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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What It's All About

Editor—English history and the enthralling account of the bitterfight between Parliament and the Divine Right of Kings-end my mind leaped to the University of California and the Regents.

Again I knew that whether Eldridge Cleaver does or does not deliver his ten lectures-for credit or not - at the University is not important.

What is of profound import is that the power to decide on curriculum, on who is to lecture regularly or occasionally, lies with the faculty, the Academic Senate, possibly the students, and nobody

Should the decision be a good one, all's well; if it should not, the remedy lies with the august body that made it.

Should this power be shifted so much as a hair's breadth, the volcanic fissure is fearful to contem-

HELEN SALZ.

San Francisco.

Yes on Commute Tax

Editor-As a former resident of New York City for more than 20 years and a resident of San Francisco since May, I would like to comment on the financial problems of the Bay Area.

By this time, it must be obvious to everyone that at least for the next four years, the urban areas can expect to receive little, if any, additional aid from the Federal government, no matter which of the presidential candidates is elected. The voters and the Congressmen are, and will be, in a conservative mood, and once the Wetnern war is settled, a tax cut... will be demanded and enacted. The President, whatever his name is, will not be proposing any large domestic expenditures for a long

By the same token, we in the Bay Area should realize that financial help will not be forthcoming from the State government as long as Governor Reagan is in office. Therefore, for the next two years, at least, the municipal governments in California will have to look to their neighbors and to their own citizens to help resolve the urban problems of education, housing and jobs.

New York City had a similar financial problem in 1966, and Mayor Lindsay solved it by proposing a small commuter payroll tax, as Mayor Alioto has proposed. along with a city income tax of one to two per cent. This satisfied the conservative State Legislators, who approved the Mayor's request when they realized that the local residents were to pay the largest share. In addition, the objections of the commuters were resolved when the courts ruled that those who worked in the city but lived in the suburbs should pay for the services and benefits that they receive from the city.

The tax of one dollar per week that I paid to New York City was small indeed, when I consider that as partial payment for the 16 years of free public education that I received-including four years at the City University (Brooklyn College). I am sure that I am not alone when I say that I am ready and willing to pay an income tax to San Francisco, so that I can continue to enjoy the many "free" things that this beautiful city has to offer.

SHELDON ELLISH.

San Francisco.

Revise the Charter

. . . Drastic revision of the San Francisco City Charter is needed. The Mayor, the Supervisors must have power, the Charter-embalmed structure must go. Modern flexible and effective government is needed.

And there must be guarantees that it is responsive and responsible to the citizens, that it is representative and removable. Some of those citizens are in world famous natural, districts, such, as North Beach, Chinatown, the Marina. Others are less famous, but equally real, where residents often see their problems in different ways than the present at-large Board of Supervisors .

pervisors . . . The S. F. League of Women Voters proposes a part at-large and part district Board of Supervisors. We do not believe that this means a Supervisor would be strictly parochial. San Francisco representatives to Sacramento and Washington care about the State and the country.

In the past you have often edi-

torially complained of the fantastic costs of local election campaigns and of the impossible lists of candidates. District elections solve those problems.

It is not a choice of "march" or "match" for San Francisco. It's an opportunity to take some of the options for change; an opportunity to do something about a donothing Charter.

MRS. ROBERT G. BULL, President

San Francisco

The Barb Banned

Editor-The Richmond librarian has finally been forced against his professional ethics and judgment to remove the Berkeley Barb and Avant Garde from the Richmond Public Library. The fight is far from over, however.

We intend to continue opposing the kind of know-nothing mentality which allows a small pressure group of extremists to dictate what 80,000 citizens can find in their public library. The day is coming, and not too soon in my opinion, when the Library profession will sanction professional librarians from working in communities where the freedom to read is not upheld, along the lines of the National Education Association and the American Association of University Professors. When that happens, there will be communities where the Birch Society will attempt to turn the libraries into American Opinion Bookstores, and if the citizenry allows this to go on, then they deserve what they

In the meantime, I urge residents of the Richmond Unified School District to join the Friends of the Richmond Library I urge them to support John Forsman, Richmond librarian, who is undergoing increasingly gross personal vilification, and to indicate their support by writing to the Freedom to Read Committee, P.O. Box 222, Point Station, Richmond 94807 and allowing us to use their names publicly.

LAUREL BURLEY, Chairman, Calif. Library Assoc., Intellectual Freedom Subcom. Berkeley.

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Editor — This last summer while visiting Europe with my family of four, at every opportunity I asked the people I met what they thought of the American presidential election.

The one, almost universal, European reaction, which was especially strong in Germany, was that Wallace is essentially an American Hitler...

SCOVIL F. HUBBARD. Pismo Beach.

A Nice Tribute

Editor — E. Jenkins comments (Letters, October 15) about the Walt Disney stamp and his comparison to a Burton-Taylor stamp show his inability to make valid and just criticisms on which to base a logical conclusion. I feel Walt Disney should be considered a great American and that the tribute paid to him by the Post Office Department is justified.

Walt Disney had a vision — to make a beautiful and clean world for all persons to enjoy. He had a desire to express and display love with society's restrictions of race, creed and color. This world, although animated, is alive in the hearts and minds of most people. RICH WELLS.

Şan Francisco.

'It Will Raise Hell'

Editor — Your Sunday editorial regarding the advantages of Proposition 1-A and the disadvantages of Proposition 9 falled to point out one very important thing about 1-A.

I just received my 1968 property tax bill in San Mateo county. It is close to \$300 higher than it was last year. I have previously tried to sell my home but when prospects heard what the taxes were they ceased to be interested. Now it is about 12 per cent worse. I was also surprised to learn that the city assessors are not bound by the 25 per cent of market value. San Mateo city uses 32 per cent. And then boasts about a lower tax rate—although the amount of cash you need to pay is higher.

The big weakness of Proposition 1-A is that it is a delusion and will

prove to be of no relief to the property taxpayer whatever. Except for the first year. There is nothing in this law that prevents the politicians from increasing the property value or the tax rate a year later. So the taxpayer will find that this preposition has made it simply easier for the local governments to spend more money.

Therefore I am voting for Proposition 9 for one reason only: it will as you point out raise literal hell with the various government bodies in the state and county and city. They will have to scrounge for some other method of obtaining tax money; methods which will have some control by the public. I also don't like to have my intelligence insulted when those opposed make such claims as doubling the sales tax.

CHARLES A. ROLLEY. Atherton.

Mental Hospital Crisis

Editor — One highly essential point in understanding the plight of the State hospitals' staffing problems does not seem to receive attention.

The budget cuts came at a time when patients who had provided much of the work force were being rapidly discharged or placed in communities and patient populations reduced. Their labor was never tabulated in staffing quotas or budgets but it contributed markedly toward sustaining many functions within the hospitals.

Thus, even though it may be true, that, a certain standard in maintained on paper, conditions in fact could not help but deteriorate. It would require a major increase in staff and related expenses just to replace their contribution and to really hold to past standards of care.

STANLEY T. HELM. Ukiah.

The Poole Appointment

Editor —Senator George Murphy's conduct in preventing a hearing on the nomination of Cecil F. Poole to a Federal judgeship deserves the severest condemnation. The Constitution vests the appointing power in the President

with the "advice and consent" of the Senate. When a Senator takes it upon himself to prevent a nomipation from being considered by the Senate, he is thwarting the Senate from discharging its constitutional obligations to a d v i se and consent.

As Chairman-Elect of the American Bar Association's Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, I have worked with Mr. Poole, who is Vice-Chairman of the Section, and know him as a highly qualified lawyer with the ability and character to make a superb Federal judge.

JĒROME J. SHESTACK ⁷ Philadelphia.

Balance of Nature

Editor—In nature there is a perfect balance. An overbreeding of any species is balanced out by disease, famine, or a large increase of the overpopulated animals' natural enemy.

God gave man electricity and we've harnessed it, but still don't know what it is. I was raised a Catholic, but it seems to me some higher being might have let man discover The Pill—since man has conquered most of his natural enemies. Just in time, too, before man overpopulated and destroyed his creation. I don't think it's a coincidence.

CHARLES A. KENNEDY. Grants Pass.

Mission Impossible

Editor—I disagree with Joseph Golden's Monday letter to the ediator. Mumphrey cannot be better than Nixon. Nixon could be worse than Humphrey. But trying to guess which is the lesser of two evils is mission impossible. Look at what happened to the guessers in 1964.

JAMES WINSTON.
Sacramento.

Another New Bird

Editor — Paul Ogden's letter in Monday's Isvesticle fails to mention a species of bird of which the Bay Area suffers an excessive infestation — the bumblewitted leftwing.

LUKE ASBURY.
Mill Valley.

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Editor — A striking difference in the attitudes of the presidential candidates toward peace is reflected in the character of the prominent scientists who have announced their support of either Humphrey or Nixon.

Four local Nobel laureates --Charles Townes, Edwin McMillan, Donald Glaser, and Robert Hofstadter - have announced that they are campaigning for Vice-President Humphrey On the other hand, it is highly significant that Dr. Edward Teller, the 'Father of the H-Bomb" and outspoken supporter of nuclear stockpiling, has agreed to serve on Richard Nixon's Scientific Advisory staff. In view of Mr. Nixon's reluctance to proffer any statements on his Vietnam position, the selection of Dr. Teller can only be interpreted as indicating the candidate's subscription to Dr. Teller's rather "Hawkish" viewpoint on the

I strongly urge all those concerned with the United States involvement in Vietnam to consider the alternatives and to cast a NO vote on Nixon and Agnew by voting YES on Humphrey and Muskie

PAUL D. SCOTTI, Virus Laboratory, University of California.

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Hunt Likes Rafferty

 Editor—Many have asked me recently which of the three candidates I favor for President. My reply has been that I hope to vote fersthe coordidate whose principles appear to be the most constructive just before election-eve | justify iny attitudes by telling them of the Alpaca Constitution which precludes political parties and of the oath of office required by those who have been elected: do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of Alpaca, efficiently discharge my duties and perform my official actions to accomplish whatever appears to me to be in the best interests of Alpaca when the time for decision or action arrives "

I hope the Republicans will capture and organize the House because they have members who

have been in Congress for many years with a fine knowledge of government who have never been Chairman of a committee. I have also stated a preference for Charles Bernard for the U.S. Senate from Arkansas and Max Rafferty for the U.S. Senate from California. I think both are potentially great statesmen and the actions of their Democratic opponents are dangerous to the life of our Republic.

H L HUNT

Dallas

Freedom for Birdwatchers

Editor—Birdwatchers unite! Is the state going to license our binoculars or eyes?

The rich and powerful NRA lobby has prevented licensing of guns. We can do the same for binoculars and or/eyes.

JOHN HANSON. SanFrancisco.

Facts, About Fill

Editor—Not to prolong the debate of Bay development versus Bay untouchability in your letters column, but I do feel that Mrs. Marcella Jacobson's letter of October 8 deserves a response

Mrs. Jacobson and a few others persist in trying to make something sinister out of Westbay Community Associates' intent to develop its bayland properties in San Mateo county.

We have distributed our General Development Plan widely to government officials and agencies, placed it in libraries, and given it to the news media. We have not billion or "sectorism" our purpose.

I say again, it is our intent to develop some 4000 acres of our 10,000 acres of properties extending between the San Francisco Airport and the Santa Clara county line. Much of this will be on fill over the mudflats. A good part of the fill will come from dredging lagoons and waterways on the property. The Plan provides for parklands and public access to the water over almost the entire length of the project where none exists today.

Mrs. Jacobson states that "it is obvious that such Bay fill and its ensuing real estate development

would increase smog, water pollution, highway congestion, taxes, etc." It is not at all obvious, and it is in fact, untrue.

Mrs. Jacobson's letter is typical of the pseudo-conservationists who righteously accuse everyone with contrary opinions of propagandizing the public and beclouding issues, but who with great zeal and complete lack of conscience, do these very things themselves.

ROBERT L. CRANMER, Project Manager, Westbay Community Associates

San Francisco

Mr. Wholesome

Editor—In these days of crooked politicians, dissent, distrust, hatred and unrest, in the fact of generations of children who cannot wait to grow up and adults who cannot enjoy wholesome entertainment anymore, Walt Disney was one of the most generous humans alive, and one of the first willing to stand up for the Flag, Mom and Apple Pie.

Every year the U.S. Post Office puts out hundreds of stamps designs. It seems more than "barfy" of Mr. Jenkins (Letters, October 15" to protest a small tribute to a man with such a large heart....

PATRICIA DENSER

San Jose

'Middle Class, Arise'

Editor - I am wondering what is going to happen to the Middle Class in America - - those people, black and white, who pay their taxes without complaint, who save and screen a description of the save and screen and a description.

Every time I look at television I will find someone haranguing about wrongs. The black man is talented in this and loquacious. The white talks volubly too, but without solutions. Meanwhile, the bills are being paid by the thrifty middle class; and if you own real property you are the target for every tax raise for every good cause.

What is happening? You tell me! When is the middle class going to assert itself organize, and stop running for cover?

ANNE O. JELM.

San Francisco

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What If ...

Editor — Has it occurred to the protesting, dissenting youth that the United States of America would be vulnerable to the point of extinction if it had no defenses, no military protection, no security?

ELISABETH A. PFORR.

San Carlos.

'Bravo, Bravo'

Editor — I would like to stand up and shout BRAVO, BRAVO along with many others on behalf of the Richmond Freedom to Read Committee for demanding the resignations of the three Library commissioners who voted to remove the Berkeley Barb and Avant Garde from the Richmond Library.

Bravo also to David Brunton, Mrs. Gant and JoNell Barnett. May

they always stand tall

As a member of a Bay Area Friends of the Public Library group, I am for keeping these publications in the library — all libraries

C J ARNOLD

San Francisco.

Theima Turkey?

Editor — The word discrimination is much in evidence the past few years, and now I bring forth, if no one else does, the greatest discrimination of all. It has been swept under the carpet, ignored and tabooed. Not even the Suffragettes and Lucy Stone of another era ever raised a voice.

Now that the World Series is over and the holidays loom in the offing, we will see in air ourcher shops and full spreads in papers "Tom Turkey" and "Hen Turkey". Now this is discriminatory. Tom Turkey has a full name, she has not. Therefore, I propose a campaign to give her a name, to atliterate with T. T. or Tom Turkey. I suggest Thelma Turkey.

I'd like to hear from the first butcher who has a sign reading

Tom or Thelma Turkey.

WILLIAM HENKELMAN

Here's an Opinion:

Editor — The Governor has asked for opinions about the ap-

pointment of Eldridge Cleaver as lecturer at U.C., and here is mine.

Is our belief in the democratic process, faith in the American Constitution and love for truth so fragile it cannot stand the abrasive prodding of those who find flaws in our system, who disagree with our laws and who hate our representatives of our way of life?

If our country has such a flimsy foundation it deserves to crumble under the weight of protest. Personally, I have more faith in my country than those fill a g-wavers who seek to "protect" our delicate ears from dissent."

MARI L. LADOWSKI

Napa.

Nixon's Cool

Editor — If Richard Nixon's closest friends and advisers deem it imperative that their candidate be kept cool, calm and rested during the present campaign lest he "blow his top" what may we expect of him when his paid imagemakers, having gotten him elected, leave him to the awesome pressures of the President's office?

Will those pressures be less demanding, less frustrating, less tiring than a campaign smothered in friends and flattery?...

R. K. ANTHONY

Stockton.

Good Reaction

Editor — You will be pleased to know that the public's reaction to the Municipal Railway's exact-change fare program has been extremely good...

The program has all a must beneficial side effect — in that the general relationship between Municipal Railway personnel and the public has been greatly enhanced. The fact that there is friendlier communication between the operators and the public has been apparent to all of us.

WILLIAM E McDONNELL, President,

Public Utilities Commission.
San Francisco.

The Place for Wires

Editor — We noted with satisfaction your editorial of October 15 with regard to the burying of

utility lines and the report of the Task Force of the Electric Utility Industry on Environment.

The California Public Utilities Commission has long been concerned with the problems of undergrounding electric and communications lines. As long ago as 1965 the PUC instituted a lengthy and extensive investigation to determine what revisions of rules, what existing rules or new rates would be required to stimulate, encourage and promote undergrounding for esthetic as well as economic reasons.

As a result, the Commission in September 1967 adopted as policy this principle and became the first regulatory commission in the nation to establish guidelines and regulations to accomplish this.

The Commission in its interim decision maintained that "however useful and often necessary had been the seemingly total preoccupation with the engineering and commercial aspects of our utilities, the time has long passed when we could continue to ignore the need for more emphasis on esthetic values in those new areas where natural beauty has remained relatively unspoiled or in established areas which have been victimized by man's handiwork."

We are most pleased that the Task Force has concurred with this position.

WILLIAM SYMONS, JR., President, Calif. PUC. San Francisco.

The Fireman's Lot

Editor — I regretfully admit that the information brought out the your editorial of October 3, "The Pheman's Lot," is true. It is about time someone brought it up. Many people do not realize that firemen are also victims of violence Firemen stand for law and order and automatically become objects of violence by lawless people

Everyone knows there is no such thing as "fireman brutality" and people should start using their heads and realize it is a terrible crisis that our protectors should be abused by such militants. It should be brought to a halt right now if our firemen are forced to carry guns.

HELEN K. SAVAGE.

San Francisco.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jackie

Editor — The impression given by American newspapers including vours is that Aristotle Onassis is indeed the most fortunate human on earth for having won the most coveted prize in the universe

This may be so, so far as Mr. Onassis is concerned, but we the undersigned wish to stress our belief that Jacqueline is probably the most fortunate woman in the world since she has been able to marry a truly unique, extraordinary human

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San Francisco

Editor -- Jackie Onassis isn't sporting the Camelot image at all. Guinevere slipped too

H H WITEMEYER

Berkeley

Why all the nega-Editor --tive reactions? Charlie Chaplin married his Oona when she was barely 25 years old and he at athe age equal to the rich Greek Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Justice William O Douglas married babes from the cradle, so to speak

Mrs Kennedy knows what is best for her life and children, so let her live the life she wants if she finds happiness with an old man who possesses charm, money and geritol_pep

GEORGE R PENA San Francisco

Rafferty's Words

"Editor - Almost to a day two years ago, in October 1966, the State Superintendent of Rublic Instruction, Dr. Max Rafferty, came out with a statement that the Berkeley campus is a "four-year course in sex, drugs and treason.

Now, on October 10, 1968 the Superintendent stated that today's college and university campuses became a "cross between a brothel, a hippie pad and a shooting gallery

Then, in order to give this new definition a perspective in depth,

Mr. Rafferty states that the vast majority of students and instructors, "decent, law abiding serious scholars," are "horrified - and in some cases terrified" by "the antics of the degenerates among them

Thus having traced the downfall of the colleges and universities to a treasonable minority of degenerates and prostitute co-eds - Max Rafferty turned to the question of morality, and having conceded that "intellectual" questions are complex, found solace in a statement that "most moral questions are pretty simple

The question is how such kind of simplicity would manifest itself in an office of a Senator from California, which is much more complicated than the office of the State Superintendnet of Public Instruction?

LEON KOGAN San Francisco.

Smith and Carlos

Editor - I have always respected and liked the black Americans with whom I have come in contact. However, I deplore the actions of Smith and Carlos in Mexico City during the playing of the National Anthem If they dislike America so much, why not try Africa? Possibly they would be better off and certainly this great country would be

Such undesirable American citizens as Stokely Carmichael, Mark Rudd, H. Rap Brown, Robert Franklin Williams and numerous black power advocates are a disgrace to this great nation and we would all be better off without them, black and white.

CARL T. BYRD

Zephyr Cove

Editor --- It seems right that Smith and Carlos should be banned from the U.S. Olympic team for their defiance of protocol upon receiving their medals in Mexico City. However, the pride people wish to have in their race needs to be exhibited. Where we choose to exhibit it is up to us and we have to take the consequences.

If I were a black athlete I may well have chosen to exhibit the pride and dignity in the same way Smith and Carlos did.

We have to put ourselves in the other guy's shoes in any argument in order to get sound and honest dialogue. If all of us, all races, do this, we may have less violence, less animonsity and less hatred Justice has to be evenly distributed to all human beings

JÁCK TURNER

Hayward

Editor — My reaction to the si-lent protest of Tommie Smith and John Carlos was not one of outrage, but rather one of respect for these men who had the courage to speak out to the world against America's oppression of their race.

I was, however, outraged at the Olympic committee's action in reprimanding these men and ousting them from the Olympic village. To the Committee's statement that politics have no place in the Olympic Games, I reply that racism, bigotry and oppression have no place in a democrary

JAMES B NORTON South Lake Tahne

Mr. Brundage's leadership of the U.S. Olympic Team is outrageously racist and unsportsmanlike. His action in attempting to deny the expression of Olympic champions Carlos and Smith typifies the inherent racism of our society. I for one salute and support the beautiful expression and sensitive understanding which champions Smith and Carlos have given to the world

M J SANDERSON. Director, Church and Race, Synod of the Golden Gate San Francisco

The Real Winners

Editor - The statement of Charles A. Rolley (Letters, October 18) "I dan't like to have my intelligence insulted" (by the opponents of Proposition 9) would be amusing if it were not so tragic. It is the proponents of Proposition 9 who are insulting the intelligence of the electorate.

If Proposition 9 is passed the only winners will be the large property owners; the real losers will be the homeowners and renters

It baffles me how any thinking person could possibly vote for such an ill-conceived measure

DOROTHY GRAVES Mill Valley.

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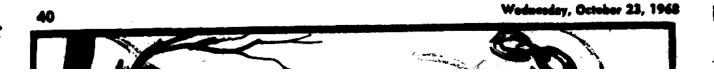
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schizophrenia

Editor - The United States is schizophrenic. First we blast countries to bits, spending billions to do so - Germany, Japan, Vietnam, et al., — then we about-face and spend more millions building these countries up again.

This schizophrenia puts American pocket books through the wringer, so we have no money for our own blighted and crumbling country, with its poisonous air, polluted waters, decaying slums, and broken down transportation facilities, to mention only a few critical conditions crying for correction.

HARRY A. HOBBS.

Brentwood.

'Don't Fill It'

Editor-Westbey Community Associates — the combination of David Rockefeller banking interests, Crocker Land Company and Ideal Cement — is not helping the public get the true facts about its proposed large fill of the Bay.

With enthusiasm, this company emphasizes that its large Bay fills include public park space which will provide a beautiful park instead of the ugly shore-

It does not publicize its own estimate that these public parks, at the edge of a larger fill, shown as attractive green borders on the development maps, will cost the public \$50,000 an acre just to fill. The company may donate the open water

After paying \$50,000 an acre to fill, the public must then pay for development and maintenance.

Why not buy the existing "shoreline and leave the Bay?

Quen water riever deteriorates, requires no maintenance, will not require a high tax rate to develop and provides beauty for generations to come.

MRS. CLARK KERR.

El Cerrito.

'Don't Ditch Dave'

Editor — I am sorely distressed by the internal squabbling in the Sierra Club ... Regardless of whether one likes or dislikes David Brower, it must be admitted by any fair minded person that he has

done more for the Sierra Club than any hundred members. , . . Had it not been for the Sierra Club's endeavors do you think that the Redwoods and Grand Carryon would have been saved?

As for the publishing efforts of the Sierre Club, for which David Brower is held responsible — and justly - what more beautiful books can be found anywhere? These alone have brought memberships to the Club as well as serving to educate people to the need for organized efforts to preserve what is left to us.

I have nightmarish visions of P.G. & E. and the Bureau of Reclamation waiting, with big grins on their faces, to take over and go their destructive ways with no opposition. To ditch Deve Brower would be like killing the goose that laid the golden egg, or pulling out the thorn in the side of one's enemy.

E. S. TURNER.

Berkeley.

it is Done

Editor - Several years ago a poll of American women revealed that their greatest wish was for Jackle Kennedy to remarry. It is done! Now do the good ladies they could get uptight about peace, environmental pollution, our shameful infant mortality record, etc? . . .

MERVIN GIUNTOLI. San Jose

'Demonstartors Beware'

Editor - On August 25 a few persons staged a demonstration in-Red Square in Moscow protesting the invasion of Czechoslovekia, It apparently lasted only about three The rates before they were arrested.

For that activity, the particlwere given sentences which varied from five years in exile to about three years in jail.

If they received the above sentences for only three minutes of demonstrating, think what they would have received for a demonstration which lasted several hours, for one where possession was taken of a college president's office, or for actions such as those in the demonstrations at the Democratic Convention in Chicago. Probably they would have been machinegunned down without mercy.

Let those who would destroy or replace our form of government ponder the above. Let those who either deliberately or unwittingly aid those who would destroy our government by demonstrating with them, think carefully of those who demonstrated in Moscow before they act.

THOMAS D. ROSS Moraga.

Birdwatchers Guide

Editor — Paul Ogden (Letters, October 14) and Luke Asbury (Letters, October 17) in their listing of newly-tagged birds seem to have overlooked the Right-Winged Anti-blackbird. The woods is full of 'em.

EDNA SHAY.

Fremont.

P.S. — and the Whooping Red-necked Ring-leader.

The Tax Trap

Editor - Members of the League of Women Voters were overjoyed to read your editorial of October 15 entitled "Reject Prop. 9, The 'Tax Trap.' "

The League of Women Voters is also opposing Proposition 9. In addition to the cogent arguments you posed in the editorial, our additional opposition is based on the effects this measure would have on support of local schools. The provision prohibiting the use of the property tax as a revenue source for support of schools without providing means of local support could certainly lead to confusion and chaos for our school system

The League also believes Proposition ? would severely limit the flexibility of the Legislature in dealing with the pressing problems of financing state and local govemments in California by setting a limitation on a major revenue source. We desire a State Constitution with provisions which enable the Legislature to deal with state problems with flexibility, unhampered by unnecessary restric-

ELLEN G. AHERN, President Calif. League of Women Voters. San Francisco.

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"It's the most curious thing I ever saw in all my life!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.C.'s Troubles

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Editor—After reading Tuesday's report on the latest Reagan-Rafferty attack on the University of California, I hasten to voice my support of President Hitch and those regents who are standing firm in their fight to preserve the integrity and vitality of our great center of learning

Thank God the voices of reason and moderation still prevail on the Board of Regents. But how long, unless we who believe with them in academic freedom let it be known by voice and vote that we want our university to remain above partisan politics and out of the reach of small minded and fearful men?

LOUISE RICHARDSON.
San Francisco.

Editor — All of the trouble and turmoil at the University of California can be laid at the door of the so-called "liberal" or better yet, "radical" element on the Board of Regents, namely, the holdovers from the defunct Brown administration. I refer to the Coblentzes and the Duttons and their ilk. Sixteen years is too long for a regent to serve. Now is a good time to sweep the Democrats out of office, nationally, statewide, and locally. We sorely need a change.

T. G. FENNIMORE. San Francisco.

Editor — As a graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley, and a holder of an A.B. from the same institution, I would implore Governor Reagan to take a closer look at Cal.

He is obviously laboring under the delusion that everything one reads in the newspaper is true, reported in depth and in context.

As one who has suffered at the hands of that same press (or so the Governor complains), Reagan would do well to examine the facts for himself. I would remind him that Cal has been called "the best all-around educational institution in America" I would also remind the Governor that its "bearded, beaded politicos" staff Project Head Start,

tutor children in Oakland and Hunters Point; that they run a camp in the summertime for underprivileged children; that they lead all other colleges with Peace Corps and Vista members; that they support a total of 59 Greekletter houses, field athletic teams in nearly all major and minor sports and have a 4-win, 1-loss football team which tore apart "clean cut" UCLA 39-15.

As for the quality of the education I received, I will be happy to match my graduate record exam scores with a nything Governor Reagan cares to produce

I suggest the Governor look beyond the occasional (and often misinterpreted) upheavals on the Berkeley campus to the deeper, more enduring and significant traditions of a c a d e m i c excellence, o b j e c t i v e analysis and athletic prowess that make up the true character of the university.

LESLIE LAFAYETTE.
Berkeley.

The World in Miniature

Editor—Yesterday marked the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The agenda of the current session of the General Assembly reflects a shift in emphasis from the long East-West domination of issues to a North-South axis. This change, although it may be less dominant than the agenda items indicate, it is none-theless healthy. The 125 members apparently are trying to reflect a more universal approach than that previously dominated by superpower interests.

Someone has described this agenda as "a summary of mankind's assorted troubles." The witems fall into three broad groups... ings: independence, economic development and human rights. Most peoples have achieved political independence only to find they are not really free. They continue economic and technological dependence. Economic development problems reflect the frustrations of developing peoples trying to find themselves. Human rights issues reflect the efforts of nonwhites to be treated as equals.

The agenda items remind one of

the problems facing our own country. In a very real sense our problems are a miniature of world problems. What a challenge this presents us! By our actions we might be able to set an example that could be useful to members of the United Nations. And in the process, we might find that our words in the United Nations really did carry more weight.

HENRY W SPIELMAN, President,

United Nations Assn. of S.F. San Francisco.

Teresa Turkey?

Editor — I can't agree with Mr. Henkelman's "The I ma Turkey" (Letters, October 22), but it does open a previously unexplored field of research. Teresa Turkey is alliterative and has good rhythm. Perky Turkey has rhythm and rhyme.

As one who once handled the stupid beasts, I'd also suggest Quirky, Jerky, Murky, Shirky, and Go Crowd in the Corner and Suffocate. Which they do.

I suggest that bird-brain may have been originated by a turkey grower.

B. PEMBROKE DAVIES. San Francisco.

Memo to Candidates

Editor—A note for Messis. Nixon, Humphrey and Wallace Since we didn't "pegotiate" to go into Vietnam, why must we negotiate to withdraw. All we have to do is get the hell out. It's as simple as that.

R. BENEDIKT-DERST San Francisco.

Wish Them Wall

Editor—She wanted a strong man for her children. He wanted prestige that comes with a wild, wide-eyed famous clothes horse.

Horrified at his red tie—stunned by her aristocratic bearing—they nevertheless should have as happy a marriage as can be expected from such exotic contrasts. I hope so.

LOUIS HENRICH.
San Francisco.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Underground it

Editor-The California Depopulation Commission is mounting a long-term campaign to put the California Highway Commission underground. Sooner or later this self-serving monster must be confronted and but down and we believe that the time for such a confrontation has long since ar-

Our concern, of course, is with congestion, and we believe that the Commission creates congestion by anticipating it. Highway engineers ram great freeways into the uninhabited boondocks "to meet future needs." These blighted areas then react allergically with a rash of sleazy housing. This means more commuters, which means more gas tax revenue to fund more freeways which means more commuters, etc., etc., etc. This trend must be reversed

We invite like-minded individuals to join us. Speak out: write your representatives in Sacramento; poor-mouth the whole freeway concept; think bad thoughts or otherwise do your thing

D. C. CAMP, Director Calif Depopulation Comm Ross

'He Broke a Promise'

Editor -- It is hard to understand how you can recommend a man like Nixon has proven himself to be for the Presidency

We cannot forget how juvenile he acted when he was defeated for the Presidency and then defeated for the governorship and just went all to pieces and threw a childish tantrum, making the statement that "You will never get to kick We, the public, took that as a promise, but he went back on his

R O FEATHERSTONE Oakland.

Bay Fill Debate

Editor — Robert Cranmer of Westbay Community Associates described me as a "pseudo-conservationist" (Letters, October 18) I am not a "pseudo" conservationist, whatever that may be, but a real one. I believe that our great Bay should be kept a Bay and not turned into ordinary real estate for the benefit of David Rockefeller and his associates at the ultimate expense of the public at large.

If Mr. Rockefeller and his allies' (the Crocker Land Co. and Idea) Cement) are allowed to proceed with their gigantic fill plans in the south Bay, the public will have a "pseudo" Bay. We will also have more smog — not "pseudo" smog, but the real stuff; we will have more water pollution - not pseudo" pollution but a genuine reduction in water quality; and we will also have more real (not pseudo") congestion and noise

If we want, we can then tax ourselves more in an attempt to clean up the air and water pollution and to combat the congestion and noise - but that will cost us (not Mr. Rockefeller) real (not pseudo") money .

Other conservationists and I with a real (not "pseudo") concern for the total Bay Area environment volunteer our time, energy, thought and personal funds in an effort to retain the unique favorable qualities which the Bay now

MARCELLA JACOBSON Hillsborough

Editor - Robert Cranmers crude missile of October 18 com pels a query.

Who stands to profit by filling our Bay; the "pseudo-conservation" ist" or the land butcher?

PETER R. HOLMES

Palo Alto

Race Relations

Editor - - With all the he_silines mat recial problems are making and rightly so, I think it should also be noted that several private enterprises have contributed a great deal toward correcting some of those problems by backing, financing and supporting blackowned and operated businesses and by helping to train their employees.

Safeway, the Bank of America and Mattel Toys, Inc. are three such that I know of; there may be more. I think these operations should get front-page coverage and that we, as private citizens,

should write our thanks to these companies and patronize them.

That's the kind of advertising that makes me, for one, happy to buy a company's products.

WANDA S. BURGESS Mill Valley

'They're Both Phony'

Editor — The opponents of Proposition 9 claiming that this is a tax trap and will cost the taxpayers more money in increased State tax and sales tax must admit that Proposition 1-A is equally a tax trap and a phony as well. The only sensible tax relief available for the homeowner is to abolish the infamous AB-80 that is the real culprit of all the unfair taxation in Califormia

To return to the fair and equitable tax practice of the Wolden regime would be justified in that one-third of the taxes came from the homeowners and two-thirds from downtown businesses

EDWARD H NERVO San Francisco

Jackie, Again

Editor - When I heard about Jackie marrying Onassis I thought This is the greatest thing since " I say this because the wheel I was once in love with a Greek and let me tell you, they have a way with them. This was the only time I ever felt like a woman. Period

L M WALLACE San Francisco

Editor opened Wednesday Chronicle and there it was, In big, black letters, the most earth-shattering news in a decade "The Inside Story of Jackie's." Hairdo.

MRS. HELEN MOORE Los Banos.

Pushed Around

Editor -- If the professors and students at U.C. paid attention to their studies and stayed out of polities maybe politicians would stay out of their academic affairs

The people of California will not tolerate much more pushing around.

WILLIAM HUTCHINGS San Lornzo.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Let's Have More'

Editor — Being an old man, enjoying Social Security and Medicare along with 20 million others is much better than picking weeds during the Republican depression of the thirties. If it takes Socialism to take care of the old, let's have more of it. You will notice that while our little socialistic hand out (Madison Avenue term) comes through, we have made 50,000 millionaires since World War II, with 30 million poor going to bed hungry every night.

The large fortunes of today and in the past were obtained through excess profits, which should have been syphoned off as taxes down through the years, preventing the horde of steam yachts and rich gadabouts floating around the world, while the most of us broke our backs and other parts of our anatomy keeping our belies from contacting our backbone.

WALTER M BEAM San Francisco

Halloween

Editor — Halloween is indeed a tricky night. Well-intentioned parents and neighbors have indeed been led astray. Loading children up with sugar-filled candy is not an act of kindness. Sugar being the favorite food of a bacteria found in the mouth. These bacteria produce an acid strong enough to dissolve the enamel on our teeth.

An orange UNICEF box tells us that 5 cents will protect four children against tuberculosis or will provide 30 vitamin tablets for children. Our friendly Coop sells UNICEF greeting gards that provide these same type of services.

How much more rewarding to think we are helping not only our make children, but thinks and returned members of the human race.

LEONA D. HARVEY Portola Valley

Save the Bay

Editor — It is with great Interest that we have followed the several letters that have appeared in your newspaper since Harold Gilliam's critique in This World, September 22, where he chided Westbay Community Associates for

their objections to the restrictions of BCDC's Plan for San Mateo County.

The six Branches of the American Association of University Women in San Mateo County are on record as of 1966 and again in 1967 in opposing the filling of San Francisco Bay with any material whether dredged from the Bay, from San Bruno Mt. or elsewhere. Reducing the surface area of the Bay, filling the mudflats or the tide lands will upset the ecological balance of the San Francisco Bay area. Smog, water pollution, traffic congestion and taxes will increase with continued unrestricted development. This cannot be denied as Westbay Community Associates continues to do.

We support the Bay Conservation and Development Commission's Plan in its entirety. The American Association of University Women is not a conservation organization but one of university and college graduates interested in Education, Community Problems, Foreign Affairs, the Arts and Community Service.

MRS. WILLIAM ALVING MRS. WILLIAM BOHN Co-Chairmen Our Environmental Heritage Study Section, AAUW San Mateo

'Don't Snuff It Out'

Editor — I am a senior French major at the University of California, this university being the third I have attended in the U.S.A. and abroad during my undergraduate career.

Ours is an age when change and "radicalism" seem to be rampant everywhere, although, of court Orier Carriol relegate social Allin the mid-20th Century ould like to remind those people like Mr. Fennimore (letter of October 25) that, while so called "radical elements" do in fact exist in the University (and on the board of Regents?), the university in any society is basically a conservative establishment. If its raison d'etre is the search for truth, the university delves into the past, observes the present and at times hazards speculation on the future; but in

the end, the fundamental values of the society are embodied and perpetuated as the university wanders about in its quest for truth. Thus, while some students and faculty may expound on the virtues of activism and reform — and thank God some do — few professors actually preach from the pages of the Wall Street Journal or Time Magazine; and ultimately the most basic and meaningful values of Americana and the Occident live and thrive, though their visible manifestations be subject to various interpretations.

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So please, Mr. Fennimore, don't break up those "radical" Regents whose 16-year terms are designed to outlast any governor, be he liberal or conservative; and please don't seek this "needed change" with such intent and passion that the off-ignored torch of knowledge is snuffed out altogether.

A. C. SWORTFIGUER Berkeley

Air Pollution

Editor — San Franciscans perhaps don't choke on smog as often as Alameda and Santa Clara county residents do, but nonetheless they ought at least to be aware that the amount of deadly carbon monoxide going into the air of S.F. county each day is close to 1000 tons.

Furthermore, in just two years, the amount of CO in S.F. County increased 15 per cent. Obviously even breeze-swept San Francisco can no longer rely on Mother Nature to clean up the garbage in the sky.

Since carbon monoxide can lessen the oxygen-carrying capacity of our blood, heart patients and hose-who suffer anemia may be execusly effected if we don't do more to control air pollution, not only by control devices but by changing some basic patterns in land use, transportation systems, open water preservation, and use of steam and electric vehicles. The old jokes about Los Angeles being the dirty neighbor to the south no longer sound so funny.

SARAH L. FELDNER, CHM. Committee For Clean Air Now Box 111-61, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Garbage Disposal

Editor - San Francisco needs to take another look at its garbage disposal. Myron Tatarian's proposal to the Supervisors that Western Pacific haul garbage to Lassen county for a gigantic landfill is not "the most economical method of disposal" (The Chronicle, October 24). The \$6.50 a ton figure is \$2 a

ton too high.

St. Petersburg, Florida, will pay \$4.50 a ton to International Disposal for garbage disposal over the next 20 years. No plant investment was required of the Florida city the money was put up by Allstate Insurance and Westinghouse Electric, two firms backing the International Disposal organization. The plant occupies 3.2 acres which suggests that San Francisco might need something less than 30 acres all told for some combination of plants to process 1300 tons daily.

California's most knowledgeable expert on solid waste disposal Paul Majer estimates that "70 per cent of normal household waste is compostable" -- thus San Francisco could be returning to area soils about 800 tons of compost/fertilizer daily and saving about \$1 million a year by doing it.

WILLIAM L. WARNER. Modesto.

'A Gem'

Editor - McCabe has really outdone himself. His "Necessary Loneliness" in Friday's Chronicle is a philosophical gem that I'll clip and keep to reread at my leisure.

The implications of solitude were never etched in finer

detail. . .

J. G. JIMENO.

Brentwood.

The Senate Vote

Editor - May I add one point to your excellent editorial recommending support of Alan Cranston as U.S. Senator? With Republican Senator George Murphy already in Washington, the election of Mr. Cranston's opponent would mean two men of very similar views representing California.

It is imperative that Mr. Cranston be elected so that the large segment of Californians who do not agree with Mr. Refferty or Mr. Murphy will have a choice in the U.S. Senate.

FRANCES A. BIOLETTI. Los Altos

Moderates, Arise

Editor --- . . . There must be many students at the University of California who, while wanting to see improvements in the way the University is run, recognize the importance and fairness of bringing about change without doing harm and creating more problems in the process. Perhaps next time a sit-in or take-over is threatened. some of these moderate students could form a barricade and tell the radicals they will not let them take over buildings

RALPH ELAS

San Francisco.

Proposition 9 Debate

Editor - Recent letters in your columns indicate a serious misunderstanding relative to Proposition. 9, the most destructive piece of legislation to be placed before the voters in this generation. This Proposition, in the opinion of thought-

ful analysts, would, if enacted: increase the real tax burden for everyone. Higher sales and income taxes would accompany reduced

property taxes;

Completely upset orderly financial planning for all levels of California government;

Gravely Imperil our educational system, still our greatest asset, and bring new public works construction to a screeching halt;

Throw a cloud of financial uncertainty over all California that would stop new-fectory construction and job-building business investment;

Destroy the nationwide bond market's confidence in our municipal bonds and increase the interest rates on new lasues in the fu-

Throw building and construction workers out of work.

A Yes vote on Proposition 1-A and a No vote on the Tax Trap ---Proposition 9 — is the only way to provide workable property tax relief and still not demage the credit of the State of California and our growing economy.

RICHARD M. ODDIE.

Sonome.

Editor - I am not going to let Big Business and Charlie McCarthys trick me into losing my home to the tax collector. I am voting Yes on Proposition 9. Not only because it will cut my present back-breaking property tax in half, but more important, it is generally conceded that property taxes will double in the next few years, unless Proposition 9 is passed and Proposition 1-A is defeated.

JACK BARTALINI San Francisco.

LBJ Out of Order

Editor - That President Johnson should participate in this election as a partisan Democrat is, in my opinion, quite out of order.

His position is unique, After election or succession to the Presidency he is no longer a working Democrat — he then represents all the citizens of the United States.

As a candidate for re-election the President could only present to the people his record and his plans. Any partisan debating or squabbling could only damage the dignity of this supreme office.

H. C. CARPENTER, M.D. Berkeley.

'Thanks, George'

Editor - A "thank you" to George Wallace. I would like to thank George Wallace for admonishing the long-heired beatniks, hippies and demonstrators to "get to a good barber and get a hair cut . nothing wrong with you that a hair cut won't take care of . . . and it will take a heavy load off your head . . .

Even if one does not agree with his politics, the barbers certainly should commend his stand on furthering the idea of a clean-cut look and a hair cut. I can remember no other national figure that has taken such a stand.

ELMER, THE BARBER, VOIGHT San Francisco

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Editor — The recent "Prop A Offers A 'Fair Share' " editorial in The Chronicle was more than heartening to the Bayview-Hunters Point community. It gave the depressed district's 30,000 residents a real hope that the difficult 2/3 Yes vote Tuesday might be obtained. .

All of us who are working for Proposition A as a "must go" for the welfare of all San Francisco and its citizens, have been brought face-to-face in this final week of the campaign with some grim realities . .

There is a depressing lack of financial support from expected sources for what we believe to be the most important local issue on the ballot. It carries, unfortunately, a latent fuse for intensification of some of the current basic racial and social problems which have wracked the city in the past months. It is a social issue of pure justice and fairness. The children, young men and women, families, and senior citizens of Bayview-Hunters Point simply must be given a "fair share,"

Yet, almost unbelievably, Proposition A has received up to today. a total of only some \$14,000 in campaign contributions

We have endorsements from Mayor, the entire Board of Supervisors, Archbishop McGucken, the Board of Rabbis, the Council of Churches, Police Chief Tom Cahill, Fire Chief Bill Murray, the labor unions, district merchants, veterans, Chamber of Commerce, Down Town Association, etc., yet we have had to cancel all media advertising because of our budget problems . . .

There is a possibility that Proposition A will not only fall short of the 2/3 vote it needs for passage, but fail by a substantial margin. Then, the residents of the problem-plagued ghetto area of Bay-view-Hunters Point, as well as other predominantly black neighborhoods in the city . . . might interpret the vote as a strictly anti-Negro vote and thus add fuel to the potential fires of racial strife.

JERRY FLAMM.

San Francisco.

The Men Who . . .

Editor - The main issue in the Presidential campaign is who will stop aid and trade with the Communist countries helping the Viet Cong slaughter our American fighting men . . .

Let's stand up for America and let George do it.

MRS. J. M. KELLY.

Amarillo, Texas.

Editor - There is an urgent need for a new leadership in Washington. Let's get on with it. . A Republican landslide for Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew. HARRY W. ACKLEY, SR. Woodland.

Editor - It is a matter of record that the party of Messrs. Humphrey and Cranston initiated and administered the deficit spending schemes over a period of 35 years which have resulted in the tax burden and cheap money.

The only remedy is in the election of such sensible leaders as Richard Nixon and Dr. Rafferty.

M. MADSEN.

Sunnyvale.

Editor - Down with communism! Down with Communist incited riots, burning, looting, Molotov cocktailing and downright senseles molestation and destruction! Hurrah for Wallace!

MIEKO SITO.

Belmont.

Editor --- . . . | cast my vote for a man of courage and conviction, who is first an American and secondly a party label - Hubert H. Humphrey.

THOMAS McGUIRE, DDS. Monterey.

Editor — Sometimes I think I'll vote for Wallace and get this country over with.

RAY HILL.

San Anselmo.

Editor — One regret I am going

to have to live with is that I ever voted for Eugene McCarthy. He will surely go down in political history as the most vindictive, divisive, smart aleck of this decade.

LAURA NELSON BAKER. Lagunitas.

Editor - What in hell has Nixon done in the last eight years that makes you think he is fit to be President?.

JOSEPH M. BURKE.

Sacramento.

Editor - As a veteran of 23 months combat duty in Vietnam, I urge the people of California to send Max Rafferty to the U.S. Senate.

GLENN B. MacDONALD. Saigon.

Editor --- Max Rafferty certainly is brave with my life. Where was he in 1941-5 when he could have put his life on the line?

CAPT, RONN D. KAISER. Saigon.

Editor - I have made an observation that might shed some light on Tuesday's election: The count of "Wallace for President" slogans on the walls of our public toilets far outnumbers those of either Humphrey or Nixon

SMITH D. HICKS.

Vacaville.

Editor - At school we are having a campaign for the candidates. The class was divided in three groups and each group was assigned a candidate. We all went to the candidate'ts headquarters for propaganda material.

A student of Oriental descent went to the Wallace headquarters for material. The headquarter worker refused to give or sell anything concerning Wallace. When I went in to the Wallace headquarters, the workers gave me the material I wanted

TINA GABBY, 8th Grade. Carey School.

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