

EDITORIALS

The YMCA Campaign

Kick-off festivities for the current YMCA support campaign Monday night ushered in YMCA week in Torrance, a week set aside to look back over the accomplishments of the organization, and to look ahead at the plans for coming months.

Looking back over the past year for the Torrance YMCA is a satisfying gesture—the year has been a busy and fruitful one, and a year of gratifying achievement for those responsible for the group's programming and operation.

Last year the YMCA backers raised more than \$20,000 to put the local branch back on its feet under the dynamic leadership of its young executive-secretary, Joe Wilcox. The figures compiled during the year of camping, Y-Indian Guides, campouts, and other programs fully justified the contributions of Torrance area residents and businessmen.

Again this year the YMCA is seeking funds to continue its active program. The 1958 need has been placed at \$30,000, an increase over last year which will enable expansion of the YMCA work to more nearly serve all of the city.

Sole support of the YMCA program comes from its support campaign and its annual "Good Neighbor Breakfast." This is your chance to help the organization that is doing much for Torrance.

A Restless Minority

Until seven years ago, California was the only state in the Union still levying property taxes against self-supporting, nonprofit schools. Apart from the inequity of requiring tens of thousands of Californians to pay double taxes for the right to educate their children, the actual tax revenue from this source was negligible — approximately \$700,000 the last year the tax was in effect.

In 1951, by an almost unanimous vote of 108 to 3, the California Legislature gave to nonprofit schools the tax exemption already in force in the other 47 states, and it was signed into law by the Governor. The following year, the issue went directly to the people in the form of a referendum, and the decision of the Legislature and the Governor was upheld by the voters. In later court tests, the exemption was held valid by the State Supreme Court and was left standing by the U. S. Supreme Court.

The exemption had the support of the people, the Legislature, the Governor, and the courts. To all but a querulous minority, the exemption had withstood every democratic test and had become the law of the state.

Now, only six years later, this minority is again at work. Through the use of petitions they have been able to place an almost identical issue on the November ballot this year. It is both ironic and unfortunate that California taxpayers must now spend many thousands of dollars in public funds to finance a ballot question on which they already have given their answer—clearly and positively.

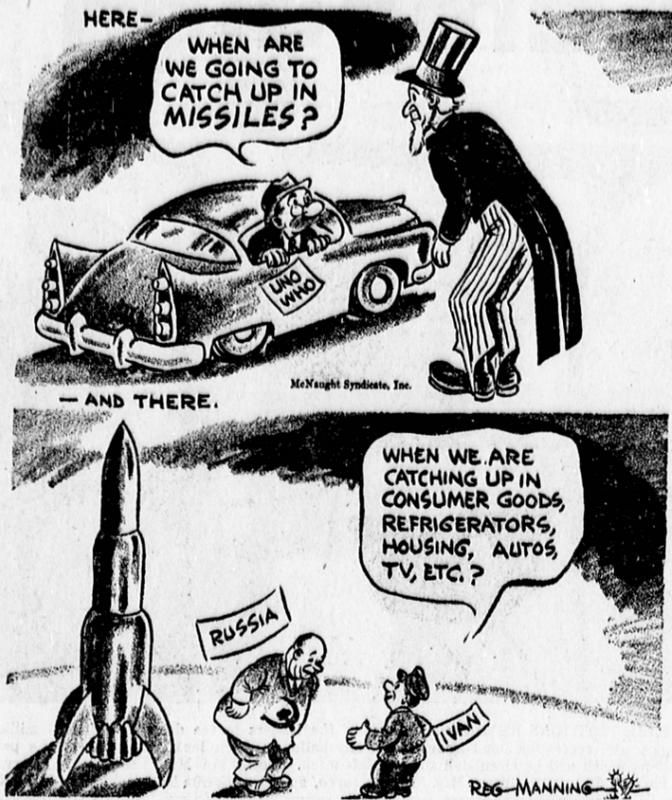
Opinions of Others

Legislation had to pass the house and senate and be signed by the governor to enable women and children employed in Massachusetts industry to accept a half-hour lunch period instead of being required to take three quarters of an hour. The change was sought because where the men had a half-hour lunch period and the women three quarters of an hour lunch period, the women lost opportunities to share rides with other workers in car pools. This law regulating the length of women's lunch hours is an example of the kind of paternalistic laws that clutter up the books.—Reading (Mass.) Chronicle.

Why are we behind the times? The answer is obvious. The American people, in their headlong rush into materialism, have forgotten that progress for the satisfaction of human vanities is shaky progress, and that until we place values on exploration, research, intellectual discipline, and progress for humanity, we can expect to continue to be behind the times. And these things do not start at the top, seeping down to us at the grass roots, but rather, they start at the grass roots and surge upward in direct ratio to our degree of interest and activity.—Collinsville (Conn.) Farmington Valley Herald.

Twenty-five thousand surgical operations are being performed in the United States every day in the year . . . and most of the surgery done today would have been declared impossible by even the best physicians 50 years ago . . . Few possessions have made greater changes or achieved more beneficial progress than has the art of medicine.—Bartow (Fla.) Polk County Democrat.

The People Want To Know



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Relax; The Word is Out

Dear Ann: My husband hired his 16-year-old daughter by a former marriage to work for him from 4 to 9 every evening.

Before he and I were married he was separated from his wife. He had a terrible time getting a divorce, and the haggling went on for three years. During this time, we had two children. I'm not saying this was right—but these are the facts.

When we married, my husband had nothing. Today he employs 43 people and has a fine business. We are trying to lead a respectable life and live down the bad beginning. This 16-year-old daughter knows the whole story. Her mother told her everything. Although I've never met the girl, I'm sure she doesn't care for me. I don't think she should be working at my husband's place of business but he says it's perfectly all right for her to be there.

My husband's ex-wife moved to this city last year, why I will never know. Employing this girl was the first serious disagreement we have had, and it looks like there's trouble ahead. What shall I do? —Z.Y.X.

You can assume the day Family Number One moved to your city, the word was out. So don't waste any more time or energy on who knows what. It's useless.

Of course it would have been better had the girl not been employed in the business, but she's already there, so remain silent. Your husband has emotional attachments to his daughter and anything you say would probably be interpreted as hostility or jealousy.

These are the hazards when you marry a man who has ties elsewhere. So make the best of it, and don't become trapped into involvements with his first family, or you're sunk.

Dear Ann: I plan to be married in February and four of my girl friends are standing up for me. My fiancé has asked three friends to stand up for him. He wants his 15-year-old brother to be the fourth.

I don't want his brother because he's too young for my girl friends, and also he's too short. He's a very nice kid, but I'm afraid he would ruin the ceremony.

My future mother-in-law is wonderful and although I know she wants the boy in the ceremony, she wouldn't insist. When I told her how I felt she said to "forget it," and was very sweet, but I'm afraid she is hurt about it.

I want to do the right thing, but I want a nice wedding, too. I think the 15-year-old boy would look out of place and ruin everything. Please advise.—T.G.

Just as you had the privilege of selecting the girls to stand up for you, your fiancé has the right to select the fellows he wants. You were wrong to veto the brother. I hope you'll tell your fiancé

that you've reconsidered and that you want him. This boy will be your brother-in-law long after some of the girl friends have disappeared from the scene. Having him in the ceremony could not possibly ruin it. But leaving him out could certainly wreck your relationship for years to come.

Dear Ann: You seem to know everything. I wonder if you can tell me what are the duties of a clergyman's wife? When is she supposed to find time for her family and the things she considers fun and not obligations? Can you print this letter, along with your reply?—Grace.

Dear Grace: This problem is one I strongly recommend you talk over with your clergyman.

Confidential: True-Blue American: Thanks for your suggestion that I run for President of the United States, but I have all I can handle right now.

Tired of It All: Of course you can't sleep at night. How can you when you sleep all day? Drag your carcass out of bed in the morning and make him breakfast. Maybe if you were more of a self-starter, he wouldn't have to be a crank.

(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. (C) 1958, Field Enterprises, Inc.

Eye-Witness Report on Korea

We have been inside this unfortunate but brave little country many times since 1950 . . . before, during and after the war. The present tragedy of Korea is a living symbol of the Communist barbarian from both the North and the East. Time and preoccupations have made the world forget Korea and the human convulsion which still exists some four and a half years after the disgraceful armistice at Panmunjom in July, 1953, which we covered.

We were in Korea again recently. It's hard to put the pieces together for our readers for the pieces relate to people, not just politics. And people are usually relegated to scrap heaps before the impelling power of power politics and prominent personalities.

Some day soon we will report on the Korean people, but the moment there is an ominous military danger which requires our immediate attention. While we are concentrating on NATO and the implementations of the recent Paris conference, the Soviet and Chinese Communists are concentrating in Indonesia, Indo-China and especially Japan and Korea.

Our recent observations across the 38th parallel show that along a 150-mile front facing the Reds, the South Koreans have an alert well-trained army of about 600,000 men. Supporting them there is a U. S. force of about 70,000, including two infantry divisions and command units and some 5000 other UN troops. This compares with a million UN army at the time of the armistice in Panmunjom . . . and well over 800,000 when we were here in 1955. However, the military equipment is old and has not been replaced because of the ban in the armistice agreement against introducing new-type weapons.

The invasion route to Seoul, as we experienced it in two Red attacks in 1951-1953, is today entrusted to only one U. S. division of about 60% normal strength. Everyone who knows the picture here openly expresses concern, including U. S. commanders.

Across from this to the north of the 38th parallel the Communist North Koreans have a reorganized—and re-equipped—500,000 man army, with newer weapons in violation of the armistice agreement. In addition, there is a Chinese Community army of another 400,000, plus an estimated force of reserves across the Yalu of 1,000,000 men. The Reds have openly ignored the ban on new weapons, on new airfields, on any increase in troops. UN Intelligence reports that 2000 new artillery pieces, 400 new tanks, 500 jet planes have been added, not to mention other military equipment which has not yet been discovered.

At long last the U. S. has convinced the UN command that restoration of the balance of forces in Korea is the only guarantee of averting an attack. The flow of new weapons has started amidst the cries from Peking and the Korean Reds that the U. S. is seeking to renew the war. Such charges ignore two important facts: (1) that the decision to send new weapons is a UN, not a U. S. decision—and (2) that the Communists asked for it when they violated the armistice terms even before the ink was dry on the agreement of July 27, 1953.

This reporter saw the Communists bulldozing and clearing areas right on the edge of the demilitarized zone for new air strips on the day following the armistice. The

invasion of Red violations is long and absolutely incontrovertible. Attempts by the NNSC (Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission) to police the truce were negated by the North Korean Communists, while the Polish and Czech members of the "pseudo-neutral" teams committed such flagrant acts of spying in South Korea that President Rhee had to kick them out to avert disaster.

Against this sordid background of the last several years the Korean Reds, prompted by their Chinese bosses, are demanding a "New International Conference" aimed at the reunification of Korea—of course at Communist terms. The Communists were quickly rebuffed when General Homer Litzenberg, UN commander, pointed out at Panmunjom recently that Korea was not the proper place to raise such a proposal and referred the Communists to the UN in New York.

Any international conference on the reunification of Korea will obviously get nowhere, as the Communists know that any free elections would prove overwhelming against them. Their only weapons thus far have been armed force and infiltration. They have been increasing these weapons for more than four years. But now that the UN is calling their calculated bluff, they are insisting on a conference to again lull us to sleep.

At long last the UN command has moved to meet the threat and to protect South Korea from another attack. Renewed Communist promises or threats must not deter us from this wise course of defending the heroic free people of South Korea and with them the free world in Asia.

FROM OUR MAILBOX By Our Readers

Private Pilots and Bands

Cheaper Than Video

Some time soon, the Torrance city council is expected to take the final step to cancel a contract between the city and the airport manager. For this cancellation, the city will pay Mr. Dietrich (present manager) about \$17,000. Then the council must appoint an airport manager, and choose three civil service men to assist him. Municipal operation of the airport, to quote a local paper, "would bring enough into the city to pay the \$1000 a month to Dietrich and leave a little extra over current receipts."

How much is this "little extra"? Would it be enough to pay these four men at least \$1500 a month to run the airport while paying Mr. Dietrich \$1000 a month for not running the same airport? Mr. Isen, Mr. Benstead, and Mr. Jahn voted for this move so they may know the answer. Mr. Isen expects many more leases when the city takes over. Would he tell us how many more planes, in round numbers to the nearest hundred, he expects to put on this field? How many more planes must be roaring over your house, always on Saturday and Sunday, of course, before the city can break even?

Is there a good reason for this proposed change? Mr. Dietrich is an experienced man and is the only thing standing between us and night operation of the field. Night operation of the field will start as soon as Mr. Dietrich is out.

Operating an airport is certainly earning money the hard way—hard on south Torrance, that is. A pilot may base his plane at the field for \$10 a month. If he flies only two hours every Saturday and Sunday, he's getting quite a bargain.

A good fast pilot who really wants to work at it can buzz over your house every five minutes. On a four-hour week, he can make 204 trips per month. On each trip, he will fly over and annoy at least 500 people and this amounts to 100,000 such contacts per month.

All this for only \$10. He couldn't annoy so many for so little even with a television commercial.

Then the silly season starts again. If it's so important that

these people learn to fly, why couldn't they do it during regular working hours through the week? Then they could stay at home in Pasadena, Culver City, etc., and enjoy a quite week end and we could do the same down here.

Next time you jump as a plane roars over, be consoled by the thought that, after 200 more such trips, the city will have made \$10.

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Youth Band Trip

The members of the Torrance Area Youth Band, James Van Dyck, conductor, band parents, and members of the citizens committee, wish to extend their warmest thanks to all the wonderful people who helped make the band's trip to Chicago a reality.

The Youth Band with chaperones and staff members left for Chicago via United Airlines on Sunday, Dec. 15, and returned on the following Sunday, Dec. 22nd. The trip included a week's stay at the Sherman Hotel, meals at Toffenetti's Restaurant and the "Flame" steak house, a sight seeing tour which included the Museum of Science and Industry, trip to Joliet, Ill., to hear the famous Joliet Township High School Band, and an afternoon at the Chicago Symphony.

The highlight of the trip was the performance of the band at the Mid-West National Band Clinic, on the night of Thursday, Dec. 19, 1957, before a packed house of band directors and music educators. The band received a standing ovation at the end of the third number and another at the conclusion of the concert—an unprecedented audience gesture since the beginning of the Mid-West Clinic.

Since the band's return from Chicago, many letters of praise have been received from those who heard the Chicago concert. Lee W. Petersen, executive secretary of the Mid-West Clinic, said, "We attempted to select the very finest bands in the United States and Canada, and from the comments of hundreds of band directors we are thoroughly convinced

that we made an outstanding choice in the Torrance Area Youth Band. You may be sure that not only did you score a 'hit' but that everything about your fine group was 'sensational.'"

From Lucien Caillet, musical director of the G. Leblanc Corp.: "All your numbers were magnificently played and your band being unanimously praised as the best of the festival was a most deserved token to your wonderful musical organization."

Raymond F. Dvorak, director of bands at the University of Wisconsin and official master of ceremonies for the Mid-West National Clinic wrote, "You gave us a musical performance which was superb. For yourself and for the area from which you come, you created in the minds of those who attended this clinic (from more than 40 states and Canada) a great impression of music in youth on the West Coast. You have convinced many people that the work in California is equal to that in any place in the United States."

For an unforgettable, inspirational experience—thank you.

The Torrance Area Youth Band,
JAMES VAN DYCK,
Director

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STAR GAZER

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Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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