

EDITORIALS

Elks Narcotics Drive

Stiffer penalties for the drive against illegal narcotics in California are being sought by Elks lodges in California who have become justifiably alarmed over the increase in addiction among young people. Specifically they ask for legislation that will make mandatory a minimum penalty of 30 years in prison for the convicted dope peddler.

Torrance, Gardena and other lodges in the local area are taking an active part in the campaign, spearheading the drive with educational programs and pamphlets and reaching a climax next Wednesday evening with a huge mass meeting in Gardena.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks traditionally are defenders of the principles of sound Americanism. They believe the expanding illegal traffic in narcotics poses a very serious threat to the youth of the nation and they are going all out to do something about it. They are receiving a strong assist here and elsewhere from police officers, sickened by what they have seen in their routine life and convinced that something must be done to put teeth in our laws to end an already serious situation that can become worse.

California is plagued with a double exposure to the illegal traffic because it is bordered on the west by the Pacific ocean and on the south by Mexico. The Elks point out that illegal narcotics often have their origin in Communist-dominated countries where the undermining of youth in free countries is part and parcel of the grand scheme for world domination.

In Los Angeles county many of the judges and District Attorney William B. McKesson do not believe there should be a departure from a current practice of ignoring previous offenses in dealing with repeating addicts. They feel this discrimination should prevail in the interest of justice.

The Southern California community seems to be in agreement that dope addiction is a very serious problem. Among the various peace agencies and welfare groups there are varying opinions as to how to go about handling the evil under control so successfully that the problem will eventually be eliminated altogether.

The dope pusher is no respecter of individuals and no family is completely secure against his nefarious enterprise. That is why this program of the Elks should have the interest and co-operation of the general public.

The Time to Buy

In our temporarily receded economy, opportunities for buying now probably are more general than they might become a few months hence. This includes household furnishings and appliances, automobiles, and real estate.

There are few families indeed who cannot think of a single thing they want, whether it be a sheer necessity or something of a luxury to make life just a little more pleasant.

Torrance merchants have their shops filled with worthwhile goods of every description. Our automobile dealers are going all out to make it possible for the family with income to be driving a sparkling new model. The real estate ads are full of values in new and older homes and there are still opportunities to invest in California land that is certain to accrue value in the years to come.

THE HERALD regularly is filled with advertising of merchants and business men who are striving in a practical way to put this area on the freeway of prosperity.

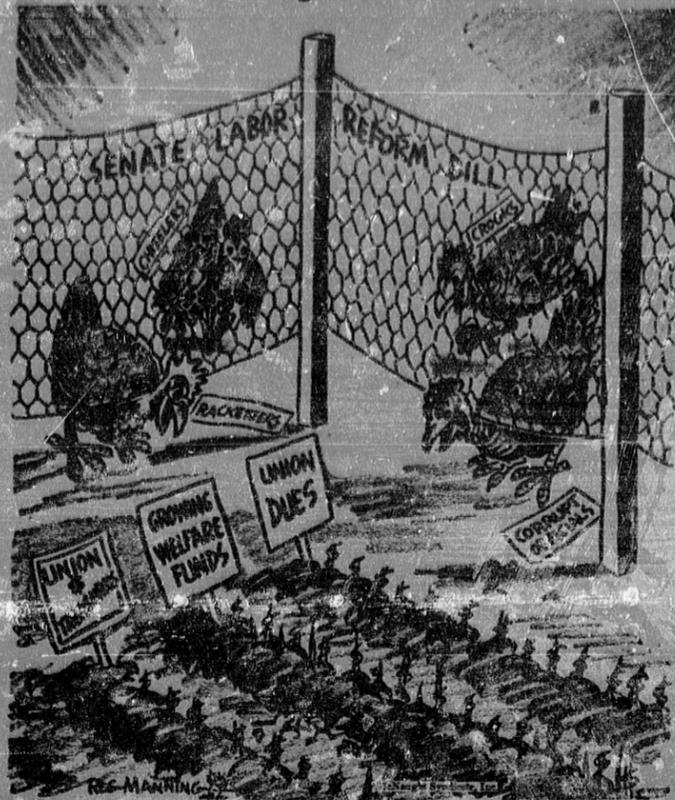
Bygone Era in Steel

Torrance Rotarians were treated to an interesting program Wednesday when two genuine oldtimers in the steel business combined to freshen memories on what this backbone industry was like in an earlier era. Otto A. Kresse of Torrance, until his retirement some years ago, head of Columbia-Geneva's operations in Torrance, brought as guest speaker the man with whom he shared Columbia's first heat in 1910.

That was the age of the natural metallurgist when an elite few could look at a heat and tell to the minute when it was ready. This called for an around-the-clock responsibility and when the sky lit up with a familiar red glow, residents of steel towns were almost certain it wasn't the firemen at work.

Today it's all done with much more modern equipment. Like many other industries that have made America great, the steel business has lost some of its romance. The natural expert still has his place in any production process, but his hours are shorter and the work a lot less strenuous.

Not Enough Chicken Wire



FROM OUR MAILBOX by Our Readers

A Case in Point for Youth

Editor, Torrance Herald: In this day and age, it seems to me that our children are too prone to associate the word "juvenile" with delinquency and in so doing, we are doing an injustice to the vast majority of decent, law-abiding, and clear thinking young boys and girls of our community.

We must realize that the young folks in their formative years are striving for recognition. Some do this with so-called acts of bravado. Some by acts of lawlessness and some by flaunting the moral code of ethics taught them by their parents. Let us be thankful this group is in the minority.

To my way of thinking, if we paid respect and recognition to the many good things accomplished by the young folks, their ambitions could be directed into correct channels.

In this instance, it was three little dogs. It could have been three little children. Your children or mine. A pat on the back and our hats off to Mr. Greg Filtzer. A credit to his parents, to his teacher, and the community at large.

ALBERT VON KOPP
3215 Newton St.

Police Commended

I would like to make this public acknowledgment of the kind treatment I received from one of your city's fine police officers during a recent visit here.

An officer whose name I do not know stopped me at one of the street intersections there recently and informed me that I had run through a red light.

I would have testified under oath that the corner I had just passed had no signal light, but he pointed it out to me, and sure enough, it was there all right.

He said there were several in Torrance, and asked me to watch especially for them because it could be dangerous. He was very nice, and I think your policemen should be commended.

LAW IN ACTION

Rules of Evidence

A trial aims to settle a dispute when the parties fail to do it themselves. For this the court needs facts.

Simple? Well, no. For if the parties could agree on the facts, a settlement out of court would be easy. But as a rule each side has its own story, and the trial judge or jury must hear witnesses and view physical evidence to decide what took place. In doing this the court applies the rules of evidence.

It took centuries for the

signal was the type which my family refers to as the Arkansas signal because the only time we had ever seen one was one time before the war when we went on a fishing vacation trip up in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. I can remember my husband saying he thought the signals were "quaint."

We watched for these signals all the way back to Houston last week but didn't see any. We were certainly on the alert, however, after finding them in Torrance and almost getting a ticket.

Thanks again for letting me offer my commendations to the fine way the Torrance police officer treated me when I visited here.

Mrs. Don Gilstrap
Houston, Texas

court to work out rules by which a judge can say what is proper or improper evidence.

1. In "hearsay" for example, someone who did not see the event reports what someone told him about it. Courts seldom allow such evidence, except in rare cases such as where the dying words, say, of a murdered person may be vital.

2. Irrelevant testimony will also be barred by the judge. It is testimony which has no bearing on the case, even though it may be true enough. Suppose in a battery case the jury has to find out whether Jones knocked Smith down or not. The judge would have to rule out any evidence that Jones, say, was rich and Smith poor. Such a fact, even if true, has nothing to do with the "issue." Moreover such irrelevant facts often confuse jurors or arouse their prejudices.

3. Only an expert like a doctor, an appraiser, a chemist, a pharmacist, or an engineer can give opinions as evidence, and he must show his qualifications as an expert before the judge will let him express his views.

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Things are Normal in Russia

To the one-time visitor and casual observer things appear normal inside Russia—whatever inside means to the individual. The streets in the big cities are clean and quiet—the masses move slowly and indifferently. At night the streets and buildings are never lighted adequately, with the exception of the star on top of the Kremlin—inside the tourist hotels the dining rooms are crowded 'til the early hours, with little music and no floor shows.

Contrary to public conception in the U. S., you hardly see a drunk on the street for the penalty is severe indeed. Hardly anyone smiles. The famous Moscow subway is crowded, but lifeless, in comparison to the hustle and bustle of those in New York, London or Paris. No one shows for no one seems to have the strength to shove. People are polite—extremely so. Inside the stores they step out of your way even at the most-crowded counters—partly out of courtesy and partly at their surprise in seeing a well-dressed foreigner.

The Russian women invariably follow a foreign woman on the street to inspect her clothes. They stare admiringly and longingly in her direction. Sometimes they will send their men-folk after her to inquire about the price she will take for what she's wearing. Men will stop a foreigner on the street and offer to buy his shirt at five times its cost. You can pay for your trip to Russia with the sale of about 100 pairs of shoes—for a \$10 pair will bring \$100 in Russia, if you could sell them.

The fear of the Russian people is not apparent on the street—it is, inside their dreary apartments. Every body is organized into some-

thing—apartment, house meetings—factory meetings—mass recreation meetings—parenthood meetings—birth control meetings—indoctrination meetings—propaganda meetings—informers' meetings, etc. Any strangers in the neighborhood in the parks, in the vicinity of apartment housing projects, are reported within minutes of their appearance.

The informers are everywhere—it's a sort of chain-informer-police-action. On the cross walks, where we might print "caution"—the Soviet government has stenciled the word "Myr" meaning peace. "Myr" is stenciled everywhere—on walls, billboards, the press, the screen, on children's T-shirts, belt buckles, ice cream cones, restaurant menus—they don't miss a trick trying to impress them.

In the movies the U. S. is always the villain. Our way of life is caricatured and distorted to show how we 'lynch' our Negro citizens, how we rob the widow of her savings, and how we exploit the poor in our midst. They show a Wall St. banker coming out of a big car, retouched at least twice the length of its normal size, with a bakom blonde on each side and one in shorts behind the driver's seat. They show drive-in restaurant waitresses in bathing suits, or less. They depict our prisons full of drunken drivers. One faked film showed how we were dumping milk to bring pressure on agricultural interests during an election period. A stage play was depicting the use of the U. S. army to kill civilians parading in protest of government policy.

The Soviet press reports only the unfavorable news inside the U. S., such as increasing unemployment, deficit spending, unbalanced budgets and the speeches of certain Congressmen criticiz-

ing U. S. foreign policy. It's a 24-hour daily brain-washing process without end. No matter what our relations happen to be at the moment, the hate policy continues. Even during summit talks or world conference, the hate-propaganda continues without let-up.

The job of reaching the Russian people is difficult indeed. The Voice of America hardly makes a dent, because the masses have no radios and those who do are afraid to tune in the VOA broadcasts or are very skeptical of government-sponsored broadcasts—including their own. In my opinion, the "Crusade for Freedom" and its voice, "Radio Free Europe," is more effective in spite of what some of my colleagues say about it. U. S. magazines, newspapers, motion pictures, books are prohibited for the most part—hardly any reach the main-line street. Some of our popular music is heard on the radio now and then, especially in areas traveled by tourists. Our contact with the Russian people is very limited because of fear and language barriers. They see us only around hotels, and propaganda and envy do the rest.

Perhaps the greatest hope is in religion—for faith in God is the only area where we reach the Russian people closely. This is inside the churches—inside the private meetings in the sanctuary and "prayer-basements," where the Russian-Christian youth opens up his heart. Half wishing, half terrified by his own fear of informers, he squeezes your hand, or kisses it, with many a word. The informer cannot record the squeeze, or the kiss, from a hidden microphone. But the strength and the spiritual inspiration of that squeeze may yet trigger the Spirit to greater power than the trigger of Sputniks.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

No, A Thousand Times No!

To the gentleman of Dorchester, 21, Mass., who addressed me as "The Honorable and Gracious Editor," this week, the answer is "No!" to use an old Battle of the Bulge phrase.

He wanted my support in a move to repeal the act covering the U. S. from Great Britain, and put this country back under the "Court of St. James."

Torrance's champion bus driver, Wayne Branum, is a cover-page story for "Safety Scope," monthly publication of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council.

Branum, who drives for the Torrance Unified School District, recently annexed his second consecutive state championship title as the No. 1 bus driver of California. If he keeps it up, he'll have more trophies than a rod and gun club president.

The same "Safety Scope" carries the comment of its editor, Don Perkins, that is too bad about the scientist who had to give up because

he couldn't learn to count backwards.

Don also reported that the Moose Lodge at Oceanside recently offered \$100 to anyone at Camp Pendleton who could stop a standard automobile in 50 feet at 35 miles per hour. He said they still had their money.

Don't worry about Elvis—he'll give the Army a fair shake.

You've seen all these bright little stickers people put on their cars—"Help Stamp Out Sports Cars," etc. A new one made an appearance the other day according to a freeway bum we know. It was on the back of a Volkswagen and stated: "In-Sanitized Greyhound."

Not only that, but a service station operator we know is all set to put up a sign which reads:

Have Gun Will Lube
One at a time now. How many of you have ever seen a virgins coat?

For you do-it-yourself enthusiasts:

Goop! That which no one claims to like but everyone enjoys. Sympathy: What one girl offers another in exchange for details.

Yawn: Nature's provision for letting married men open their mouths.

Middle Age: When your memory is shorter, your experience longer, your stamina lower, and your forehead higher.

Even if your fondest dreams fail to materialize, the gal next door says you can be thankful that many of your nightmares don't come true either.

Do you know why the purple people-eater ate the little blue man? My seven-year-old says he's color blind.



"Discretion is the art of being able to say 'I'm a dummy' until you have time to pick up a rock."

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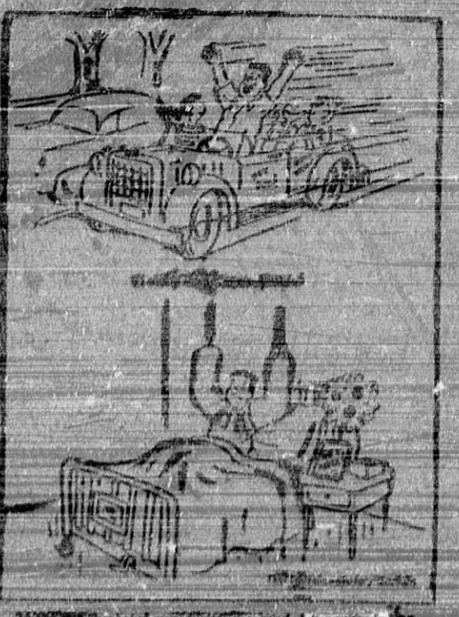
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1 You	31 December	43 December	55 December
2 Time	32 January	44 January	56 January
3 Day	33 February	45 February	57 February
4 Night	34 March	46 March	58 March
5 Morning	35 April	47 April	59 April
6 Afternoon	36 May	48 May	60 May
7 Evening	37 June	49 June	61 June
8 Sun	38 July	50 July	62 July
9 Moon	39 August	51 August	63 August
10 Stars	40 September	52 September	64 September
11 Planets	41 October	53 October	65 October
12 Zodiac	42 November	54 November	66 November
13 Sun	43 December	55 December	67 December
14 Moon	44 January	56 January	68 January
15 Stars	45 February	57 February	69 February
16 Planets	46 March	58 March	70 March
17 Zodiac	47 April	59 April	71 April
18 Sun	48 May	60 May	72 May
19 Moon	49 June	61 June	73 June
20 Stars	50 July	62 July	74 July
21 Planets	51 August	63 August	75 August
22 Zodiac	52 September	64 September	76 September
23 Sun	53 October	65 October	77 October
24 Moon	54 November	66 November	78 November
25 Stars	55 December	67 December	79 December
26 Planets	56 January	68 January	80 January
27 Zodiac	57 February	69 February	81 February
28 Sun	58 March	70 March	82 March
29 Moon	59 April	71 April	83 April
30 Stars	60 May	72 May	84 May
31 Planets	61 June	73 June	85 June
32 Zodiac	62 July	74 July	86 July
33 Sun	63 August	75 August	87 August
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37 Zodiac	67 December	79 December	91 December
38 Sun	68 January	80 January	92 January
39 Moon	69 February	81 February	93 February
40 Stars	70 March	82 March	94 March
41 Planets	71 April	83 April	95 April
42 Zodiac	72 May	84 May	96 May
43 Sun	73 June	85 June	97 June
44 Moon	74 July	86 July	98 July
45 Stars	75 August	87 August	99 August
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The Road Toll by Jerry Marcus



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