

Torrance Herald

Co-Publishers
KING WILLIAMS - GLENN W. PFEIL
REID L. BUNDY - Managing Editor

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1963

Weather and Growth

During the last 10 days, when most of the rest of the nation and Europe have been suffering weather extremes of killing severity, Southern California has been enjoying nearly perfect climate.

But, while the weather is fine, we cannot afford to be complacent about the very serious lack of rainfall. In addition to the fire peril in the mountains and foothill areas, the drought poses a serious threat indeed to farmers and cattle raisers. Some of the citrus crop in California has been damaged by frost and this, coupled with the freeze in Florida and removal of thousands of acres of citrus lands to make way for subdivisions, can help set off rising costs of living that will hit directly at the pocketbooks of the nation's most populous state.

Very soon, according to federal census experts, California will actually surpass New York in population although Governor Brown and many California boosters already have celebrated this historic event. The thousands of new residents can still find the orange trees for which the state was once famous, and the mountains and the ocean are still with us. Most of California's attractions of the past will be popular for years to come with federal and state conservation programs proving the foresight of the creators of this great inheritance.

What to do with all this population growth poses a problem for the planners and you can bet that bottom dollar the tax collector already has his eye on it and he can see it the more clearly because of this bright sunshine.

Time for a Decision?

The many volunteers who worked on the Torrance float, in the annual Tournament of Roses spectacle, deserve the gratitude of the community. Those who contributed to the fund in any way that made possible the comparatively modest sum required to design and build the float, share in the plaudits.

Everything today seems to be growing in intensity in competition and Torrance is competing with other entries in the parade costing several times as much. The suggestion has been made that although the Torrance entry this year had merit and received recognition, this city should either face up to the realization that it must accept the reality of raising the kind of money needed to meet and win in top competition, or abandon the project altogether.

Opinions of Others

The best way to provide growth money without inflation is through a combination of individual saving and prudent government spending.—Clarissa (Minn.) Independent.

Surveying the calendar for local and national events that might be of significance, we find that hundreds of organizations have days or weeks set aside for special observance. Yet, no matter how long and searchingly we looked, we could see nothing in the way of a salute to the American taxpayer. Not too seriously, we protest the oversight.—Coatesville (Pa.) Record.

When signing an executive order prohibiting discrimination in housing built with government assistance, President Kennedy declared: "It is neither proper nor equitable that Americans should be denied the benefits of housing owned by the Federal government or financed through the Federal assistance on the basis of their race, color, creed, or national origin." That federal aid means federal control could not be made more clear.—Spring Valley (N. Y.) Leader.

Loss of freedom of the press invariably precedes loss of other rights and the development of a dictatorship.—Millington (Tenn.) Star.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester frankly admitted that the Kennedy Administration engaged in an almost total management of the news during the Cuban crisis. Actually, instead of telling nothing they gave out misinformation and many newspapers over the country published these deliberate falsehoods. We who publish newspapers in the nation today are going to find it increasingly more difficult with each passing week to defend the free press. Publishers must summon up all their wisdom, watchfulness, and courage of an all-out battle. We need the help of all Americans for it is they, more than the publishers and their newspapers, who will suffer as the free press disappears.—Tell City (Ind.) News.

We feel there is a need for people to respond and band together to stamp out the mutilations and deaths of highway accidents. There is no fund drive here. There is no humane society for the prevention of these atrocities. Yet, every driver is exposed to these hazards. Why should there be an apathetic attitude against a killer and a maimer that is not a germ? Perhaps the apathy is due to the fact that it takes more than money to fight this hazard. It may seem easier to donate to others to fight a cause than to have to dig deeper than the pocketbook.—Fort Payne (Ala.) Times-Journal.

There is much talk of a tax reduction—a popular proposal, indeed—but how can this be possible if more spending is approved by Congress and we can't even pay for what had already been appropriated? We are deceiving ourselves if we believe we can reduce taxes and spend more. This is an inflationary measure and we are still in an inflationary spiral. If you doubt this last statement, talk to any merchant you may meet. Retail prices on many articles may be going up only a few pennies but the merchants are having to absorb an increase in wholesale costs from the manufacturers.—Beeville (Tex.) Bee-Picayune.

The Neutrals Love This Act —BUT OUR ALLIES ARE NOT AMUSED!



ROYCE BRIER

Venus Feat Presages More Due to Mystery

While the writer has long been skeptical of any project of any kind to land a human being on a planet and bring him back alive, this skepticism does not extend to instrumented vehicles. Venus, because it is brightest, was certainly the first heavenly object to enter the consciousness of dawn man, excepting the moon. But Venus has always been a mystery because its dense atmosphere hides its surface. Unlike Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, it has no features, and though it has phases like the moon, it has no visible moon. It is just a gleaming object of reflected sunlight. By spectroscopy and other devices we know its atmosphere is primarily carbon dioxide, with traces of nitrogen and oxygen. But we don't know if it contains water vapor. There are several theories about it—one holds for what is called a "greenhouse effect," with temperatures up to 600 degrees F. Another has the surface swept by hot dust hurricanes. Temperatures so far projected are below the melting point of metals, though possibly too high for proper function of all of them in a vehicle. Mariner II, out about 36 million miles, passed 21 thousand miles from the planet. By a miracle of earth control, the instruments worked. It is hoped to get data on the temperature, radio activity and general nature of the cloud-cover. These presages in a few years an effort to land a vehicle on the surface. If the instruments hold up, and if there is visibility, we may get pictures of the Venusian crust, and geological analyses of it. Such pictures on your television would be the ultimate in the incredible, but it is possible your children will see them.

Mars is much easier because it has a thin atmosphere with a measurable temperature—sub-zero to about 70 degrees. Ice caps indicate some water vapor. The two great planets also have dense atmospheres. Jupiter's contains methane and other unpleasant gases, and changes of feature indicate colossal storm movements. Penetrating it with an earth probe is only a remote possibility. Present telescopes show no turbulence in Saturn's atmosphere. But we might one day get close pictures of the rings, which are believed to be ice crystals, and ridiculously ethereal. But Saturn is 27 times as far from us as Venus, and a journey there would consume years. Data from Mariner II will take some time to interpret. Some scientists and politicians can't contain their exultation that we beat the Russians to Venus, which only suggests the juvenile outlook is never entirely lost.



From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald
In the due consideration of the prospects we will bequeath our children, we learned as parents and as citizens of a great once-free land, that we were grossly ignorant of what was and is going on. We have studied the situation as best we can, and what we have learned is this—the future we leave our children is very bleak and barren, indeed. We leave not only our children, but their children's children burdened with a national debt which is astronomical; we leave them not a land secure from threat but teetering on the brink of Communist subversion and internal infiltration; we leave them a world so saturated in luxury, softness, and moral decay, so devoid of God that it is illegal to pray in public schools, and its government is afraid to print a Christmas stamp which reminds us of the Christ in Christmas, but reserves instead the "inherent right to lie."

th clutches of those who live with evil because we have permitted them to move against us, to pervert our cherished principles, to enslave us with the chains of socialism, collectivism, and godless materialism, and this is what we leave our children. This was not and is not a pleasant truth to face, but it remains the truth and we must do what we can, while our time and energy remain, to prepare our children.

We feel this can best be done by bringing them back to the same God-fearing, hard-working, self-sacrificing character upon which our forefathers raised up this great country. So, we move back to the land, we pray we move closer to God, to where His riches lie within arm and heart's reach. If we but choose—God willing—we feel this will best prepare our children through the building up and strengthening of God-fearing individual responsibility and initiative to face the problems of tomorrow, which, unfortunately, we have added to through our apathy and failure to follow more closely the wise counsel of our forefathers and the God-given blessings which established this wonderful land. ROBERT W. DEMERS

Editor, Torrance Herald
Our Community Chest United Way appeal has been successfully concluded and I

want to thank you for the coverage given the Harbor Area campaign in your newspaper. Volunteer workers, hundreds of whom live and work in the area covered by your newspaper, were encouraged by your support. I believe that it was a most significant contribution to our success. So, on behalf of these workers, and 155 United Way services, thanks again for your help that made the 1962 Community Chest campaign the best one ever held in the Los Angeles Area. JESSE W. TAPP
Campaign Chairman
1962-63 Community Chest
Los Angeles Area

Editor, Torrance Herald
May I take this opportunity to thank the entire staff of your newspaper for the very fine coverage you have given traffic accidents this past year and for your efforts to promote traffic safety in our city. The challenge of accident prevention and reduction is a tremendous task for this or any Police Department so rest assured whatever success that was enjoyed this past year you and your staff can feel proud of the role your paper played. Thank you again for your most appreciated cooperation and hoping we can again enjoy the same type of cooperation this year. LT. DONALD NASH
Traffic Division
Torrance, Police Dept.

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Cuba Still A Crisis

The popular conclusion that the tide has turned in our favor in Cuba since President Kennedy's tough policy is not supported by the facts. Actually, the tide against Castro began almost as soon as he showed his hand in Havana on Jan. 9, 1959 by executing or imprisoning his opposition.

Castro's prestige suffered when the Association of American States rejected him... and when he publicly announced for the first time in December 1961 that he was in fact a communist. Few Cubans were aware of his secret alliance with Russia until that time. When millions of Cuban Christians realized this, the decline of Castro had picked up steam.

To bolster his failing prestige he called in the Russian rockets and troops, gambling on his ability to control both. At this juncture Khrushchev saw the golden opportunity to get a foothold near the U.S., and to use Cuba as a bargaining point for our bases in Turkey. Everyone now admits that our decision at the Bay of Pigs will be recorded in history as the major blunder of U.S. foreign policy, second only to our trust of Stalin at Yalta, allowing him to surround Berlin with 110 miles of communist zone.

The blackmail return of the Cuban prisoners, while humane, was nullified by the disgraceful decision that imprisoned them and destroyed many of their comrades. It was this Cuban blunder which brought us to the brink of nuclear war on Oct. 22 when the President announced the quarantine. The decision to chance a nuclear war, with the inevitable annihilation of 50 million Americans in the first 10 hours, was more a decision of futility than anything else. It would have taken courage to give all-out support to the Cuban patriots willing to die to free their soil from the communist barbarians at the Bay of Pigs.

Our quarantine of Cuba was more of an act of desperation, fear and political expediency.

These conclusions are not intended to be popular, but it is this reporter's opinion that we are still in a communist trap in Cuba. First, it was known to the administration that Soviet rockets and troops were in Cuba six months prior to Oct. 22. Only they were called "defensive weapons."

The short-range rockets arrived in Cuba shortly after the Bay of Pigs tragedy. These rockets can hit the Panama canal, Cape Canaveral and targets in this periphery. The 1500-mile rockets, which have supposedly been removed, were no greater threat to our lifeline than the shorter range ones. But because we allowed the Reds to get by with the short-range rockets they brought in the bigger ones to further the blackmail. Probably 90 per cent of all the weapons brought into Cuba are still there... only the real big stuff we are told has been removed. And who will believe that? President Kennedy said on Oct. 22 that both Khrushchev and Gromyko lied to him about any rockets existing in Cuba.

When they were caught red-handed, they agreed to remove them. That the President called "an act of statesmanship." Who is to believe chronic liars now that the rockets are back in Russia? Nothing short of on-site inspection could halt this dangerous duplicity and we are assured by the President that it will be pursued without compromise. We hope so.

But so far, like other promises of inspection, it is being shelved or postponed. The western hemisphere will not be safe until such constant on-site inspection is guaranteed.

We have been lured into direct secret talks with Russia over Cuba, when our showdown was with Castro. By destroying Castro through an invasion, we would have destroyed the Soviet base in Cuba at the same cost. But now we have been forced to negotiate, probably with our Turkey bases or

other concessions, under the most unfavorable terms to our security. Khrushchev still has his troops, small rockets (or secret big rockets), weapons, spies and a big base of communist operations in this hemisphere. All this he gained with the questionable removal of 42 rockets and a few aircraft... and most important, our agreement to end the quarantine.

The sea lanes are again open... and who can watch day and night what size Soviet rockets are being delivered to Cuba. In fact, we have agreed with the status quo in Cuba. This is now proclaimed by some as a great victory.

If the truth were known, most of the world was in hysteria over the possibility of nuclear war in which millions of them would perish. The fact that it did not come off was decided by the communists, who knew they could not match our power. Why did we not act courageously in Hungary... why did we support Castro against Batista... why do we still permit the bearded hood in Havana to steal the \$350-million nickel mine in Cuba belonging to the U.S. government, not to mention the billions in private U.S. properties.

Why do we slowly retreat to the brink of nuclear annihilation and then call it... a courageous decision. By the time we reach that point few of us will be around to rejoice in the President's courage. We control some initiative now. To press this advantage with another quarantine until an on-site inspection is arranged would undoubtedly destroy Castro... and with him the whole sordid enslavement of seven million Cubans.

In due course the Cuban people will alone get the Russians off our backs in a prideful moment of grateful reciprocity for having profited by our unfortunate blunders.

Our Man Hoppe

Inside Kremlin Today or Any

Art Hoppe

The other day I said I was going to give up trying to become an ace White Houseologist and become a Kremlinologist instead. Because it was simpler. And a lady said: "How do you know what's going on in the Kremlin?"

Scene: The Kremlin. A huge room. Hundreds of workers are poring over stacks of American periodicals and feeding data into huge banks of computers. Mr. Khrushchev, looking worried, is speaking angrily to a harried man with a medal pinned on his breast which says, "Hero White Houseologist."

Mr. Khrushchev: So, okay, Comrade. So there's a power struggle in the White House. So who's ahead? Hero White Houseologist: It is a very mysterious power struggle, Comrade Chairman. You must give us more time.

Mr. Khrushchev: Time-shmine. That you've been saying for two years. In Ukraine is old proverb: "Time is a goat in a shrimp whistle factory."

Hero White Houseologist (wringing his hands): But we are making progress, Comrade Chairman. Our gigantic 797B Computer has analyzed 17,423 Inside Stories from the American press and has at last broken down The Men Around Kennedy into distinct power groups, including the Intellectuals, the Mafia, the Hawks, the Doves and the International Union of Culinary Workers, which seems strong in the kitchen.

Mr. Khrushchev: In Ukraine is old proverb: "To smell a frangipani don't pour the troika in the samovar." So explain the others.

Hero White Houseologist: The Intellectuals, like Sorenson and Bundy, are pitted in a desperate power struggle against the Hawks, whose chief is Dean Acheson, apparently because of his nose. The Hawks are tough and aggressive like Bobby Kennedy, who is a Dove and is therefore opposed to Bundy, who is actually a Hawk and is therefore for stronger measures, including bombing Adlai Stevenson, a Dove who is also for stronger measures but secretly doesn't like Lyndon Johnson, who is for Lyndon Johnson, despite Dean Rusk, who was photographed going bowling a year ago and hasn't been heard from since.

Mr. Khrushchev: Bah! In Ukraine we have a proverb. And even it makes more sense than you. Ask the Computer who is running things in the White House.

Hero White Houseologist: We have. Every time we do it blows three fuses and repeats over and over: "Caroline is a Midget Anarchist in Disguise."

Mr. Khrushchev: A deviationist. Have we no other Computers?

Hero White Houseologist: Oh, yes. We have the even bigger six-engine 707D. For six long months we fed it a total of 2,786,432 paragraphs of Washington analysis. Four more months it spent sorting and cataloguing the data. At last we pushed the button labeled: "What Does All This Mean?" For six hours it clacked, whirred and groaned. Finally, it issued its taped answer.

Mr. Khrushchev: Caramba! What did it say? Hero White Houseologist (hopelessly): "I Miss Ike."

So I think we've got the Kremlin on the run. They'll never figure out our Mysterious Power Struggle. Either. And if they take my advice they'll toss away their Computers and do like the rest of us. Watch to see who stands next to Mr. Kennedy at our Fourth of July Parade.

Morning Report:

In case of a shooting war, we have nothing to fear—as long as we just keep shooting tin and zinc. In secret piles all over the landscape, we have nine million dollars of strategic metals squirreled away.

President Kennedy says we should be cutting down on metals, but willy-nilly they keep building up. Because the only way we can get rid of our surplus wheat and butter is to trade them for harder stuff. Otherwise squishy bread and butter would be coming out of the warehouse doors.

There's one important thing to keep in mind in all this storage business. Let us not forget to squirrel away enough people to use all the strategic surprises we are saving.

—Abe Melnikoff