

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stockyard Horror

Editor — The hypocrisy seen at the Democratic Convention is appalling. Issuing the statement that "a democratic society welcomes criticism within the limits of the law" and including it in the platform is ludicrous in the midst of a convention surrounded by 26,000 "security men" actively preventing such demonstrations.

Chicago resembled Czechoslovakia last week. Must we allow the voices of dissent to be subdued with force?

MARY MALONEY.

Davis.

Editor — Mayor Daley must take most of the blame for creating conditions both in and out of the Convention of virtual police state tactics. These men are no better than the Kremlin leaders who have sent tanks and troops into Czechoslovakia to suppress the rights and freedoms of Czech citizens to demonstrate in the causes of justice and freedom to govern themselves.

FRANCIS D. ROSS.

Reno.

Editor — Vice President Humphrey's failure and-or unwillingness to even attempt to use his influence to prevent the beating of citizens lost the respect of myself and, I trust, of any thoughtful voter.

My most humble and heartfelt gratitude stands extended to those members of the press who in the face of danger and blatant intimidation, proceeded to meet their responsibility of obtaining the news for the citizens. Theirs is an example of true patriotism in the finest sense of the word.

ROD S. PARKER.

San Francisco.

Editor — How silly can things get? Press, radio and TV report a showdown at the Democratic Convention between "old line politicians" and "idealistic amateurs"

led by those idealistic amateurs, Mayor Daley and Jesse Unruh. They report the "outrage" of Unruh at a convention rigged for Humphrey. Translated, that means he couldn't make a deal and didn't have the votes.

Humphrey deserves the support of the convention and the people for 20 years of the most creative and imaginative thinking (Civil Rights, Medicare, Peace Corps, Food for Peace, Test Ban Treaty, Wilderness Bill, to name a few) and the incredible ability, drive and energy to win the fights that have made his dreams the law of the land.

ROGER KENT.

San Francisco.

Mr. Kent is former Democratic State Chairman.—Editor

Editor — I have sat in horror watching the Democratic convention. The use of the word democratic to describe the convention and the surrounding events is deplorable. The high handed tactics of Mayor Daley and his henchmen both inside and outside the convention hall should outrage all Americans.

KRISTINA O'DONNELL.

Atherton.

Editor — The vicious, deliberate beating of newsmen certainly lends credence to the vociferous claims of police brutality voiced by dissident youngsters in Chicago and elsewhere.

Everyone who is concerned with law and order should write to the networks urging they take legal action to insure that law and order be required of the Chicago police as well as of the people.

MRS. JOSEPH FLORES.

San Francisco.

Editor — Suddenly the "candidacy" of Pat Paulsen seems very plausible.

MICHAEL OLTON.

San Mateo.

Postscript

Editor—My husband and I read the letter from Mrs. P. H. as printed in Herb Caen's column a couple of weeks ago. She wrote of the heartache of having her daughters leave home to join the "love" generation. And, it can only be fully understood by other parents in the same situation. May I add a postscript to her story?

Shortly after I read the column, I received a call from our only "baby", saying she was sick, expecting a baby, being fired from her small job she had because of it, and the boy has deserted her. This is the "love" you see printed on everything they come near?

I realize it takes two to tango, and I'm not excluding her from blame, but nevertheless she is the one left holding the bag — and before long a baby.

She is destitute and alone and far from home. She does not want to come home to face her friends and it is financially impossible for us to go to her.

Our hearts are breaking for her, but could these so-called "love" children believe that this is what love really is?

There is nothing we wouldn't do for her now, in the past, or in the future. Until now she thought we were interfering.

There will be no recriminations, no "I told you so's" when we get her back in our arms again. Just all the love and help we can possibly give her. We are only thankful she didn't choose to try and destroy the baby, thus possibly harming herself further. And maybe by calling us, she is finally beginning to realize we didn't desert her. She knows now we are behind her all the way.

I hope and pray that Mrs. P. H.'s "babies" will someday come home before it is too late. This "free love" turns out to be not so free in more ways than one, especially for the girl.

NAME WITHHELD.

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A Hated Force

Editor — Though the Czechs in their plea for freedom and independence have not as yet called for the abolition of communism (an important fact about the possible compatibility between communism and democracy which few of us are aware of, and even less of us would care to admit), a continued Russian occupation of that country could conceivably turn them against communism. Just as the generally hated American presence in Vietnam has been the major force in the creation of Communists among the South Vietnamese.

WYNN KAPIT.

Sausalito.



Editor—The Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia should serve as a grim reminder of the fate that awaits South Vietnam as soon as American protection is removed.

K LOVELAND,
R. Adm., UN (Ret).

Vallejo.

Help Wanted

Editor—I am in my forties and have been a failure at every type of work I've tried.

I feel I could be successful as a comedian and would like to ask your readers to send me any jokes they might know.

HY BRENOFF,
6515 Franklin avenue
Hollywood.

Cavemen

Editor — There is a law and order problem because we practice what we learned as cavemen and not what we preach as civilized men. Survival of the fittest is a truth long since become a lie. There's enough for everybody. The trouble is that isms are considered more important than life. If millions starve for the health of an economic system, that system itself creates its own disorder.

We have to realize that we serve our interest best by helping others

pursue their own interest. Either we start to accent the positive or the negative will eliminate us. Wake up world, you have nothing to lose but your nightmares.

SAHAG AVEDISIAN.

Berkeley.

Hello, Sister

Editor — Having just spent 12 delightful months in your city, the news that San Francisco and Sydney are to be proclaimed sister cities is welcome indeed.

Both are places in the sun where the people and their ideas of living translate the blessings of nature into warm friendship, a genuine concern for humanity, and a preference for a smile rather than a scowl. A strong affinity has always existed but now that our family relationship has been officially recognized we should be able to look forward to a more regular exchange of news and visitors.

As a starting point I'd like to suggest that your dynamic Mayor try and fit in a flying visit to our shores. We couldn't promise him any new labor contracts, investment funds or Olympic swimming pools, but in addition to a very warm welcome he should be able to return with at least some convention bookings.

WILLIAM F. PENN.

Sydney, Australia.

Lifesavers

Editor—The bold and brave step announced by the Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge providing for life-saving barrier equipment is to be applauded by every sincere suicidologist.

The work of the Security Committee in asking for a feasibility study for a "suicide prevention squad" and the current and enduring work of Captain Edward Moore also merit heartfelt endorsement.

It is in relation to the remarks attributed to Dr. Jesse Carr of the University of California Medical Center that I am writing in (perhaps) open disagreement.

Dr. Carr suggests that saving

lives at the bridge site may not reduce the suicide number in the Bay Area. There are persuasive data that suggest otherwise.

1. Some suicides are of a romantic-site-stimulated nature — the "lore" and special reputation of the bridge as a suicide site should not be disregarded; this tradition and folklore may play some role in exacerbating a suicidal impulse. The suicide prevention work in Japan, especially at certain noted suicide sites, well illustrates this phenomenon.

2. Some suicides are of an impulsive and time-limited nature. Who can assert that every suicide saved at one time inevitably then kills himself at another place?

3. Suicide prevention at one site fosters prevention throughout the community; it speaks of concern (which borders on care) rather than abandon; it is on the benign side of civic concern. Protecting citizens from their own transient impulses and from the suicidal magnetism of the bridge is a laudatory and beneficent act on the part of the Bridge Directors.

The Bridge Directors' efforts to prevent suicide at the bridge site should be enthusiastically endorsed as a distinguished act (albeit overdue) of humanity and common sense.

EDWIN S. SHNEIDMAN, Ph.D.,
Chief, Center for Studies
Of Suicide Prevention,
U.S. Dept. of Health,
Welfare and Education.
Chevy Chase, Maryland.

'You're Yellow'

Editor — I have read Royce Brier's outspoken and "non-partisan" critiques of the Democratic party quite often, but the "Ideas and the Use of Force" of August 27 was the lowest of yellow journalism ever published in this country. You can't go any lower by comparing our President with the Kremlin hierarchy.

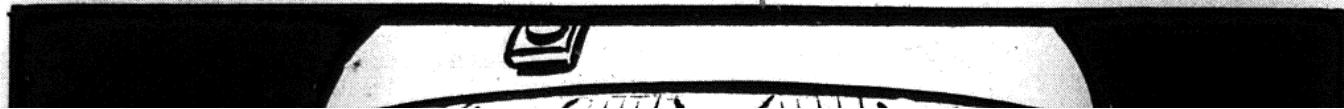
J. M. SZYFER.
San Francisco.

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One Like Daddy's

Editor — As Brown Bag Day grows near, I would like to give the restaurateurs of San Francisco a little word of encouragement.

It won't last long. The wives of those who have children (and why else do people move to the suburbs?) won't let it. When the kids start nagging, "Why can't you get up a little earlier and make us lunch in a brown bag like Daddy?" Daddy will no longer be a bad example to the children. It is so much easier and less expensive to shove the kids out the door with their 35 cents for the school cafe.

D JONES

San Francisco.

The Week That Was

Editor — It is beyond my comprehension that a party which is politically viable would seek its own destruction. That is just what the Democratic party did in voting against the pervasive feeling in this country by continuing the present war policy in Vietnam.

In good conscience I cannot support the Democratic party . . .

PAULA E. ROKAW

Los Angeles.

Editor — It seems some newspapermen have to have their own heads beat in to discover that there is police violence at demonstrations.

MALVINA REYNOLDS

Berkeley.

Editor — I would rather have my children watch shoot-em ups on television than the disgusting and deplorable manner our delegates conducted themselves at the convention.

I was truly shocked to see the rudeness and obvious disinterest

shown by the delegates. I had those who were speaking to them from the platform, and amazed at the lack of courtesy shown each other . . .

SUSAN HEUMPHREUS

Pacifica.

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Editor — Mayor Daley has assured the Republicans a victory in the upcoming elections.

J. LA RUE

San Anselmo.

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Editor — The results of both conventions bring to mind H. L. Mencken's definition of democracy — "The theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard."

GLENN DORENBUSH

San Francisco.

America The Dead

Editor—America is dead. What was once the land of the free and the home of the brave is now the land of the slave and the home of the fearful.

Man is a slave to the timeclock, the deadline, the mortgager, the finance man, the boss, the customer. Each of us is somewhere in the middle questing for things and wishfully thinking that things will yield serenity and peace and love. Man is a fool because he has ascribed the term "needs" to what are desires and he is running around in circles to satisfy his "needs" with no time to pause for evaluation of his effort.

Man's need is one: food. Man's desire is one: love. All human activity revolves around these nuclei. Every human function can be lifted out of its complex environment; reduced and simplified and be found to be only an effort to satisfy our hunger for food or love.

Our planet has grown so large in achievement and so small in communicating about our achievement that we are subject to envying the achievements of people half way around the world even though we will never see these people, know them or be materially affected by their achievements. Except for one thing: our ego prods us into an effort to top the achievements. Most of us are playing "topper;" and if it were not so sad, it would be funny. There is only one top; conversely there is only one bottom. Hence, all but two of us are in the middle; and most of us are uncomfortable.

I truly want to go somewhere — where I don't have to justify my simple thoughts to people who are snarled in everlasting questing. I simply want to be left free to peacefully seek food, love one woman and educate the product of that love. But the place is gone. It was: "And in the beginning God created . . ."

CHARLES B. THEILING.

Chicago.

Sacred Cows

Editor—Americans are quick to recognize that if India did away with her sacred cows it would help her economy. Perhaps we should be just as quick in light of the commuter tax controversy, to recognize and do away with our own sacred cows and thus spare the hapless commuter.

The two sacred cows are tax exemption of state and church properties in the cities. If the state paid property taxes on its freeways and other properties while the religious establishment paid taxes on their apartment buildings and other non-religious properties I'm sure the resultant revenue would spare the commuter and could even help the rest of San Francisco's present property tax payers.

STEPHEN M. BARR.

San Francisco.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Cynic . . .

Editor — There have been many tears, some of them crocodile, and much beating of breasts over the so-called police brutality to newsmen and delegates at the Chicago convention. Where there is so much smoke there must be fire. Let us take a look at the facts.

This was a large gathering of dedicated Democrats and newsmen. Both are noted for one thing in common. They should never allow to pass such a glorious opportunity to get plastered without doing it full justice. Among the Chicago police there were undoubtedly a large number of good Irish Democrats. That, my friend, formed an explosive mixture, and that a few heads should be busted while others were thrown in the rowdy cart was not only par for the course but strictly in the course of natural events.

Now it is time for them all to shake hands and remember the immortal words of Saint Patrick after he drove the snakes out of Ireland: "Sure, it was a terrible fight but faith it was better than no fight at all." Then they can all get together and plan a bigger and better donneybrook for four years from now.

CLIFFORD McELRATH.

Chualar, Calif.

. . . And an Optimist

Editor — Before the Democratic convention is dismissed as a total atrocity, I would like to indicate a few things about it of which Democrats in general and Californians in particular can be proud.

First of all, the Democrats in Chicago as opposed to the Republicans in Miami did air several issues and discuss them before the television and radio audiences. Though attempts to unseat some of the "lily white" delegations and to alter the Vietnam plank did fail, I was impressed that enough Democrats had the courage to raise these issues and meaningfully

challenge the conservative element of the party. The Republican plank on Vietnam was less specific than the existing Democratic plank and yet in Miami the delegates sat quietly and submissively while the platform was adopted.

The California delegation in Chicago was especially resistant to being led like docile sheep. Our delegation consistently bucked the establishment and supplied large numbers of votes for worthwhile minority positions designed to give the public a larger choice.

The Democratic convention, as it appeared to me, was a bit more representative of the people than was the Republican convention, but both have a long way to go before they will be truly representative.

Because of the California example at the Democratic convention, I believe the Democrats will attain this true representation in their conventions before the Republicans will.

JEFFREY A. THIGPEN.

Los Altos.

Story of a Church

Editor — When Bishop C. Kilmer Myers suggests that the congregation of Grace Cathedral lease the Cathedral for its own parochial uses (as disclosed by Lester Kinsolving August 26) he is either ignorant of the history of the Cathedral, or is attempting to thwart the wishes of those who founded the Cathedral more than half a century ago.

For the Cathedral congregation has a vested interest in the Cathedral, dating back to 1910.

In 1861, the Rt. Rev. William Ingraham Kip, first Bishop of California, became rector of Grace Parish. The following year, when the new Grace church was completed at California and Stockton streets, the Bishop placed his Chair there and caused it to be known as Grace Cathedral. Incidentally, he did not attempt to take over the property or finances of this affluent Parish.

The old Cathedral was destroyed by fire in 1906 and subsequently the Crocker family gave to the Diocese the block of land where their homes had stood for a new Cathedral.

In February 1910 "by unanimous arrangement with the vestry and the necessary legal procedure, old Grace Parish, with its name, its property, its rights and its endowments, with its parochial district and cure of souls, was fully and financially transferred to and merged in the newly formed Grace Cathedral Corporation."

Since the congregation of old Grace Parish turned their property, endowments and parochial district to the Cathedral Corporation, it would appear the congregation has a definite financial interest in the Cathedral and should not be called upon to lease the building they assisted in financing.

Bishop Myers is quoted as saying "The Cathedral is not the Dean's church. It is the church of the Diocese and the Bishop." If this is so, why did the original statutes of the Cathedral provide that the Bishop might celebrate the Holy Communion, or preach at any regularly appointed service in the Cathedral "whenever he shall so desire, by a three days' notice to the Dean?"

Perhaps Bishop Myers is not familiar with the views of the Rt. Rev. William Ford Nichols, second Bishop of California who started construction of the present Cathedral.

Speaking at the Diocesan Convention of 1913, Bishop Nichols said: "There is a sense in which it is the Bishop's Church, but while this is both in theory and practice an essential of the situation to symbolize the official seat of duly constituted authority, still the Cathedral, thank God, is more of a sphere for moving than for sitting down in a seat, for service than for session, for ministration than for administration."

COL. CARROLL PEEKE.

San Francisco.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Bad Year

Editor—Our fearless McCabe should have added a footnote to his recent dissertation on the joys of the grape:

Politics is like wine. This is a poor year.

WILLIAM COYLE.

Project City.

'My Unruly Country'

Editor—Of Bolivian birth, naturalized American, at heart as I am a firm supporter and defender of democracy, I can't help not to thank you for your editorial welcoming the officers and men of the newly formed Bolivian Merchant Marine.

Bolivia is an unjustly locked-land nation, closed between the Andean peaks and the inland Pacific. As the heritage of Bolivar's foresight and wisdom it was established with an extensive coastline on the Pacific, which was grabbed by Chile on an unjust premeditated war on the pretext that the Bolivian government had no right to impose a few cents tax to allow export of Bolivia's well known saltpeter beds exploited by Chilean capital investors.

To clarify your readers, permit me to state that the main Bolivian port's name was Antofagasta, not Arica, which at the same war of 1879 was lost by Peru to Chilean forces, as Peru years before had subscribed a secret defense treaty with Bolivia, sensing Chile's intentions.

As history unfortunately confirms, it seems that Bolivar's pre-dilect daughter — who bears his name as a lifetime memorial to his name — became to be "The Christmas Turkey" of her supposed generous sister republics, which at some time or another have voraciously carved Bolivar's patrimony to the unfortunate Bolivian people.

The first unforgettable Bolivian "heart tearing" was perpetrated by Chile in 1879. Then came Brazil's bite of El Acre then a great producer of "cucho" (crude rubber) and now known to Brazilians as

Territorio de Acre. This was followed by Argentina's famous "laduo" (decision as arbiter of the dispute) handing out Leticia to Peru.

But the disgrace didn't stop there, as not long ago, strongly supported by Argentina came the biggest territorial amputation of the Bolivian's Chaco, delivered to Paraguay, which has doubled its territorial size.

All in all, unfortunate Bolivia has been reduced by at least one quarter of its original patrimonial territory thanks to her charitable sister republics.

Allow me also to correct, to me an unexplainable error, to present La Paz, as Bolivia's capital, while the irreversible fact is that Sucre — in honor to one of the heroes of independence, Marshal Antonio Jose de Sucre — is the constitutional capital of Bolivia. La Paz is the residence of the government, including the House of Representatives and Senators, through a "revolution" which took place many years ago and sporadically shows its powers in the unruly country of my birth, though I earnestly hope that someday may become a real democracy.

FRANCESCO ARDILES.

San Francisco.

Buy Grapes, He Says

Editor—It is surprising and shocking that some religious leaders in San Francisco are endorsing the boycott of California table grapes. Their action is proof that they are either uninformed on the subject matter or are being pressured to speak.

Statistics show that in April of this year, California had a composite farm wage rate of \$1.61, one of the highest in the nation. Grape workers this year will average about \$2.50 an hour and have some of the finest working conditions in the country.

In the event this boycott succeeds, it can very easily spread to other fields of agriculture and only create unemployment and hardship for those they would attempt to assist.

Many responsible employers,

paying relatively high wages and furnishing extra benefits to the workers could be forced out of business for the lone interest of one, Cesar Chavez, whose most important goal is the control of the California farm labor market. . . .

I suggest everyone continue buying California grapes.

FRANK ECKER.

Modesto.

'Sheer Nonsense'

Editor—Episcopal Bishop C. Kilmer Myers is disturbed by the assertion in Herb Caen's column (Aug. 30) that he favors turning the Cathedral School for Boys into "some kind of urban training center." Such a report is sheer nonsense and its author must know it; the school is independently administered by its own board of trustees and the present building was only completed last year as a school. At no time has it ever occurred to Bishop Myers that it be used for any other purpose and so far as we know the first suggestion that it be so utilized was the one in the Caen column.

HOWARD FREEMAN,
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
OF CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco.

Let's Have Music

Editor—We've just returned from a vacation in Vancouver, B.C. Among several pleasant experiences (clean, rapid bus transportation, benches at practically all stops — by the way, why don't we have any?), we were particularly enchanted with the midday chime, played to the tune of the first words of the Canadian national anthem: "O Canada."

Not wanting to be bested, I suggest that in lieu of whistles, sirens, tolling bells, etc., our city fathers treat us to a few seconds of music at the noon hour to the tune of "San Francisco."

Anyone care to join my crusade?

MRS. A. BASHKIROFF.
San Francisco.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Have a Ball'

Editor—I don't understand all this fuss about Alcatraz. Why not put a chain around it, put all the agitators on it, give them a printing press, paint, Molotov cocktails and all the guns our Mayor has collected. Then airdrop a ton or so of our surplus rice and beans every week or two and let them have a ball. The farmers would probably even throw in grapes for dessert.

E. B. JONES.

San Francisco

Ah, Freedom

Editor—We have arrived at an age of enlightenment, freedom and permissiveness.

Yes, you can now skinny dip in the Pacific Ocean in Federal waters without the danger of arrest by our heroic police force . . . Within a stone's throw of the conservative Bible Belt and Birch country near beautiful Santa Cruz it is happening. Patriotically called the RWB Beach, all comers regardless of race, age, color, creed, marital status, or intentions are welcome for a minimal parking fee on the farmer's land facing the blue Pacific.

ERIC NORD.

San Jose.

How to Win

Editor—I'm a refugee from Chicago summers, the last three incredibly rough, hot, humid, violent. My friends in California are good enough to take me in.

My apartment in Chicago fronts the lake, close to the Loop, and is known as a nice place to live. Yet I dare not go out day or night in the summer. Heat literally makes the blood boil, the blood of taxi-drivers, bus drivers, over-worked police, and two million Negroes trying to break their way out of the heartbreak of the South Side.

Mayor Daley does try to contain the ugliness of deprivation and strikes, but I won't apologize for his consuming ambition to control the Democratic party, thus forcing Chicago on the Democrats two weeks ago.

A far more fascinating Illinois

ploy, the essence of respectability, was disregarded during the convention hullabaloo. Illinois Governor Otto Kerner, securing his Lt. Governor Shapiro's nomination and virtual election as incumbent governor, recently "accepted" a U.S. Judgeship, leaving the last six months of Illinois government to Shapiro.

Without discourse on the laws of the land that permit such happenings, may I say that a parallel in our national situation exists at the moment? If LBJ were to get himself lost in a judgeship, or a professorship (already reserved for him) immediately, he'd strengthen Humphrey's chances for election, not as a candidate, but as incumbent, the "man who" settled our national problems in two months as President pro-tem.

ELEANOR BAKER.

Los Altos.

Bear Bares Itself

Editor—The invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet Union and its satellites teaches us two things: that the Communist parties of Poland, East Germany, Hungary and Bulgaria have surrendered to the Soviet Union leadership powers which belong exclusively to the people — they participated in the invasion with consulting their respective people, and that the Soviet Union did not want an independent movement in Czechoslovakia which would be primarily concerned with the interests of its own country, not merely serving as a tool of Soviet foreign policy . . .

But Lenin said: "Socialism is seen as a reflection of reality, and reality differs from country to country; therefore, each nation must develop its own approach to and its own forms of socialism. Failure to adhere to this principle means unnecessary difficulties in developing socialism and possibly even failure, with resulting harm to the whole socialist movement."

Communism is no longer the "enigma wrapped in a puzzle" as Winston Churchill had once figuratively described the Soviet re-

gime. It now again becomes manifest that communism is an instrumentality of the Soviet Union, employed by it in the guise of an international agency to impose the Soviet regime's will upon its satellite states.

NEDJELKO SULJAK.

Davis.

The Newer World

Editor—The prophetic words of Robert Kennedy . . . last recited by his brother have come to pass — in an oblique manner.

In his book, *To Seek a Newer World*, he said "Our future may lie beyond our vision, but it is not completely beyond our control. It is the shaping impulse of America that neither fate nor nature nor the irresistible tides of history, but the work of our own hands, matched to reason and principle, that will determine destiny . . ."

The egregious happening in Chicago was indeed the works of "our own hands" and it proved more than political — it was a blatant affront to the memory of each of our recent martyrs who gave their lives in protest to the type of violence exercised against the hope of the world — the younger generation.

Perhaps the title of Senator Kennedy's book was ironic as well as hopeless. To seek a newer world — the possibilities are too great, the stakes too high, to bequeath to the coming generation only the lament of Tennyson: "Ah, what shall I be at fifty/ Should nature keep me alive/ If I find the world so bitter/ When I am but twenty-five?"

ESTHER PLOTTEL.

Burlingame.

That's the Trouble

Editor—The trouble with our country now is—the intellectual will tell you all about Marx, but he knows little about Marks, Mississippi. He doesn't even know the spot on the map.

CHARLES McAULIFFE.

San Francisco.

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Abuse

Editor — These vociferous protesters against "police brutality, U.S. imperialism, and authoritarian oppression" puzzle me for they act with inconsistent disregard for the lives and property of other citizens.

Somehow the shining dream of peace and freedom for all people fades as the libertines multiply and grow bolder in their violent abuse of their citizenship.

L. RICHARDSON

San Francisco.

A Blow for Freedom

Editor—Persons who hate the idea of centralized government have an opportunity to sharpen their teeth right in their own front yard. The problem involves the Bolinas Harbor District.

If this valiant little district wins its struggle to remain local, a great blow will have been struck for freedom and the joys of decentralized government.

The neighbors who comprise the Board of the district have held many public meetings and have developed a very good idea of what they want and what they don't want.

What they don't want appears to be the dearest wish of some outsiders, who being weighty types, seek now to dissolve the local meeting house and establish power where it can be better controlled, that is to say, over the mountain and up the river, far away from the affected area and the people who live there.

This is a simple cause, but it embodies all the elements of the democratic struggle to maintain local government.

PROCTOR JONES

San Francisco.

History Lesson

Editor — To understand why many Democrats hesitate to accept the results of the Chicago convention one must recall a little history. We got sucked into World War I after re-electing Woodrow Wilson

because "he kept us out of war." We elected Franklin Roosevelt in 1940 after he promised "again, and again, and again" that we wouldn't get involved in World War II. We voted for John F. Kennedy thinking that we were acquiring a peaceful administration, and, as a result, got the Bay of Pigs and the start of the Vietnam mess. We gave Lyndon Johnson a record majority as a means of rejecting Goldwater's trigger-happy foreign policy only to end up with that very program.

Well, this doesn't add up to a very impressive record of honest dealing with the American people on the vital issues of peace and war. The chief victims of these deceptions have been the sincere Democrats themselves. Some of us feel guilty about having been duped into abetting these instances of fraud in the past. We are determined not to let it happen again. Nothing that we saw come out of Chicago reassures us on this point.

ARTHUR K. SMART.

Mill Valley.

The People's Will

Editor — If the AFL-CIO is willing to endorse the war in Vietnam and Republican contestants for local office, then it is just as well that Jesse Unruh doesn't get their endorsement. Unruh has found the people's will. When will the AFL-CIO?

NICK McCLELLAN.

Oakland.

Threat

Editor — I have read with regret the constant threat that hangs over Highway 50. Now a possible four mile tunnel is being proposed to hasten traffic over Echo Summit. What is the big hurry to get to Tahoe? Millions of dollars will be spent to enable a motorist to make his trip a half hour faster.

Originally, one drove to the mountains for their beauty and serenity. Now we may have to drive through a dark tunnel and possibly suffer from claustrophobia. Besides, we would be missing

the beauty of the tall pines and the grandeur of the lofty peaks.

I beg the men in our legislature and on the highway commission not to dwarf the Sierra. We have one fast route to Nevada over Interstate 80. That's enough cement and asphalt.

ANITA ZAMBRESKY.

Pebble Beach.

'I Love Trains'

Editor — Proposals to save the Zephyr are good news to me. Here in California there must be at least a million old timers who would just love to once again go East on the train to enjoy the scenery and the old places of their youth.

I for one would enjoy going back to see the old Ohio river from Wheeling to Marietta and visit the places of my childhood and see all the changes.

Why can't both the City of San Francisco and the Zephyr run excursions every two weeks to all parts of the country. The prices could be very low, enabling us to save and look forward to a trip. It would be a real tonic for us old folks. Trips could be arranged a month in advance, assuring a full ~~pay~~ ^{small} round trip fare would not hurt the airlines. We just love the trains.

WILLIAM HENKELMAN

Yountville.

Disaster

Editor—A "state of disaster" certainly does exist in Berkeley. The extent of the disaster was clearly shown by the front-page picture last Wednesday of two armed and helmeted Berkeley policemen pinning to the ground a petite 20-year-old girl. She must have weighed all of 100 pounds.

HOMER D. MERRILL.

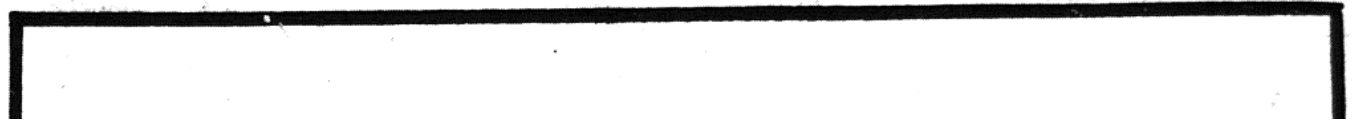
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Thought for Today

Editor — You can have your law and order. I'll take liberty and justice.

WILLIAM GOLDBERG.

New York.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sickening Appeal

Editor—The appeal for German shepherds for the armed forces is sickening. It is quite horrible that men can be turned into monsters by the military, but it is almost worse when this happens to dogs, who have no control over their lives.

Dogs are not naturally vicious; they must be taught by men to be. Owners will not be seduced by \$150 and a sense of false glory to sell their loyal animals into this kind of hell.

SUE DODD.

El Cerrito.

Are They Serious?

Editor—Surely Urban Design Associates is not serious about planting those silly palm trees along Mission street. . . .

The variety of palm shown in the sketch looks for all the world like a scraggly mop stuck in the ground. Those trees are not indigenous to the Bay Area. . . . Let's let them enjoy life in the Southern desert where the species is appropriate and, I assume, well adjusted.

PHIL PALMER.

Mill Valley.

'You're Callous'

Editor—I am dismayed by your anti-grape-boycott editorial because of its lack of basic human compassion. It only demonstrates that The Chronicle is as callous and unconcerned about the well being of a large segment of our population, as is Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and his cronies.

You deplore the spoilage of food caused indirectly by the boycott, yet, despite the fact that millions starve, growers and farmers in the past have not hesitated to plow under their crops, destroy their hogs, dump milk on the fields, because the price was not right or to avoid over production.

You suggest that the issue—unionization—should be deliberated on by Congress, not by housewives: how many of our lawmakers have in the past supported

the rightful cause of the farm workers? Do you really believe that a Hugh Burns or an Allan Grant (head of the State Board of Agriculture and of the California Farm Bureau!!!) gives a goddamn about the workers?

Are you asking your readers to share the views of your Modesto reader Frank Ecker that the "composite farm wage rate of \$1.61" is magnanimous, one to be proud of, or that the farm workers have "some of the finest working conditions in the country?"

I hope to God that the growers are "definitely hurting," and I urge everyone to boycott California grapes till it hurts more, until the growers recognize the basic rights of farm workers, rights which have long been granted to industrial workers.

ERNESTO G. AUERBACH.
Santa Clara.

Paint It

Editor—San Francisco officials can no longer ignore the necessity for completing the Embarcadero freeway. Crosstown traffic between the two bridges has reached a saturation point and there is now urgent need for a freeway connecting the Golden Gate Bridge with the Bay Bridge and the peninsula.

The Embarcadero freeway should be completed, painted a pleasing color to blend with the background, and then landscaped.

LEO E. FRAPPIER.
San Francisco.

Let Them Have Sewage

Editor—The pumping of our delta water to southern California has left the Bay Area with a unique problem. We have no water left to dilute our treated public, industrial and agricultural waste. Now we are expected to pay for a billion dollar giant sewer to dump this waste, untreated, into the ocean off the San Mateo coast. This being the cheapest way to alleviate the problem.

Reports of marine biologists have shown that the expected dumping of one and a half billion

gallons of raw sewage daily into the coastal water . . . will be disastrous to the ecology of the shoreline and ocean for two hundred miles either side of the outfall. Yet they are going ahead with public hearings on the proposal in December. Perhaps a still cheaper way to get rid of the waste is to pump it, along with the rest of our water, to southern California.

A. CARTE.

Milpitas.

Elizabeth's Grave

Editor—I was somewhat amused at your account recently of the grave marker of David Crockett's wife, Elizabeth, and the discrepancy recorded on the monument itself, which is apparent and in error.

I was also amused at the last paragraph of your story which reads "The monument which bears the inscription is topped by a statue of a pioneer woman shading her eyes against the sun."

This is an incorrect statement, as the statue portrays Mrs. Crockett looking vainly from her home in North Carolina, westward to the Alamo, for the return of her beloved husband.

This is a rich heritage that Texans cherish. David Crockett was an American first, an adventurer, and, yes, a demonstrator. He demonstrated what true patriotism was. (He was no card burner or hippie.)

I was born near Acton, Texas, and many of my people are buried near the Crockett burial plot. My grandfather settled there following the Civil War. He was a Confederate. I grew up and attended school with David Crockett's great-grand children, as well as the rest of my school mates.

J. M. WALTRIP.

Abilene, Texas.

Query

Editor—What a brilliant idea exact change and tokens for the Muni is. Why did it take so long?

DONALD E. COMBS.

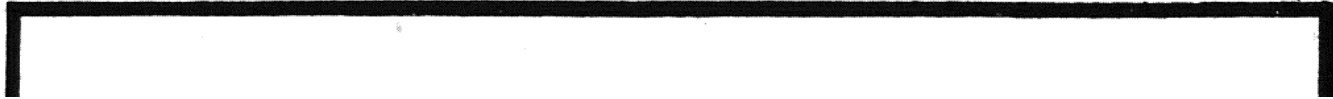
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's Beyond Him

Editor — There has been much controversy over the disturbances in Chicago, but perhaps one of the most disturbing factors was the way the news agencies covered the mess.

In *The Chronicle*, as well as other papers and magazines, the news people continued to use the harmless term "demonstrators" to describe these rioters and lawless anti-Americans.

The rioters used such weapons as blowguns with darts, balls and boards with nails forced through them, glass jars filled with black widow spiders, and rocks and bottles freely hurled at policemen doing their duty.

With this kind of tactics used why the news people continue to call the law-breaking hoodlums "demonstrators" is completely beyond me.

DAN LIVINGSTON.

Palo Alto.

Write-in

Editor—The world today is heading for disaster. In November we have a choice to make. Which candidate can turn this world from its suicidal course? In my opinion none of the candidates is able to fulfill such an important job. Are you willing to place your life in their hands?

In some of their speeches they call on God's help. In this one sentence they have given us the one and only candidate who can save us.

We as individuals were given a conscience, free will, and a responsibility to God, family, country, and every human being. Therefore our consciences forbid us to vote for a candidate who in our opinion is incapable of holding this office. Our free will and the Constitution give us the right to make our own choice for President.

There is only one course we can take in November. Jesus Christ is our write-in candidate. In His own words, "And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be

opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it shall be opened." Matthew 7-7, 8.

Jesus will answer us in our hour of need if we will call upon Him. In November why not make your write-in candidate Jesus Christ?

CATHERINE HUBBAR,
SHIRLEY KOHO.

Fresno.

What Patriots Need

Editor — A study of the three candidates who will get nearly all of the votes for President will disclose the faculties needed most to win elections. High ability of a citizen to express his views and command the greatest audiences ranks first in importance. TV or screen appearance is more important than personal appearance and may rank second. Never before have three competed who could express themselves so glibly and forcefully. Reputation for thinking power, credibility, character and "past record" may be decisive in a close race. Opinions as to which of the three would make the best President should be foremost, but will carry far less weight in the voting than the first two items mentioned.

Patriots can see this year they must learn to speak better.

H. L. HUNT.

Dallas.

The Right to Fight

Editor—Most people want to end our involvement in Vietnam, but they are wrong . . .

The conflict in Vietnam is, to us, between autocracy and democracy as social ideologies. It is not between capitalism and communism as economic ideologies. To the Vietnamese it is a civil war between regimes; they know too little to care about either democracy or capitalism.

Our troops have already given the Vietnamese a desire for new and better schools, hospitals, roads, sanitation, housing and other material things. But it will take the Vietnamese much longer to learn to want democracy. They

must first understand what it is, which may take a generation of education.

As long as we are the leading exponent of political democracy, we should be involved in Vietnam or anywhere the freedoms of men are in conflict with autocracy. We should be involved militarily as long as autocratic regimes, Communist or Fascist, use military methods to exclude our peaceful promotion of democracy. Of course our specific involvement anywhere will be limited by our resources, but we should seek to increase and extend to the limit.

RICHARD P. NEVILLE.

Sunnyvale.

Thanks

Editor — Both as a citizen and as one closely associated with Columbia University, I thank you for your editorial of September 1, "Challenge to Columbia."

Your understanding of the excellent services of Dr. Grayson Kirk as well as of Columbia's efforts to overcome with wisdom, justice, and vigor the difficulties with which it has been confronted is enheartening to all who prize so highly Columbia's distinguished history and look forward to its even greater achievements in the future.

S. MARSHALL KEMPNER.

San Francisco.

Mr. Kempner is chairman of the Greater San Francisco Area Columbia University Building Program. — Editor

Legs

Editor — I ignored a compliment from a man and I wish to apologize.

The situation was this: I was wearing a mini-dress; I crossed the street at Battery and Pine about 1 p.m. He was making a left into Battery. As I passed, he said, "You know, you have a devil of a pair of legs!" Isn't this why we wear mini-skirts and dresses? Do we expect men just to think? So I apologize and say thank you.

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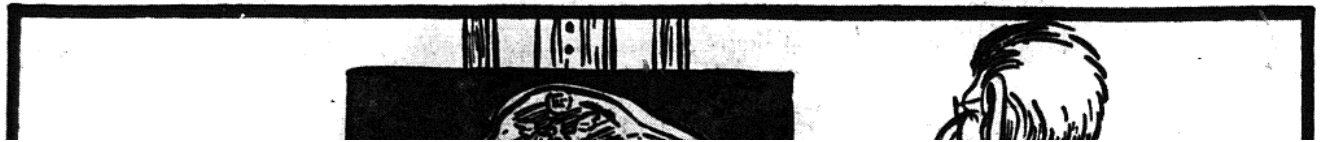
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Taking It'

Editor — Poor Mr. Daley's cops can only take so much. The black people in this country have been "taking it" for 200 years with, I think, admirable restraint.

JACK STOEHR.

San Francisco.

When Are We . . . ?

Editor—Those who yell loudest about police state and police brutality are the ones causing the ruckus in the first place. They are the ones throwing the bricks and potatoes with razors in them. They are the ones with guns who hide behind banners reading "peace." They are the radicals, the agitators, the infiltrators of the Communist regime.

When are we going to wake up?

LILIAN FRISBIE.

Carmel.

A Living Wage

Editor — You recently carried a story quoting Governor Reagan stating the strike and boycott by the United Farm Workers of California had nothing to do with their living and working conditions. The Governor has been badly misinformed.

No one, not even the growers, could possibly say that the grape strike and boycott have nothing to do with working and living conditions. These Americans are not striking for a 32-hour work week or \$7 per hour scale, or ten holidays a year or pensions, health and retirement funds. Thousands are striking for just enough money to properly feed, clothe and house their families. How much is that? Present farm union contracts in California range around \$1.80 or \$1.90 an hour or less. Can you raise your family on this amount and not work 52 weeks a year?

There is absolutely no reason why collective bargaining and decent wages should not be extended to the farm worker.

I appeal to every fair-minded person in California not to buy grapes this year until the growers

recognize the rights and pay decent wages and help give these people decent living and working conditions. Is this too much of a sacrifice to ask?

HERMAN SILVERMAN.

Lafayette.

Across the Tracks

Editor — I wholeheartedly take exception to Ron Moskowitz' reference to my community as being on the wrong side of the tracks in his story about San Mateo's school integration. We may live on the other side of the tracks, but dear sir, there is nothing wrong with it.

CLAIRE L. MACK.

San Mateo.

Mistake

Editor — The picture of that Yippie rabble rouser Jerry Rubin Tuesday in a sedentary position must have been a mistake for this character is usually in a horizontal position over at Berkeley . . .

H. R. NOBLICARN.

San Francisco.

Uptight Juror

Editor — Your September 6 editorial relating to the Grand Jury inquiry into the rampant prostitution problem in San Francisco included this comment: "We find the present widely ballyhooed Grand Jury pursuit of civic virtue to be largely irrelevant and indeed potentially harmful. This prurient, gawking fixation on one of the city's lesser evils diverts the public and official gaze from other more compelling and serious problems."

When hundreds of prostitutes and their Cadillac-driving pimps flagrantly flaunt the laws against soliciting, and widely taunt citizens and the police, the community conscience is indeed stirred.

The 1968 Grand Jury has found, along with all law enforcement and judicial authorities, an unmistakable connection between prostitution, pimping, pandering, narcotics addiction and trafficking, armed robbery, burglary and other major

crimes against persons and property. Recently heavy heroin and amphetamine criminal cases we have handled clearly establish this link in San Francisco.

Section 918 of the State Penal Code provides "that when a member of the Grand Jury has reason to believe that a public offense, triable within the County, has been committed he shall declare the same to his fellow jurors who shall thereupon investigate it." We have so found and are investigating. However, Section 939.1 of the code requires all proceedings of the Jury to be secret, which makes evidential refutation of your assumptions impossible for us at this time.

For the reasons cited, the Jury will continue its surveillance over these criminal activities because we are required to do so by law, by common sense and by conscience. We strongly reject your capricious, lawless and amoral views.

DON FAZACKERLEY.

San Francisco.

Mr. Fazackerley is a prominent San Francisco banker and Foreman of the 1968 San Francisco Grand Jury — Fdit

The Savior

Editor — I sincerely admire Vice President Humphrey's great ambition to do a lot for the people, this Nation, and the world to take them away from the pitfalls into which we are presently sinking. Only I am afraid his thinking, like that of Johnson, is too straight to accomplish much, if anything, after all the hard struggles and sacrifices, struggling every way the hard way.

It really takes an alert mind that can bend around corners in order to clearly perceive and to cope and deal with the multicrafty, powerful and undermining Communist crooked schemes and devices which unceasingly disturb and wreck the remaining peace and freedom in the world. Nixon is our man! Vote for Nixon!

RON C. PETHER.

Menlo Park.

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