

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Gift

Editor—My adopted Aunt and uncle gave me a dollar to spend on whatever I wanted. I want that dollar to go to get the land for Big Basin. I am 8 years old and I love it and I want a place for the animals to live. Please send the money to them.

AMANDA L. SYMONS.

El Cerrito

Your dollar has been sent to Conservation Associates, 200 Mills Tower, 220 Bush street, San Francisco 94104.—Editor.

Capella Coloniensis

Editor—I have just finished reading Mr. Frankenstein's critique (May 13) of the Capella Coloniensis and I am greatly alarmed at the impression which many might gather from the review. The group gave two concerts this week at Stanford and I was afforded the opportunity to meet with several of the players and to carefully examine their instruments. Mr. Frankenstein criticized the strings for using modern instruments but the fact is that each string instrument in the orchestra has been reconstructed with a shorter and thicker neck, a shorter bass bar, and a thinner sound post and each is equipped with a gut high string and wound lower strings. This is a true reconstruction done by the distinguished firm of Hamma and Company, Stuttgart. Incidentally, wound gut strings (silver wound) were known and used as early as 1620 (see M. Praetorius, Syntagma Musicum, 1618-1619).

It is also a fact that the string players used Baroque bows. I gather that Mr. Frankenstein is under the impression that the bows before Tourte (ca. 1780) were arched outwardly and are similar in appearance to those played by cherubs in paintings of the 12-14 century period but this is not so. For a complete explanation of this historical misconception I refer readers to Chapter 19, The "Bach"

Bow (a modern invention), in David Boyden's magnificent book *The History of Violin Playing* (from its origins to 1761) in which the author explains this misconception in a manner now accepted by most performers and musicologists. The orchestra tuned to an A Flat at its concerts at Stanford and I assume that the group did the same at the concert which Mr. Frankenstein attended. This accounts for the increase in resonance and volume of the strings because the instruments used were mostly old Italian instruments which were reconstructed to the tension of gut and wound gut strings.

KENNETH GOLDSMITH

Atherton

'Goodbye, Thrift'

Editor—With our Administration in Washington already having literally put our country on a "printing press money" basis, the President wants us to cough up more on the pretext that it will help curb inflation.

Could anyone be so simple as to believe that our Washington spendthrifts would spend our hard-earned money more frugally than those of us who have earned it the hard way? . . .

A. M. JOHNSTON

Burlingame.

Family-Life Program

Editor—As a concerned citizen and parent, I feel it my duty to speak out concerning the controversy on the Family-Life Program.

Parents of San Mateo County must come awake and take heed of our changing times. I, too, am a mother of a 10 year old daughter and have three younger children that soon will become involved in the Family-Life Program. I say "thank you" for giving them the opportunity of taking part.

My daughter and many of her friends are saying, "Why are they trying to take it away, we have

learned so much and it's so interesting?" These children are accepting it as just another class, like science, health, etc. Very matter of fact, only those with their minds behind the bathroom door see the program as anything else.

As for the objections to the program, each one of us as a taxpayer has a principal and superintendent of schools that we are paying to be not only an administrator but a mediator between the parent and the school.

If at any time we have a question about a class or activity taking place in our school, it is our duty as a parent and taxpayer to contact our principal and find out the facts. If we do not take the time to do this, then we have no right to complain after the barn door has been opened.

Here in Belmont, notices of a Family-Life program for the parents of every elementary student were sent home by each student throughout the elementary schools, also published in the newspapers . . .

With immorality, narcotics, illegitimacy and disease on the uprise, how can we as parents say that things must go on as before, when every year the delinquents become younger . . . Let's give it a chance.

MRS. D. F. LENT

Belmont

Summer Guests

Editor—I would suggest that in the interests of better relations between ethnic groups in America that families "adopt" for the summer a child of a different race from their own . . . It would mean simply taking in as a summer guest a child of a different ethnic group, the details of which could be worked out among schools and churches of each community. No legislation would be acquired and no money need be appropriated.

HENRY S. GOLDSMITH

Fort Bragg.



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Letter From N.Y.

Editor — Recent actions by Oakland, California, police, in particular the killing of 17-year old Bobby James Hutton and the wounding of two other blacks, including Eldridge Cleaver, are cause for grave concern to the entire nation.

We find little fundamental difference between the assassin's bullet which killed Dr. King on April 4 and the police barrage which killed Bobby James Hutton two days later. Both were acts of racism against person who had taken a militant stand on the right of black people to determine the conditions of their own lives. Both were attacks aimed at destroying this nation's black leadership.

We are among a group of more than one hundred persons, mostly writers and editors living in the eastern United States, who condemn the actions of the Oakland police against the leadership of the Black Panther Party. We urge the appropriate California authorities to restore the parole status of Eldridge Cleaver — arbitrarily revoked after his April 6 arrest — so that bail can be set and his release secured. We also urge an immediate and full investigation of Oakland police conduct.

Eldridge Cleaver and his fellow prisoners must not become new victims of white racism.

JAMES BALDWIN
OSSIE DAVIS
ELIZABETH HARDWICK
LEROI JONES
OSCAR LEWIS
NORMAN MAILER
FLOYD McKISSICK
SUSAN SONTAG

New York

Water Shortage Ahead

Editor—The building of dams in northern California for the benefit of dry areas in the south is an example of shortsighted, long-range planning by the powers that

be in Washington. Many small communities, dependent on expensive wells and "ditch water" in such counties as Trinity and Shasta, will have an acute shortage due to the dams. . . . No provision has been made for the supply of local residents.

Apparently the remote position of the Federal government induces it to plan only for the welfare of urban areas. Unfortunately (or unfortunately) not all of our people live in cities.

GEORGE MALSBARY

Berkeley

New Spy Ring

Editor—T. G. Repard had an interesting letter April 26 about elephant trains, miserable hot dogs in Golden Gate Park, and other drolleries. . . . Our attention clearly should be directed to the miserable hot dogs being foisted on unsuspecting citizens in places like the park.

I propose an espionage system comprised of a flying squad of Secret Gourmets artfully disguised as weekend cyclists — short pants, knobby knees and all — to catch the purveyors of bad hot dogs in action.

First Golden Gate Park! Next, Candlestick Park. Later, the Oakland Coliseum! Hot dog lovers, arise

JUAN TANAMERA

Castro Valley

People Run Second

Editor—All citizens are agreed that in this truly beautiful city the ghettos must go and that certain areas of San Francisco should be torn down and rebuilt. No one could possibly be against any serious attempt to beautify our city. But whenever such an attempt is made large numbers of our people are virtually turned out into the streets and forced to seek other places to live at prices they can afford in an already overly crowded city. They are understandably angry and frightened and fight bitterly against eviction. Who

wouldn't, in their shoes? In other words, the bulldozer is first and the welfare of people runs a poor second.

Don't we have the cart before the horse? A place for these people to live should sensibly be built before destruction begins.

The city should take a centrally located area, such as the car barns on Geary boulevard, and erect a large high-rise apartment building. This building should then be used only and also temporarily for persons dispossessed because of redevelopment, giving them the same space they have previously occupied and at the same rent. Then when the new dwellings are completed, they can be moved into them. The building can then be used over again for the same purpose.

H VERNOR DIXON

San Francisco

Golden Bottleneck

Editor — I read where the Golden Gate Bridge Board wants to build a new \$10,000,000 approach and toll plaza. The objective to alleviate traffic congestion! It seems to me the way to relieve congestion is to eliminate the Toll Plaza!

I have been commuting between Marin county and San Francisco for the last two years

The traffic moves relatively smoothly, considering the number of autos, until you approach the toll plaza. Cars will be backed up, anywhere from a block to a mile, stopping and starting, stopping and starting, trying to contribute coins to the Golden idol.

Now here are several sixty-four dollar questions. Have the bridge bonds been paid off? Is there a surplus of funds from bridge tolls now in the bank? If the answer to these questions is YES, then why do they continue to charge tolls?

HENRY G DAX

Novato



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better Buses

Editor — Concerning the recent stories about raising the Muni fare to 25c: I am all for this increase provided that it will include clean, new buses and I also believe 25c should entitle one to a seat. It is quite incongruous in this day of safety when we are badgered into fastening our seat belts whenever we ride in a car but at the same time during the peak hours we are forced to "swing and sway" in a crowded bus. It is not only hazardous but very uncomfortable.

JOSEPHINE L. BECKLEY
San Francisco

Children's Museum

Editor — I understand that some thought has been given to converting the Old Mint into a children's museum of science and industry. If such a conversion were to take place, it would seem fitting that a prominent place be given to an exhibit on printing history. Printing holds a particularly significant place in the story of San Francisco. The City has long had a reputation for being the center of fine printing in America.

Several of us interested in such a project would conceive of it as being a living museum, emphasizing three aspects. First, displays of printing equipment and fine examples of printing; second, a living museum to demonstrate the craft in the limited production of fine books; and, finally, a repository for types, presses, and a library to contain the best in the history of the book and printing in general.

GEORGE W. HELLYER JR.
San Francisco

Cash For Voters

Editor—Your lead editorial today describes and comments quite favorably — and uncritically — on Senator Morton's "National

Dividend Plan" to distribute all corporate income taxes on a per capita basis to the consuming (and voting) public.

As usual with such plausibly simple solutions to economic problems, there is a catch. Granted, the proposed scheme would "unquestionably spur the economy by adding to spendable incomes," but it would add most at the worst times from the standpoint of economic stability. The payments would be highest at the top of the business cycle, when corporate profits are sharply reduced. Our economy would thus have a built-in de-stabilizer, a stimulus when inflation threatens, a depressant when we're already in a slump. Remember, these payments would replace most present welfare programs (which tend to be contra-cyclical in effect), and the public has a higher "propensity to consume" than corporations as a whole.

I am amazed that "some of the Nation's foremost economists have studied it without finding a fallacy in its projections and conclusions."

Besides there must be an easier way of getting people to vote.

ADRIAN H. WINKLER
San Mateo

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Editor—I read with interest "Cash-for-Voters-Plan-Has-Merit" editorial, May 13.

Long have I been aware of the great number of eligible voters who neglect their privilege to vote, and have thought a monetary inducement through an income tax credit would result in encouraging a great increase in voting action.

I agree, Senator Morton's plan would accomplish that.

HENRY H. MULLER
Kentfield

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Editor: Would the proposed "Cash-for-Voters" plan be retroactive?

M. B. SMITH
Morro Bay

National Dilemma

Editor—Despite the welter of words spoken and written on the race problem, it seems to me that the true nature of this national dilemma is either poorly understood or insufficiently emphasized.

There are two basic, distinct, but interrelated, fields of black frustration: sociological and economic.

Sociologically, there is bigotry, hatred and discrimination. These emotional attitudes can only slowly be eradicated — but the process is well under way, assisted by civil rights legislation.

Economically, we have to face these facts: 1) Ours is a competitive society; increasingly so due to technology and automation. 2) To compete, one must be educated. 3) Education, which includes learning that education is desirable, starts at home, by precept and example, at age two or three. Few Negro parents are able to provide such an environment. 4) To expect at present any but exceptionally lucky and gifted Negroes to compete with whites on reasonably equal terms is therefore nonsense. 5) If every effort is made now to provide a Head Start, and good primary and secondary education for all Negro children, one to one and a half generations must elapse before the process becomes effective and self generating.

But Negroes will not wait another 30 to 40 years for freedom and equality of opportunity. Therein lies the national dilemma.

Is it insoluble? Yes — but: A temporary palliative can and must bridge the waiting period — a guaranteed minimum income or, if you prefer, the negative income tax, which would provide all under-privileged citizens with a tolerable standard of living.

This may well be a "blinding glimpse of the obvious," but we had better take a close look; for the alternative is riots, insurrection and civil war.

M. L. BRAMSON.
San Francisco

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No Economy

Editor—We are addressing this letter to you on behalf of the 20 Judges of the Superior Court of Alameda County who are unanimously opposed to the Amendment to Section 18 of the Alameda County Charter, which will appear on the June 4 ballot as Proposition B.

As the Amendment is worded and as it has been presented to the public it carries the implication that the Superior Court is seeking new and additional authority to appoint a Chief Probation Officer of this county. Such is not the fact. The Appellate Court has recently ruled that this Court has had such authority since 1927 when the Charter was first adopted. The proposed Amendment is now seeking to take away from or deprive the Court of the power it has always had and to relegate it to the position of merely ratifying the appointment of a person who has been certified to it by the Civil Service Commission, according to standards and elimination processes in the establishment of which the Court has had no right of participation. Because the argument in favor of the proposed Amendment is signed by the Alameda County Taxpayers Association, Inc., the public might infer that by voting in favor of this Amendment some economy in county government will be effected. This is not correct. Whether the Chief Probation Officer is appointed by the Judges or is a civil service employee, the Board of Supervisors determines his salary and that of his staff.

Because the Probation Officer is a judicial officer, an integral part of our Court system, and since the Court is responsible for any decision it makes which may be based in whole or in part upon such officer's findings and recommendations, we feel that we should be entitled to retain the right to set the qualifications and select the best person available for the position after an open competitive examination conducted by the Court. We are presently in the midst of

holding such an examination and have already received 45 applications from all parts of the United States from persons who indicate they can meet the rather stringent requirements set forth in our announcement.

LEWIS E. LERCARA
Presiding Judge of the
Superior Court
CECIL MOSBACHER
Chairman,
Probation Committee

Oakland

Summer Adoption

Editor — Mr. Henry S. Goldsmith in the Chronicle of May 16th suggests in the interest of better relations between ethnic groups in America that families "adopt" for the summer a child of a different race from their own.

This sounds like the most pompous conceit to me. What makes Mr. Goldsmith think that a Negro child or a Spanish-American child would be anything but miserable in the family of a white, Protestant, middle-class family?

If Mr. Goldsmith means . . . that white, Protestant, middle-class children should be sent to spend the summer with a family in the Ghetto, that's different. Such children might find there a great deal more love, fun, and growth through self-reliance than they get at home . . .

RICHENDA ELLIS
Palo Alto

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Editor — I read in the May 16th paper a suggestion . . . to adopt for the summer a child of a different race . . .

Such a program already exists in the Bay Area. FRIENDLY TOWN is an organization of concerned citizens who have set up a program whereby underprivileged children from the inner cities are invited as guests by suburban families who have children in the age bracket of 8 to 14, and spend two weeks during the summer with these families.

A brochure describing this program is available from Friendly

Town, 4112 Wilson Lane, Concord, Calif.

In addition, a volunteer Committee of Sierra Club members . . . is making plans to take underprivileged children on weekend trips into the mountains this summer with Sierra Club Families. We would be happy to receive inquiries from non-Sierra Club families with similar outdoor interests, who might be interested in our project.

LEO LE BON

Walnut Creek

No Magic Door

Editor — Charles Howe's "Special Report" must have been printed specifically to antagonize. The ten points of the Panther Party are becoming a little tiresome to say the least. What other group would or could demand that all their members under confinement (point 2) be released—Freed? How many blacks are employed by blacks. Remove white business and it will create black unemployment. How many blacks own businesses or pay corporate tax?

How many among we whites would like to have a house in Piedmont or Hillsborough. Awaken Blacks — being white is not a magic door where the gracious life is automatically ours. We too have many of your problems, and the color of our skin means nothing in achieving many of the aims that the Panther Party demands.

It is time to urge your leaders to build businesses that will employ you and quit depending on the whites for jobs. There are many blacks with the means and ability to create jobs instead of dissension. Demand they help you.

EVELYN WELLS

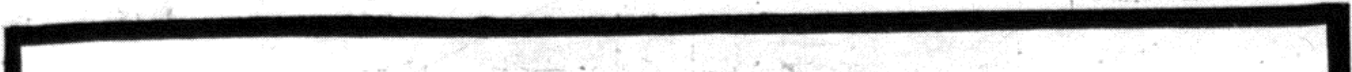
Daly City

Selfish

Editor—Regarding Senator Robert Kennedy, I cannot believe that anyone with 10 or 11 children can have the best interests of his country — or the world — at heart.

SHERRY GUMZ

Oakland



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hideous Hippies

Editor — In answer to the "Provoked Riot" letter (May 7) from three lawyers identified as law clerks, Supreme Court of California, I wish to alert the citizens of San Francisco that the hippies have been congregating on the steps of City Hall every noon since April 15, conducting themselves in their usual obnoxious way.

A male hippie exhibited himself in the nude. Female hippies wear mini skirts with nothing underneath, then exhibit themselves while sitting on the steps. They read so-called poetry and perform plays which consists of vulgar and filthy language.

On several occasions they have come inside City Hall, racing, screaming and beating bongo drums. They placed an old toilet in the rotunda, then performed, using the toilet as a focal point. The uniformed policeman who witnessed this vulgar act told me he could do nothing, that action would have to come from the Mayor's office.

May 7, when the mayor was out of the City, has been the only time the police have taken action against the hippie-happenings near City Hall, although there have been many law-violations. That action definitely was not police brutality as the three lawyers would have the people believe.

May 9 a hippie indecently exposed himself by wearing torn clothing. May 10 the hippies distributed pornography (filthy pictures and filthy writings) from City Hall steps. Two policemen were across the street, they took no action.

The three lawyers appealed to the people to protect the hippies from the police. I appeal to the San Francisco citizens to insist that the Mayor take immediate action against hippie law-violators before our City is ruined by their degrading activity.

MRS. M. B. PRATT,

San Francisco.

'We Ain't'

Editor — In rebuttal to Mr. Vincent Cullinan's praise of Sena-

tor Kuchel's performance let me state succinctly the feelings of many California Republicans towards this man.

We will not vote for him because of his failure to support the Republican party — in short "we ain't, 'cause he didn't."

W. A. BERNHEIM,

Fremont.

Zoning Ordinance

Editor — At a meeting of its Executive Committee on May 15, SPUR unanimously reaffirmed its support of the downtown zoning ordinance as submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the Planning Commission.

In its deliberations the recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee of the Board of Supervisors were characterized as a distinct step backward in San Francisco's efforts to achieve the best possible physical development.

From the standpoint of a two and a half year collaborative study with the Planning Department in developing the ordinance before the Board of Supervisors, we can find no rational justification for the gross discarding of planning and development controls that would occur if the Planning and Development Committee's recommendations were adopted. We have expended much time and effort, a great deal of City time, effort and money has been expended, and the public's energies have been tested in numerous public hearings on this matter.

Factual evidence is overwhelming in favor of the adoption of the Planning Commission's zoning ordinance. We urge your strongest support.

STANLEY SINTON, JR.

President
SPUR

San Francisco.

Negro Speakers

Editor — The Speakers Bureau of the Redding Area is arranging for Negro speakers to be guests at white organizations here.

The objective is to hear out individuals of the black community

in frank discussion of their attitudes toward the establishment in which we all live. Enlightenment and understanding by whites is the already proved result.

Similar arrangements for broadening white understanding of the Negro as an individual could be set up in other parts of California.

Please write for further information to the Speakers Bureau at 521 Parsons Drive, Redding, Calif. 96001.

NATHANIEL MARKS,
Chairman
Speakers Bureau.

Redding.

There Are Alternatives

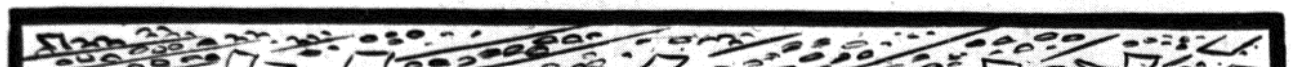
Editor — I was pleased with your Sunday Punch editorial May 19 which raised questions about and asked for a careful investigation of the Army Corps of Engineer's plans for a dam across the Eel river near the town of Dos Rios up here . . . The proposed plan which would flood Round Valley might truly "produce human and economic havoc" unless public attention is directed to the project.

Particular attention should be given to the effects of displacement upon the community of about 350 Indians who would be moved from reservation lands on the productive valley floor to locations on unproductive mountain lands further removed from the mainstream of American life. In all of this we must remember the unresolved difficulties of generations of government-Indian relationships. There is cause for anxiety among these people.

Also, questions should be asked about the alternatives to the single dam proposal which include the possibility of providing two smaller additional dams which would keep the water out of the main productive area of Round Valley itself, and away from the Indian lands. Perhaps there is more than enough justification for some added cost in order to preserve human values in Round Valley.

JOHN M. FOSTER,
Pastor.

Willits.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Voiceless Ones

Editor — Who are the disenfranchised in our land? The voiceless ones are the 18-year-olds. They must be given the right to vote.

It is barbaric and insane to send a young man of 18 off to die in a war, cut off without root or branch. To deny them a chance to partake of the banquet of life.

Mother, who up until just recently made sure her young son brushed his teeth, now maintains a stony, unquestioning silence consenting to the military's use of her hostage son.

I am heartened by the protest of the young. The questions being asked and answers demanded. Hopefully, the 18-year-old will obtain the vote — and vote to end war.

War can become a nightmare of the past, just as dueling was laid to rest, mercifully a few generations ago. War is a relatively recent institution, estimated at only a few thousand years old.

Run, don't walk to your nearest bookstore or library for a copy of Lucile Green's "The Worried Women's Guide to Peace Through World Law." This booklet explains how we can act to prevent future wars. By starting now we can have a free, democratic federal worldwide system insuring peace for everyone in ten years. No utopian dream this, but a practical, realistic blueprint to end war.

LORRAINE SANDERS.

Redding

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Editor — I am 18 years old. I have been classified by my draft board as 1A, which means that I am available for immediate induction into the Army and therefore subject to service in Vietnam. No quarrel there. But here at home I have been denied something that should have been granted to 18-year olds a long time ago. I'm referring to the right to vote.

The age old argument is that

the majority of 18-year olds aren't mature enough to vote intelligently. This is useless to argue because there is no evidence or proof for either side.

The truth is that anyone who is old enough to defend the United States of America in Vietnam or anywhere else, is also old enough and qualified to vote.

At the present time there are petitions being circulated in California that would put the question on the ballot. I urge readers to seek these petitions and sign them. A quick call to a candidate headquarters or to a city or county clerk would locate one of these petitions. Any registered voter can sign.

GARY BAXTER.

Millbrae.

How About Us?

Editor — The sign "white only," which formerly hung in many restaurants, hotels and employment agencies (primarily in the South) was a disgusting example of white prejudice. Now the question comes to mind are the San Francisco businessmen and civic leaders trying to establish a double standard by offering five thousand summer jobs, but indicating "minorities only, need apply." There are many needy white students who desperately require summer work just as much as the minority student either to support themselves, to pay for their education, or to supplement their family's income. I strongly urge these San Francisco leaders to consider these students also when choosing employees and not to base their choices solely on race.

ROBERT E. QUIGLEY

San Francisco

Too Naive?

Editor — Mayor Alioto's "march on the park" seems to be a rather cheap play for publicity at the expense of sincere and concerned citizens. If he truly wishes to gather data on the situation why doesn't he send his wife, or his

daughters and their children — without the press?

As it stands, he is making a pretty shabby joke at the expense of citizens, who unlike his family, must rely on public facilities to enjoy the few remaining beautiful things of the City.

Grown men, let alone mayors, are not the most frequent victims of molestations, rape, purse snatching, and exhibitionism. Let us not be foolish, Mayor Alioto!

BETTY FOLEY.

San Francisco.

Our National Emblem

Editor — Words cannot describe the shock, horror, disgust and revulsion that overwhelmed me when I opened the May 17 Chronicle and, on Page 12, saw what I saw.

I saw an advertisement for a major airline, featuring two comely young women. One was wearing a dress made of the American flag. At least it was a reasonable facsimile of the American flag and would be more so if she were flying sideways, instead of standing. Yet very recently a hippie-type was arrested on City Hall steps for wearing a shirt which was a similar desecration — the police alleged — of our national emblem.

First, a hippie wears a desecrating, flag-like shirt (commercially produced). Then a major airline with "worldwide connections" promotes business with a flag-like dress.

Isn't this an obvious international conspiracy? Isn't this something Max Rafferty should look into? Shouldn't the Chronicle display advertising department be looked into? Shouldn't the airline be investigated? We say yes, on all counts. Where, pray, is the D.A.R. when we need it most?

T. K. SWENSSON.

Mill Valley.

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Guaranteed Income

Editor — On May 9th there appeared in your newspaper an article headed up, "A Strange Malady. The Sick Work Addict." This article was less noteworthy for what it said than for its intent. Since the idea of a guaranteed annual income has taken root in the minds of our socialist planners, the American people, like Pavlov's dogs, must be conditioned to the acceptance of the idea that one should have a guaranteed income whether one works or not. People must be made to feel that if they believe a man should be gainfully employed to provide for himself and his family they are good candidates for the psychiatrist's couch. I predict that the future will see more articles harping on this theme.

MRS. HELEN MOORE

Los Banos

Erroneous View

Editor—Your lead editorial of May 15, entitled "Czechs Look Into a Crystal Ball," presents a substantively erroneous view of the state of opinion polling in the Communist party states of Eastern Europe. Contrary to your assumption, opinion polling at various levels of sophistication, has been initiated at various times over the past twelve years in all of these countries except Albania. It has been developed most highly in Poland where survey research has been taught in the universities and carried on by numerous researchers since 1957. The current conservative reaction in that country may have restricted its scope there, however. The Soviet Union has recognized the necessity of survey research as a legitimate scientific pursuit for the last five or six years. It has been considerably more restricted in scope and method there than in other Communist ruled nations. The rehabilitation of opinion research in Czechoslovakia began more recently, in 1963 and 1964 but appears to have progressed as rapidly as in Poland during the late 1950s.

The importance of the revival of

public opinion research and the closely related field of empirically based sociology is that it signals the end of reliance on dialectical materialistic deductions as the sole tool for the analysis and prediction of opinion and behavior. This being so, it can be considered a symptom of growing academic and intellectual freedom in Eastern Europe.

However, as you correctly point out, the real significance of the Rude Pravo poll is in the kind of questions it asks. This is the first time such questions have been put forward in a newspaper poll. Attempts to tap disaffection from the system have in the past only been made indirectly, in surveys carried out by research institutes. That a Communist controlled government chooses to elicit opinion of this sort indicates the possibility of a Communist government that is democratic in the Western sense. Yugoslavia initiated competition in the economic structure of the Communist party-state; Czechoslovakia may well show that the Communist experiment can succeed under conditions of meaningful political liberty.

JOHN SHIPPEE

Research Assistant
Stanford Studies of the
Communist System

Stanford

Remember Us

Editor—Now that the Governor of the great State of California has signed the bill for more than 16,000 retired State employees giving them a cost of living increase, which was long overdue; as one retired employee of the City and County of San Francisco, we hope that the voters will do the same for over 6000 retired employees who were caught in the inflation spiral in our fair city. . . .

The Charter Amendment is listed on the June 4th ballot as "1."

WILLIAM T. REED

San Francisco

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Editor—This city stays behind the times in one very cruel way. It pays no heed to the sufferings of

those who, through no fault of their own, are forced to live at the public's whim.

By that I am referring particularly to the people, like myself, who are retired former-city employees.

The last adjustment in the city pensions came in 1952. . . .

Four times a just proposal to update city pensions to meet current conditions was put to the voters and four times we lost. . . .

Another proposal and a very modest one to correct this long standing example of man's indifference to human needs is on the June 4 ballot. . . .

I. SOILAND

San Francisco

Courteous Police

Editor—A deep and wonderful feeling of assurance and safety swept over myself and family as we toured the modern police facilities at the San Francisco Hall of Justice, during a recent open house.

Complementing and enhancing this spirit of well-being was the presence of several courteous and well-informed police officers.

But we really reached the heights of interest and satisfaction when we learned of the expanding Police Community Relations Department activities, as it indicates a striking at the root causes of crime. . . .

JOHN COUGHLIN

San Francisco

Pals?

Editor—When Robert Kennedy announced his candidacy, he stated he was running with McCarthy — they were "pals." Not too long ago the Citizens for Kennedy ran ads in college newspapers across the country falsifying McCarthy's voting record. Now the Kennedy forces are propagating the rumor that McCarthy is Humphrey's stand-in, that there is a coalition between the two — a rumor McCarthy denies. How fortunate for McCarthy that he is Kennedy's pal and not his enemy.

C. SWEET

San Francisco

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Eugene

Editor—It is indeed encouraging to see the United States and the North Vietnamese government negotiating for peace in Paris.

Despite the many differences on both sides to the terms of the agreement, the fact that both countries are at the peace table exemplifies a sincere effort being made for peace at this time.

However, I do not think we should lose sight of the fact that were it not for Senator Eugene McCarthy's courageous challenge to President Johnson's existing foreign policy at that time would we now be at the conference table in Paris. . . .

A. WILLIAMS

Fresno

Which Leaders?

Editor—In the Chronicle of May 21, Evelyn Wells of Daly City writes rather snappishly of Charles Howe's excellent "Special Report" on the Black Panther Party. As one of Mrs. Wells' fellow whites, I would like to express my complete disagreement with her conclusions.

"We too (she writes) have many of your problems . . ." Is Mrs. Wells so blind to reality that she can neither recognize nor admit that our white skins give us a very definite advantage in this society? Can she really not know how often skin color alone determines attitudes on every level — from police officer to personnel manager to potential neighbor?

"How many blacks," asks Mrs. Wells, "own businesses or pay corporate tax?" How many blacks are allowed to attain executive positions in our large corporations, let alone succeeding to top management? How many blacks do our banks consider "good risks" when it comes to small business loans and financing?

"It is time to urge your leaders to build business that will employ you and quit depending on the whites for jobs" . . . Mrs. Wells has a point (here). Of course, it all depends on her definition of "your leaders." Since Medgar Evers, Martin Luther King, and so many other black leaders are presently

either dead, discredited, ignored, or in jail, I assume by "your leaders" she must mean "our leaders" — city, state and federal. And "urging" them is most appropriate, as the Poor People's March is currently attempting to point out. After all the leaders of a society which sees fit to compel black and white men to fight and die for it, have an obligation to make that society one in which black and white people have equal opportunities to live and prosper.

But, who, really, are the "leaders" of a 20-year-old black marine in Vietnam, Mrs. Wells? Eldridge Cleaver, or his battalion commander? Bobby Seale and H. Rap Brown, or his Mayor, Governor and Senator? Huey Newton, or his President? . . . The turmoil of the day infers that blacks do know — and are insisting that their true elected leaders begin at long last to act the part according to the laws of the land.

In illustrating what a tough row we majority whites (who dumped a \$50 million dollar weather satellite in the ocean recently) have to hoe, you, Mrs. Wells pen the key words of our time: "Awaken, Blacks." I suggest that this is precisely what is happening, Mrs. Wells. Sorry you find it so disturbing.

KENNETH WATTS

Burlingame

Extinction Threat

Editor—In his annual report, Secretary of the Interior Udall eloquently described the shape of things to come if we continue with our blind struggle for technological perfection, with complete disregard for the humanities. For years the best scientific minds have been used to develop new machines, producing gadgets, guns and gimmicks designed for the unwary customer. In the meantime, our air and water pollution have reached alarming proportions, and the disposal of garbage is a major problem. It is imperative that we set new goals for our scientists before we face extinction on this planet.

GEORGE MALSARY

Berkeley

No Fool!

Editor — Referring to Charles McCabe's column in the May 13 paper I am personally amused at his "write-off" of Bobby Kennedy. These are tough times and we need tough men. If the picture of Senator Bobby Kennedy is as Mr. McCabe says, we need him! The bland politicians have gotten us into wars; and I feel that Senator Bobby Kennedy is just not such a damn fool as to put the wealth and energy of the American public into various and sundry wars. As for the American's Public's voting habits, it is my feeling that the younger generation — and most of the American Public are young now — do not vote for a "personality cult." Mr. McCabe has a point, however, with respect to former elections. Polls to the contrary let's just wait and see!

ANNE O. JELM

San Francisco

Protect Our Pets

Editor — All dog owners should be alerted to the fact that a newly invoked statute, the "Leash Law" in San Francisco has given an organization, once deemed the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the power of a roving police patrol for any dog not on a leash in a park (at least in the Panhandle . . .) with or without its owner. The newly empowered semi-officials are "stepping up their patrols," I was told when I contacted the SPCA. In effect these men will pick up any dog not on a leash even if it is with its owner and then it will cost the owner \$7 to get his dog back. What if the \$7 cannot be paid or what if the owner cannot be notified about his dog — the SPCA will in essence become the Society for the Extermination of Animals . . .

Our dog is trained not to bother people in the park. He needs to get exercise which is impossible on a restricting leash. It is outright harassment of an individual's right to treat his dog with kindness to have to be constantly wary of a lurking SPCA truck ready to pick up his pet . . .

KAREN MEDOFF

San Francisco

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bravo Malta

Editor — . . . (I hereby would like to draw attention to) the special interest taken by the Maltese Government in the unique social service of the International Institute of San Francisco, the strenuous efforts made by the indulgent and industrious Vice Consul for Malta, Mr. Charles J. Vassallo, and his congenial and generous wife, the admirable cooperation of the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Columbus Savings and Loan Association (and many others) . . . (which made) Malta's first participation in the Gourmet Gala 1968, held at the Civic Auditorium on May 15, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the International Institute of San Francisco, a huge success . . .

CHARLES J. SPITERI
San Francisco

Merge Those Books

Editor — . . . Although local residents have frequent occasion to make calls throughout the Bay Area, they seldom have access to a complete listing for all communities. They are forced to call information whether they like it or not. The phone company complains that a large portion of calls to information are for numbers that are already listed in the directory. But the question is "Which directory?" . . .

The solution is easy. There should be only two books: one for white pages and one for yellow pages. Each would list all the following counties: San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Contra Costa and Alameda. Both directories would be arranged geographically. That is, the white pages would list all of Marin together (just as the present Marin book does), all of Alameda County together, etc. The yellow pages would continue to list firms by type of business, but would group them by area. For instance, hotels would be all together, but would be grouped according to county.

There is fear that area-wide directories would be too big and heavy. Not so. If you look, you'll

notice that over half of a typical directory is taken up by the green and yellow pages (e.g. they are 70 per cent of the San Mateo directory). This is because the same ads appear in book after book. By combining all directories, each firm would need only one ad and the total number of all yellow pages would be greatly reduced. Each book would be hardly bigger than the present San Francisco book.

CARL WITKOVICH
San Mateo

The Seale Arrest

Editor—If you and your paper are so interested in portraying the nature of the Black Panther Party to your readership, you might also at least include those items which create the need for people to band together for self-defense. And you might start with the accurate and true statement that the police who entered the apartment of Bobby Seale and arrested him and his wife, did so in violation of the laws they are sworn to uphold.

Arrest and entry without a warrant (especially in the middle of the night) is a tactic of a police state, no matter where it occurs. Why, then, did your reporter Charles Howe, in his second paragraph in the May 17 Chronicle, front page, fail to mention this important fact in reporting the February 25th arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Seale?

DIANNE B. McSWAIN
Berkeley.

The conflicting circumstances of the Seale arrests were reported in the March 19 issue of The Chronicle. Police justified their nocturnal raid on grounds of "probable cause." The story of May 16 amply indicated Mr. Seale is sufficiently dissatisfied with police actions to have slept, since the night of the raid, in other lodgings—Editor.

Take Heed

Editor — I would strongly urge the Oakland Health Plan which produced the berserk young computer programmer, the guy who wanted to play army and got

himself booked on three counts of attempted murder (Chronicle May 23), to take heed. It isn't only the programmers that are losing their marbles. One of these days, a patient is going to start playing army. A patient is going to start yelling: "I want everyone around here to start calling me Sir." And clerks, nurses and doctors will have to form parade file. Trust to it.

You can play people are numbers only so long. Let the directors of the Health Plan read Fertig

FLORENCE C. LEWIS
El Cerrito

We Like Kennedy

Editor — We find ourselves concerned with the hostility toward the candidacy of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our next President must not only philosophize about things but change them. Senator Kennedy seems to us by far the best qualified candidate to resolve our crises both at home and abroad. Historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., states this case in a recent article in The New Republic (May 4). Few have known Kennedy so intimately to write of his competence. It is time for America to look beyond myths to qualifications. We challenge all who consider themselves issue-oriented to read the Schlesinger article and then decide on their candidate.

RICHARD MILLER
Sacramento

Nothing To Do?

Editor—Please tell me how come that Governor Reagan can take off and spend so much time making speeches and raising money for the Republican party.

There must have been a good many Democrats who voted for him and there must be many Democrats who are helping to pay his salary.

I do feel his time belongs to the State of California and not to the Republican party. Isn't there anything for him to do in Sacramento?

GRACE-ELLYN PRICE
Napa.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smart Move

Editor—Today's lenient courts and consequent laxity in law enforcement causing such widespread disrespect for law and order, should make us more grateful that God in His wisdom created hell. Otherwise the current crop of despicable devils doing dastardly deeds of destruction would never receive punishment commensurate with their crimes . . .

E. L. McLAUGHLIN.

Union, South Carolina.

Metaphysics of Joy

Editor—Stanford professor Philip Rhinelander's plea (The Chronicle, May 21) for student "gaiety" and that students "recapture the joy of human existence" is as annoying as Vice President Humphrey's (probably unwitting) quoting of Jefferson as he prates about "public happiness."

The renewers of metaphysics for our time (Jaspers, Hannah Arendt, Marcuse) teach that subjective effusions of this type must be, as they were for Jefferson, grounded in objectivity. I would call this a criterion of academic responsibility, that expressions of personal idealism lead, without concealment of motive, to objective correlates.

Public happiness objectively means participatory democracy (this term of course also needs further objectification). "Joy of human existence" refers not merely to animal exuberance but to that fruitful happiness which is blocked from existence by anti-joy institutions of racism, militarism, functionalism. To "recapture" it means to destroy these institutions.

GEORGE STANLEY.

San Francisco.

Mob Rights

Editor—Though of the same generation, I find the logic of the protestations at San Francisco State College, indeed on all our other riot-torn campuses, completely unfathomable.

They seem to think that free-

dom is their own private and personal property. They demand their own rights such as free speech and the right of assembly even if it consists of obscenity and trespassing. Yet they will shout a man down rather than listen to his viewpoint if it does not agree with theirs . . .

Civil disobedience proved itself a useful tool in certain extreme cases (i.e., civil rights in the South), but in the hands of these students it has degenerated into a dictatorship of the mob . . .

DAVID C. BURGETT.

San Francisco.

Kennedy on Welfare

Editor—It was with some interest that I read reports earlier this month that Richard Nixon had proposed a program to enlist private enterprise in the drive on unemployment and wretched housing in urban slums. At least some newspaper comment made it appear that this was a new idea.

As I am sure you know, although your readers may not, Senator Robert Kennedy has strongly urged steps to this end for many months. He introduced legislation in early 1967 establishing tax incentives and other inducements to private investment, for both jobs and housing, in ghetto areas. The legislation is explicit and detailed, and has received the endorsement of a wide range of business, political and minority group leadership. All this took place long before the presidential election was in issue, and before the Senator was even a conceivable candidate. I did not note any interest on the part of Mr. Nixon at that time.

Senator Kennedy's approach has also taken concrete form at his initiative, in the past months in the experimental program in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. The work there has had continued backing, support and help from prominent business leadership, including Douglas Dillon, Andre Meyer, James Oates, Benno Schmidt, and Thomas J. Watson, Jr. At the same time it has carefully been structured so

that the decisions are made and the specific programs are run by local community leaders.

It is within the spirit and traditions of the free society in the United States that private enterprise and private capital should provide a major impetus for the development and reconstruction of urban slums, and I am glad to hear Mr. Nixon approves. But I think it is not an arguable point that the creative thinking and hard work that has been put into this concept in the past two years has been by Senator Kennedy, far beyond what has been proposed even in general terms by any other presidential candidate in either party. It is he who should receive credit for what creative thinking has been done along these lines.

BURKE MARSHALL.

Armonk, New York.

No Write-In

Editor — I am a Registered Republican, but did not vote for Governor Reagan, and never will. I understand that at the Primary Election, no "write-in" provision is allowed, and I am forced — (if I want to make a Presidential vote) — to vote only for the choice as shown on the ballot.

Therefore, not wanting to vote for any Candidate as printed on this Primary ballot, the proper procedure would be to leave this Presidential choice blank, and then at the final Election, vote for the man of my choice. This procedure then, would decrease the chances of placing on the ballot for final election, any non-desirable candidate, and reduce his chances of election.

P. F. VENNERS

Glen Ellen

Why?

Editor — How is it possible for an 18 year old to be drafted without his parents permission if that parent must co-sign for a contract or marriage? Why can't an 18 year old then vote or drink?

C. TAYLOR

San Francisco

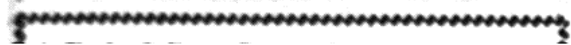
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Max Rafferty on the Issues

Editor — As the campaign for the Republican United States Senatorial nomination approaches election day, I want to take this opportunity to restate to the voters of California what I consider to be the crucial issues in this very important primary election.

There has been one very important element lacking in this race, and that has been a face-to-face confrontation between the two major candidates for the GOP nomination. Since my announcement, my campaign committee has been seeking to arrange a debate with Mr. Kuchel. We have offered to pay all the costs, and to debate any issue, any time, any where. To this date, Mr. Kuchel has failed to accept. I believe his failure to respond represents a failure to the Republican voters of this state.

Therefore, I am going directly to the people, speaking out on the issues and asking them to weigh my statements alongside those of the incumbent, who to this date has refused any public meeting.

Let me outline some of my positions and in doing so bring to light some of the major areas of disagreement with my opponent:

1. Lawlessness and Crime — We must start appointing Supreme Court Judges who show more concern for the rights of the victim, NOT the criminal!

2. Crisis of the American City — Private enterprise, aided by tax incentives, must work closely with government to solve the unemployment and education problems of our nation.

3. Local Control of Schools — The education of our children is a local matter and a prime responsibility of the states.

4. Tax Dollar Waste on Foreign Aid — All foreign aid waste, mismanagement and graft must end! Stricter guidelines must be established for all aid programs.

5. Property Rights — Every man must have the right to rent or

sell his property the way he chooses, as guaranteed by the Constitution.

6. Trade with Enemies — Aid to our admitted enemies and trade agreements with Communist nations that are fighting against American soldiers must stop!

My position on these issues is firm.

Mr. Kuchel has failed to support any of these Republican positions. He chose to join Robert F. Kennedy in supporting the positions of this Administration.

My opponent's campaign strategy has been once again to lure Republican voters into believing that his seniority, incumbency and position as Republican Whip in the Senate is meaningful to our Party. The truth is that Thomas Kuchel failed to support any major Republican position, and more important, misused his Party's position to act as a floor leader for the present Administration 61 per cent of the time.

Election after election, my opponent has failed to support the official candidates of his own Party.

I ask you: Is this a Real Republican and does he deserve renomination by the Republican party?

On two occasions, I have stood before the voters of California. Both times I have been gratified by their confidence and support.

I now seek my Party's nomination for the United States Senate. I sincerely believe the solution to our country's many problems can be found in the principles and programs of the Republican Party. I ask the Republican voters to move forward with creative ideas and leadership, firmly recognizing that the individual, the family, the community and the state created this great nation — and it is now the job of our elected representatives to preserve it.

MAX RAFFERTY.
Los Angeles.

The City in 2000 AD

Editor — Could it be that thinking on the North Shore development project is becoming confused? We have groups opposing the closing of streets, cutting off views, clobbering a restricted area with too many cars and too much traffic. We have developers proving by sketch and model that their project is beautiful and well designed. We have city officials torn between much-needed taxes and a fear that they are giving something away that they might want back.

The simple truth is that the north waterfront and the basic relationship of Telegraph Hill to shore to bay belong forever in the public domain. Why are we bent on destroying this potential which is what makes San Francisco great? It can be beautiful and serene. It can be income-producing for the city.

We spend much of our personal lives in an attempt to leave something finite to our children and grandchildren. Yet the greatest of all legacies we can leave to future generations is space. Short term gains do not justify long term losses. Now is the time to consider what San Francisco will look like in the year 2000.

THOMAS D. CHURCH,
Landscape Architect.
San Francisco.

Sound Ordinance

Editor—I just wanted to express my thanks and those of my Commission for the great support of The Chronicle on the downtown zoning ordinance. The help has been invaluable.

I firmly believe that the ordinance as passed is a sound one that will not only achieve positive development in the city but will also protect very important values for San Francisco.

ALLAN B. JACOBS,
Director of Planning.
San Francisco.

