

EDITORIALS

Was Time to Act

The tense situation in the Middle-East is loaded with peril and fraught with dangerous possibilities. As usual, there are varied individual opinions on whether it was right or wrong to send the U.S. Marines to Lebanon on the request of that country's president or for the British to send a force to Jordan.

President Eisenhower tersely explained his action by admitting there was danger in sending the Marines to protect American life and property in Lebanon and to assist a friendly government from grave peril. In effect, he said the situation was dangerous otherwise he would not have sent the Marines, historically the protectors of American rights, abroad.

The president hinted he did not have much hope of the United Nations acting in time and recalled the tragedy to many countries that occurred while the League of Nations procrastinated.

The UN Security Council right now is locked in heated session with the Soviets, who have done everything within their power to obstruct any effective action the UN has tried to take in the past, now demanding that it use its full power to force the withdrawal of protectorate troops from the Middle-East. And this with the threat of negotiations still fresh in their hands.

The United Nations was completely innocuous when the Hungarian revolt was being suppressed. It is our guess that it would be completely innocuous in restoring order in the Middle-East before the decent peoples of such countries as Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Pakistan and Turkey are murdered or imprisoned.

In our opinion it is high time that America and its natural allies face up realistically to the underdog aggression that is going on all over the world. Plain clothes secret agents are undermining and murdering our friends and allies all over the world and they will be doing just that to us if we don't put a stop to it.

We suggest that we can only conjecture on the serious situation in the Middle East. Certainly President Eisenhower and the State department possess a knowledge of the situation far beyond that of the average citizen, even the members of Congress.

Police Too Hasty?

On more than one occasion, reports have come to this newspaper of alleged rough and seemingly inexcusable handling of citizens by some members of the Torrance police department.

Most of these reports are taken for what they usually are—complaints from persons who have only themselves to blame for their predicament. It is also the policy of this and most other newspapers familiar with police problems, to be ever mindful of the dangerous and difficult life of the average police officer trying to do his duty.

We cite a recent case as a point in suggesting a citizen and his wife have a justifiable complaint. This couple were cleaning out their automobile last Sunday. In the midst of the proceedings the husband decided to go to a store to purchase some doughnuts. The registration certificate had been removed from the car and he had left his driver's license at home. Just as he was leaving the doughnut shop a Torrance officer walked up to ask for the identification papers. When they weren't produced, according to the arrested man's wife, the police officer clamped on handcuffs and hauled him off to the station where he was booked on a \$100 bail.

In the meantime, the wife hurried to the station with the missing identification, but her explanations were to no avail, she said, and she was forced to scurry around to cash a \$100 check in order to gain her husband's release.

The officer made the arrest because of a bulletin describing a stolen car answering the description of the citizen's vehicle. Two letters of the license plate matched those described in a sheriff's office broadcast.

It is the policy for most police departments in a similar situation to follow a motorist to his home where he can be given a chance to prove he isn't driving a stolen car and isn't a criminal. According to this particular victim's wife, he wasn't given this courtesy and, in her words, was treated as rudely as a known criminal. It should be remembered that it is a violation not to have the registration certificate clearly visible within the car and that every driver must have his driver's license on his person when operating a motor vehicle.

A policeman naturally must be alert to the danger of his situation. Experience will teach him to pretty well size up a suspect before resorting to "police state" methods that are bound to react unfavorably on a public that is generally law-abiding.

We are sure such methods are not the policy of the Torrance police department. Training and education will eliminate such tactics or an aroused public opinion will.

Ranchero Days

This week Torrance takes time out to observe its annual Ranchero Days celebration. Entertainment features of a very wide variety start today and reach a climax next Saturday with a big parade and rodeo.

Residents of the community are asked to join in the fun by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the many other organizations cooperating in sponsoring the gala events. A special industrial exhibit will have many of the city's manufactured products on display and generally there will be something to attract the interest of almost everybody.

Many individuals contribute freely of their time to make this celebration possible. Funds raised will go toward the fund to defray costs of the city's float in the 1959 Rose Parade at Pasadena.

We suggest it will be worth your while to attend any or all of the events and to invite your friends and neighbors in surrounding communities to enjoy them with you.



Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH-

Defines Leukemia Disease

Leukemia is sometimes called "cancer of the blood." It is more than that. Leukemia is a fatal disease of the organs that make blood, such as the lymph glands and bone marrow. Normally these organs make only as many white and red blood cells as the body needs.

In leukemia this blood formation gets out of control and there is tremendous overproduction of white cells. The white cells do not mature and they are not able to fight infection. The number of red cells is reduced and the patient becomes anemic. The blood does not clot properly. Patients may thus die from infection, from hemorrhage, or from damage to vital organs.

Leukemia can be chronic, acute or subacute. There are two kinds of chronic leukemia. One begins in the bone marrow and the other in the lymphatic system. The bone-marrow type occurs most often in people 35 to 45 years of age, and the lymphatic type is found most frequently in those 45 to 54 years of age. Chronic leukemia affects more men than women. It rarely occurs in children.

Chronic leukemia comes on slowly without warning. Many cases are discovered accidentally during examination for some other condition. Even after changes in the blood are noticed, several years may pass before significant symptoms appear in the body. One early change is an enlargement of the blood-forming organs, such as the

spleen. As the spleen gets bigger, the patient may feel a sense of fullness or pain in the upper left side of the abdomen. Other symptoms may be sweating, skin eruptions, anemia, hemorrhages, nervousness, and loss of weight.

Acute leukemia most often affects children. It usually begins suddenly and progresses rapidly, often with a sore throat or other symptoms of a cold. The glands and spleen and liver may rapidly enlarge. The child usually becomes pale and bruises easily. The beginning of acute leukemia can also come on slowly. In these cases pallor and bone pain are the main symptoms. Without treatment the patient lives only a short time—a few weeks or months.

Subacute leukemia has some of the characteristics of both chronic and acute leukemia. The course it follows is harder to predict.

Positive diagnosis of leukemia is made by microscopic study of the blood and bone marrow.

Until recently there was little that could be done to change the course of acute leukemia. New hope has come with the use of certain drugs, with blood transfusions when necessary, and with antibiotics to help combat infections. While no cures have been reported, there has been encouraging temporary improvements with these new developments.

Some patients are restored to apparently normal health for many months.

Even though leukemia cannot be cured, early detection and prompt treatment will make the patient more comfortable. Because changes in the body that come with chronic leukemia often do not appear right away, it is especially important that adults have a physical examination every year.

(Presented as a public service by the Southern Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.)

LAW IN ACTION

Signature is Vital

In the early days property passed from one to another by "livery of seisin": Seller, buyer and witnesses went to the land, where the seller would take a clod or a twig from a tree and hand it over to the buyer as a token of the transfer. Then some one would write out the transfer on something strong, like parchment, to prevent error, and would write the seller's name—who would then make his "X" or affix his personal seal.

Nowadays the seller's signature is vital in the deed, but the buyer's signature is not as a rule needed, since he can show his agreement to the contract by just accepting the deed. And a seal is no longer required, either of the buyer or the seller.

A deed should have the date, the parties' names, the "granting clause," a property description exact enough for a surveyor to find the boundaries, and when appropriate it should mention the "appurtenances" (alleyways, water courses, light air, etc.). Generally, the seller should "acknowledge" the deed before a notary public—making it acceptable as legal evidence and eligible to be recorded.

Delivery is one of the most important steps in transfer of title. A deed, signed, sealed, and acknowledged, does not pass the title until the seller delivers it to the buyer, or to a third person for him, or into escrow.

When a deed has been signed and delivered, the transfer of title is complete. But to protect his ownership, the buyer generally records his deed in the county recorder's office, as permitted by law. There skilled workers transcribe or photograph it in a proper book, and index it, so the public may have notice of the title transfer.

Urges Trained Diplomats

The Sherman Adams case has brought into focus, if nothing else, how citizens and public servants use each other at the expense of the public. It is inherent in our political system that political supporters be cut in, one way or another, on the political pie. Our system of political contributions is vulnerable to constant abuse.

Our experience has been that large contributors and active participants in political campaigns have something more in mind than just the victory of a particular candidate or major party; there are inherent selfish motives in most cases on the part of major party platforms. The candidates for public office are obligated to their active supporters and there is no way out of it.

The line of demarcation between what is proper and what is not is so fine that it is almost impossible to distinguish between the two. Who may appear under the start of an introduction to a government agency could well become improper when all the facts are known. The public official cannot always preclude the propriety of his act in helping an important constituent.

It is the system which is wrong, but under our political set-up no one has yet been able to do anything about it. A public official becomes obligated to certain of his prominent political supporters because he probably could not finance a campaign without them. What elicits people to public offices these days is money and leg work more than anything else... and few men in public life make the grade without these two essentials.

If political favoritism were confined to a few Goldmines, it would be quite simple. It is when it's extended to big government contracts, priority in leasing government property for oil and minerals, inside tips on major government decisions involving real estate, inside information on

loans to certain foreign countries which results in millions of profits on currency fluctuations, income tax "fixes" and the like, that it arouses public indignation and the entire area of political propriety is brought under question.

For more than 25 years in our columns and lectures we have given evidence of serious consequences to the nation because of political appointment of incompetents to the foreign service, and especially of ambassadors of the United States. The public is certainly aware that most such appointments are political and ambassadors often change with the changes in administrations. Both Republicans and Democrats are guilty of such disservice to nation and its security. Washington knows about it, but no one has yet appeared on the political horizon with the courage to do anything about it.

World-wide the U.S. is represented by many foreign officials without any training in diplomacy, languages, or even the ethnology of the countries to which they are appointed. Many of these appointments are political plums. This is the most flagrant and dangerous political favoritism confronting the nation's security... and yet the public and press ignore it in contrast with favoritism involving vicuñas, hotel bills, rugs, deep freezers and five-percent rake-offs... a literal drop-in-the-bucket by comparison.

Except for a few career diplomats like Loy Henderson, Charles Bohlen, Frances Willy, Llewellyn Thompson and a few other brilliant diplomats, the majority of our ambassadors just do not possess the qualifications for their important posts. Almost all of them were successful business men, who bring to the U.S. embassies a successful business background and considerable wealth. They were able men in their own field, to be sure. They are friendly, gracious hosts at

cocktails. Their families enjoy the aura of international flavor. No matter how you spell it, this "political" ambassador is incapable of negotiating for the best interests and security of the United States because he has not been trained for diplomatic negotiation.

Compare this with the training and credentials required in the U.S. to practice medicine or law, to teach school... the experience one must have to pursue any skilled vocation. Even a barber has to pass an examination on barbering. But no diplomatic experience, or training, or tests are required of any of our U.S. ambassadors. Some of them don't even have a college education or speak a foreign language. They secure what is commonly referred to abroad as an "honorary appointment" and are expected to do a tough, international horse-trading job of a high order. The results are astute, experienced, cunning diplomatic horse-traders in the world.

Most of these foreign ambassadors are thoroughly trained in diplomatic schools and have served for many years in career posts all over the world before being promoted as ambassadors. All of them speak several languages fluently and can discuss American affairs from the world-series box scores to the price of Iowa wheat at the drop of a hat.

The Sherman Adams case will die down like all similar cases before it. It is doubtful that any permanent improvement will result until the public demands laws and procedures to diminish the abuses of politicians in collusion with greedy and selfish citizens. It takes both.

The most important area where legislation is badly needed to diminish political favoritism is in diplomacy. As we have said so many times before in these columns, what is needed is: (1) An academy of West Point stature for training career diplomats from high school; (2) removal of diplomatic appointments from politics in favor of examinations and merit; (3) provision of funds needed to run a U.S. embassy, as every other nation has, instead of demanding wealth as a prerequisite for ambassadorships to some countries.

It is the height of folly for the richest country in the world to say that it cannot afford to finance its embassies—while we give away billions of dollars to nations who take our money and finance their embassies.

Both Republicans and Democrats, even in this atomic age, have continued to jeopardize the nation's security by flagrant abuses of political favoritism in ambassadorial appointments. It is incomprehensible to this reporter for the press and public to make such an issue of White House political favoritism involving the interests of one American, while ignoring the more dangerous political favoritism involving ambassadors and the interest of the whole nation.

FROM OUR MAILBOX by Our Readers

Praises Press Role

There is Hope! Editor, Torrance Herald: The magnificent response our City of Hope volunteer works received in your community on Hope Sunday, June 8, must be attributed, largely, to the vast amount of publicity your publication gave to this all-important annual drive for Medical Center maintenance funds.

Through your efforts, public interest in our humanitarian program of patient care, without charge, research and medical education was stimulated, and our campaign achieved a gratifying measure of success.

It is with deep appreciation that the City of Hope and I, personally, acknowledge your heartwarming cooperation. Because of your help—there is hope.

LOUIS TABAK, President.

News Coverage

Editor, Torrance Herald: The news coverage by the California press of political activities during the recent primary campaign was in the overall objective and comprehensive. Such complete coverage merits acknowledgment.

I am happy to take this opportunity to express to you, and to those who work with you, my appreciation for the essential service you are rendering in the public's interest.

Cordially, WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND

ment by the candidates of all political parties and by the citizens of our state.

As a candidate for Governor I appreciate the fair treatment accorded my campaign. When Congress adjourns I will return and conduct a vigorous campaign throughout California. Until then I shall carry on my duties and responsibilities as United States Senator.

Historically, California's newspapers have made substantial contributions to the steady growth and progress of our state and its people. I believe the editors and staff members of more than 700 dailies and weeklies throughout our state, in their reporting and editorializing on political developments in this important election year, have been performing an outstanding public service in keeping with the highest traditions of America's free press.

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The Local Scene

A local market butcher who doesn't want his identity known spotted a man hiding a steak in his overalls. The manager was called and insisted the man return the booty. He produced two three-pound hams, some link sausage and a pound of bacon. But, before the police could be called, the man made his getaway. The manager still had his beef, though, because he never did get his steak back.

About a week ago there was one of those out-of-the-ordinary births in Torrance. It took place in an automobile just outside the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Grandmother, riding with her daughter for the blessed event that was to take place under normal circumstances, provided at the successful delivery.

In the early '40's "Grass Growing in Our City Streets" was a political war cry of the Democrats. Take a look around Downtown Torrance

and see if you notice a literal interpretation.

Friday night the boys who have had a respite from the razor these past weeks, gathered downtown to be judged on their hairdo achievements. There were some remarkable effects, leading to the observation that there are a lot of chaps in this town who don't have to wait long for nature to make of them a case of mistaken identity.

"If equality of the sexes is ever achieved, it'll take men some time to get accustomed to their new rights."—Quote.

"When a man gets away with telling his wife where to go, she probably asked for directions."—Franklin P. Jones

STAR GAZER by CLAY R. FOLLEN. A table with columns for dates (APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER) and corresponding zodiac signs (Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces). It includes birth dates and astrological information.

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