

Youth Symphony Schedules Concert Here on Aug. 8

The Harbor City-Lomita Lions Club will sponsor the Harbor Area Youth Symphony in its second annual summer concert. It will be held at the Retail Clerks Union Hall, 25949 Belleporte Ave. in Harbor City Saturday night, Aug. 8. Tickets are now on sale from members of the orchestra and at the door.

Founders-conductor of the youth orchestra is Eugene Minor. He is a graduate of Narbonne High School and is now attending Los Angeles City College. He is a composer as well as clarinetist in the South Bay Civic Symphony.

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the "Red Poppy" by Gliere; Ballet Egyptian by Luigini; Promenade and Great Gate from "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Mussorgsky; Little Hop Riding Hood by Forman; Blue Tango by Anderson, and other musical numbers.

Under Minor's direction, the orchestra will be heard in Russian Sailors Dance from aircraft carrier Kearsarge for Armed Forces Day. The orchestra also has had famous composers at its concerts such as Lowndes Maury, William Grant Still, and Larry Willey.

Legislature Derided for Not Outlawing Indecent Publications

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
Assemblyman 68th District

The one subject on which I have received more mail than any other legislative item is Assembly Bill No. 2249, introduced during the 1959 general session of the legislature by the Honorable Louis Francis, member of the assembly from the 25th Assembly District, whose address is 201 W. 20th Ave., San Mateo. Assemblyman Louis Francis is a very honest, intelligent, courageous lawyer

whom I am proud to support in most of his activities. During his career in the legislature, I remember only one bill of his which I opposed.

ent Standing Rules of the Assembly, for the year 1959, provides that "Every member in the Assembly Chamber when a roll call is required shall record his vote openly and without debate." This rule was called to the attention of the speaker of the assembly and the members of the assembly on the floor after the third of the six roll calls and prior to the announcement of the vote, but there was nothing done about it.

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 2249 by Francis was an eight-page bill relating to pornographic (filthy) publications, which was the result of the report of the Subcommittee on Pornographic Literature of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary, acting under House Resolution No. 224, 1957 general session. The Assembly Bill No. 2249 was endorsed by hundreds of organizations throughout California, including the California Federation of Women's Clubs, various units of the Parent Teachers Assn., school boards, church groups of all faiths, and countless civic organizations.

BOTH REPUBLICANS and Democrats in the assembly sat and did not vote. This was one of the most cowardly and dastardly actions ever taken during my many terms of office. It constituted a bold-faced betrayal of the people who sent legislators to Sacramento. If the bill was bad, any member of the assembly had their right to stand and say why he opposed it, but to sit mute and not vote showed a lack of character which will forever be a blotch on the good name of our legislature.

On page 5047 of the Assembly Daily Journal, dated June 9, 1959, the record shows that there was a motion to withdraw this bill from the Assembly Committee on Original Procedure (which committee had refused to vote the bill to the floor). The total number of those members of the assembly voting for the bill was 32, the number voting against the measure was 7, and the number who were actually present but refusing to vote aye or nay was 39.

Our only hope now is to circulate an initiative petition for a proposition on the November, 1960 ballot, which, if adopted, would strengthen California's antiquated laws on lewdness and obscenity, particularly the publication, distribution, and sale of pornographic literature to minors in California.

THE NUMBER assent and not voting was two. This accounts for the 80 members of the assembly. Six roll calls were taken before the announcement of the vote by the speaker of the assembly.

THOSE ENGAGED in the publication, distribution and sale of obscene, suggestive, and filthy literature receive at least a gross amount of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) per year in California alone. An investigation by the state of California shows that 75 percent of this filthy stuff reaches boys and girls under the age of 20. If this does not contribute to juvenile delinquency, then what does?

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Several years ago, I launched a campaign on this subject. A bill by a friend of mine got through the assembly but it was killed in a Senate committee because of the testimony of those who have a financial interest in the sale of such material.

Such people may be sincere in saying that any bill, regardless of how it is worded, on this subject, restricts the freedom of the press, but I do not think that the freedom of the press guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California means freedom to publish obscene, pornographic, suggestive, and filthy literature or pictures.

THUS RISES the ugly head of selfish interest, material gain, power, influence, and wealth. Thus are the people betrayed. In this manner our sons and daughters are corrupted. Now is the day and now is the hour for the people of righteousness to rise and fight. Write to Assemblyman Louis Francis, 201 West 20th Ave., San Mateo, Calif., and send me a copy of your letter to Post Office Box 777, Inglewood 5.

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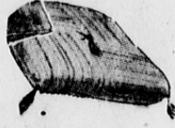
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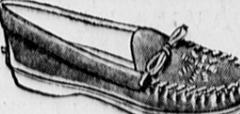
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