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A Good 'Good Neighbor'

It takes a heap of personal care to make a "Good Neighbor" worthy of the annual YMCA selection, but J. B. "Uncle Burke" Mosley must have been an easy choice when the points were added up this year.

Winning the Al "Pop" Turner Trophy is a distinguished accomplishment, but Mr. Mosley's accomplishments were distinguished long before they were symbolized in the trophy ceremony at the YMCA Saturday morning.

His work with the American Field Service alone—work far beyond that expected of most of us—would be enough to qualify. But this year's good neighbor didn't stop there. Through his own zeal to make his community a better place for his family and his friends, Mr. Mosley has contributed greatly in many ways to the betterment of those who have known him and those who have been fortunate enough to have him as a neighbor.

He symbolizes well the intent of the "Good Neighbor" award and we applaud his selection. It should inspire others of us to greater efforts.

Local Boy Makes Good

It's always nice when a hometown boy makes good. Today, it is nice to be able to salute Clinton B. Cooke, who joined the National Supply Co. here in 1939 as a young man and now has returned as the boss of the whole plant.

Cooke's appointment last week brought him back to Torrance after he had been taken to Houston, Tex., to be works manager of the plant in that city. He subsequently served as a staff engineer for manufacturing at National Supply Headquarters. He now comes back to the plant where he began, a plant that now is a major division of Armco.

While in Torrance, Cooke was active in civic and community affairs and was a member of the board of education until he was transferred to Texas.

It's nice to have a man of his known talents and community spirit back in town.

Our Restless Cities

Our cities have many problems. No one will deny that. However, the causes of urban unrest won't be eliminated merely by the appropriation of more and more tax money. Leadership and sound programs at the state and local level are the great need.

Federal funds for metropolitan areas have increased from \$3.9 billion in 1960 to an estimated \$10.3 billion in fiscal 1968. In fact, federal appropriations for programs in our cities have increased 165 per cent in less than a decade.

For example, in the last five years over \$3 billion has been appropriated for urban renewal, over \$1 billion for low-rent public housing, over \$1/2 billion for neighborhood facilities and college housing.

These figures do not include more than \$2 billion for the poverty programs and other billions for such programs as highways, education, pollution control, welfare, and other federal programs.

Congress is deluged with pleas to allocate many more billions in an effort to solve the problems of the cities. But it seems that the greater the flow of taxpayers' funds into our metropolitan areas, the more unrest we have, continuing evidence that congressional spending alone will not end the urban problems. Local leadership must supply the answers.

Opinions of Others

Modern science always falls short. Like they've got all these easy-to-start power mowers, but lawns still look shaggy because the husbands are still coming out in those very hard-to-start models.—Richard Mayer Jr. in the North Vernon (Ind.) Sun.

A person all wrapped up in himself is no gift to anyone.—Editor Harold S. May in the Florence (Ala.) Herald.

Seems like there are a lot of people complaining about the way the country is going who do nothing about it but vote for more things to complain about.—George B. Bowra in the Aztec (N.M.) Independent Review.

True, legislation can improve conditions—but only to a point. Just how far can the state legislate morality, intelligence, motivation, and respect for the rights of others?—Coldwell (N.J.) Progress.

Morning Report:

Hold on, there. Things have just gone out of kilter on another front—the book business. The government Printing Office has just started to use a new wonder machine that can set all the type for the Bible in 77 minutes. It took Mr. Gutenberg five years to do the same job in 1455. So, naturally, the machine is an improvement—and just in time, too.

We have to print books faster because people are reading faster. New "speed reading" systems allow readers to get through a book in hours that takes me days. I think it has something to do with a trick way of turning the pages.

So far the progress looks good. There is, however, a bottleneck. Book production starts—as it always has—with the writers. And they are still back with Gutenberg—slow, old-fashioned hand work.

Abe Mellinkoff

A "Youth Movement" to Be Proud Of



REG MANNING

HERB CAEN SAYS:

An 'Off the Record' Chat With Garrison the D. A.

Dist. Atty. Jim "Off the Record" Garrison of New Orleans, lounging on the sunsweppt terrace of Mel Belli's T'graphill digs the other morning: "Off the record, I'm not watching the World Series. I'm a football fan. I've got a son who's going to be an All-American quarterback, but that's off the record. How old is he? Eight. Eh, No, that's not off the record. I guess, you understand I can't talk about the Clay Shaw trial, okay? No, I don't think it will start this month, off the record. His lawyers have asked for a six-months continuance, which is ridiculous. We're ready to go right now, off the record. We'll grant them a few months—but six, never! What's the San Francisco angle? Well, Clay Shaw was here on the day of the assassination. In the days of Agatha Christie, that might have served to establish an alibi, right? But this is the jet age..." Off the record.

Reading the journals for fun and profit: A British resident of San Carlos forwards a copy of his hometown paper—the Streatham News of South London—containing an ad for a dizzying double bill at the Granada Theater there: "Sex Can Be Difficult" — "Attack of the Crab Monsters." Swinging

Report From Our Man In San Francisco

South London? . . . The Wall Street Journal, in a piece about the acting school at 20th Century Fox, quotes the school's coordinator and chaperone, Pamela Danova, as follows: "The trouble with young girls just breaking into Hollywood is they don't know when to say 'Yes' and when to say 'No!' . . . And Nick Simon found this in the Sept. issue of the Telephone News: "Suppose your phone gets out of whack after hours? If it's an emergency to you, it's an emergency to us. Call us at Repair Service and let us know what's wrong." (Using an old tomato soup can and a long string, I guess.) "If immediate repairs are not

required, we'll fix the phone on our next regular workday" (That's all very well, Mother, but what do we do if our phone gets out of whack after hours? I mean after all, YOU brought it up.)

I hate to run our LOLs further into the ground, but there were two, about 80, in John Vyberg's Red Fox on Kearny the other cocktail hour. As they sipped their other onto bar stools and ordered Manhattan in the rough, John barked: "Just one and then OUT—you're ruining our image as a pick-up joint!"

I guess San Francisco Police Chief Tom Cahill hasn't heard that the hippies are dead. Or is he simply delivering the cop de grace . . . (Coup de grass) . . . in the latest Haight-Ashbury raids? Leonore Cautrelle reports glumly that she's a real loser: "This morning I put my bra on backwards by mistake—and it fit" . . .

WILLIAM HOGAN

Nat Turner Tries Bloody Path to Freedom, Loses

On the pain of death, each of Nat Turner's accomplices had been sworn to the profoundest secrecy. They were slaves in southeastern Virginia: the time was August, 1831. Reared in the language of scripture, an intelligent, literate slave, a preacher-reformer, a man of God, Nat Turner felt he had a destiny to lead the slaves to freedom. He took his stance from the Prophet Ezekiel (" . . . slay utterly the old and young, both maids and little children, and women . . .") Nat and his accomplices began to do just that, although Nat himself killed only one white, a girl, and that was because of a strong emotional attachment to her which, even under the conditions of slavery, might have been called love.

Browsing Through the World of Books

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Your plan was to hole up in an impregnable encampment in the Dismal Swamp until word of their deeds spread throughout Virginia and the upper Southern seaboard. It would be a signal for Negroes everywhere to

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Capital News Service

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Federal Assistance Lags As State Chokes on Smog

SACRAMENTO — California's automobile smog problem not only is the state's greatest health hazard, but it is getting worse, according to Assemblyman John Francis Foran, D-San Francisco, who is chairman of the assembly committee on transportation and commerce.

The bay area legislator says that even more alarming is the fact that federal legislation before Congress would condemn residents of this state to suffer in denser and denser concentrations of the blight, which threatens health, agriculture, and general well-being of the state.

He stressed the need for Congressional restoration of the Murphy amendment to pending federal air pollution legislation, which would give this state more latitude in enacting stricter anti-smog legislation.

"California's smog problem," said Foran, "is of a different magnitude than that of any other state. Yet under the federal aid pollution bill approved by the house commerce committee last week, California cannot adopt stricter requirements for reducing motor vehicle pollution."

"The Murphy amendment

would have allowed this state to set stricter standards to meet compelling and extraordinary conditions.

"The recent smog attacks in Los Angeles and San Francisco are simply the latest indications of the special problems in California."

The assemblyman noted California was the first state in the country to recognize

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the automobile smog problem, and the first to set and enforce standards for automobile emissions.

He said the proposed federal standards for 1968 are the same standards California has required since 1966, and "they are now inadequate."

"Preliminary investigation by our committee," he declared, "leaves no doubt in my mind that current smog control standards for automobiles must be strengthened," he declared. "The state department of public health already has recommended tougher standards for new cars in 1970. Committee hearings in Los Angeles next week will constitute the first legislative inquiry into this subject in two years."

"I think it unconscionable that the federal government would even consider preventing California from doing everything in its power to protect the health and well-being of its citizens."

"The effects of this proposed federal action will certainly be dealt with at length in our public hearings next week. I urge all Californians to contact their Congressional representatives and demand restoration of the Murphy amendments. The welfare of California is at stake."

The welfare of California, in fact, has been at stake ever since automobile emissions, smoke from factories, excessive burning in the agricultural areas and other causes started filling the atmosphere with pollutants.

Neither state nor federal legislation has been able to keep up with the menace to health caused by pollutants. It has been pointed out in some quarters that the people of this state, and in other parts of the nation as well, slowly are committing suicide.

This remains to be seen, but the fact is certain air pollutants are contributing nothing toward the good health of the people.

ROYCE BRIER

Ocean Depths Presenting New Fields for Conquest

When Christopher Columbus on Friday morning, Oct. 12, 1492, went ashore on an island he named San Salvador, he carried a royal standard and claimed the land in the name of the joint crowns of Castile and Leon.

Such formal occupations had always been observed, but Columbus gave the ceremony impetus, and for centuries afterward it was the thing to do.

In the 475 years since, there has been a little rise in the technology of exploration, which would have astonished Columbus, not to mention Ferdinand and Isabella.

Not so long ago an international pact was signed which would forbid national appropriation of a heavenly body. In theory at least an astronaut cannot return from the moon to announce

he has taken possession in the name of President Johnson, Premier Kosygin, or Chairman Mao. The pact makes sense, but whether it will be honored in the event, is another matter. International sense is not much in fashion in our time.

Opinions on Affairs of the World

The whole subject, however is momentarily academic. Possibly not so academic is the future status of another unexplored entity, the bed of the oceans beyond the continental shelves.

You can rule the sea, as Britannia once did, and as we now do to our perplexity, but you can only rule the water. You can only get from it certain swimming and crawling creatures, close

offshore oil, and a minimum of salt. The swimming and crawling creatures are subject to unending dispute between nations, and unending treaties apparently devised to be violated.

What then of the deeps, which are suspected to contain inexhaustible wealth, for when God made the earth it is unlikely He had a special feeling for the dry land and its criteria.

A few weeks ago Malta proposed in the United Nations, the internationalization of the deep sea bed. Patriotic congressmen promptly introduced bills calling on the President to oppose the measure in the Assembly. Should the Assembly not act—it may have other matters more pressing to act upon—the sea bed problem will be right back where it was when Columbus sailed over it, not caring a damn.

A layman wouldn't know how men propose to penetrate several miles of water to get at the gold, silver, diamonds, rubies, and other goodies embedded below, but laymen never doubt technology will find a way, possibly in another 475 years.

That ought to suffice to describe how to split the swag, but you can't be sure. We have had much more time to decide how to split the dry earth swag, and nobody is satisfied.

It would seem at this late date that on principle the unexplored parts of the earth should belong to the inhabitants of the earth.

Alan Grey Says . . .

The Fisherman's Fiesta . . . Was seen the other day . . . And met with all expectations . . . In every single way . . . The decorated fishing boats . . . Were really quite a treat . . . As they made preparation . . . For the Blessing of the Fleet . . . I hope that petty differences . . . Will somehow disappear . . . To let this fine fiesta . . . Continue every year.