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For Vincent Thomas

For nearly 20 years, Torrance and the Harbor Area have had the good fortune to be represented in the State Assembly by one of that group's most dedicated, most efficient members, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas who makes his home in San Pedro.

As a member of the California Legislature since 1941, Assemblyman Thomas has accounted well to the residents of his complex district, providing leadership in the Lower House of the state for matters of great importance to the present and future development of his district.

Among his present assignments which are important to large segments of his district are the Fish and Game, Revenue and Taxation, Constitutional Amendments, and Interstate Cooperation Committees of the Assembly. He also is a member of the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission.

Assemblyman Thomas was principally responsible for construction of the Torrance offices for the California State Employment Service, and for establishment of a Motor Vehicle Department branch here, both used daily by large numbers of area residents.

Throughout his area, his record is equally enviable, and includes invaluable assistance in gaining the district's consideration for highways and freeways, for his aid to veterans, and for his leadership in legislation concerning the valuable harbors and shipbuilding facilities of California.

Throughout his career as an Assemblyman, Vincent Thomas has acquired an intimate knowledge of state government, and has been recognized among other legislators and state officials as a quiet, efficient worker whose byword is progress—not promise.

The HERALD believes that the re-election of Assemblyman Thomas to the Legislature is of vital importance to this district.

For Charles E. Chapel

Charles Edward Chapel, Assemblyman from the 46th District for the past 10 years, one of the Southland's most outspoken critics of weak narcotics laws, smut distribution, and the interference of government in the lives of individuals, is seeking re-election to his important post at the polls on Nov. 8.

Assemblyman Chapel, a resident of Palos Verdes Estates, deserves the support of his district, which includes the coastal area of the South Bay cities, Inglewood, the Peninsula (including the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance) and Catalina Island. During his tenure in Sacramento, he has represented his district in a competent manner, has kept himself exceptionally well informed on the needs of his district, and has kept his district uniquely informed on his stand on the many serious issues which face Legislators.

His constant fight on behalf of California taxpayers has stamped him as a man dedicated to responsible government.

The Assemblyman is an aeronautical and ordnance engineer, and has authored more than 20 books on electronics, law enforcement, firearms, aviation, in addition to a Boy Scout handbook and a high school textbook on biology.

He is responsible for legislation which outlawed the Communist Party from the California ballot, and for requiring the teaching of courses in California schools on government and American ideals.

The re-election of this able Assemblyman to his post is recommended to the voters of his district.

For Proposition No. 6

Nestled among the 15 State propositions on the Nov. 8 ballot is a measure calling for equitable assessment of golf courses, Proposition No. 6, which has received the unqualified endorsement of top labor leaders of the State, of the Property Owners' Tax Assn. of California, Realty Boards, Chambers of Commerce, and scores of labor-management and civic organizations.

Proposition 6 has been placed on the ballot in an effort to protect the golf courses of the state from an economic squeeze brought about by rising land values surrounding them. The proposal would not offer exemptions to non-profit golf courses, but would limit assessors in appraising the property for tax purposes to consideration of the value as a golf course, not an artificial value which the property would have if developed for such purposes as shopping centers or industrial sites.

Proponents of the measure point out that loss of the many privately operated, non-profit courses throughout the state would place a burden on taxpayers to support public courses for the State's golfing millions.

The HERALD believes that preservation of the State's recreational facilities is vital to the welfare of its citizens, and that Proposition 6 will take a giant step toward assuring the continued existence of a large number of these recreation centers.

We recommend a YES vote on Proposition 6.

Nixon Discusses World Affairs With Lodge



Chapel Checks State's Powers Over Jet Noise

The State Legislative Counsel, at my request, rendered a legal opinion on aircraft noises, especially jet aircraft noises, which bother people near airports and those living under the flight paths.

This is Legislative Counsel Opinion No. 748, signed by Robert G. Hinshaw, deputy. Briefly, it confirms many other legal opinions which state without equivocation that this is a Federal problem, and not one which can be completely controlled by the State of California, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, or any city council.

The entire opinion is too long to be presented in this column, hence pertinent extracts are as follows:

"(1) The State cannot enact legislation regulating air traffic or prohibiting activities carried out on the ground in connection therewith, including the testing or running of aircraft engines which are governed by the federal government under its laws relating to air traffic and the operation of aircraft.

The State can, however, enact legislation relating to ground activities on airports which are not governed by federal laws or regulations, in the proper and reasonable exercise of the police power of the State. This might include, under appropriate circumstances, legislation relating to prohibiting certain ground activities on airports which cause unreasonable noise disturbances and are not

governed by federal laws or regulations.

"(2) If there is no general state law covering the matter, a city or county could probably enact ordinances in the proper exercise of its police power regulating activities on the ground at airports if not governed by federal laws and regulations relating to air traffic and the operation of aircraft.

"(3) Under present laws, an injunction could probably be obtained by one whose use and enjoyment of his property rights is being unreasonably interfered with by excessive and repeated ground noise at an airport if the activity is performed by a private person or corporation and there is now showing that the activity at that site is indispensable to the public interest.

However, if this activity is that of a governmental agency which has power to condemn property rights, the activities would not be enjoined, but in such a case the courts will usually award damages for the taking of property for a public purpose.

"(4) An individual, organization, or governmental body may recover in an action for damages for injuries to his or its property rights caused by excessive and unreasonable ground noises under some circumstances irrespective of whether the activity is carried on by a governmental agency

or by a private person or corporation.

"(5) The proper defendants in a legal action would be those persons legally responsible for the acts which are considered objectionable. Which persons these would be would depend upon all the facts and circumstances. Conceivably the defendants, under certain circumstances, could be the operators of the airport, the owners of an airline, and the individuals operating the engines, or one or more of such."

Although almost all the objectionable noise comes from aircraft subject to federal control, I shall introduce legislation in January, 1961, which will give the State of California and the counties and cities control over aircraft noises not under federal jurisdiction. Meanwhile, write to both U.S. Senators and your own member of Congress, because theirs is the primary responsibility.

Social Security Rules Lead to Odd Situations

By JAMES DORAIS
Last week San Francisco's famed humanitarian millionaire, real estate and theater magnate, Louis Lurie, was the subject of a "human interest" story in the City's newspapers. The wonderful Mr. Lurie, for whom buying and selling skyscrapers is routine, experienced an event that was really unusual: he received his first Social Security check for \$120!

Although he certainly does not need it — and he immediately donated the check to the March of Dimes — there is no question that millionaire Lurie is entitled to it under the mysterious workings of the Social Security system.

Retired people with no other income who want to work to augment their Social Security payments stand to lose them completely if they earn more than a very modest figure. But there is no limit to the amount of dividend earnings coupon clippers covered by Social Security may receive.

One of the preposterous things about the Forand Bill proposal for Federal medical

aid to the aged, favored by Presidential Candidate Kennedy, was that in tying a medical program to the Social Security system it would entitle millionaires covered by the system to free care, whereas many thousands of very low income oldsters not in Social Security would not be included!

In the two and one-half decades since Social Security was initiated during the mid-Depression, many people have forgotten one of its prime purposes was to force people to retire, and thus "spread the work." In the beginning, too, an attempt was made to make the system actually sound, as in a genuine program.

But in the intervening years, all pretense has been abandoned of making the system really pay its way, or of genuinely relating benefits to premiums. No one "covered" by the system has any vested rights in it, for its terms can be changed by Congress at will, and frequently have been.

In the original Social Security Act, participants were

assured they would have "permanent" coverage after they had paid taxes for five years, but before the five years were up, Congress amended the time requirement to ten years. Originally, every Social Security taxpayer or his family was guaranteed his money back if he did not draw it in annuities, half a half a million people did receive refunds. But Congress wiped out the guarantees in 1939, and since then several million people have died without getting either pensions or refunds.

The Social Security system simply has become a national old age pension plan — but a very cumbersome one, with many receiving aid who don't need it and others not covered who do. Untold millions of dollars are wasted in collecting the tax — chiefly from the lowest income group, as earnings are exempt from tax after a certain point — and in maintaining acres of electronic machines to determine whether recipient A gets 8 cents more or less a month at age 65 than recipient B.

There ought to be a better way to do it.

El Camino College Paper Gets Name at Press Time

By THOMAS S. DEATS
"Hey! How about this?" a freshman shouted gleefully. "We've got a newspaper!"

Other students stopped and marveled. It was the first day of classes ever offered by a modest new school—El Camino College—and the students had a paper! They had no permanent class rooms, no gym, no campus of their own, but they had a newspaper!

From this auspicious beginning, in November, 1947, the paper has grown into an All American honor paper in competition with junior college newspapers throughout the United States.

During its first year, names for the newspaper bounced around like a greased football, while the embryonic tabloid struggled under such titles as "El Camino College News" and "La Campana."

Stanley F. Wilson, now a counselor, was the newspaper's first advisor.

A student contest was held and "War Cry" was selected as the official name. The "War Cry" never appeared in print. It was recalled shortly

before press time that the Salvation Army had a paper with the same name.

Hurriedly the runner-up selection was pressed into type and in December, 1947, the first "War Whoop" was printed. This was later changed to "Warwhoop."

The "Warwhoop," in addition to being the "voice" of the college, is a workshop for journalism students. The paper is written and edited entirely by the students, and because of this, the editorial staff constantly changes.

The continual switching of editors has produced many unusual editions. 1957 was known as "the year of the EXTRA." During this year several two-page "EXTRA" editions were published in addition to the weekly edition.

The 1954 "Warwhoop" staff produced one of the most unusual editions ever published. Billed as "The Jr. Rose Bowl Edition" the paper commemorated the victorious Warrior football team's performance in the fall classic. The entire paper was printed on rose-scented paper with the front page banner headline in red.

Speaking in a soft falsetto 14 years ago, the "voice" of El Camino has grown into a booming bass, expressing, through complete journalistic freedom, the thoughts and opinions of El Camino students.

It is generally felt that the students and faculty that as long as the students are allowed to write and edit the "Warwhoop" in complete freedom, and that they recognize this freedom and their responsibilities to the college, the "Warwhoop" will remain the true "voice" of El Camino.

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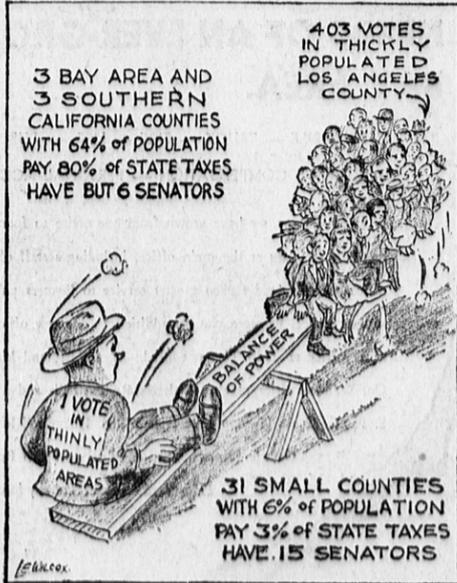
We are very grateful parents — grateful to the police officer who presented one of our boys with a citation for delivering papers in the early dark hours without a proper light on his bicycle. It is comforting to know that these well-meaning men take some of their time to watch out for our little fellows even when we are sound asleep in our beds.

To quote the patrolman, "I would rather lock up a boy than to have him get hurt."

And so thanks to his vigilance, we the helping our son to fulfill the requirements of this citation instead of visiting him in a hospital. His father and I are proud to be living in a city where individuals, regardless of their age, are so well protected.

Mrs. John L. McFadden
18310 Prairie Ave.

VOTE YES ON #15 TO EVEN IT UP!



United States Day Observance Slated

United States Day, sponsored locally by Women for Good Government, has been proclaimed for today by Mayor Albert Isen as part of the nationwide observance of a day designed to call attention to the greatness of our nation.

The text of Mayor Isen's proclamation, which follows, expresses clearly the purposes of the sponsoring organizations, a purpose which should be shared by all Americans:

WHEREAS, the privilege of American citizenship ought to be acknowledged by all who are so fortunate as to possess it; and

WHEREAS, we often tend to forget the unexampled blessings which Providence and the wisdom and fortitude of our Founding Fathers have bequeathed us; and

WHEREAS, alone among all nations of the world, the American concept of unalienable rights of the individual, and of government by the consent of the people, have made possible a history, and

WHEREAS, the preservation of a strong and free America is the cornerstone of peace and security for all who prize liberty above slavery;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

PROCLAIMED

That Sunday, October 23rd, 1960, and is hereby designated.

UNITED STATES DAY

In token thereof, I the undersigned, urge upon all citizens a fervent re-dedication of the United States; a prayer that Almighty God may grant to the American people, and to those whom the people have placed in positions of authority, wisdom to see and courage to do that which is right, and just and honorable in the sight of God; and, finally, I urge that all citizens proudly display the American flag at their homes and places of business on this UNITED STATES DAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1960.

ALBERT ISEN
Honorable Mayor
City of Torrance



HAZARD ILLUSTRATED . . . Terry Taylor, Miss Fire Prevention, peeks in on Danny Gans, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Gans, who hold pumpkin and candle in closet. The picture was posed as a warning to parents not to let children take lighted Halloween articles into closets while waiting for night. Six fires were started this way in Torrance last year. (Herald Photo)