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On to November

With the primary election over and the candidates selected to run for election in November, the State of California can anticipate one of the most vigorously contested elections in history.

Former Vice President Richard Nixon proved convincingly that he is far from dead politically and that it is difficult for any candidate to buck the built-in power of a national or international reputation in politics. Mr. Nixon conducted a vigorous, fair campaign and has unequivocally won the loyal support of all sincere Republicans. Mr. Shell proved himself not only an able campaigner but has achieved stature that will make him a factor in California or even national politics for many years to come.

The remarkable showing of Mr. Nixon offers Republicans plenty of hope but it only lessens somewhat the magnitude of the impending task of defeating Gov. Pat Brown who, anyone must concede, has proved himself capable of a professional job of campaigning this state. The governor ran as though he had formidable opposition when, in fact, he had very little during the primary.

California shortly will become the most populous state in the Union. This carries with it the challenge to become the leader in the quality of our state government. Such responsibility passes directly to the individual voter who must so inform himself, on the men and issues during the months before the election, that he will vote intelligently and effectively for the good of the future of California.

Some Loyal Support

Loyal Torrance supporters, who have watched with interest the encroachment attempts of commercial interests which would include this great city within the confines of the beach city area, historically known as the "South Bay," were given a shot in the arm the other morning when Superior Judge Thomas Yager spoke several times of Torrance as the "headquarters city of the Southwest" in his talk before the Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting.

Designation of the southwest sector of Los Angeles County as the "Southwest" has been given official sanction by the County Regional Planning Commission, and as outlined in official maps and publications by that group, the area includes much of the Harbor, Peninsula, South Bay, and Centinela Valley along with such other areas as Compton and the Gardena Valley in addition to Torrance.

Long ago, Mayor Albert Isen dubbed Torrance the "Capital of the Southwest," and rightly, as Torrance is the dominant city of the area, and will soon be the commercial, professional, and governmental center for the entire area. It is now well along the way to being the commercial center. It has long been the industrial center, it is the largest city in the area, and with the construction of the huge Superior Court complex on the civic center, it will become the focal point for all legal matters assigned to a court of record in the entire area.

To get an assist from such a prominent person as Superior Judge Yager in the efforts to have Torrance properly identified is gratifying, and on behalf of loyal Torrance boosters, we extend a hearty "Thank you, Your Honor."

Opinions of Others

Six months after the birth of the European Common Market a prototype coin of what some day may become common currency throughout the member nations was minted... They are not yet in common use, but the inscription on them may be prophetic: "Unitate et Pace" on one side, and on the reverse, "Via Est Libera." Freely translated, the Latin means: "The Road to Freedom Lies in Unity and Peace."—*Silver Springs (Md.) Record.*

"Capital Punishment" is when the government taxes you to get capital in order to go into business in competition with you, and then taxes the profits on your business in order to pay its losses.—*Jasper (Tenn.) Journal.*

ROYCE BRIER

Anti-Semitism Remains Heated Topic With Russ

You wouldn't with any pleasure give aid and comfort to the Soviet machine, but sometimes the cause of truth is demanding. Not that what follows is necessarily demanding; you'll just have to judge it yourself.

Increasing Western charges of anti-Semitism have bedeviled the Soviet Union for some years. So in a rather oblique way the Kremlin has taken steps to counteract the charges. Five Soviet Jews recently published a letter widely distributed in Western Europe, containing data not known to have been published in Soviet statistical handbooks. It may or may not be significant that the letter has not been published in the Soviet Union, so far as is known.

This letter says Jews constitute 1.1 per cent of the

Soviet population, or roughly two million. But it avers Jews take part in Soviet intellectual life disproportionate to their number.

For instance about 3 per cent of the Soviet elite are Jews. This includes 33,000 scientists, apparently 10 per cent of the total, and hundreds of writers, among them Ilya Ehrenburg, best known of modern Russian novelists.

Other percentages of total alleged in the letter: doctors, 14.7; writers and journalists, 8.5; lawyers and judges, 14.4; and the arts, 7.

In an effort to counter charges, some pomp was recently given to promotion of Gen. Yakov Kreizer as general of the army. The Soviet press says Kreizer is the first Jew to reach overall command of the Red Army since Leon Trotsky.

Wonder What Scared Him?



James Dorais

Uncle Sam Measures Land With Eye to New Fencing

One of the major gains of civilized people as they emerge from slavery and serfdom in history's unending battle between the rulers and the ruled is the right to own a piece of land.

In the United States, the right of ownership of homes and land is, like other rights, not unrestricted. Government agencies can, by the power of eminent domain, pay to take property away from private owners for public purposes. Through zoning ordinances, local governments have placed ever greater restrictions on the uses to which land can be put.

Up until now, however, there have been no attempts to abrogate or severely limit the basic right of land ownership. But according to the magazine *Nation's Business*, a number of plans are currently being advanced at various bureaucratic levels in Washington which eventually could give the Federal government the right to control each and every acre of land in the U.S.A.

The Agriculture Department, currently embroiled in scandal over administration of the nation's crop surplus program, is reportedly developing the most ambitious of the various land use plans.

A recent report issued by Department officials at Secretary Orville Freeman's request "to review the present and prospective land, forest and water resource situations," recommends a classification system for the 1.5 billion acres of farms, forests

and grasslands of the nation's 2.2 billion acres of land specifying eight uses ranging from unlimited uses to an absolute prohibition against any cultivation or development.

The Agriculture Department, in conjunction with Federal housing agencies, also is advocating the establishment of 30 mile-wide greenbelts around principal cities in which no industrial, homebuilding or commercial activity would be allowed.

A rural renewal program has been advanced by the President which would give public corporations the power to buy up farm land and re-sell it under long-term, low interest, government-backed mortgages. Present owners of lands scheduled for "renewal" would have no choice but to sell to the government.

Justification for these various proposals is that the U.S. is fast running out of land. Actually, the Agriculture Department's own studies indicate that only about 250 million acres of land will be used for urban purposes by the year 1980. The same studies show that each year, because of technological advances, less land is needed for growing crops, even to feed a steadily growing population.

But if the planners' plans jell, the city dweller of 1980 who wants to retire to the traditional couple of acres in the country will find barbed wire around it and a sign reading "keep out—property of Uncle Sam."

more heroic example of this clash of ideologies than in Tibet. Here it was the total dedication of the Tibetans to their religious leader, the Lama, that caused this seemingly impassive nation to fight to the death to resist Communism. It was not any collision of social or economic ideals which brought on this violent clash.

Yet, the West continues to mouth the moral and social values of Democracy and ineffectually points to the Godless materialism of Communism, while the Communists in practice are selling the spiritual quality of Communism, by preaching through trained evangelistic propagandists the "inequality" of men, and the lack of "dignity" of the masses in the nations they are subverting; in effect they say, "Communism will feed your starving spirit with justice, dignity and equality, not merely your bellies as the Western Imperialist."

The West's answer is to pump billions of dollars of foreign aid "material" into these countries with the ap-

Belief in God Called Ultimate Peace Weapon

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There is a sincere effort on the part of the leaders in the West to find the ultimate instrument for peace. A vehicle, a weapon, a principle, a force—something that will tip the balance in favor of peace with freedom. Sadly enough, it lies at their fingertips, but they seem, for all their wisdom, unable to recognize it.

It is the universal principle that all cultures the world over are founded upon, the belief in God. Whether they worship God as Christians, Jews, Moslems, or Hindus, it is the one immutable truth that separates the Communist world from the non-Communist world.

Whether it be in Laos or Germany, in the Congo or Latin America, it exists. Therefore, it is with great dismay that informed observers recognize that we continue to lose the initiative in the Cold War because we have failed to recognize and exploit this powerful force. Certainly there was no

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

King-Anderson Bill May Measure Welfare Trends

Politicians of all parties, shades and opinion take too many liberties with the truth. Some deliberately deceive to win a point, a program, or public support.

Some use their high office to brow-beat the opposition into submission... as in the case of the steel controversy, when the President threatened the steel companies with suits, investigations, cancellation of government steel orders, loss of future orders, charges of deception and dishonesty... and forced them to cancel their price increase of only \$6 a ton.

The President did, in fact, force an adjustment of prices in a major U. S. industry without the sanction of law.

Statesmen are dedicated to the public good... not just the political good, or the personal good. They know... as well as the politicians who ignore it... that prosperity depends on incentive... that incentive depends on profits... that profits draw public investments... and, therefore, prosperity depends on a fair profit.

The stock market decline was sparked through loss of confidence in the administration by those who invest their money in the nation's industries.

When their President publicly states that "my father always told me that all businessmen were s.o.b.'s, but I never believed it until now" (see Congressional Record, April 30, 1962... Page Appendix A3143), in referring to the steel business, he brought fear, distrust, and grave concern throughout the country, not to mention what he did to the foreign investors in the U. S. stock market. Foreign capital flew the coop in billions.

The sellout of stocks was caused by fear—fear that business was in for rough going by the White House—as well as by inflated stock prices... increase of foreign competition... caused mainly by the rise in the cost of labor without an equivalent rise in production.

The controversy over the administration's King-Anderson Medicare bill, which proposes a limited form of health care for those over 65 eligible for Social Security... is between the compulsory plan, which it advocates, over the prevailing Kerr-Mills law, which offers a freedom of choice.

The American Medical Assn., and millions of others who oppose the compulsory plan, say that it will lead to socialized medicine. The administration denies this. But the facts prove that wherever government funds go, control and regulation go with them.

Here's proof: One Dr. Richard Thomas Barton, M.D., Beverly Hills, California, stated in a recent interview that "federally con-

trolled medical programs now in effect impair my ability as a doctor. In some cases I am not allowed to prescribe certain drugs. In others I am prohibited from ordering laboratory tests which I feel are important for diagnosis.

"Government regulations prevent me from giving some of my patients what I feel is the best medical care available. It is in the best interest of the patients that a physician be able to practice medicine by red tape and federal intervention."

This typical case can be multiplied by thousands wherever federal funds are involved in medicine, education, housing, utilities, highways, FHA, subsidies.

There are always two reasons for doing a thing: a good reason and the real reason. It would be unfair to suggest that all who support the King-

Anderson Medicare bill do so for selfish or political reasons. Sometimes it is difficult to tell which is which.

There are public officials who sincerely believe that what they call "progressive legislation"... which can hardly be distinguished from socialism... is essential for the national good. But we like to think that all legislation proposed is "progressive"... not just the giveaways, subsidies, government paternalism, that sap individual initiative.

It would be sincerely "progressive" to balance the budget, for instance... to force the loafers back to work.

This is the kind of "progressive legislation" that's long overdue. The outcome of the King-Anderson bill may provide a clue as to which way "progressive legislation" is leading the nation.

Our Man Hoppe

Pocket Gadget Newest Wonder

Art Hoppe

There's good news today. The Atomic Energy Commission, as a public service, has published a new 730-page book with the catchy title: "The Effects of Nuclear Weapons." And my hats off to the AEC for a thorough, dispassionate, coldly scientific job. Very cold.

It's got a lovely, full-color frontispiece: a portrait of the first H-bomb exploding at Eniwetok in 1952. Then comes a foreword by Defense Secretary McNamara, who says: "There is a need for widespread public understanding... on the effects of nuclear weapons." Because who knows when it might come in handy?

Frankly, the plot isn't much and the characterization nil. But there are scores of interesting photographs of the carnage wrought at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, showing the "effects of horizontal loading on wall" and the advantages of "reinforced concrete, aseismic structures." Which only get gutted.

And there are hundreds of graphs and tables. Like Table 11.39: "Probabilities of Glass Fragments Penetrating Abdominal Cavity." Depending on "Mass of Glass Fragments (Grams)" and "Impact Velocity (ft/sec)." Which is of interest to us all.

Best, there's a bonus in an envelope inside the back cover. It's a "Nuclear Bomb Effects Computer." And it's better than Green Stamps.

It consists of a plastic disc some four inches in diameter with not one, but two independently rotating discs surmounted on it concentrically. Each of the rotating discs has little windows. The whole contraption being like those windowed discs we used as kids to find the Cap., Pop., and Area of various States. Only far more complex.

Most of the windows are labeled mystically. Such as: "Max Overpressure Psi" and "Rems." And inside each are figures like on a slide rule.

But there's one that fascinates me. It says: "Impact With Hard Surfaces." By dialing the proper "Impact Velocity," such as "12-16 ft/sec," you can discover the "Probable Biological Effect." Like "Fracture Feet and Legs."

This is a tremendous breakthrough. It means that when The Bomb goes off and you are flying through the air, you can look down, estimate the number of feet you are traveling per second, whip out your handy Nuclear Bomb Effects Computer and quickly calculate exactly what will happen to you when you hit that brick wall dead ahead. Without using a pencil and paper. Will the Wonders of Science never cease?

Here I'd been thinking all along that the carnage of nuclear warfare was literally inconceivable. And now our Scientists have coldly and scientifically reduced the whole concept to a disc which fits in your pocket.

It's not easy. I've been working on a disc called "The Joy of Living Computer." It's got windows for "New-mown Grass," "The Cry of a Seagull" and "Children Flying Kites." But you can't equate these things with anything. Not coldly and scientifically, you can't.

Morning Report:

Billie Sol Estes was a great collector—and not only of money. His office was filled with photographs and signatures. Some kids go for baseball stars. Billie favored politicians.

A politician is a friendly guy. It's easier to get his picture than a catalogue from Sears-Roebuck or Montgomery Ward.

Among the signatures was Vice President Lyndon Johnson's, and his letter started out: "Dear Billie." That is the way to talk to us voters. We love it. I don't know how many voters Lyndon calls by their first names. But at least one of them was bound to get into trouble.

Abe Mellinkoff