

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blacks and the Power Game

Editor—As one who has generally concurred with Lester Kinsolving's positions in the area of social justice, I was somewhat appalled by his views on the Black Caucus as reported in *The Chronicle* last Saturday.

His apparent reaction is that of a hurt, white liberal who fears the black man's running his own show without the benefit of white liberal advice.

I find his comparison of the Klu Klux Klan to the militants in the black power movement ludicrous and really stretching a point. The Klu Klux Klan is a hate group whose only program is directing their venom at the black psychological scapegoat that they consider below them. The militant blacks, however, have a positive program based on self-determination and the acquiring of power to change their tragic condition. First, they must rally blacks to resist the exploitation, oppression, and the degradation imposed upon them by a white racist society. The black man is fighting for his dignity, identity—his manhood.

The black militants have taken their blackness, that has been made a symbol of shame by white racists, and made it a rallying point as the symbol of beauty.

Integration is an empty word. It has meant, in the past, the assimilation of the black man into the white man's cultural bag with a subsequent loss of identity. There is no real integration without some degree of equality. Equality in this country is based on power. Economic power, educational power, and political power are the handles by which a person makes it in our society. The disenfranchised and dispossessed lack the power to make meaningful decisions in their lives. Hopelessness and despair lead to rioting in the streets. Where else can one vent the anger and frustration against the tyranny

that enslaves them? Power is always given up reluctantly by the establishment whether it be by Church or State. Change only comes through the application of pressure at a given point. The blacks are learning the power game and how to apply pressure with the only tools they possess. More power to them.

Symbolic of Unitarian understanding of the Black Power movement, was the overwhelming vote at the Cleveland convention to fund the Black Affairs Council for one million dollars over the next four years. The Black Unitarians will have complete responsibility and authority for identifying problems and developing programs in the ghettos of our land.

I, for one, feel our black brothers will do a much better job than white liberals who are still unrealistic and hung up with the paternalistic approach. The road to hell is paved with good intentions. White liberals need to discover the name of the game (self determination through organized power) and begin to swing with it.

THE REV. E. GENE VOSELER,
Unitarian-Universalist
Fellowship.
Sunnyvale.

Freedom in Compromise

Editor—A completely typical example of new left hyperbole appeared in the letters column of July 26 when a writer asserted that many intelligent young men and women feel "the general scheme of the status quo is to turn this country into a fascist police state."

It is impossible to reconcile such a statement with this country's political framework. A politics of moderation, in which the large majority of citizens lies toward the center, differing among themselves more in degree than in

basic form has, as was foreseen by the founding fathers, been the true guardian of the personal rights for which the new left cries so ardently.

It is, on the contrary, the anti-political bias of the new left which will, if allowed to flourish unchecked, create the totalitarian millennium . . .

The new left has evinced an unreasoned acceptance of a peculiar "truth," i.e. that the present society is sick and must be destroyed, violently if need be. Combined with a refusal to use political compromise, which characterizes a truly free system, the end result must be the goal of the fascist system, a politics of terror.

PHILIP PELTON.

Hillsborough.

'Humanae Vitae'

Editor — In a world in which over half the people are suffering from malnutrition and thousands are already starving (to be followed by millions in the decades to come) the Pope's pronouncement on birth control, in effect, condemns millions of people to death. It carries with it a death sentence also for many of the other organisms that share this planet with us. As our numbers increase theirs will decrease.

The appeal to heads of government around the world to outlaw programs involving artificial birth control is particularly unfortunate because it seeks to impose a minority viewpoint on all mankind.

ROBERT C. STEBBINS,
Professor of Zoology,
University of California.
Berkeley.

Sex

Editor—The Pope's attitude on sex is an intelligent one, relative to the good of the world. Sex works like alcohol, in my opinion.

L. RICHARD ROSE.
San Francisco.

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Thursday, August 1, 1968

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Mortal Blow

Editor — The Pope's compassionless stand on birth control defies the knowledge of famine, elevates the carnal aspects of marriage above the spiritual, and is a mortal blow to thinking Catholics.

I predict a separate North American Church within five years.

THOMAS P. LOWRY, M.D.
Kentfield.

'They're Way Out'

Editor—Since I am a native of your city, I will have my say in regard to raising streetcar fares. Once we could ride all over the city for a nickel. This raise in fares is, like everything else, getting out of hand. A person cannot even get a seat on the overcrowded transportation in the city.

There are more people than ever in the city and the cost of things should be lowered. Prices, like the younger generation, are way out.

RAE SCHMIT

Pleasant Hill

'It's Up to Nasser'

Editor—Permit me to reply to the contention of William R. Frye that peace in the Middle East depends upon Israel. (This World, July 21).

Since June 1967 and, in fact, since 1948, Israel has made countless offers toward permanent peace with the Arab States. Every offer has been spurned.

The new crop of rumors mentioned by Mr. Frye have all, at one time or another, been categorically denied by the Arab States.

While Israel still stands ready and willing to talk with the Arabs, either alone or with an intermediary—any place, any time, any where—to negotiate their problems, the Arab States have adamantly maintained their position as stated by them of "no recognition, no negotiations, no peace with Israel."

The key to peace in the Middle

East lies with Nasser. His strength is such that after two disastrous wars and severe economic setbacks, he continues to be the one spokesman for the Arab world. Even his attempted resignation was rejected by the popular demand that he stay in leadership. Who is to say that the people of the United Arab Republic will follow Nasser only in defeat and despair and not in peace and development? If Nasser really wants peace, he has the strength to wage peace.

LOUIS STEIN,
Area Manager,

State of Israel Bonds

San Francisco

A Hip Shot

Editor — In your July 29 story about the police row with the Pacifica children, you say that the chief of police "tried to fire a hip shot from his cannister of Mace and ended up gassing himself in the face."

What do you mean "tried?" I think it was a very hip shot indeed.

M. LEA

San Francisco.

'Win in Vietnam'

Editor — You need to do some homework. Your editorial Tuesday morning about the Republican platform plank on ending the Vietnam War can be summed up in a few words: we don't have anything to negotiate.

We are not saving South Vietnam, we are destroying it. We have paused in our bombing in the North, allowing the North Vietnamese Army to repair all of the damage we have done. (We never did put anything out of action up there, except a few miles of road, some antiquated railroad tracks, but spared the power plants, bridges, docks, river shipping, factories, etc.)

The NVA, with damage repaired and time to devote to warmaking, are now able to mount and sustain full scale assaults on the American troops, while the South Viet-

namese mount a full scale assault on our pocketbooks . . .

We have no right to stop the bombing unless we are ready to take our forces out of Vietnam. If we cannot support our men with everything short of the atomic bomb, Democrats and Republicans have no right to pontificate in Miami and Chicago. Korean peace has never been established. It is still a truce, if you will recall. We were never allowed to win that conflict. Now it is the Pueblo — which must keep our leader awake, if he has a conscience.

The conflict in Vietnam is a trial without end. We are not being allowed to win it, even for the South Vietnamese. Billions have been poured into destruction of the South Vietnamese countryside. We shall eventually be called upon to pay the restoration bill. Billions have been poured into countries all over the world, many of which now revile us in the worst terms . . .

Unless the public officials of the United States set a moral example and maintain the faith of the people, there is only one other conclusion. We have more laws on the books than any other nation. However, in the final analysis, we can never legislate obedience. There must be a return to God, who is not dead, but very worried.

HOMER G. MURPHY.

Belmont.

The Good Ones

Editor — I was at the San Francisco International Airport the other morning and had a chance to see the Bay Area contingent of swimmers preparing to fly to Lincoln, Nebraska, for a national swim meet.

I wish all those people who say the rebelling hippie-type students will be our leaders of tomorrow could see what a real clean cut leader of tomorrow really looks like.

I'll take these young people any day.

JACK HOOVER.

Palo Alto.

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Friday, August 2, 1963

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Other 'Well Paying' Jobs

Editor — According to your labor correspondent, Dick Meister's report July 29, the State Department of Employment says a reduction of hostilities in Vietnam will lead to "swift and sizeable layoffs from these well-paying jobs."

Since the ultimate source of these "well-paying jobs" is the checkbook of the American taxpayer, there may be a long list of other well-paying jobs that would be an investment rather than a liability as is the billion dollar war in Vietnam, reforestation, beautification of cities, adequate mail service, libraries open on Sundays, etc. etc. etc.

GOTTFRIED HESSE

Berkeley

Where's the Outrage?

Editor — Is our government so helpless vis a vis our ally in South Vietnam, or have we lost all sense of honor and justice that we make no demands over the outrageous trial and imprisonment of Truong Dinh Dzu, whose crime was that he spoke for peace for his war-torn land?

We are told that our Mission in Saigon is "embarrassed." We ought to be outraged.

HUBERT N. DUKES

Berkeley

Pope and the Pill

Editor — Pope Paul's encyclical does not affect me since I am not a Catholic. I am, however, a member of the human race, and as such I react strongly to a proposal which promises to perpetuate one of the fundamental causes of human misery, overpopulation.

I have just returned from India, a country whose population has reached the point where there is literally no way to avoid massive famines during the next two decades. India's population is now half a billion, and this number will double before the turn of the century.

It was just a little over 20 years ago that India's greatest man, Ma-

hatma Gandhi, made the terrible blunder of opposing all forms of birth control and wasted much of his valuable time and energy fulminating about the evils of contraception. India is already beginning to pay a heavy price for having listened to Gandhi, and the world will suffer similarly if Pope Paul's encyclical is in any way taken seriously.

THOMAS L. CLARK

Berkeley

Reagan vs. UC

Editor — It would be refreshing to have some constructive thinking from Hitch, Heyn, et al. instead of complaints and accusations that Reagan is anti-education.

They might compare their personal property and income taxes of this year with those of previous years, which should enable them to divine that taxes are rising and that Reagan is only trying to do what the people voted for him to do.

They could look at the University of California's image. It's not pretty, nor conducive to sacrifices by taxpayers — and much of the blame for this image lies at academia's door.

They could give some serious thought to stretching the multi-millions poured into the University by taxpayers each year. So far about the only constructive proposal has come from Regent Reagan, namely, let professors teach six hours of classes weekly instead of just five.

GOE C. McNUFF

Oakland

Editor — Governor Reagan has suggested that the University of California can handle a few thousand extra students per year without a decline in standards, just by adding one more course to each instructor's load. After all, he says, we only teach five class hours a week.

I suspect that Governor Reagan himself is taking life a little easily. I doubt if he is really averaging five hours of speaking to his con-

sumers per week. Perhaps he spends some of his time on paperwork, personal interviews, committees and even in reading.

Those paltry five class hours are the equivalent of about a hundred pages of written material a week, three thousand pages a year, to be digested from perhaps as few as a hundred new books and a thousand new issues of journals in one's field every year. Just incidentally, the increase in load plus the poor salaries and facilities at UC would simply eliminate recruitment and hasten the departure of the present faculty, let alone the effect on the student who, some may recall, have already forcefully expressed their views about the adequacy of instruction. But perhaps that's not what Governor Reagan thinks of as a "major change in the academic or educational role of the university."

MICHAEL SCRIVEN

Professor of Philosophy,
University of California

Berkeley

The Contrast

Editor — What a contrast in our handling of the Pueblo incident and that of the air transport carrying troops and others to the Far East.

In the latter incident, involving the Russians, an apology was forthcoming from Washington within 48 hours and the plane crew and passengers were released even though there still remains a shadow of doubt that the plane encroached on Russian territory until forced to do so.

In the former case, it is almost an established fact that the ship did encroach on Korean territory, but up until now, someone along the line in Washington is too stubborn to apologize and the crew is still in custody. Thousands of reservists were called to active duty (and are still there — many in Korea) because of this incident which could have been settled within 48 hours as with the Russians.

GEORGE W. FRANZMAN

San Rafael

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Overloaded

Editor—C. F. Clark's letter Tuesday about Post Office service noted that the number of employees increased just under 13 per cent in two years and asked "How much did our population or business increase in that time?" The answer is simple — the volume of mail handled by the Post Office has increased 14 per cent in the last two years.

As a letter carrier I must sadly note that the quality of the service I perform is declining as I try to cope with an ever increasing amount of mail.

A. W. EBERT

Berkeley

Honors to Hector

Editor — Hector Berlioz, the great French composer and one of the most original voices in the history of Western music, died one hundred years ago next March.

There are special reasons why San Francisco and the San Francisco Symphony Association should be making plans for an appropriate commemoration.

The late Pierre Monteux was a dedicated and accomplished champion of Berlioz.

The San Francisco Symphony's new permanent conductor, Seiji Ozawa, has demonstrated a special affinity and talent for Berlioz' music.

Hector Berlioz was an original and independent man. He would have appreciated San Francisco; and hopefully the city government, in cooperation with the French Consulate and the Symphony Association, will make plans for a ceremony in his honor.

JOHN M. ANDERSON

Sausalito.

Open Elections

Editor — If the purpose of our presidential elections is to put the people's choice in office, I find the present electoral contortions aggravating.

Surely the simplest and most equitable arrangement would be to

hold national primaries for all parties. The winners would meet in the November finals. This would allow the popular candidate to be elected, and would mean that backdoor candidates would have to declare their intentions openly or shut up. And people like Hubert Humphrey would need more than the glad hands of status quo delegates to steal their party's nomination.

As the winner would take all, it would also dispense with the electoral college, an extraordinary anachronism and affront to the true democratic process.

MARTIN RUSSELL.

Mill Valley.

Why Eagle Is Bald

Editor — The first blunder of the Johnson Administration is not yet fully understood. The reverse of our Kennedy half dollar disguises a chronic tragedy. Insecticides in their food render bald eagles infertile. A few more years and they will vanish from North America along with the carrier pigeon and whooping crane. Nature's penalties for disturbing her ecology are startling, unforeseeable and permanent.

A President's exclusive seal of office is out of place on common coins, and that mistake becomes ambiguous under your magnifying glass when you discover near the eagle's left leg initials of a mint employee.

Poor taste and skimpy silver for such pieces lose prestige in the dollar abroad.

W. D. HACKNEY.

Santa Barbara.

Save Mt. Olympus

Editor—I recently returned from a visit to the United States at the invitation of the State Department.

The highlight of my visit was my stay in your beautiful city. But I was very distressed at some of the new buildings recently completed and the plans for further developments. It would be a terri-

ble tragedy if the character of such a great and lovely city was destroyed.

I was particularly distressed to hear of plans to build on the summit of Mount Olympus, with its quite exceptional view. I am sure that many hundreds of thousands of visitors would endorse my plea that the summit should be preserved as part of the heritage of the city, for future generations.

HUMPHREY TAYLOR,
Opinion Research Center.

London.

Open the Schools

Editor—One of the primary causes of our urban crisis is poor education; one of the biggest obstacles to better schooling is overcrowded buildings. Has anyone noticed all of the deserted schools this summer?

Why can't schools be operated all year?

Suppose the schools were run on a quarter system. Each child would be expected to attend three quarters out of four. He would spend the same amount of time in schools as he does now. But the quarters would be staggered so that only 75 per cent of the students would be in attendance during any one quarter. This can be interpreted as a 25 per cent increase in facilities or a like decrease in class size.

San Francisco is not an agrarian society. Our climate does not follow the normal seasonal pattern of New York, for example. So two of the traditional reasons for closing schools do not really apply to us. Furthermore, empty buildings still cost us money.

ROBERT A. CALHOUN,
San Francisco.

It's Spinach

Editor—Governor Reagan's refusal to proclaim a United Nations Day because he doesn't like some of its actions is like refusing to eat because you don't like spinach.

LINDA GRANT.

Richmond.

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Tuesday, August 6, 1968

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spirit of Birth

Editor—If those two old political charlatans Nixon and Humphrey are nominated, it will be a victory for the politicians and a defeat for the country that all of us will pay for dearly. They are both so deeply obligated, such complete tools of the bosses, and personally so opportunistic that they cannot possibly meet the great problems at hand...

A spirit of birth is in the air. Let us be good midwives and not hold it back. Vote for McCarthy.

ANDREW NOBLE, M.D.
San Rafael.

Farm Workers' Plight

Editor—California growers are becoming desperate in their fight to prevent unionization of farm workers. Although they used violence successfully to force withdrawal of picket lines in the Coachella Valley, they are finding that not even a grandstand \$25 million lawsuit will stop the highly effective boycott of California table grapes. Their latest ploy is a reversion to tactics used and discredited during the 1966 Delano strike: a propaganda effort to convince the public that farm workers neither want nor need a union (The Chronicle, August 1). Both assertions are patently untrue.

Working conditions in the field fall far below the minimum standards of decency that Americans have a right to expect. There are no toilet or washroom facilities available for food crop pickers. As many as 100 people may have to drink out of the same cup — and consider themselves lucky there is any water at all. No one of us would tolerate this at our place of employment. Why must the farm worker?

Not only does he suffer such indignities, but he does it at a rate of pay which is totally inadequate to allow a man working alone to support his family. Everyone works, including the women and

older children. The younger ones are brought out to the field and left to fend for themselves because there is no one to look after them. If the husband were given the decent minimum wage he deserves, the rest of the family could be at home where they belong.

A union is the only means by which the farm worker can secure the benefits which we already have. No one else is going to do it for him.

LEROY L. MILLER,
THEODORE R. LAKEY.
Madera.

A Man Who...

Editor — The press and the liberals now realize that George Wallace is going to receive a lot of votes and he is shaking up both the Democrats and Republicans.

Millions of voters disgusted with both major parties are casting a protest vote.

Also Herb Caen, Eldridge Cleaver, H. Rap Brown, the NAACP, CORE and the U. S. Supreme Court are helping us and the liberals and the professional campus agitators.

We who are voting for Wallace don't expect him to win but to serve warning that in 1972, instead of carrying six or seven states, an impact will be felt in the north and east sending a message to the left wingers manning the ship of state that their course is too far to portside.

J. R. STOTTMORT.
San Francisco.

Grievances

Editor — Unfortunately, Superintendent Jenkins' solutions to the discipline problems at several San Francisco high schools smacks of attempting to cure a brain tumor with aspirin. Instituting a South African style pass system or Birmingham bullhorns completely ignores the fact that student unrest is the direct result of many legitimate grievances felt by stu-

dents at schools like Polytechnic and Mission.

When thousands of alienated minority students are compelled by law to attend outmoded schools with grossly inadequate physical plants, teachers and administrators untrained and often insensitive to the special needs of their students, irrelevant curriculum, lack of adequate counseling and general indifference to the students' efforts to improve these conditions, who can be greatly surprised if violence results.

May I call The Chronicle's attention to the efforts of a group of Polytechnic students who are meeting every Monday evening at Hamilton Church in an effort to develop creative solutions to the same problems...

NAME WITHHELD.

Vote Vegetarian

Editor — There will be less war, crime and violence in the world nationally and internationally if people will stop eating pitifully slaughtered land and water animals for food... This also applies to milk and eggs, which are by nature intended for the young animals and not for human beings.

People are stronger and healthier and have clearer minds for thinking if they live on cereals and vegetables and fruit.

H. J. RYAN.
Nashville.

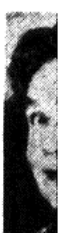
Wear Last Year's

Editor — As San Francisco's "beautiful people" rush out to purchase their first-night opera gowns for the coming season do you think that the plight of ACT or last year's strike by the S. F. Symphony will cross their minds?

Why not wear last year's dress and put the money where the culture is. At least it would be a switch.

KATHERINE GRIFFITH.
Berkeley.

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"Gee! It's the same great, fresh, new exciting act he does every four years!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anti-Sexual Clergy

Editor — With rare and unusual insight, The Chronicle on Sunday correctly noted the Twentieth Century errors contained in Pope Paul's encyclical banning the use of The Pill. The great tragedy in this Papal pronouncement is that it will certainly undo the long awaited trend toward the humanization of the Church which was started under John XXIII.

As a correlative to this imminent reversal, one can only look to thousands of Catholics, all deeply religious and sincere, finding other religious bodies which are consistent with the great strides made under those whose concern for life is every bit as knowledgeable as a clergy which clings to the anti-sexual attitude of celibacy — itself a state of being which interrupts "the transmission of life."

THOMAS M. EDWARDS.

San Francisco.

Gourmet Fare

Editor — This is an expression of enthusiastic praise, with no reservations and no "but" of the Twilight concerts at the de Young Museum.

The San Francisco Art Commission and the Museum deserve the highest compliments of all Bay Area music lovers for sponsoring these concerts.

The overflow audience proves that there is great demand for first class chamber music. The superb musicianship of the Stanford Chamber Players, with the Francisco Trio as its nucleus, proves that our local talents are second to none. I hope the sponsors find it possible to continue this gourmet fare throughout the year.

ROSEMARIE LENEL, M.D.

Berkeley.

Give Back the Land

Editor — The railroads have nearly succeeded in ending all passenger trains in this country in spite of strong protests from some of us.

I would like to suggest a com-

promise solution to this problem.

The railroads should simply return to the nation all of the lands they still retain of the millions of acres given to them in the Nineteenth Century in return for rail services. There has been precedence for this and the Department of the Interior now holds title to more than two million acres recovered from the railroads.

DAVID C. CAMPBELL.

San Francisco.

A Raise for All

Editor—Why is Mr. Johnson mad at the steel industry for raising its prices? After all he just got a raise. Didn't he know that his 10 per cent surcharge was going to give the entire economy a 10 per cent inflation impetus? . . .

I think what's good for Mr. Johnson is good for the economy. I think we should all raise our prices 10 per cent . . .

E. GROVE.

Berkeley.

Cool Haight

Editor—Thank you for the special article on "The Haight 'Killer' on the Scene." Howard Rochford and his staff at the Off Ramp Counseling Center sponsored by Hamilton Methodist Church are doing a good job seeking to cool Haight street and to assist youth in finding their way from the dead end street of drugs into constructive avenues.

I believe Rochford's analysis of the Street deserves careful consideration by the authorities and by all residents who would like to restore the creative character of the Haight Ashbury.

REV. ANDREW JUVINALL,
Pastor, Hamilton Methodist
Church.

San Francisco.

The Last Pope

Editor—Sunday's trenchant editorial "The Pope's Decision" overlooked one possible, perhaps even crucial, result of the Vati-

can's condemnation of the Pill.

Women will simply stop being Catholics as they continue to determine how many babies they will bear.

Should we withdraw from the Church, the wisdom of the men can be directed to the masculine pursuits of passion, finance, education, health, home building and child raising.

If good Pope John was the first Pope to be concerned with woman's great problem, Paul may very well be the last — Pope, that is.

ANGELA KINKEAD.

San Francisco.

The Right to Ask

Editor—John Kennedy was wrong when he said: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

We have a right to ask what our country can do for us . . . The purpose of government is to provide us with service, protection, economic security, postal and travel aids, and above all, to protect the minorities against the indolent colossus known as the majority.

The government is our servant. We support it so that it will provide. When it spends our money for the survival of its own agencies, for the extravagant misuse of power in Vietnam, and provides us with minor league leaders whose concern is patronage, we have a right to protest.

MORGAN SIXTINE.

San Francisco.

Put it Underground

Editor— . . . Why couldn't the Embarcadero Freeway be put underground with the millions that State Highway engineers had planned to spend to build the Panhandle Freeway through Golden Gate Park? I say that the tax money San Franciscans continue to pay for future freeway construction be used to depress this disgraceful concrete wall.

M. LITBOCK.

San Francisco.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Blues

Editor—I've got those "Every Four Years Blues" again, and this time a little worse than last time.

We are a great people; it is true that we are sometimes narrow bigots, and sometimes bullying tyrants; but we are generous and we have a tremendous (if infrequently used) capacity for goodness. When I reflect that as great people we govern ourselves by a process that includes such trivial little men playing such piddling little games, I don't know whether to laugh or cry.

E. F. McLAUGHLIN

El Cerrito.

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Editor The political process in this country has become about as meaningless as a Miss America Pageant, with the latter contest having a slight advantage in that the candidates are at least beautiful.

PETER L. PETRAKIS

San Francisco.

Wage Control

Editor—The S.F. Committee for fair rents and taxes is trying to turn back the clock by seeking to introduce rent control in the face of rising garbage collection rates, higher taxes and all around higher costs of repair and maintenance.

Would it not be better to start at the same time to control plumbers, painters, electricians, and carpenters wages?

GEORGE GOODWIN.

San Francisco.

Love Letter

Editor—We were fortunate enough to be able to visit your city on our vacation and tour celebrating 35 years of marriage.

We fell in love with San Francisco and wanted the citizens to know just how much we enjoyed their wonderful climate, wondrous natural beauties and warmth and courtsey extended to us by each and everyone. One of the old-

fashioned virtues was to write a "Thank You" note whenever you enjoyed a visit with someone and my husband joins me in appreciation of a beautiful, clean and courteous metropolis.

We were very proud to see the beauties of our Pacific Coast and proud to be Americans.

Thank you all. I hope we can come back again before too long.

MR. & MRS. JAMES POPE.

Bethpage, New York.

Good News

Editor—For the first time in recent years I have found a newspaper that does not glorify the blood and guts of this now blood and guts oriented America . . . The Chronicle has been putting it on the inside, where it belongs. Almost all other newspapers have to splash that type of news on the front page so their papers will sell.

DENNIS L. SHEPHERD.

Davis.

Last Oasis

Editor—The article headed "The Dying Luxury Liner" by Michael Grieg Monday gives readers an unfortunate and completely erroneous impression that Matson Lines' California-Hawaii passenger ship service is nearing an end. Not only is this a disservice to Matson, which has been dedicated to service the Pacific cruise market for more than half a century, but it reflects unfavorably and unfairly on the entire Pacific cruise industry, which, in fact, has never been more buoyant than it is today.

The Trans-Pacific Passenger Conference (TPPC), which represents steamship lines serving the Pacific, has reported a steadily growing volume of cruise business on all routes served by member lines. Many of the lines report full bookings as far as two years in advance. The Lurline in the Hawaii service and Matson's South Seas cruise liners Mariposa and Monterey are carrying near capacity passenger loads virtually the year

round. It is significant that the Lurline's Honolulu-San Francisco trip on which Mr. Greig based his conclusions was a sellout. This has been the pattern on the liner's regular Hawaii runs and her special four-island cruises and the Aca-pulco cruise.

Unlike the railroads, many of which apparently have given up on passenger service, the Pacific steamship lines have launched a long-range sales and promotion program through the TPPC, of which I am general chairman.

Matson and the other TPPC members have unbounded faith in the future of ocean travel, particularly in the Pacific. Jet travel represents an entirely different market. We are confident that there will always be a market for steamship cruising, a last oasis in a hurrying world.

MATT LURIE,

Vice President,

Matson Navigation Company.
San Francisco.

Haight Street Story

Editor—The Donovan Bess story Monday ably outlined the speed problem of Haight street. The youthful methamphetaminophiles of 1968 are not the pacific boys and girls of 1966 nor the articulate, politically active Diggers of 1967.

City officials, except for a few who have had the time and curiosity to make inquiries, continue to disregard the impact of speed and the glassy-eyed hostile young who are sold on speed runs. (Some of these runs cater to the use of heroin, which pot and LSD derivatives did not necessarily encourage.) Speed runs require injections, often with dirty needles.

Any solution to the physical or social incoherence of Haight street must rely on medical treatment for those severely damaged by methamphetamines.

JAMES BROWNE,

President,

Haight-Ashbury

Neighborhood Council.

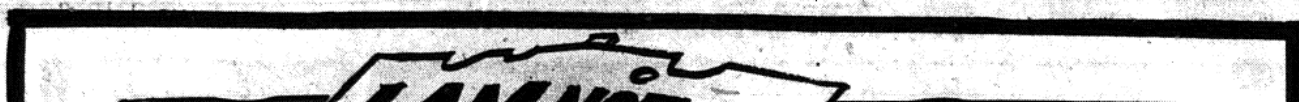
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Risky Tax

Editor — I recently read in The Chronicle that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will soon be again considering a commuter tax in spite of the fact that State legislation has been passed which would preclude it. It is the opinion of the State's attorneys, as well as the surrounding Bay Area County Government attorneys, that such a tax is illegal in California. However, this matter will obviously be decided by the courts after it has been challenged.

The City and County of San Francisco appropriates an extensive amount of money, annually, in order to encourage tourists who obviously spend considerable money in the city, which helps the economic stability of San Francisco. Tourists receive very little governmental service, and I feel that the commuter is in the same category. It seems to me that if a commuter tax is adopted there would be a very high risk of an economic boycott, not only by the commuters of the Bay Area counties, but other residents as well. This will be unfortunate for the economy of San Francisco and, therefore, should be avoided.

I would strongly suggest that the San Francisco businessmen voice their sentiments to the Supervisors in order to avoid a diverse economic impact.

MICHAEL MITCHELL,
Auditor-Controller,
County of Marin

San Rafael

'Let's Get to Work'

Editor — The gift to San Francisco by the State of California of our Port, is one of the greatest pieces of good fortune San Francisco has ever experienced.

Now, let's get together and make this Port, and this whole Bay Area one of the greatest harbors in the world.

Let's forget tearing down useful and necessary structures like the Embarcadero freeway. The cost of the tear down and subterranean

replacement will be greater than that necessary to modernize the port. Let's build, not destroy.

We need a second deck on the Golden Gate Bridge. We need a Southern Crossing. We need a freeway connection between our bridges. We need some ferries from and to Marin county . . . We need industrial parks in San Francisco. We need more Bay to Delta water traffic.

Let's get to work.

LOUIS ETS-HOKIN
San Francisco.

Blood Letting

Editor — The Johnson-Rusk policy favoring blood letting in Vietnam promotes blood letting in American cities. The \$30 billion squandered annually on Vietnam, if wisely applied at home, would alleviate most of our social ills, would ease our conscience, and would refurbish our image throughout the civilized world.

FRED E PERRY.
Castro Valley.

'Transmit Life'

Editor — Your presumptuous editorial of August 4 regarding the Pope's decision on birth control was shocking to many Roman Catholics. Those of us who know our doctrine could have predicted that there would be no change in doctrine before, during or after Vatican Council II.

The confusion has to be laid at the door of the press, both secular and lay, for the anticipation of a change in doctrine on this or any other question.

The Holy Father spoke in 1966. The position of the Catholic Church with respect to contraception was reaffirmed October 29, 1966, by Pope Paul. He stated once again that the thought and norms of the Church have not changed. There are those in authority who would disregard the traditional teaching of the church.

It is inconceivable to any well informed Catholic that your widely read newspaper, with a reputation

for being astute would presume to incite Roman Catholics to disregard their faith. This will now force a return to their confidence in God and confidence in themselves as parents.

Contrary to what we read in the secular press about the big bogey of population explosion myth, birth rates in the United States have dropped alarmingly for the first time in our history, which indicates that we are a declining nation.

Now is the time for orthodox Catholics to follow the beautiful and age-old teaching of Christ as reaffirmed by Pope Paul in his statement on the source of life. In the tradition of our great country, let freedom of religion prevail and let Catholic remain Catholic without harassment from the editorial writers.

MRS. ALEX MOCK.
Porterville

Trouble in BART Land

Editor — Your editorial last Wednesday points up the deep political and financial troubles of the Rapid Transit District and that these deep troubles are of BART's own making. This is so true and from the very start of the project. One is inclined to say serves them right, for BART's officials rode roughshod over the protests and warnings of many citizens during the formation of the three-county district. I voted no at the election creating the district but that is water under the bridge. It is too late for recrimination now. Too much money has been spent.

The project must be completed as quickly as possible. Further delay will only penalize the poor taxpayers who are already paying heavily for the incompetence of those who planned the project.

It might be advisable to call for the resignation of all the directors and the election of a complete new slate which would hopefully have the confidence of the people and the legislators.

DOUGLAS BEASLEY.
Walnut Creek.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Invitation

Editor — Your comments on the secessionist movement of the City of Los Angeles in The Chronicle Sunday Punch August 2 were well put.

However, I would go further. I am of the conviction that this State should be divided in half — not a new idea, certainly, but a good one. There would then be no doubt where Northern California really is.

And since we are so fond of San Francisco, we may invite you to join us.

MRS. G. F. JOHNSON
Crescent City

Drug Dangers

Editor — Your story, "Hippies, Cops and LSD Research" August 5 stressed the need for further research on LSD. Not alone is there absolutely no need for further research, but to continue this activity is harmful for it would perpetuate the idea that there might be some value to LSD. Investigations have shown that LSD has no value whatsoever, and that it is harmful in causing mental changes, insanity at times, and has led to death as a result of the lack of perception of danger.

The use of LSD has developed outside, and apart from, the practice of medicine. The articles by the "authorities" on LSD, with the exception of a rare article by a medical doctor, are from psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists, and other without medical training.

Medical doctors appreciated that LSD was one of many brain poisons which would cause a toxic delirium. Other poisons may be the result of disease and cause mental changes. Medical doctors naturally familiar with various types of delirium, would not prescribe a single dose of LSD. This substance became known in medical practice as a "toxic deliriant," and as such would produce a "toxic delirium." Doctors condemned the use of LSD, but some of the psychedelic "authorities" occupying positions

in colleges and well known institutions are still unwilling to desist.

The whole movement concerned with psychedelics has thus been carried on by doctors who are not medical doctors, and constitutes one of the cruelest hoaxes that have been perpetuated the last several years. Stern measures should be taken to prevent the further use of LSD and other similar substances which are coming into use.

CHARLES L. TRANTNER, M.D.
Vallejo.

'Dear Sir, You . . .'

Editor — I have endured your increasingly slanted reporting for 15 years. Never in the 15 years have I seen such an inane attack on Republicans as you printed August 5 on page 11 (which was NOT the editorial page) under the title "The GOP's Peculiarities."

Lucius Beebe was right. The Chronicle IS the West Coast edition of Ivestia.

GILBERT A. GREEN
Alameda.

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The offending "attack" was New York Times' columnist Russel Baker's "brief guide to the Republican party."—Editor

Preventative

Editor — It is almost ludicrous that after four years of careful deliberation the Pope condemns what two thirds of his congregation practice privately.

It is sad that untold numbers of disease and starvation caused deaths could have been prevented had the Pope, after only one year of assiduous prayer, decided in favor of birth control. Millions of people could have increased their standard of living in the last three years had they used some form of contraception. To simply say that every life is sacred and is the plan of God tends to ignore the total

The tragic circumstances under which many "sacred" lives are born and lived should be an indication that birth control devices, in

the hands of the poor, could be one of our greatest weapons in combating human misery, suffering, and over-population.

TOM WOODRING
Sacramento.

Why Bother?

Editor — Television has made us a nation of masochists. The political conventions are merely an additional turn of the screw. The Republicans in Miami inflicted upon us four days of cosmic ennui, and all of us knew in advance what the outcome would be . . .

The Democrats, as we well know, are also going to nominate someone who should have been turned out to pasture years ago — Hubert Humphrey, another born loser. And so we are asked to choose between two born losers.

My question at this point is, quite logically, why bother? If the system about which we constantly brag is so manifestly incapable of responding to the need for change, then either the system must be changed or we will all sink on this rotting ship of state.

THOMAS L. CLARK
Albany.

Improve the Port

Editor — Return of the port to San Francisco is a long cherished hope of every San Franciscan who is shamed every time he must take visitors to see departing voyagers off at Piers 35 and 50 and must run for his life to get across the Embarcadero, stumbling as he goes between railroad ties and four-lane traffic.

Surely now is the time for our local government to start plans that will include a passenger terminal and improve the neighboring piers for ocean going vessels.

Preserve us from the hoopla for an extension of Fisherman's Wharf or any more of the promotions that lead to out of scale skyscrapers that overpower and wall out the very view that makes our city different from others.

E. B. GARESS
San Francisco.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In This Corner . . .

Editor — Readers with weak hearts should be warned that Mr. Johnson will very likely heroically accept the Democratic nomination in Chicago. Humphrey is too unpredictable to be trusted carrying the ball.

M. J. VERCOE.

Monterey.

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Editor — It is now a reality that Mr. Nixon is the nominee of the Republican party. Taking into consideration there was a full moon it could have been you know who

DONALD E. COMBS.

San Francisco.

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Editor — The shadow boxer, often pictured by Arthur Hoppe in his column, turned out to be Ronald Reagan and not Nixon.

For months we have been told that Reagan was the only one to carry the South and that he could win the nomination. When Reagan finally got his round in the ring he came in a poor third and would have been practically ignored except for the captive 86 votes of the California delegation.

There is nothing for us to be proud of in the way he acted notwithstanding the publicity given him by The Chronicle and other California newspapers covering the convention. Reagan has a nice profile and engaging smile but as for political savvy on the national scene, he scored low.

Let us hope the Governor realizes he was elected as a protest against Brown and with ultra right wing money. Let him stay home for a while and learn his job and his people. He could learn much from the new Nixon, who seems anxious to follow the mandate of the people and not just a faction.

ANDERS LARSEN

Carmel Valley.

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Editor — By choosing Spiro Agnew as his running mate and thus passing up a wealth of young

and idealistic talent available in the GOP, Nixon has all but forfeited any claim that he might have had to the support of American young people. Unless the Democrats nominate Eugene McCarthy there will certainly be widespread discontent and perhaps a major defection from the traditional political system. McCarthy was able to bring back an already alienated youth into the political process.

Woe be unto the United States if in the next generation it is to be governed by the old politicians without either the participation, support or even interest of our young people.

W. RASK.

Tahoe City.

Equal Time

Editor — John M. Anderson's plea (Letters, August 6) for a fitting Symphony observance of the Berlioz centennial should also be extended to the San Francisco Opera Company.

Berlioz's finest work, "The Trojans," is scheduled for performance in October. Surely this time the Opera can give us a decent version of that work, rather than the mutilated, barely recognizable one of two years ago. The Opera thinks nothing of putting on four hours worth of Wagner at a clip. At least during the centennial year Berlioz deserves equal time.

JOHN R. ELLIOTT.

Berkeley.

Irish Sobriety

Editor — In your issue of the 6th inst., your columnist Charles McCabe gave a malicious and totally inaccurate account to your readers of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Movement in Ireland.

It is not and never was a Prohibitionist Movement. It has a totally religious basis, but obviously Mr. McCabe would not understand, let alone appreciate, supernatural values. He quotes a statement from the Movement which he says shows a completely new tolerance. What he quotes has been a funda-

mental and basic attitude from its foundation.

He refers to saloons in Grafton street. In fact there are no saloons in Grafton street. He says its membership is 100,000 down. In fact its membership stands at a record. He says there are more lapsed priests in Ireland than there are lapsed Pioneer members. I am an Irish priest, and I came from Ireland only last week. Since the Vatican Council, there has not been, literally, one single case of a priest lapsing in Ireland.

He says saloon customers are constantly seen wearing Pioneer badges. What would be their point in doing so? Personally, I never heard of its happening. If anyone ever leaves a Movement, it is surely an elementary courtesy to remove one's lapel membership badge.

It has been often remarked, and very truthfully, that no country in the world has been denigrated as much by its pen-pushers as has been Ireland. Your fifth rate columnist Mr. McCabe is a typical example . . .

REV. BRENDAN FAGAN

Novato.

Big Joke

Editor — I can't stop laughing about the hippies asking for welfare help. I thought they didn't have any hangups, that they didn't need or want anything from the squares, and that they could live on love and flower petals.

I wouldn't give them a thing unless they approached the charity window with crew cuts and clean shaven faces. Then I would hire several people to laugh at their failure . . .

WILLIE GREEN.

Carmel.

Number One Man

Editor — I am not sure that you will be pleased to know that the only reason I read The Chronicle is for Stanton Delaplaine's columns.

RUTH DE LANCEY.

Oakland.

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"Let's give 'em a whiff of gripe!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our Smoggy World

Editor—The Chronicle is to be commended for bringing to the public's attention the severity of California's smog problem. ("Scientists say 'Flee Smoggy L.A.'", August 12.)

The truth is, however, that smog is not an exclusive Los Angeles problem. Nine months of testimony before my Committee revealed that within 10 years San Francisco's air will be as polluted as is Southern California's.

May I urged Chronicle readers to write the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington requesting a waiver from the Federal government so that my recently enacted Pure Air Act of 1968 may become operative.

JOHN FRANCIS FORAN,

Assemblyman, 23rd District
Sacramento.

Assemblyman Foran's bill would, beginning in 1970, call for the nation's strictest limits to the amount of smog producing chemicals a new car could emit and still be sold in California.—Editor

Dragon Slayers

Editor—I think we all should feel proud and thankful for the presence and efforts of two important local groups that are contributing so much to society

One group is the young idealists who are eager to lead the poor into the mainstream. The other is the police who are attempting to maintain law and order so that there will be a mainstream left to enter into. In one sense, they might be compared to two knights, each of which are anxious to save the same young damsel from the dragon of discrimination, chaos and poverty.

What is so tragic is that although both have a mutual interest, often a lack of communication

prevails. Therefore, many times, when in the midst of a righteous battle and brandishing their swords, they run the risk of clashing and setting off sparks which will ignite the fires of total destruction.

As to how we can help them avoid such a catastrophe, perhaps, we could encourage them to use the Ombudsman technique. It has been proved valuable for decades as a communication and understanding vehicle among various classes.

JOHN COUGHLIN

San Francisco

Nixon's Posture

Editor—As a teach of dance for many years to thousands of young college students I have had extensive experience in dealing with movement as unconscious expression of feelings a person may or may not wish revealed.

As something of an expert in diagnosing the effects of movement on onlookers I found myself both amused and a little appalled while viewing Richard Nixon's delivery of his acceptance speech at Miami Beach.

Mr. Nixon seems very fond of hurling both arms skyward, a movement calculated, one assumes, to show unbounded delight, good fellowship, an outgoing nature and complete mastery while ostensibly making a triple threat victory sign. This can be a perfectly workable gesture although a bit banal. If the shoulders remain in a normal position while the arms are stretched upward the effect on an audience will probably be one of delight, good fellowship, an outgoing nature and mastery, the essential person seems in full command of himself. If, as with Mr. Nixon, the shoulders are lifted to the ears with a consequent seeming disappearance of all vestige of neck the effect is not one of arms being lifted but of the rest of the anatomy being lifted by them, of being suspended, like something hanging helplessly from a clothes-

line or, more dramatically, the Hanged Man of the Tarot pack—not a very reassuring image.

In general the candidate's gestures suggested to me a lurching awkwardness and falseness through poor timing and lack of control. I trust that some competent person will be added to the coaching staff to take care of the moving visual image.

BERNICE V. G. PETERSON,
Professor of
Physical Education,
S. F. State College

San Francisco

\$275 for Everything

Editor — I found your front page article August 9 "A Glowing Report on U.S. Poverty," very enlightening. I assume the headline was meant to be sarcastic. I quote: "A family of four is considered to live in poverty if its annual income is less than \$3300. Whoever set this standard isn't living in 1968 and he definitely isn't living on \$3300 a year. That's \$275 (or less) per month for four people for rent, food and supplies, clothing, utilities, upkeep, medical care, education and incidentals. This isn't poverty — it's stark desperation.

FRANCES K. SCHRITT

San Francisco

Shock, Disgust, Etc.

Editor—To say that I am shocked and disgusted that you would publish such an article as the one Monday written by Anthony Howard of the London Observer is putting it mildly.

In the first place isn't Mr. Howard presumptuous in writing about our political candidates, and in the second place aren't you stooping pretty low to publish it?

To make fun of a man because of his choice of a church or because his tastes are simple is using newspaper space that might be put to better advantage.

DOROTHY HANAN.

San Francisco.

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