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A College Finds A Home

Selection by trustees of the California State Colleges Thursday of the Dominguez site for what is now Palos Verdes State College represents a major step toward providing permanent campus facilities for a potential 16,000 to 20,000 Southwest area students.

Trustees, in their own language, called the site "less than ideal" and attached some strings to acquisition of 346 acres near 190th Street and Avalon Boulevard. But the important fact is that a practical site has finally been selected.

The events of the past several months—especially since the rejection of the Palos Verdes Peninsula site by the state—have been marked by careful, complete analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of three sites: Dominguez, San Pedro, and Torrance-Rolling Hills Estates.

Cool reasoning, based on economics and controlled by a realization that further delays in the selection of a site would only deprive students in this area of a fine educational institution, apparently prevailed.

Certainly, there were individuals and groups speaking in behalf of each site under consideration, but the fury of emotions, which has marked efforts to find a campus during much of the past three years, was noticeably absent during the proceedings Wednesday and Thursday.

The strings attached to the Dominguez site include the elimination of a proposed freeway route adjacent to the campus, the screening of oil wells in the area around the campus, and the rezoning of land north of the site now designated for manufacturing uses.

They are reasonable requests to provide a scholarly environment for the future students of the college.

If location had been the only consideration, then the Torrance site might well have been ideal. Indeed, many people, in this city and in surrounding communities, have worked long and hard to advance Torrance's cause before the trustees.

But other considerations—notably costs of site acquisition and development, estimated at \$14.8 million, and fears of unstable land—apparently ruled out the Torrance location. This city will, nevertheless, enjoy many advantages because the college is to be located so near.

The Press-Herald hopes that residents of the entire area, state and county agencies, and private businesses will join together in a common effort to assure the success of the new college.

The Dominguez site may not be everybody's cup of tea, but it is the best than can be had under the circumstances and it deserves whole-hearted community support.

The Eternal Bible

The 25th anniversary of National Bible Week will be observed beginning tomorrow and continuing through Oct. 24. The theme for the week, chosen by the Laymen's National Committee, Inc., will be "The Bible—Eternal."

The meaning of the word, "eternal" as applied to the Bible should be felt by everyone. And it is the purpose of the special week to make this meaning come alive for all of us.

The Bible, made up of writing accepted by Christians as inspired by God and of Divine authority, sets forth the history and the happenings, the relationships and the concepts that are the basis of Christianity.

The Bible has been and must remain a timeless force in our lives. To keep it so, we must read and consider the meanings that are there for each of us. It is the one book on whose pages have been inscribed life's fundamental values—values that were meant to be eternal.

Each of us could do worse than make each week a Bible week—and keep the Bible eternal.

Opinions of Others

Printing plants can borrow from the government but newspapers are barred because the Federal government does not want to be in the position of taking possession of a newspaper in the event the loan is not paid. That sounded like good Constitutional reasoning until we got a report from Michigan this week that \$188,000 in Federal funds has been allocated to establish a weekly newspaper in Willow Run, Mich. The new paper, which will compete with four others in the area, proclaims that its purpose is to provide "honest and true reporting" on matters the government feels are of interest. A sort of TVA yardstick to measure the press? —Lancaster (S. C.) News.

Morning Report:

Our welfare state is taking care of all our needs—and all of our worries as well. Millions of us, for example, were worried if man could live in outer space. And now, billions of dollars later, the verdict is in. We can.

With that load off our minds, the Government sent our brave men down under the Pacific, off Southern California. Scott Carpenter came up after 30 days to report: "Men can live forever—any length of time they wish—beneath the surface of the ocean."

As I see it, the Government has now solved two-thirds of the problem. All that remains is to see if we can live right where most of us are—on earth. It could be the most difficult and costly experiment of all.

Abe Mellinkoff

To Start A Stampede—

—FIRST, GET A HERD OF CATTLE!



SACRAMENTO REPORT

Publication Lists State, County, Local Officials

By CHARLES E. CHAPPEL
Assemblyman, 46th District
Government is the business of everyone, not merely elected or appointed officials. This being the case you may want to buy from the State of California a very interesting and useful book, called the "California Roster" for brief citation. The full title is: "ROSTER, Federal, State, County, City and Township Officials; Directory of State Services of the State of California."

smart sayings of children, jokes, advice on how to plant potatoes, or other agricultural information. It contains only seven pictures, but these are full-page pictures. They are reproduced from photographs. You can remove any of these pictures without destroying the usefulness of the book.

Bert A. Betts, State Treasurer, smiling boyishly. He is smiling because he knows where the money is, mostly in the home office of Bank of America.

Mailbox

Editor, Press-Herald:
It seems that I am very frequently calling upon you to help publicize some League-sponsored event—and that just as frequently you have given very generously of your assistance. This assistance has been vital to the growth and effectiveness of the Torrance League in achieving its aim of encouraging "informed citizen participation in government."

mains to be seen, but our sustained interest in these areas has certainly stimulated thought and discussion, which in itself is a very healthy thing for a community. Our current local study item concerns the city's tax structure.

In the past three and a half years, I think the Torrance League has made some very tangible contributions in the voters service field. Public forums have been provided for candidates at all local elections. Because we are a non-partisan group and conduct candidates' meetings according to a rigid set of rules, candidates are assured of equal treatment. Ever-increasing demand for candidates' questionnaires, fact sheets on local ballot measures, and pros and cons on state ballot measures would seem to indicate that a real community need is being filled in this area. Our most recent voters service project, of course, is the drive to increase the availability of voting registrars. One councilman's comment that we would never fill a bus with registrar trainees was much too pessimistic. One bus (seating capacity 45) has already been filled and applications are still coming in. Citizen apathy sometimes exists merely for lack of direction.

From purely a woman's point of view, the League provides a stimulating change from the world of children, neighborhood gossip, and garden clubs. These things are certainly not forsaken, but a couple of hours debating the ins and outs of legislative apportionment (currently being studied on both national and state levels) can do a great deal toward creating a better citizen as well as a more interesting wife and mother.

You are familiar with League recommendations made following studies of the City Charter and Torrance's libraries. Whether any of these recommendations will be adopted re-

Our financial appeal is made to those in the community who feel that an informed, alert electorate makes Torrance a better place in which to live and do business, and that the League is effectively working for this purpose.

The seventh portrait in the gallery of prominent Californians is that of Max Rafferty, Superintendent of Public Instruction. He looks very, very grim in his picture, probably because he always has been deeply concerned about both the children of California and the State Board of Education. This ends the gallery. All of the portraits may or may not be suitable for framing, depending on your artistic talent, or whether or not you have a wall on which to hang framed pictures.

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Sour Grapes for Today: Duke Skips Visit to Bay

IN ONE EAR: As far as the Duke of Edinburgh is concerned, San Francisco just isn't worth the trouble. He'll play in a charity polo match at Palm Springs next March, all right, but, says an official spokesman, "he has no plans whatever" to come here. Just as well. Our beaverish hostesses would have torn him to shreds. . . . Dodge John Roseboro's \$100,000-odd suit against the Giants' Juan "Batman" Marichal will be tried here, if at all, prompting a I seboro lawyer to complain: "Getting a judgment against Marichal up there will be about as easy as getting a conviction against a Klansman in Mississippi," a fairly slanderous comparison. . . . It wasn't a "back injury" (the official version) that forced Franco Corelli, the hottest tenor in opera, to renege on his S.F. Opera dates. Even the geography is wrong. He had a hernia operation in Italy, and is feeling his way back to the high notes the way porcupines make love. C-a-r-e-u-l-l-y.

swish, is out with an all-S.F. issue that includes, inevitably, a local "best-dressed" list. A marvel. On the cover is Joe DiMaggio, who, by the way, is beginning to look more and more like a young Joe E. Lewis. DiMag is what I would call a NEAT dresser, but that's all I can give him. Willie Mays is pictured wearing a Petrocelli suit and alligator pumps. I mean really, darling (Petrocellis are for the Cesar Romeros of this world). But the real joker in the list is Barnaby Conrad, who looks upon it all as a joke, too, since among his many talents is a complete disregard for what he is wearing (his socks seldom match and his shoes haven't been guilty of a shine since about 1949). He is pictured wearing his faithful 10-year-old Brooks Bros. sack model, minus the potatoes, which, we are told, "has a brownish cast." Because it needs cleaning. The only really well-dressed San Franciscans I can think of offhand buy most of their clothes in New York and London. Maybe that's why they're not on the list.

so many letters of congratulations on his 90th birthday that he phoned a stenographic agency to send him a girl to help with his acknowledgments. "Sorry," replied the lady in charge, "we have a strict rule against sending girls to private homes." "But dear lady," sputtered Mr. Harris, "I'm 90 years old." "Mr. Harris," came the icy reply, "most of our complaints are about men in your age bracket!"

ENRICO BANDUCCI is sore at his hungry, headliner, Dick Gregory, for leaning too hard on the civil rights issue in his shows. "He's supposed to be a comedian, not a social commentator," growls Banducci. "I'm paying this guy a lot of money to entertain and what I'm getting is sermons. I'm fed up with people using my stage for a pulpit." . . . At Trader Vic's the other noon, Bing Crosby explained how he talked Frank Sinatra into headlining the Opera Fol de Rol here October 20: "I just phoned him and said 'Frank, how would you like to emcee the Opera Ball in S.F.?' and he said 'I'd be delighted.'" If Sinatra is indeed the Leader, Bing must be the Leader's Leader.

OUT OF MIND: Gentlemen's Quarterly, the male counterpart of Vogue and Harper's Bazaar, only not as

LARRY HARRIS, the wondrous San Franciscan who wrote THE ode to the '06 unpleasantness ("The Damndest Finest Ruins"), received

ROYCE BRIER

De Gaulle's Aversion to NATO Upsets Strategists

During the past six months, President de Gaulle has detached the French fleet, the tactical air force, and two of four infantry divisions from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

increase the probability of denunciation. It is de Gaulle's theory, which he has often obliquely expounded, that the danger of Russian aggression westward has greatly diminished, if not vanished, since the mid 1950s.

possibilities in an analysis in U.S. News and World Report. Passing over the danger of a trigger incident in West Berlin, Johnson suggests that East German discontent with Russian domination is a danger. If it got out of hand, East German troops, then Russian, and finally West Germany could be involved.

By some estimates, this trend by next year will reduce by half NATO's capability of resisting aggression in Europe. Military authorities insist that the land mass of France is necessary to deployment of any substantial defense of middle and western Europe, and should de Gaulle denounce the treaty and deny all bases, NATO would become a shell.

Some military authorities insist de Gaulle's theory of diminished Russian danger only takes care of a deliberately planned aggression, overlooks a buildup to world war from conflicts at first seeming to be local or limited.

These speculations deal with pure hypothesis for the present, but it should be remembered that the circumstances of 1914 and 1939 appeared like pure hypothesis in 1910 and 1935 respectively. President de Gaulle has not yet addressed himself to the larger potential consequence of a French withdrawal from NATO, and we can hardly expect him to do so during an election campaign.

WILLIAM HOGAN

Thoughts About American Novel Make Good Reading

On the surface, a new book edited by Wallace Stegner of the Stanford English Department, looks like a college text—and it certainly might serve as one. It is also a reminder to the average intelligent reader that there are more good novels around than meet the eye. These are titles you may have read before, or only think you have: "McTeague: A Story of San Francisco," "Martin Eden," "Main Street," even "Moby Dick."

missed the Joycean subtleties of the work which Carvel Collins of the M.I.T. English Department reveals in fascinating style here. Collins suggests that Faulkner's book is such a beautifully complicated business that it requires three readings for one to catch its effect. This is an interesting suggestion which I do not propose to follow. However, our Faulkner man reminds us that few devotees of great music feel they get anything from a symphony in the first hearing.

make this a history of the modern novel; nor is the book designed to develop a thesis. It is simply a series of discussions, as Stegner emphasizes in a preface, that developed from oral presentations on a running Voice of America radio program. What emerges is a series of especially literate minds at work on some important books that most of us do not think about any more.

It has been years since I struggled through Faulkner's "The Sound and the Fury," and obviously I

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