

"Say, fellows, wait for me!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Agnew-Muskie Debate

Editor — What about a debate between the two candidates running for Vice President? . . . The two are only a heartbeat away from the Presidency and we should know what they stand for in the event either one should have to take over the office . . .

MRS. W. S. SCHUMACHER.
San Carlos.

Law and Order

Editor — George Wallace does not practice the same respect for law that he continually preaches. We find that he promises that his backers will pay the fine of any policeman who is disciplined for wearing a Wallace campaign button on his uniform. In so doing he is encouraging the violation of the regulations of most police departments.

Thus we find Mr. Wallace condoning the breaking of law when it suits his convenience, the very type of action he cries out against so righteously . . .

EMIL J. ZUGNONI.
Albany.

Bay Fill Problem

Editor — Harold Gilliam's critique in This World September 22 of our own critique of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission's plan for the Bay was neatly done. However, there are some things we would like to make clear.

Mr. Gilliam chides Westbay Community Associates for not mentioning the need for increased water-based recreation. We felt no need to do so since we are in agreement with the Commission's policies in this regard. In planning of our own Bay land properties in San Mateo county we have designated about 80 per cent for parks, wildlife preserves, commercial recreation and open water. We agree with the need to greatly increase close-in recreational opportunities.

With regard to industry, however, we think the BCDC plan is re-

strictive and short-sighted in its allocations. San Mateo county, particularly, has been neglected. Only one industrial area has been agreed to, and this is the one already existing at the Port of Redwood City. Westbay's plans for its total properties devote 14 per cent of its acreage for parkland bordered employment centers, the major portion for port-related uses in Redwood City and for airport-related uses in Burlingame. As the BCDC plan now stands, this potential for employment growth in San Mateo county could not be realized.

With regard to our view of the ecological significance of the mudflats, we do not believe that all marshlands and mudflats have the same biological value. In our critique we quoted the Commissioner's reports wherein it is stated that "intertidal algae of the mudflats and rock interfaces are of undetermined significance," and ". . . the intertidal areas have yet to be adequately studied." There is insufficient scientific evidence to support the BCDC position that filling of any sort, no matter where or how limited, is necessarily ecologically harmful to the Bay.

ROBERT L. CRANMER,
Project Manager.

San Francisco.

'Contemptuous Hostility'

Editor — Considered esthetically, the present architecture of San Francisco State College is a clear expression of the contemptuous hostility felt by those responsible for its construction toward the young people of this city and state.

The appalling cell-like neutrality of the buildings is matched by the unfeeling arbitrary rejection by Trustees of an imaginative design for a student union, planned in part and to be paid for by the students themselves, at no cost to the state.

Let any parent, any taxpayer, keep this sort of thing in mind when next he hears of student protests. Let any mother who has concerned herself with the esthetic environment and cultural develop-

ment of her children go take a look at those buildings.

There was a time when American communities built beautiful schools for their children, which were a reflection of the love and goodwill they felt for them. What do we feel for them today? Consider what the silent speech of their appearance tells us: the orphan's jumble-sale clothing, the lovelorn beads, the waif's hair, the apostle's beard. If we reject and brutalize them, what shall our future be?

LENA DEL TORTO.

San Francisco.

The Trouble With BART

Editor — In reply to the September 25 letter to the editor indicting the so-called "group of little Caesars" in the State Legislature for failure to solve the BART problem, please permit me to set the record straight.

Point No. 1: I am not a little Caesar, but I cannot say the same for some members of the State Senate.

Point No. 2: Some members of the Senate were leaders in beating down legislation pertaining to the BART deficit.

Point No. 3: I introduced legislation early in 1968 which would have solved the BART problem without increasing taxes or fees. This would have been accomplished by diverting to BART some surplus Department of Motor Vehicles funds being used for highway construction. The bill was approved in the Assembly, but was killed in the Senate by the behind-the-scene activities of some Senators and highway interests.

Point No. 4: The Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee refused me the courtesy of a committee hearing. When he could stand the "heat" no longer, he had my bill referred to the Committee on Governmental Efficiency. There the bill was strangled, a victim of political assassination.

DON MULFORD, Assemblyman,
16th District.

Oakland.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Sorry Move

Editor—As a former Fulbright Fellow to Spain I find the budget cuts of two-thirds for Fulbright Fellowships to European countries a dismal and sorry move.

The Fulbright exchange program has been most valuable in the training of teachers and the building of understanding and friendship between peoples: its curtailment will harm these worthy objectives.

The economy measures these cuts reflect have been taken because of the cost of the war in Vietnam, whose architects I find, as a professional historian, have a limited and petty perspective.

This war has been the ruin of everything good and decent that this country has done or stood for: the ruin of the Fulbright program is a case in point.

PETER O'M. PIERSON, Ph.D.
San Francisco.

'Damn Tired'

Editor—It seems to me that your editorial "Some Matters of Conscience," overlooks several important facts which the proponents of a bombing halt are careful to avoid discussing. And in all fairness, I think that it is imperative that they are discussed.

Ho Chi Minh has stated repeatedly that his terms for negotiation are an unconditional halt to the bombing and all other acts of war against North Vietnam. He offers nothing in return except an agreement to negotiate. Under his formula, the North Vietnamese could continue to wage war against us, while we could not shoot back. Worse still, Ho Chi Minh could, and probably would, contend that any aid given by the United States to South Vietnam was an act of war against North Vietnam.

The truth, of course, is that the one man who could bring peace to Vietnam tomorrow is Ho Chi Minh. But this is something that the student activists, the anarchists, the Viet Cong flag wavers

and others of that ilk prefer to ignore.

To state that the bombing of North Vietnam has failed is arrant nonsense. Let the United States issue an ultimatum to the North — negotiate or feel the full weight of destruction. And if Ho declined to negotiate, broadcast to the world that we have no desire to kill women, children and the aged. Tell Uncle Ho that he would have ten days to evacuate every village, hamlet, town and city in North Vietnam because we proposed to systematically destroy every building in North Vietnam — and then start to do it. Having destroyed the towns and cities we should then notify Uncle Ho that we propose to destroy every crop, by the use of weed killer — and do it. We should utterly and totally devastate the country from one end to the other.

But let it be understood that we would stop the destruction immediately, once Uncle Ho is turned over to an international body to be tried as a war criminal for his aggression against South Vietnam, Laos and Thailand.

I, for one, am damned tired of the hairy and unwashed advocates of "Stop the War — Peace Now" who bad mouth President Johnson. If they want to advocate an end to the war on terms which could be disastrous to the freedom of the South Vietnamese, that is their privilege. But let them do it by radio from Hanoi, not on the streets of American cities.

JAMES M. SINGER.

Soquel.

A Plan for Housing

Editor—SPUR President Sinton's letter September 27 ably stated most of the reasons for opposition to high - income housing development at Fort Mason. Perhaps no other issue could so firmly unite the tremendously diverse civic groups now expressing their concern.

Mr. Sinton could have gone a step further to suggest Planning Department consideration of a

joint housing - educational - park use for some or all of the area, and with emphasis on maximizing open space.

If tastefully planned housing can be made available for low and moderate income families, School Superintendent Robert Jenkins' 1967 proposal of a Fort Mason educational park would be made workable. The initial weakness in Dr. Jenkins' concept was that the educational park's boundaries would tend to exclude black families, in that the northeast tip of San Francisco consists largely of white and Oriental families. New housing units would modify that pattern.

Widespread community support as well as professional planning support would result from a political decision to "mix" three land uses traditionally insulated from each other.

JAMES BROWNE,
President, Haight-Ashbury
Neighborhood Council.

San Francisco.

What's Lawful

Editor—In complaining of what he calls "the tyranny of minorities," September 20, James Reston equates the activities of a minority filibuster in the Senate with the violent efforts of the stormtroopers of the Students for a Democratic Society to prevent the vast majority of serious students from registering at Columbia.

Mr. Reston should be ashamed of the equation; no valid comparison can be made between a Senate filibuster, which is perfectly lawful and which has been used by every shade of opinion since the founding of the Republic, and the wholly lawless SDS attacks. The falsity of this kind of equation can be seen by anyone, and is a powerful stimulant to those who respond with roars of approval when candidate Wallace raises his voice against "pseudo-intellectuals."

PARK CHAMBERLAIN.

Los Altos.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Love Bombs

Editor — You can tell they are Christians by their love. The way the early Christians were noticed by the pagans of that day. We of today could do likewise if we desired the inspiration of it.

We could show our love also by praying for our enemies. This, I believe, is the best way to bomb the enemy. Not with real bombs but rather with spiritual bombs. This way we wouldn't have to stop the bombing, but rather use this other type of bomb.

Let's all bomb together and increase it until all unite as one.

D. BOARDMAN.

Hayward.

Decision in Berkeley

Editor — We object to and oppose the precedents set by the recent decisions of the Regents and of President Hitch which deal with the organization of courses and instruction. The new Regental policy of limiting guest lectures to one appearance in a course is a usurpation of the prerogative of faculty to conduct their courses as the academic and scientific requirements of their subject demand, and as such, is a contradiction of the principle of academic freedom.

President Hitch's fourth recommendation, as adopted by the Regents, threatens to carry this incursion of academic freedom to the next logical step; administrative and Regental interference in the planning of any and all courses, at any time in the future that they may see fit.

As members of the University community, we strongly oppose these actions as a menace to the rights of free inquiry, as anthropologists we have further professional grounds for objection, both to the actions of the Regents and to the reasoning behind them.

Anthropologists, like other students of society, have a professional commitment to the principle of learning from all members of society, not just from other aca-

demics. The idea of limiting our students to hearing lectures only by those "academically" qualified does violence to this principle, and we cannot accept the Regents' limitation on our right, and indeed on our duty to take advantage of all relevant sources of information for our courses.

As social scientists, we have not only a legitimate right but a positive obligation to interest ourselves in all current problems in our own society. We feel that the University should be a source of information for us in this concern. As is true in our studies of other societies, we need contact with and information from persons who have special understanding and knowledge of varying aspects of social life, whether or not they possess "academic" qualifications.

We consider that the University should attempt to facilitate such aspects of education, not subordinate them to administrative convenience or political pressure.

Thus, we urge both the Academic Senate and the University Administration to uphold the traditions of academic freedom in the face of these recent decisions, and further, to recognize publicly that we have much to learn from members of our society outside of the academic community.

ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT
University of California
Berkeley.

The above was signed by the following Anthropology Department faculty members: James N. Anderson, May N. Diaz, Alan Dundes, Nelson Graburn, John J. Gumpertz, E. A. Hammel, Glynn Isaac, Paul Kay, Theodore D. McCown, Laura Nader, Melvin L. Periman, Herbert P. Phillips, Jack M. Potter, William Simmons. Graduate student signatories: Richard Ambro, Ben Blount, James Cadien, Wilhelmina Caulfield, Gloria Drayton, Daralyn Foodym, Sylvia Forman, Alice E. Francisco, Kathleen Gibson, Jack Glazier, Robert L. Gross, Conn Hallinan, Patrick Hallinan, Sulamith Heins, Robert D. Lev, William G. Lockwood, Daniel Maltz, Christian

Milner, Charles M. Nelson, James F. O'Connell, Randy Rappaport, Rosalind Ribnick, Janet Schreiber, June Starr, Susan Suenderman, Steve Talbot, Harry Todd Jr., James I. Watson, Mark L. Weiss, Alan Westcott, Glenn D. Wolf, Kathleen Zaretsky.—Editor.

Vanguard?

Editor—When one of your letter writers last Thursday referred to Eric Hoffer as a windbag he succeeded in blackening his own eye. Mr. Hoffer is very likely in the vanguard of philosophers slowly gathering strength to move into the center of the social scene with good advice for us all. The decades approaching will no doubt be terrifying and without some solid guidelines from the likes of Mr. Hoffer, could turn out to be one catastrophe followed by another.

G. H. REEDY.

Pleasant Hill.

Art for Everyone

Editor — The best thing about the otherwise mediocre Art Festival at Civic Center was the group of sculptures in the fountain. The display points to the necessity of dressing up that plain fountain.

Therefore, I propose that the Art Commission spend less on an art festival, which attracts rank amateurs more than serious professionals anyway, and concentrate on a changing series of sculptures for the fountain throughout the year. It will mean art for the public and at the same time an encouragement for artists to produce. This is the real function of the Art Commission.

ARTHUR B. SIMON

San Francisco.

Question

Editor— How could Spiro Agnew get this nation out of Vietnam when he obviously can't get his foot out of his own mouth?

H. L. HARVEY.

Pacific Grove.

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Charles de Young, Founder, Editor and Publisher

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"Tweedledum and Tweedledee"
Answer to ...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Surprise

Editor — What a surprise and a delight to drive down Oak street and to see block after block of newly planted trees. Suddenly the neighborhood takes on the tone of its old dignity and grace. Let's continue planting, and do this for all of San Francisco.

MEYER M. CAHN.

San Francisco.

'They've Done It Again'

Editor — Our Board of Supervisors, which seldom attracts to it individuals who concern themselves with making San Francisco a better city, have done it again! Those supervisors who voted to back the grape boycott (Boas, Ertola, Francois, McCarthy, Mendelsohn, Morrison, Pelosi and, sad to say, Tamaras) should join the farm workers, and we, the responsible citizens of San Francisco, should replace them with persons who will direct their talents to the complexity of problems facing the city which pays their salaries.

THOMAS M. EDWARDS.

San Francisco.

Why a Monorail?

Editor — Monorail seems to have a powerful attraction to amateurs or professional promoters. It is inflexible, expensive and usually of very limited application. You, like many other loyal San Franciscans assume that most of the travelers to the airport wish to connect directly and immediately to Union Square. Do you have at hand any data whatsoever regarding the number of airline passengers that have San Francisco for their ultimate destination and those whose destination is elsewhere in the Bay Area?

What BART needs is integration with overall traffic demand and facilities, and however disjointed their efforts have been so far this is not a sufficient reason to avoid future coordination. You are just trying to get a bad taste out of your mouth. On the same day

(September 30) you editorially indulged an amateur's expertise on another matter.

Famed Habitat of Safdie at Expo 67 cost \$100,000 an apartment. Presumably costs are to decline as the techniques are perfected. Aside from the cost it is perfectly reasonable for a college board to avoid a cute, rigidly geometric and repetitious design for a student union building. The day of brilliant architectural invention is passed and there are many humanistic problems more worthy of solution.

JOHN HALE CALEF,
Architect.

Oakland.

'We Must Protest'

Editor — I am part of what Richard Nixon calls "the silent majority" and I believe the time has come for that majority to remain silent no longer. We must protest, we must make demands if need be take to the streets.

We who quietly work for a living, pay our taxes, bring up our children, abiding by the law — both man's and God's — must protest, or everything we hope and believe in will come crashing down upon us. We must demand that our streets be made safe; that we, not the lawbreakers be protected by police; that our schools be run by educators not by those who go to be educated; that our taxes be used to benefit our society and not to benefit those who would destroy it; that our moral fiber be strengthened, not destroyed by that handful too cowardly to face the realities and hardships of life.

I may be old fashioned, but I love this country. It may not be perfect but I haven't seen any on the face of this earth that I would change it for. I don't want to see it torn apart internally by a rabble comprised of drug addicts, moral decadents, students who after taking a course in government feel they are the saviors of humanity, and I don't want to omit those intellectuals who are so blinded by their own ego that they disregard

the hard fact that the Utopia they yearn for will not be found in the ashes of our country.

JAMES W. BOSLOUGH.
San Francisco.

Wide Agreement

Editor — We thank you for giving editorial consideration to our student union project ("Board's Failure on State College's Union" September 30). Your assessment of the situation is inclusive and insightful.

The project has been brought to this point largely as a result of a decade of student effort. We believe that the city would gladly embrace the architecturally innovative design that has received such widespread support on campus.

Today there are not many occasions on which there is wide agreement among students, faculty and administrators, and in only a small portion of these times is the agreement upon positive solutions to pressive problems. The proposed Student Union provides solutions to four very pressing campus problems — the problems arising from: total lack of space for student meetings or recreation, substandard and inadequate space for Associated Student offices, unacceptable dining spaces and crowded bookstore space.

We hope to overcome the "technical problems" and achieve a reconsideration of the project by the trustees.

FRANKLIN SHEEHAN,
Director,

BERNARD BRENNER,
Campus Planner,

Office of Campus Development,
S. F. State College.

Swap Corner

Editor—How about a trade? Fort Mason for Galileo High School?

Or is this too much of a break for the younger generation?

W. C. SHANNON.
Tiburon.

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Charles de Young Thieriot, Editor and Publisher



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big Mess

Editor — I am in full agreement with your editorial objecting to the proposal that BART be in charge of transit to the San Francisco International Airport.

Before starting something new, BART should finish what it has already started. If history repeats itself, BART will just use more of the taxpayer's money and go deeper in debt leaving a bigger mess than it already has.

JIM CARTER.

Pleasanton.

Catholic Symposium

Editor — Your September 30 story managed to make my talk at the symposium conducted by the Bay Area Catholic Laymen sound anti-papal and anti-church by omitting significant parts of my sentences.

I said that the council was conducted in a way analogous to a political convention, but that by faith we accepted its decisions as reached under the guidance of the Spirit.

I said that it was a myth to believe that the Pope had a special pipeline to God, but that Catholics regarded him as the head of an organic body and as the guardian and interpreter of revelation.

I said that the Pope withdrew the birth control issue from the council to avoid a close division among the bishops. I did not use the emotionally loaded word "fighting" or speak of the Pope fighting the bishops.

I did not say that the Second Vatican Council had prepared a draft resolution permitting certain forms of contraception, but that a draft had been prepared for circulation to the council. Incidentally, it surprised me a good deal to see this statement taken as second page news September 30 when it appears in my book, "Contraception," which is now over three years old.

Finally, and most flagrantly of all, the story presented all of the panelists as "severely critical of the Pope for his stand on contraception." I do not recall a word of severe criticism.

Cumulatively, the news story in

its tone, emphasis and selection of half quotations missed the biggest point of all — that a large group of laymen, priests and nuns were willing to spend three hours Sunday afternoon in serious discussion of the meaning of the papal teaching and the role of papal authority in the Church.

JOHN T. NOONAN, JR.,
School of Law (Boalt Hall),
University of California
Berkeley.

Johnson in History

Editor — My wife and I are much surprised at your irresponsible suggestion that President Johnson resign because of a "poll-interpreted" report of his declining popularity and "lonely figure."

His performance as President, including Vietnam, to our minds, will be appreciated at some future date when history will give him the deserved stature now being denied him by many of the myopic citizens in our country — who might read the book "Lincoln and the Press" for a similar sequence in our history.

MR. & MRS. J. M. MANN.
San Mateo.

It's a Free Country

Editor — In a presumably free country, a young adult or person bordering on adulthood should be able to form his own opinions.

Keeping an open mind a student should be able to listen to and think about the words of Eldridge Cleaver and not necessarily become a violence advocate.

ROBIN HOLDER.
Pleasanton.

A Nomination Blocked

Editor — It distresses me that Cecil F. Poole's nomination for a Federal district judge for Northern California is being blocked apparently by an arbitrary decision by Senator George Murphy, who gives no more meaningful reasons for his position than hearsay testimony from an unnamed marshal. The marshal is said to be unhappy because Mr. Poole released a small group of draft protesters arrested

by the marshal last January. Attorney Poole exercised his rights of office in preferring not to make a felon of the protesters for what he felt to be minor offenses.

Inasmuch as his nomination was sponsored by the California Democratic delegation in the House and approved by the State's other Republican Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, it occurs to me that Senator Murphy's stand might be tinged with more than a little racial bias. It also brings to mind a question — how can a Senator with no legal background pass judgment on a qualified attorney's fitness for office without bringing specific charges that can be answered?

LAURIE SCOTT.

Pleasanton.

Muddy Waters

Editor — With Nixon parroting Johnson and the Secretary of Defense, it is quite evident that he intends to follow their disastrous course in the Vietnam war.

Twenty eight thousand young American lives have been snuffed out to date. What has been gained?

In electing Nixon, we would be switching horses in midstream, with little chance of reaching the shore.

Being a Republican, I am in muddy waters.

WALTER M. BEAM.

San Francisco.

Editor — I am a conservative, but I have a simple question. If Nixon or Humphrey were to die in office, who would you want to be President? Agnew or Muskie? This is something that voters should consider.

EDWIN P. DREW.

San Francisco.

Dirty Garden

Editor—I assume that people visit the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco because it is such a lovely place. Then why do they litter it? If people love beauty why do they mar it?

ROBERT D. HILLER.

Berkeley.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bedfellows

Editor — My thought for the day — Jerry Rubin and the HUAC deserve each other.

ARTHUR BUDD.

Why They're Panthers

Sunnyvale.

Editor — Replying to Dr. J. J. Robbins' letter of October 3 regarding the choice of the name Panther by the Black Panther party. This organization was originally known as the Black Panther Party for Self Defense, and according to my understanding this name was inspired by the Black Panther party of Lowndes county, Alabama. The symbol was selected as the black panther, not as an animal of attack, but one that if attacked, retreats until no further retreat is possible and then, it will strike out in self defense.

M. L. SCHOPPE.

San Francisco

Editor — The Black Panthers call themselves Panthers because the panther is a beautiful and powerful cat which only attacks in self defense. Dr. Robbins should read psychiatrist Franz Fanon's "Wretched of the Earth." Huey Newton's ten point program published by the Panthers is also a fine document to read.

As for this country becoming a jungle . . . It has been a jungle ever since my (and probably Dr. Robbins') ancestors took it away from its legal owners by armed conquest and broken treaties. The Black Panthers are trying hard to finally bring us to a real and truly human civilization.

EMMY LOU PACKARD.

Mendocino.

Laws of Conscience

Editor — Like most policy statements, Max Rafferty's comment on the supremacy of law over conscience holds some grains of truth. Certainly if we all start choosing what laws to obey and what to ignore or defy, we have a mess.

Mr. Rafferty might be surprised to know that Justice Abe Fortas' new pamphlet on dissent and civil disobedience expresses a very similar view, with the proviso that the conscientious objector to anything

must be very sure of his motive, his purpose, and the possible consequences — which he must cheerfully accept.

One criterion for such actions is the question, "What would happen if everyone did what I'm doing?" On that basis many pacifists including Richard Gregg, the classic disciple of non-violent resistance, refuse to approve tax-refusal on the ground that the Government would fall.

But if everyone refused to kill, and offered moral support to others who refuse? If everyone started putting human life above property? And if doing so in a group constitutes conspiracy, as charged in the Dr. Spock case — the FBI had better start storming the doors of every building where people gather to hear such words as "We must obey God rather than men" and "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . and thy neighbor as thyself."

VIRGINIA M. NEFF.

San Francisco.

Get on With it

Editor — Congratulations on your brilliant view on the Airport transit and BART (Editorial, September 30). Let's just quickly finish what we've started, and let the people on Market street enjoy the quietness, and use BART for a few years before we start making its route longer.

GRACE YOUNG

San Francisco.

The Bay Fill Issue

Editor — Robert Cranmer's reply (Westbay Community Associates) last week to Harold Gilliam's article of September 22 on filling of the bay was well tempered but skirted the essential issue which is "Fill the Bay."

Westbay's able staff of public relations experts and attorneys have devoted countless hours in speech making and with the aid of their technical staff have prepared volumes of written material in an effort to becloud their primary purpose which is to fill many thousands of acres of the Bay in San Mateo county.

For the past several years in furtherance of their plan, they have been spending vast sums of money in an effort to "sell" public officials and the public at large on their bay fill scheme. If successful, these expenditures will be returned to them many, many times over.

A committee of public officials in San Mateo county and many civic organizations have recommended against the Westbay proposal. However, Westbay continues to becloud the fundamental issue in an effort to ultimately achieve its primary bay fill goal.

It is obvious that such bay fill and its ensuing real estate development would increase smog, water pollution, highway congestion, taxes, etc., to the detriment of the public at large.

MARCELLA JACOBSON,
Chairman, Council for

Governmental Responsibility,
Hillsborough.

'Hubert Will Change'

Editor — As a reader of and subscriber to The Chronicle since 1892, while I have frequently differed with your views, I have never seen printed in The Chronicle so nasty and prejudiced an article as that written by Anthony Howard of the London Observer, and, unfortunately, printed in The Chronicle September 25.

This purely personal appraisal purposely damaging in almost every line is evidently written by a hack political writer who attempts to gather into his own way of thinking, the whole group of newspaper correspondents.

Surely — Chronicle knows that Hubert Humphrey is not a supporter of the Vietnam foray and surely The Chronicle knows that until January 1969, Mr. Humphrey must support his chief. That Mr. Humphrey must be a loyal Vice President none can deny, but that his course as President will be vigorously different from Mr. Johnson's Rusk - inspired program can be expected as a certainty.

JOS. S. THOMPSON.
San Francisco.

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Charles de Young, Founder, Editor and Publisher



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Waterfront 'Give-Aways'

Editor—A crucial meeting insofar as the future of San Francisco is concerned takes place today at 10 a.m. in Room 283 of the Ferry Building when the Port Authority starts the first of the great giveaways of public land on the Northern Waterfront. The public may not be welcome, but it may attend.

The Authority will declare that certain of its properties (which happen to be identical with those desired by North Waterfront Associates, a group of private developers) are "surplus" to shipping and therefore may be leased out on long-term leases for uses other than shipping.

So expected is this decision to declare these lands surplus that the Authority has already prepared advertisements for bids that will start to run in the newspapers the next day, October 10.

The Authority is declaring these lands "surplus" despite the fact that they spent \$112,000 of public monies for a study of port lands by the Arthur D. Little Co. which reached the opposite conclusion—that these lands are necessary to shipping, now and in the future.

"Conversations" about these lands have been going on between the Port and the developers for two or three years now. There is too much of this sort of thing going on in San Francisco at the present time—too many "conversations" between public agencies and private developers, too many publicly funded studies being ignored by public officials. And too much public land winding up in private hands.

JEAN KORTUM.
San Francisco

The Poole Appointment

Editor — As a lawyer, a citizen of San Francisco, and a candidate for public office, I wish to express my disgust and indignation at the spectacle of Senator Murphy's machinations in opposition to the confirmation of Cecil Poole as a Federal Judge in the Northern District.

As any lawyer who has practiced before the Federal Courts in this city knows, Mr. Poole is a distin-

guished scholar, a prominent lawyer and a vigorous and impartial United States Attorney. That the confirmation of so eminently qualified a man should be forestalled by a person of Senator Murphy's slight stature is altogether appalling.

I cannot refrain from adding how well I remember Senator Murphy's ringing insult to the entire Mexican-American population in this country, when he stated that he regarded Mexicans as being highly suitable for "stoop" labor, "because they are built so low to the ground."

WILLIAM NEWSOM
San Francisco

Firm Stand

Editor — It is hoped that since George Wallace and Curtis LeMay have taken a firm stand regarding Vietnam, the negotiators will get busy. Heretofore, the Paris "Peace Talks" have been nothing but a farce.

Of course the "other side", as President Johnson calls the enemy, should have been given an ultimatum in the first place.

F. STACKHOUSE
Sausalito

The Volunteer

Editor — At long last Dr. Max Rafferty is volunteering to serve his country. He plans to do it in the United States Senate. There he can be an inspiration to all the youth of America. The youth can then with good conscience refuse to be drafted. Their slogan could be "Carry a cane and pull a Rafferty."

Some of my friends spilled red blood in Korea; I wonder what the color of Rafferty's blood would be.

HERMAN BOOKJANS
Oakland

Listen and Read

Editor — While the controversy over Eldridge Cleaver swirls about our heads and judgments are influenced by his particular jolting and often unpleasant style of speech, I would suggest some across the board required reading.

For Eldridge Cleaver, the man, the poet, the militant, nothing could speak more eloquently than his book, "Soul On Ice." That book, along with the "Autobiography of Malcolm X" and "Black Rage" by two black psychiatrists can provide an insight and understanding so sorely needed. The time is now and these people know whereof they speak. What they are saying should be of top priority in our thinking.

This is not to disparage the white sociologist's and white psychologist's point of view, but these three fascinating and provocative readings provide an invaluable glimpse of the world as the black person perceives it. It is incumbent upon me and every other white person to attend to the tragedy of their lives which is, in fact, the tragedy of all our lives.

MRS BELLE HERSH
San Francisco

Ode to a Train

Editor — It's there, breathtaking, from the domes of the California Zephyr. Train going over one bridge, under another, the Feather River Canyon.

At night, the stars in their glory, the limitless spaces of the covered-wagon West, with the emerald, gold and ruby of changing railroad safety signal lights.

The passing of the freight trains, the commerce and lifeline that spans the continent. The railroad train, is it a mile long? Such a wonder.

At night, the Pullman bed, or the lazy reclining chair. Stewardesses, dinner reservations.

Look up, look down, look all around.

There's the Rockies, the buttes, the pinnacles, the rainbow canyons. In winter, snow-covered, deer around every corner. You see it all, from Western Pacific's and the Nation's treasure.

You'll be paying more to ride soon. This is only fair fare. Those who love to savor the grandness of continental America — don't we all! — wish Western Pacific every success in beginning to make ends meet as they continue to run, for us, their national treasure.

ROBERT J. SWAN.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Worst Ever

Editor — I wonder how many of your readers who listened to the singing of the National Anthem at the opening of the ball game Monday in Detroit feel as I do.

That psychedelic rendition was about the most insulting, degrading and corny "salute" to our Flag I've ever heard in my 79 years of living.

F. E. COYNE, Col. (USA) Ret.
San Francisco.

A Waste of Money?

Editor — Present publicity indicates that strong pressure is applied to tear down the Embarcadero Freeway and replace it with a depressed freeway or a tunnel.

To put it another way: millions and millions seem to be available for replacing for beauty's sake a transportation utility, which admittedly serves its inherent purpose, with another intrinsically similar utility. Why not spend the millions required to replace the Embarcadero for desperately needed educational and social services?

HELMUT ERLANGER
San Francisco

'Nixon's Not the One'

Editor — I've just concluded Walter Lippmann's article giving his reasons why he considers Richard Nixon "the only one" to vote for in the coming election.

It seems to me that he has overlooked the most important factor in the selection of the man who will administer the solemn duties of President of the United States — that is, the character of the man.

In these frightening times our next President must be a man sensitive and responsive to the needs of our country today, particularly to the needs of minority groups; a man who feels today's exigencies and whose own compassion and understanding will help to guide him toward their solution.

Mr. Nixon, in all his years of political service, has never once shown sympathy or understanding. There is not one piece of legisla-

tion sponsored by him while serving in the Congress that shows any comprehension of the problems that have beset our country in the past 30 years. (I refer to the problems of labor, civil rights, health, peace.)

Mr. Humphrey's whole life has demonstrated the reverse. His stand on crime while mayor of Minneapolis, on civil rights during the 1948 convention, on medicare, peace, jobs, places him in the forefront of all public servants of the past 30 years. I think Mr. Humphrey has the character to guide a distraught and angry people.

MILDRED ROSENTHAL
San Francisco.

... 'Oh, Yes, He Is'

Editor — I would like to help the Republican who thinks he is in muddy waters (Letters, October 7) with some constructive and simple suggestions:

Read Walter Lippmann's column of October 7 endorsing Richard Nixon. It may clear up a lot of waters for him and for others also.

Vote Republican all the way and give the new President a better chance to reach a good shore without having to fight in the "middle of the stream."

And remember that a change in management has saved a lot of good firms from bankruptcy.

G. C. MOUSSEAU
San Francisco.

Average Man Votes

Editor — The appalling publicity that has resulted lately from the lack of good judgment on the part of many college administrators may have a terrible effect this November when the average man is given a chance to express himself at the polls on the support of the college system.

Proposition 3, which proposes millions of dollars, mainly for the colleges may be turned down by the average man in a vote of no confidence and as one step toward a drastic increase in public control of the college system. It will be highly unfortunate if this happens.

Perhaps a little timely action on

the part of President Smith of San Francisco State College and Hitch of the University of California may help forestall somewhat this extremely dangerous reaction. Let them reject Cleaver, Murray and similar types.

E. C. CURTIS
Palo Alto

The President's Stature

Editor — Perhaps if Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mann (Letters, October 8) read "Sam Johnson's Boy," a biography of President Johnson by Alfred Steinberg, they will find that the true stature of President Johnson has already been irrefutably established though in the opposite direction from the book "Lincoln and the Press," which is favorable to President Lincoln.

Also, the Chronicle's editorial suggestion that President Johnson resign so that the Vice President could run for election politically unhampered is a very good suggestion, far from being irresponsible.

LEON KOGAN
San Francisco.

Smile...

Editor — The other day you ran three articles, one by Michael Grieg and one by Charles Howe, and a theater review on which they combined, that were, individually and collectively, superb, and I decided to drop this line off rather than letting it go unnoticed.

D. J. LANGTON
San Francisco.

... Frown

Editor — I have read more left-wing articles in your paper than I can stand. I wouldn't be surprised if you endorsed Huey Newton for President.

EMELINE TEEL
San Francisco.

Advice

Editor — Be a voting member in the greatest union in history — the U.S.A.!

LEO F. RAHILL
Modesto

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How To Be Happy

Editor — Everyone wants to know how they can be happy. There are several ways.

Give yourself away and make others happy.

Think positively and convince yourself that no matter how miserable you feel, you are happy.

Realize that the word or condition was invented by some poor mortal who wanted a permanent condition for one that is unfortunately temporary.

ROBERT McADAM.

San Jose.

The Movement

Editor — The Wallace for President movement is a movement of the people. It doesn't matter whether any of the top leading politicians endorse the movement or not. The politicians are going to get run over by the average man on the street, the man in the steel mill, the farmer, the barber, the policeman on the beat. They and the small businessman are the ones who are going to support a change on the domestic scene in this country.

The leadership of our two major parties is the same . . . We need a two-party system in the United States; we've got a one-party system now.

JIM GALVINE.

San Jose.

Soldiers for Peace

Editor — I am not surprised but rather shocked by certain opposition in the military sphere to the peace march to be held in San Francisco tomorrow.

It has always been my contention that the military is the functional segment of this bureaucracy designed to protect and maintain the peace. If this is true; if the military hasn't become merely a war machine, the coming peace march can only be coincidental with the fundamental objective of the military, i.e. peace.

If we are attempting to truly bring peace to the United States and our "spheres of influence" which inadvertently cover the globe, it would seem that a sincere

gesture of peaceful means would be of more value than another peace-oriented death.

If indeed the military has not become a system of authoritarian ego elevators, but continues in its noblest cause, it would seem that everyone who truly wishes to bring man to a harmonious position in relation to each other and nature could support both these areas of influence equally.

I do hope that tomorrow's march will reflect the sincerity of the noble military objective and will be well supported.

WELLES B. GOODRICH, AIC.
Travis AFB.

Good News Sold Here

Editor — I have a suggestion which would increase your circulation. Why not devote one section, or even one page, in your paper to all good news and nothing else but?

MARGARET B. BOERICKE.
Berkeley.

Save the Windmills

Editor — This letter is about the windmills opposite the Great Highway. As you know, these windmills are neglected. We should not neglect them because they are reminders of our past.

Some of our customs were developed from those of the Dutch who settled here in our early history. And we are fortunate to have windmills in California. So I, and the 7th class of Stuart Hall would like to see the windmills back in shape and have tours to show how they operate.

MICHAEL ATHANASIOU.
San Francisco.

Folly at Sea

Editor — I have just read your Sunday editorial "Folly at Sea" and it leaves me sick with disgust. It could well have been written by Pravda . . . This type of article gives aid and comfort to the Viet Cong. What kind of a newspaper do you people publish? I suppose you are aware of the fact that if the Communists take over, you editors will be the first ones to go.

Just once why don't you write

an article praising the soldiers who are dying to keep this nation free . . . ?

Your sick publication cannot understand why people are flocking to Wallace. What other man in this campaign has the guts to stand up and be heard? . . . It is unfortunate he is from the South. If he were from Massachusetts or Vermont he would be elected hands down . . .

J. E. STANTON.

San Bruno.

Editor—Congratulations on your October 6 editorial "Folly at Sea."

The recommissioning of the battleship New Jersey and her deployment off the coast of Vietnam certainly appeals to the pride and emotions of the American public. The outstanding achievements of this great warship and others like her in World War II are admired by many, myself included.

As you pointed out the cost of recommissioning and operating this sea-going gun platform is monumental. Fortunately you have not been fooled by the P.R. snow job by the Defense Department to justify this expenditure. The New Jersey, with all her awesome firepower, will not hasten the conclusion of this fruitless war.

MICHAEL O. LIFF.
San Francisco.

Those Who Pay

Editor — A few months ago, the State income taxes were drastically increased for many persons, particularly for those who do not qualify as heads of households. Now, if Proposition 1A is approved by the voters, property taxes will be reduced. And who are the principal gainers of these two moves? The owners of large amounts of real estate, apartment houses, and speculative acreage.

So the process continues, of unloading the taxes from those who can best afford to pay, and transferring the burden to those who make their income from wages and salaries. The rich get richer, the poor get welfare, and the wage earner pays for it all.

JOHN S. WILSON.
Seaside.

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"Well, I hear they passed a gun law. Now how about us?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Men in Blue

Editor—In reference to your article "Violence and the S.F. Police" in your October 2 edition, why don't you wise up and realize that in any organization there are a few that get into trouble? Why try to make the entire police department look bad?

Of the 1700 men in the department the majority are decent, conscientious hard working men. How many of these guys are thanked when they do a good job? How many of them get pushed around in doing their job? When one performs an act of bravery do you give as much space as you have given to this article?

Glad to hear that your newspaper has the largest circulation in the West. It just goes to show that more people line their garbage cans and bird cages with it than any other paper in the West.

KEN MURRAY

San Francisco.

Editor—I for one would prefer not to be the recipient of the "dividend of extra service" which The Chronicle says is available to the public when off duty policemen use firearms against the citizenry. Mrs. Pastrano got quite a little dividend in the head, didn't she? I am not suggesting that what you call "incidents of poor judgment" in your editorial last Wednesday are common. The point is that no such occurrence is necessary. It is fortunate these things do attract wide public attention. Obviously nothing would be done about them otherwise . . .

MARY DUM.

Berkeley.

'Study a Merger'

Editor—I am very disappointed that the leadership of the State College System rejected out of hand the proposal that they merge with the University.

This proposal deserves serious study, since I do not believe that the Master Plan has worked very well. The Master Plan appeals to

administrators with business orientation who like clean-cut divisions, as between GM and AT&T — but running an educational system involves psychological subtleties that are difficult to measure by the profit and loss criteria that are rightly the measure of success in business.

I can mention one such subtlety with which I am familiar—faculty recruitment in mathematics and physics. Berkeley finds it relatively easy to recruit the brightest young faculty members because of its research reputation and the attractive living conditions in the Bay Area. These young men — often teaching for the first time — are frequently eager to learn their trade and perfect their teaching skills in addition to doing research, but absolutely no official recognition or encouragement is given for this work. Indeed, quite the contrary, often they find their career suffering if they concentrate too much on teaching and let their research lag temporarily.

On the other hand, such men will not usually accept a position at a state college — for example, San Francisco State — under the present system, since the extremely high teaching load and lack of research atmosphere and stimulus would cut them off from continuing in research, which is personally important to them and, in the long run, important for maintaining good teaching and the economic health of the state.

It seems to me that students at both San Francisco State and Berkeley suffer under the present system; that surely is reason enough for changes in the Master Plan.

ROBERT HERMANN,
Professor of Mathematics,
University of California,
Santa Cruz.

The Anthem, Yeah, Yeah

Editor—My husband and I are in our late 60s and have been avid sports fans all our lives, except when some so-called vocalist got up to sing our National Anthem and screeched and caterwauled and butchered it. No wonder the base-

ball fans cry "play ball" before the last dying notes (they should never have been born.) But for the first time in my life and I was surprised, my husband agreed — when Jose Feliciano sang it, it meant something — not to impress his listeners with range, depth, etc., but what he felt. We felt the song's meaning also.

I wish we could convey to the young man our pleasure in person but we're hoping you will receive enough letters like ours to let him know it.

MR. & MRS. HENRY BLUM,
Nevada City.

Who Needs Him?

Editor — Even allowing for campaign hyperbole, the current billboard "America Needs Nixon Now" is too much. What American, I ask, needs Nixon now? Does the poor American need him? Does the young American? The old American? The Negro American? To ask these questions is to answer them.

For all of these groups, and all Americans as well, Humphrey is demonstrably the better candidate. Humphrey has a magnificent record in civil rights, Peace Corps, Medicare and social legislation. Nixon's record in these fields is undistinguished.

California did not need Nixon in 1962. America does not need Nixon in 1968.

JOSEPH GOLDEN,
Lafayette.

New Bird

Editor — The proposal of Norman B. Livermore, California Resources Director, to license birdwatchers may lead to some interesting complications. For example, how would such a law be enforced? And would the breach be classed as a felony or a misdemeanor? I'm sure that thousands of my fellow birdwatchers would like to have these questions answered. But, as always, we rejoice in the identification of a new species: Reagan's Tight-fisted Nitpicker.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Toward Socialism

Editor—Bleeding Hart Wilbur J. Cohen, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, complained October 4 of Richard Nixon's proposals for increasing Social Security as a "bitter pill with very little help in it for the millions of poor and sick elderly who need help."

Secretary Cohen has a short memory. He and his political friends put over Medicare which helps the needy as well as the greedy. If Medicare helped only the needy and not the greedy, the money being used to help the greedy could be given to help the poor and sick and elderly.

He favors Hubert Humphrey's proposal to "be spread across the board." When these Social Security benefits are "spread across the board" we will be that much closer to socialism and can be more like England, France and Sweden. Won't that be jolly!

ROBERT G. BROWN, M.D.
Redwood City

Traumatic Experience

Editor — For decades New York has been tearing down its unsightly and noisy elevated railroads, thus letting sunshine and air into the streets below and leading to their vast improvement. It must be that we in San Francisco have no knowledge of this traumatic experience of one of our country's major cities, for we are giving ear to a proposal to build an elevated railroad, the monorail to the airport.

The cars would be of different design, but there are the same overhead structures, the same heavy supports to block the view and cut off the light and to obstruct traffic. The New York els were new and shiny once. We see how ugly and generally objectionable is the Embarcadero Freeway—why do we think for a minute of the possibility of this new form of elevated railroad.

ENA GREENSTREET
San Francisco.

Doing His Thing

Editor—Hooray for Jose Feliciano. It took a lot of artistic integrity to do his own thing with the Star Spangled Banner instead of

parrotting the typical ballpark baritone.

Despite statements to the contrary, the young man did not "insult" or "degrade" our anthem. Far from it. He made a highly personal statement of national faith I think we owe him our respect, even if his soul is a little too strong for certain ears.

C. G. LUMBARD
San Francisco.

'Pigs is Beautiful'

Editor—Although the choice of the Black Militants of a vicious predator like the panther as a symbol is understandable, their selection of the humble pig as an object of hate and contempt is considerably less so. The pig is one of our most inoffensive domestic animals. It provides us with some of the most succulent food for our tables, and its hide supplies the best of leathers. It is modest, friendly and with malice towards none. In fact, "pigs is beautiful."

R. F. STEWART
Burlingame.

Upset

Editor — Regarding Richard Gott, writer for the Manchester Guardian on his article on Cuba this week. Must we listen to this Robin Hood of the Sierra Madre all over again? Even Mussolini made the trains run on time. This apologist for the Castro regime should write for Pravda.

W. A. BERNHEIM.
Fremont.

A Word for It

Editor — Ye Gods! What next? As if it were not sufficient that our country has steadfastly pursued for the past 25 years a course of dedicated gutlessness, now the Post Office Department, already immersed to its collective ears in the mire of the worst service in its entire 15 year history, has placed a Hollywood entrepreneur on a postal stamp. . . . This is really a prideful thing. Just think how well it will go over in London or Paris or Berlin to be able to brag that we have put Walt Disney on stamps. Is it any wonder the remainder of the world thinks of us as imbeciles?

I suppose next we may look forward to a fetching double portrait on a special delivery stamp of the Burton-Taylor ménage. Or the Beatles on a truly in airmail decal.

When I went to Stanford we had an expression which is not to be found in dictionaries. It is "barf!" It seems only appropriate here.

E. JENKINS.
Palo Alto.

Problem

Editor — My entire day was cheered October 5 when I read Mr. Kingman's edict that "all prostitutes must pay taxes."

This could lead to an interesting situation. It is the balance wheel of tax work that all wages that are taxable are also deductible by the employer who pays them.

Therefore, if earnings of prostitutes are taxable, does it not follow that the "employer" is a payer of salary and as such should be entitled to deduct the payment of fees to prostitutes as a legitimate deduction?

RUTH M. NELSON
San Francisco

The Governor Hurts

Editor—So Governor Reagan has filed suit against Los Angeles county because he feels that his assessment in the Malibu Hills area is just about eight times too high.

Why, didn't the Governor himself say that taxes should hurt?

G. GRUENER.
Oakland.

Omission

Editor — Two double talkers and a racist. And still they ask, why are the people alienated? Why all this disrespect? The democratic process at Miami and Chicago forgot to include the people. Write-in Senator Eugene McCarthy.

NICK McCLELLAN
Oakland

Calculation

Editor—Last time I saw figures for the hourly cost of the Vietnam war I calculated that 36 hours of the war were the equivalent of BART's \$144 million deficit.

MRS. PHYLLIS CAINE.
Berkeley.

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