

EDITORIALS

Worth a Try

Some of the more ardent apologists for World War II and postwar concessions made to Russia have attempted to relate the impending visit of Nikita Khrushchev to the earlier ill-advised softness toward communism.

The manner in which Vice President Nixon handled himself while in Russia should serve as adequate assurance that Mr. Khrushchev will receive no false information as to what this nation is dedicated to defend.

While it would be foolhardy to be unduly optimistic over the outcome of his visit, it is infinitely better to be talking than fighting. There is, too, the possibility that reports reaching him on American conditions and the temper of our people have been inaccurate.

Had Mr. Hitler visited the United States and received information as forthright as that given Khrushchev by Nixon, the course of history might have been changed.

To be sure, Mr. K. is still the "butcher of Hungary" and perhaps not morally entitled to the prestige of a visit to our nation.

The foremost job, however, is to maintain an honorable peace. If there is a fragment of a chance that we can help in this by bringing Khrushchev to our shores, there is no room at all for a quarrel on the subject.

At the same time, there should be scant fear that he will receive blank checks of the sort handed Mr. Stalin at previous top-level confabs.—Chicago Heights (Ill.) Star.

Railroad Troubles

The reasonableness of the Transportation Act of 1958, authorizing railroads to drop unneeded, unused and unprofitable service without the necessity of long-winded hearings leading to protracted delay, gave rise to a hope that the problem might be settled for all time.

But a couple of senators from New Jersey, concerned with commuter trains serving their constituents, have introduced two senate bills that would practically nullify the Transportation Act.

While it may be conceded that commuters in the New York-New Jersey area have a problem, the bills introduced to aid them would automatically affect all trains everywhere and would have the railroads right back where they were two years ago.

The railroads as carriers are still a vital part of America. Their role principally now is hauling heavy freight. Over the years they have been plagued with endless controversy every time they tried to eliminate a passenger train run even though there were no passengers.

We should remind ourselves that the people deserted the railroads—the railroads did not desert the public. This is true all over the country, just as it was true in the Los Angeles area where suburban railway service is now virtually non-existent.

It is popular thoughtlessness to regard the railroads as big fellows who can take care of themselves. Actually, every American has a stake in the success of railroads and should understand that they cannot operate unprofitably without their losses being reflected in the whole economy of the country.

For Boat Owners

Boat ownership in the Torrance area has increased to an extent where it has created a major outdoor pastime. Proximity to the ocean is the principal factor, but, advanced and aggressive selling by numerous agencies have brought the colorful beauties within the reach of the average family.

Most of the owners transport their boats to and from launching sites each trip and it is common to see large families setting out from home with their seagoing equipment rolling behind on a neat trailer.

Boats also have created new hazards to life and limb and lately the Coast Guard has been carrying on a campaign urging the many new owners to learn the rules of the water before venturing out in what may be a very beautiful little dinghy but still dangerous if not used within limitations for which it was designed.

The Coast Guard service points out that knowledge of your craft and rules regulating its usage will not only make it safer for you and your family, but will greatly enhance your pleasure.

Split Sewed Up



REG MANNING

Broader Support Asked In Fight Against Smut

Approximately one out of every 35 school-age children in America will be solicited through the mails this year for the sale of obscene literature and photographs.

Mrs. Conner today appealed for broader public support of the Post Office Department's campaign to wipe out this menace which profits on the corruption of minor children.

She said that Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has advised that as many as one million children this year will receive such filthy material through the mails at their parents' homes.

Mrs. Conner emphasized that the child himself may be completely innocent of having requested such material.

He pointed out that these "merchants of filth," who dump "pornographic sewage" into the hands of thousands of children every day, buy standard mailing lists, gather names from high school yearbooks, and even advertise bonafide toys such as model airplanes for sale, in order to garner names of youngsters to whom they can send their smut.

In a recent speech, Postmaster General Summerfield also warned, "These racketeers do not respect any social group, economic status or place of residence. They use every conceivable method to get children's names and addresses to make up their mailing lists."

"Persistent, intensive action on a nation-wide scale," she continued, "will be absolutely necessary for a long time to come to cope with the determined plans of the filth racketeers to expand their business."

Postmaster Conner reported that civic groups throughout the nation are rising in support of the campaign. Since the Postmaster General "declared war" on this huge racket, more than 1000 organizations have notified Summerfield of their active support and cooperation, she said.

She noted that intensified action is being taken by local

public spirited organizations to combat this evil.

Mrs. Conner believes that this response "could well be a guide to action on the part of every parent in the community."

The public here and in every community in our country can provide immeasurable aid in our four-fold program to wipe out this traffic, which Summerfield has described as the most vile, insidious racket of our time, she said.

The objectives of this program are:

- 1. To draw maximum public attention to the menace of this racket;
2. To urge parents to help the Post Office Department to apprehend the mailers of filth to their children;
3. To mobilize community support behind adequate law enforcement of local ordinances or state laws when these purveyors are apprehended and brought to court;
4. To rally public opinion behind new and stiffer legislation on obscenity.

"If all of us join hands in support of this program, the war against this vile racket can be won," she concluded.

Parents into whose homes obscene material is mailed can help most, she emphasized, by sending or taking the material, including the envelope in which it came, to their local postmaster.

LAW IN ACTION

Enumerated Rights

Strangely enough, there are parts of the U.S. Constitution upon which our courts rarely comment.

Are they dead letter? No; most scholars think some of them are so clear and reasonable that nobody needs to challenge them. The Ninth Amendment, for example, says:

"The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

No constitution has set out your right to marry, for example, yet you have it just the same. When courts reaffirm such a right, they often do so on the basis of some of the "enumerated" rights.

Thus in 1948 the California Supreme Court nullified our "miscegenation" law, which barred certain inter-racial marriages. Eleven years later the legislature took the law off the books where it had been for several generations.

To marry a person of one's

own choice, the court held, is an essential right of free men and women.

Lawmakers should not, the court said, prohibit marriage except for the most weighty purposes and by reasonable means: Bans on inter-racial marriages serve no such purposes.

But the state may regulate marriage. It sets the age when one may marry and the grounds for divorce or annulments; and it may outlaw bigamy, incest, and polygamy.

In this country bans on inter-racial marriages began as far back as 1663. Some state courts have upheld these laws. About 30 states once had them, and 20 states still do have them.

Yet, ban on intermarriage based solely on a classification by race, the California court said, violates such enumerated rights as those of freedom of religion, of the equal protection of the law, and of due process of law.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

A Vacation Diary

Having just finished that annual trek known as the summer vacation, it is interesting to note a couple of things about the old hometown after seeing how they do it elsewhere.

Not to be outdone by Torrance and its neighbors are other Southern California cities in the counties through which we traveled early this month—all have been bitten by the annexation bug.

Santa Barbara is trying to figure out how it can get around some of the huge ranches that have it hemmed in, and the discussion there a couple of weeks ago was hot and heavy over whether a cemetery could be annexed as uninhabited territory. Understand it really gets involved.

Other cities are going through similar motions, trying to expand their boundaries so they can lay out

tracts to invite industrial development. It seems that even in the best of them, it is hard for the homeowners to pay all the bills.

One thing we did notice, however, Torrance is apparently the only city in Southern California so impoverished that it must install the traffic control signal systems which have been discarded by everybody else.

In our travels throughout large segments of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties in a two-week period, we did not see a single one-eyed traffic signal—even in the smallest crossroads.

The other cities of Southern California apparently figure that no signals are better than ones which increase the hazard several fold.

There used to be one such signal at National and Saw-

telte Blvds. in West Los Angeles, but it has given way to safe signals. Too many accidents.

We also noticed by reading the newspapers throughout the area that city councils are feuding, cities and counties were feuding, and that the city councils and the school boards were at odds in many of the areas.

'Twas almost like I hadn't left home, sometimes.

We didn't spend the whole time looking for one-eyed traffic signals and city fights, however.

We did spend several days at the Santa Barbara Fiesta, where Mayor Edward Abbott and his charming wife, Margaret, graciously took us in tow and introduced us to some of the gala activities of the week-long celebration.

But it's back to the desk for another year. We'll be seeing you around.

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Who invited Khrushchev? Our President. Who elected our President? We did. Why? We had faith in him. Do we know his struggles, his thinking, his problems? Does he know ours? Many cities invited him. Did they want to, or did our President want to? I doubt it very much. Did Jesus want Daniel in the lions' den, or did he wish to show that faith was—is—and always will be—all powerful?

Mrs. C. H.: if you wish to help our boys in Russia will you do so by destructive criticism? Criticism is most effective when accompanied by constructive suggestion. Mr. America, didn't you and Mrs. America help vote for our government? What for? To "shoot our leader's old gray head" or to respect our faith in American leadership? I am not a Republican. I did not vote for President Ike, but I love him, respect him, and will help him, though I am so small he will never know.

Could it be possible that our President is such a great man that he wished personally to take full responsibility and assume personally any questionability because he, as you stated, realized only too well that every other avenue seemed closed to help further?

We are American. Let us act it. Help by showing unity, strength, and faith here, that Khrushchev will respect. I like to think our President may secretly and humbly wish to polish the soul of Khrushchev's heart with Fels Naptha soap, and also hopes that Americans may display example of a few ideas to be taken back to Russia, such as: Faith, Love, and Honor for those running America. You voted for our leaders. You elected them.

Should a governing unit in Torrance be in error, that does not make Torrance un-American.

Likewise, the Khrushchev project. Russia don't want us there. We most certainly don't want Russia here. Can't we exemplify what Jesus tried to depict by parables? Remember: A lock on a door does not always keep the thief out—but if he breaks in and sees a well-worn open Bible on the table, he just might have a change of heart.

And you, Dr. C., couldn't you find it in your heart to say and exemplify "God Bless Our President"? Sometimes I wonder who else does really? Jesus forgave Mary Magdalene. Can't we Americans forgive one another? In so doing exemplify to K. faith in our choice of leadership and respect for our President's decisions. If he fails, you and I fail, too. Remember, we invited him to be our leader.

Criticism is welcomed; it is part of our way of life, but not for biased thinking of criticism alone. It behooves

me to offer my humble opinion, but of our country, our states, our cities, and ourselves. Remember: We WERE American, we ARE American, we WILL BE American always, and oftentimes in America a failure makes a success.

Kxxxxxxx has been invited—not will be—or is to be—but has been invited. To refuse him might give him satisfaction by displaying disunity. What has been done should now be used as an opportunity to plant strong American seed, though I well realize, Dr. C., it is hard to take. I am sure as Americans we do not want to start a war over here over Kxxxxx. Wouldn't he like that though. And what of our boys, then, Mrs. C. H.

My sincere and humble prayer: "Sprinkle a little extra blessing, God, on our President during this time, and HELP HIM." I believe Torrance IS all-American, not WAS all-American. MRS. H. U. FELTON

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



"Public money is like holy water; everybody helps himself to it."—Italian Proverb.

"There's only one place in the world where you can find financial security, and that's inside your income."—Sunshine Magazine.

"What we need to build that wonderful new world we talk about is fewer architects—and more bricklayers."—Pat Buttram.

"If you haven't got charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."—Bob Hope.

"The folks who get up in the world today are the ones who drove carefully last night."—Mildred Grenier.

My Neighbors



"I remember when we brought a little bag of money and got a big bag of groceries!"



TORRANCE LEADERS... George Vico, (right) former major league ball player and Torrance Community Chest volunteers, accepts a baseball from Dodger president Walter O'Malley (center) at recent meeting of Catholic Maritime Club. Others present are from left, Bert Lynn, Torrance Harbor Area Commerce and Industry Community Chest chairman; Long Beach City Councilman D. Pat Ahern, president of the Maritime Club; and Sam Levy.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.