brought to America willing hands and generous hearts—and we should be forever grateful.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.) (© 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

GLAZED BITS by Barney Glazer

He was inebriated but denied it vehemently. "Alright," said the policeman, "then pick up these pennies from the sidewalk." Asked the wobbling suspect, "What sidewalk?"

A teenager snagged a huge marlin when he had only figured on a stubborn barracuda. "What'll I do now?" he gasped desperately to his fishing mate. The other teenager yelled: "Rock 'n reel, man! Rock 'n reel!"

Who is Elvis trying to impress anyway?

A lady reader writes: "I want to start a business in my home. I have no experience but I have a lovely home with forced air heat and garbage disposal. What shall I do?" Answer: Have you considered taking in garbage?

Bob Vincent says we're always bragging about learning to travel under water like the fish but it's time we learned to walk upon the earth like men.

Her job was to sort out newspapers from all over the world. "How I'd love to have a few minutes to read these interesting papers!" she fairly drooled. "Why not read them on your coffee break?" suggested a fellow worker. "What!" she exclaimed, "on my own time?"

"Where have you been?" demanded the angry housewife when her husband came home a 3 o'clock in the morn-

ing. "I've been with a sick friend," he replied. "Oh, I suppose you want me to believe now that you've been holding a sick friend's hand?" she sneered. "My dear," replied the husband, "if I had been holding HIS hand I would have won enough money to take us around the world six times."

The way some men play golf on Sundays they might just as well be in church. Trouble with most folks who want to lose weight is that they always eat their dinner after they eat their diet.

A reader asks: "What's a minimum in a night club?" Answer: that's what the ladies wear.

Wisecrack to lady elevator operator: "I suppose you have plenty of ups and downs to worry about." Pretty young miss: "Oh, I'm not worried so much about the ups and downs in this elevator as I am by the jerks."

Who says you don't lose anything by being polite? I've lost my seat on the bus plenty of times.

How man progresses: beef broth, ground steak, sirloin, filet mignon, ground steak, beef broth.

See if you recognize yourself, mister. The average man is 42 around the chest, 48 around the waist, 96 around the golf course, and in the way around the home.

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

Bureaus Scheme for Tax

Editor's Note: Part II of two columns on why taxes are high and a plan to save billions in taxes.)

No one in his right mind would propose reducing our military budget and security while the Soviet Union is building up its military might at an alarming rate, just to save tax dollars. Also, no responsible person would propose that certain essential services of government be curtailed.

It is also understandable that the rise of our population has increased the cost of government immeasurably... and steady inflation further aggravated the problem of making government ends meet. We find no quarrel with either the necessity of more government spending to meet population increases, or the unfortunate increase of government costs through inflation, although government spending has been a factor in this inflation.

But we do find fault with some politicians hell-bent on "equalizing the nation's wealth" through a long variety of taxing schemes to pay for unnecessary "government services," frills and handouts, at the expense of other citizens over the past 30 years. They have done this with excessive income taxes, inheritance taxes, luxury taxes and a thousand other taxes in order to maintain an incredible government bureaucracy with no end in sight. The Democrats started it... and the Republicans are trying to go even one better.

The underlying reason for all this is that the Democrats were able to secure themselves in public office for 20 years by billions of irresponsible spending... and now Republicans find themselves in the position that unless they match, or exceed the Democrats, they would be voted out of office.

Most politicians in both parties don't have the courage to tell their constituents all of the tax-truth. If they vote against higher old-age pensions, for instance, they would lose the senior citizen vote... if they vote again a pork barrel project in their state, they will lose support among those who favor such a project... if a certain senator votes against another TVA in a certain state, the senator of that state would oppose a project in the first senator's state, and so on down the line.

It is thousands of such government projects, paternalistic handouts, socialistic programs and the like which keep the national budget high. It is not the military budget alone that keeps government costs high, although politicians juggle the figures to make it appear that three-fourths of our national budget goes for "defense." It's the extravagances, the waste, lack of responsibility, the bureaucracy, the political patronage and other such tricks-of-the-trade that run up the bills. The whole system of budget-making needs a house cleaning... and this probably will not happen until the taxpayers are bled white and the economy cracks under this fantastic tax burden.

According to the Hoover Commission report, over \$60 billion taken from the taxpayers is today invested by the federal government in more than 3000 business-type enterprises which compete with private business and private citizens all over the nation. These did not exist 30 years ago. These 3000 government businesses invade hundreds of areas which heretofore were always handled entirely by private enterprise.

Why should this be so? Why should the government collect taxes from the private citizen and private business and then take some of those taxes and compete with the same private enterprise unfairly? Unfairly because the GOVERNMENT PAYS NO TAXES... and the cost of taxes is a major part of the cost of doing business. Since the government pays no taxes, it can UNDERSELL ANYBODY, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME. If the government took over the gas stations, gasoline would cost about 30 per cent less, because the tax on gasoline is about 30 per cent of the price.

Government in business-type enterprises from electric power to agriculture is the only business which can "afford" to operate at a loss. No private business can do it. Government can because it makes up its losses through more and more taxes. The bureaucrat does not care whether he makes a profit. This is because he has an inexhaustible faucet through which flows an inexhaustible supply of more money. So the fellow in Tennessee who buys cheap electric power does so only because millions of citizens thousands of miles removed from Tennessee pay the difference. Multiply that by 3000 similar projects of government and you can see how this affects the taxes of millions of taxpayers

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3000 business-type enterprises the government is engaged in will bring into the U.S. Treasury upward of \$30 billion within a year. This could reduce the public debt and at the same time reduce taxes. In addition, private enterprise that will take over some of these businesses will pay added billions in taxes which the government is not getting at present.

Immediate liquidation of most of these 3000 business-type enterprises the government is engaged in will bring into the U.S. Treasury upward of \$3 billion within a year. This could reduce the public debt and at the same time reduce taxes. In addition, private enterprise that will take over some of these businesses will pay added billions in taxes which the government is not getting at present.

Politicians know this, but are afraid to bring it up because it will lose them many votes among the rank and file who are fooled by government handouts, not realizing that sooner or later they will be called upon to pay in taxes for somebody else's handout. Some politicians are also reluctant to suggest abolishment of these government business-type enterprises because thousands of jobs involved are the rewards of political patronage.

Government is responsive to the wall of the governed. To be elected the public official is expected to yield to public will. But the public will is often wrong and dangerous to the security of the nation, through ignorance and, worse, through the irresponsibility of politicians who promise the moon just so they get elected. They are promised higher and higher old-age pensions, higher and higher social security, higher and higher agricultural subsidies, more and more federal roads and projects through their states, cheaper and cheaper federal electric power for the few to be paid by the many, etc. Other irresponsible politicians blame it on "Wall Street" and call for "soaking the rich," without telling the people that the "rich of Wall Street" pay only 1.6 per cent of the taxes, while 98.4 per cent of the people pay the rest, with over 80 per cent of the taxpayers included in the lowest 20 per cent rate of income taxes.

The size of the public debt (\$271 billion)... the size of the present proposed budget (\$71.8 billion)... and the alarming rate of increased taxes calls for emergency measures, courage and statesmanship on the part of all elected public servants. The people are too indifferent and too preoccupied and too uninformed on government expenses to do anything about it. The leadership must come from public officials. Only statesmanship at this juncture can save the nation from economic disaster in spite of good business ahead. Even with a high national product of \$500 billion, the people will not be able to save enough to meet the ever-increasing burden of inflation prompted principally through government spending.

It appears to this reporter from making the rounds over and over again in Washington budget offices, that the Hoover Commission report be put to work at once, and reduce federal spending. Then, to reduce taxes substantially we must take government out of any business-type enterprise that unfairly competes with private business. We believe this is one practical way to reduce the public debt and taxes and get back on the free enterprise system, free of government paternalism and bureaucracy that endangers the economic security of the nation.

... and we quote

"There's nothing like a good, old-fashioned, home-cooked meal—not in most homes, at least."—D. O. Flynn.

"When people sleep in church, it may be the minister that needs waking up."—Changing Times.

"Middle Age is the period of life when you will do anything to feel better, except give up what's hurting you."

And, finally, for those who observed the annual pilgrimage to the Collector of Internal Revenue last Monday, April 15, William Graham Sumner (1840-1910) wrote years ago in his essay, "The Forgotten Man," that "The Forgotten Man works and votes—generally he prays—but his chief business in life is to pay."