

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## **An Important Fountain**

Editor—I have been reading with interest the stories regarding the sculpture fountain created by Armand Vaillancourt.

Being familiar with the medium as an art dealer, and with the problems involved in working on a project like this, I feel that the quality of the work is exciting and dynamic, and that Mr. Vaillancourt has resolved the problem as it was presented to him.

Another point that should be brought up is the great task of collaboration between artist, engineer and architect. This is a new concept in all three fields and the fact that these three people have worked together and have presented us with a work of this caliber is another added asset to the city. The idea of being able to participate in the sculpture is a beautiful one. I for one feel that this fountain will be important to the city.

RUTH BRAUNSTEIN,  
Director,  
Quay Gallery.

San Francisco

## **Beware**

Editor—Last couple of summers the middle-class has used the hippies first for entertainment, then for scape-goats. The blacks have been so used for a couple of centuries. Now the pattern has been extended to include college students, teachers and intellectuals in general. Makes one wonder who will be next. Will it be office workers?

Picture next summer's crop of tourists prowling Montgomery street with their eternal instamatics trained on brokers, bankers and secretaries. Perhaps the leftover wings from the Big Depression, that unshaven silent minority that lives and drinks in the doorways of Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets. Will they have another turn? Will the new discriminatory loitering ordinance apply to these battle-weary San Franciscans?

Beware, you affluent suburbanites, for the day is coming when the city people will come through your neighborhoods, stare at your

strange clothing, tramp your square green lawns, photograph you, and, when they have taken your best, will have you driven out into the wilderness.

Oh, generation of parasites, where would you be without the hippies and the blacks and the students to hate? You would put the best of the young into prisons and graduate the mediocre to become your teachers, your doctors, your lawyers, and all of the other servants who contribute to your comfort and security. So be it. The future holds your just reward. But is your conscience strong enough to stand the burden of all those murdered children? Sleep well, lost Americans. Not all of the lambs driven into the wilderness will die. Some will survive to rebuild America from the ashes you leave.

ART KENNEDY.

San Francisco.

## **It Was a Start**

Editor—To place a man in office means backing him up. The Mayor wanted Proposition A, passed and he gave good reasons why. I think we should appreciate everything he did in his power for this, and it is a shame that the bond issue did not go through.

We have to start somewhere with Hunters Point, and playgrounds were the best starter there could have possibly been.

SHEILA COUGHLIN,  
7th Grade, St. Anne's

San Francisco.

## **Opera for Everyone**

Editor—I would like to take this opportunity to commend Robert Commanday and the rest of your music staff for creating an awareness of opera throughout the Bay Area and adjacent Livermore-Amador valley which makes it possible for small opera companies to survive and flourish. Evidence of this is the vast Bay Area cast which commutes to Livermore for Monday and Wednesday night rehearsals under the direction of Henry Holt from Palo Alto.

I would venture a guess that in

areas further removed from San Francisco where the influence of an excellent opera company is more remote, community support for opera, financial assistance from an enthusiastic opera guild, and a growing audience of critical observers would be replaced by over-all apathy toward a misunderstood medium.

MRS. P. DEL GRANDE.

Livermore.

**The writer is founding member and was first chairman (1965-6) of the Valley Opera Workshop—Editor.**

## **Tranquilizer**

Editor—For nearly 20-years I have been receiving The Chronicle and I feel it is time to say thank you.

While I feel quite critical of some features, I want to be more positive and tell you that I particularly enjoy Stan Delaplane.

It has been my morning habit to first read his column, thus putting me in an excellent frame of mind to proceed to withstand the stress, strain and irritation of the news of war, crime, the travails of the Giants, student strikes, even the gyrations of Wall Street.

My appreciation of Mr. Delaplane, his keen and good humor is a great help and defense against the reams of bad news. Frankly, without him, I would not survive the negative elements.

B. A. BRENNAN

San Carlos.

## **The Cure**

Editor—Congratulations to Walter Anderson and the State Parole Board. People are finally realizing that the way to cure a criminal is to rehabilitate instead of locking him up in a cell for the rest of his life.

I wish Mr. Zalek all the luck in the world. He'll set an example whereby more men will once again contribute to society.

KIRT R. HARMON.

Yosemite.

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**Monday, December 2, 1968**

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## When a Cuban Goes Home

Editor—I would like to bring to the attention of the public a few facts about the Cuban aliens and refugees that might give light to some of the recent hijacking of commercial airline flights to Cuba.

I manage a travel agency in the Mission district and a majority of our clientele are Spanish-American people.

Recently I received a call from a woman who is a Cuban alien and has been living in the United States since 1957. She is married to an American. Her mother, who still lives in Cuba, is 87. She is very ill, and as all daughters, my caller would like to visit her mother before it is too late. She wrote to Washington and after seven weeks of waiting, received written permission to go to Cuba with a re-entry permit to return to San Francisco. Her brother in Cuba obtained a visa for her to visit her mother but unfortunately the visa had to be used within 28 days after it was issued.

All this might seem simple to you. The public thinks that all she has to do is hop a plane. After all, her papers are in order.

The problem lies in the fact that there are no flights to Cuba from any point in the United States. The only flight from the Western Hemisphere is from Mexico City. In order to fly to Cuba, you must fly to Mexico City and change planes onto a Cubana Airline flight. There is a six-hour waiting period to make connections. In order for a Cuban citizen to be in Mexico, even for six hours in an airport, he must get a Mexican visa. The Mexican government says that the waiting list, for Cuban aliens and refugees is so long that it might take months to obtain this visa.

The Cuban people, along with all the foreign born immigrants, have come to this country to better themselves and to do better for their families. They have so many barriers they must cross. The first and hardest is their language barrier. Every day in my business I meet educated professionals from

foreign lands who cannot practice their professions in America because of language barriers and our strict licensing qualifications. The strong survive by studying English and going back to school, studying their trades. The weak feel lost and lonely and want to return to the homelands. We have seen this happen with American Indians.

We brought the Cuban refugees to this country on our Freedom Flights. I'm sure our Government has helped employ and house these people as best as possible. But we can't help the weak. What about the children who want to go home, even for an emergency?

Pan American Airways and Aeroflot Airlines have cooperated in flying between the United States and Soviet Union. A flight between Miami and Havana might be helpful. I realize that not all of the hijackings have been performed by Cubans and that my suggestion might not solve the problem. I do think that with the screening of passengers and the cooperation of the governments and airlines, the terrorizing of the Miami and Caribbean-bound visitors could be lessened.

PAT FRUGOLI

San Francisco.

## Bigger Book

Editor—A commute book that cost \$10 and was good for three months would cut down on the frequency of book sales and would obviate the cumbersome and time-consuming transaction for the toll collectors of making change. A better flow of traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge would result.

PHILLIP PERLOFF, M.D.  
Mill Valley.

## Bad Day for Sioux

Editor—A non-Sioux asked me how I enjoyed this Thanksgiving and here is my answer.

I have nothing to be thankful about since a great many of us are on a starvation diet. Myself, I en-

joyed my beans working the fields. It's no holiday to me and never has been one.

Since the greedy white man's coming our once great nation has been cheated out of its land. False promises. Broken treaties. Starved out by the killing of our buffalo. And yet the gallant Indian soldier fights on all fronts without burning his draft card or demonstrating. I wish my people could have met the Mayflower on what used to be our freedom shores.

MEL OTHERMAN.

Salinas.

## Sue the Pope?

Editor — Pope Paul's encyclical prohibiting the use of artificial birth control measures will make it impossible for many Catholic men and women to care properly for the resulting large families.

Suits are now being brought against our Secretary of Agriculture by citizens who claim that hunger is illegal. If a Federal authority is to become responsible for feeding a family the size of which was none of its doing, shouldn't the religious authority that was the direct cause of many oversized families bear some of the brunt — specifically the Pope?

Why shouldn't a Catholic mother, with more children than she can support, sue the Pope or his nearest cardinal for child maintenance?

DOROTHY JORALEMON  
Berkeley.

## Tried and True

Editor—Dr. Edward W. Miller (Letters, November 27) describes the only intelligent method of meeting the BART deficit.

You would have records as to the correctness of my impression, but I have rather a distinct recollection that this method was used by Mayor James D. Phelan, who levied a tax on the increased value of the land west of Twin Peaks, to defray the cost of the Twin Peaks tunnel extension.

JOS. S. THOMPSON  
San Francisco.

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Charles de Young Thieriot, Editor and Publisher

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## How to Change the System

Editor — On November 27 a document was signed by several of us who are faculty members at San Francisco State College. The statement we signed clearly commits us to the support of the 10 Demands presented by the Black Students Union and the 5 Demands of the Third World Liberation Front.

I supported those demands because, although they are real needs currently felt, they represent something more profound and urgent. Taken together the 15 demands are highly symbolic. What is really being asked for is a vast change in attitude on the part of the educational edifice. They want relevant education and an opportunity to establish individual and group identity. They want black and other ethnic studies because they are fed up with the public schools and colleges which have in the past taught exclusively "white studies." Equally important is this fact: if we do not meet these demands — none of which is startlingly radical — we will be adding another bit of evidence that the White Man not only fails to understand the Black Man, but he will actively block the black's attempts to rise above our special kind of "colonialism."

Doubtless the BSU and the TWLF will expect those who signed the document to express their support by joining them in what they have chosen to call "a strike." Some of us may eventually do that, especially if conditions continue to deteriorate on the Trustees and Campus levels. For myself, however, I feel that I would be denying the BSU and TWLF a tactical device by joining the "striking" members of the faculty. By joining them I would thereby cut myself off from further discourse with those faculty and administrators to whom I can still direct persuasive enterprises which might be further enhanced by the ability to add faculty perspective to student perspective.

All this means that I will probably meet my scheduled classes, and thus invite intrusion or violence. Those who will commit such acts are, sadly, among the most

dedicated and sincere students on campus — but politically they are shockingly naive about long range repercussions to short range success.

If violence occurs I will wager that it will not be the BSU or TWLF that will perpetrate it. If violence occurs on the part of the students (as opposed to the police or National Guard), I believe it will be spearheaded by a third group. This latter group, I contend, has generated nearly all of the violent acts by students. It is this group more than any other, perhaps, that drove President Summerskill from his job, and which was responsible for the bulk of the human and property damage last year. It is they, although fundamentally humanitarian in thought, who have nevertheless placed a superb President like Smith in a crucible.

The group to which I refer are the white student militants, whose leadership is probably to be found in the Students for a Democratic Society. We know something about what the black students want — at the very least their rightful piece of the action. The SDS types view themselves as a collective Samson; their goal is to bring the evil temple crashing down. With the kind of help they have been given by the Governor, the Trustees, and the Chancellor, they may very well succeed.

M. CHARLES FESLER,  
School of Behavioral  
And Social Sciences.

San Francisco.

The above was written before  
yesterday's outbreak of violence.  
—Editor

Editor — I hope the appointment of Dr. Mayakawa will usher in a new era in solving the problems of San Francisco State.

As a member of the long-suffering public who is helping to pay for the education of these students, I must say I am rather bewildered by some of their demands, and shocked by the methods used to attain their objectives. It is my understanding that any

course taught at any of our colleges is open to all students, providing they have taken the proper prerequisite courses. In other words, there is no color bar to their getting an education, so what's the problem?

I would suggest that one of their main problems is the same problem that is keeping many of their fellow white students from acquiring the necessary training to attack the problems of life, and that is too much time spent in violent demonstrations and too little time spent in studying.

I would be the last to suggest that everything is perfect in our educational system. If enough students indicate a desire for a course in black studies or anything else which would be helpful in making them a well-rounded person I am sure the college authorities will give it to them when the necessary money is obtained and other problems surmounted. In fact the former president gave the activist leaders and students every opportunity to present their grievances and was called names for his efforts.

Until we get the activists off campus and settle the problems through normal channels already provided, we will continue to have trouble.

BOB MOTT.

Santa Cruz.

### Paradise Lost

Editor — I noted Jack Smith's article last Wednesday "A Plan to Purchase Baja California" and feel compelled to comment.

Those of us who have made frequent trips to "Baja," know its friendly people, enjoy its unspoiled and unexploited natural beauty, its unexcelled fishing in the Sea of Cortez can imagine no worse fate for it than for it to become a part of "los Estados Unidos." Talk about paradise lost.

Thank heaven the Mexican Constitution prohibits its sale.

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Charles de Young, Founder, Editor and Publisher

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"What do you intend doing when you retire, sir?"

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Eight Points for Incineration

Editor — Hans Feibusch of the SPUR Waste Disposal Committee has gamely attempted to defend the Mendelsohn "Lassen County Whiffer" (Letters, November 26). Each of his eight points, however, has another side to it that reflects serious doubt as to whether the railhaul approach is a sound one.

1. It is true that the incinerator will entail a higher capital outlay than the railhaul approach. Feibusch fails to mention, however, that even the proponents of railhaul admit it is a more costly method of refuse disposal. Since the railhaul entails relatively low capital outlay, i.e., fixed costs, but costs more to begin with, we can expect that costs will escalate far more rapidly than under incineration.

2. It is true that the Air Pollution Control District will not approve an incinerator before it is in operation. The District has no legal authority to approve any facility until it operates. Experience in Europe, however, has clearly demonstrated that incinerators of modern design can meet air pollution control requirements far more stringent than those in the Bay Area. Current regulations could be stiffened 300 per cent and still leave leeway for a modern incinerator equipped with effective air pollution control equipment.

3. It is true that the railhaul could be put into effect quickly. Experience has also shown that reliance upon other political jurisdictions for refuse disposal can be terminated equally quickly. Remember Brisbane and its 1100 voters! Will 25 cents a ton anesthetize Lassen's sense of smell and beauty forever?

4. It is correct that an incinerator has a residue of 20 to 40 per cent by weight. This matters very little. By volume, which is the important factor in refuse disposal, the residue is only 10 per cent. In many European cities commercial markets have been found for the incinerator residue which is a thoroughly sterile by-product.

5. While it is true that raw gar-

bage—or at least part of it—can be converted to compost, the process is expensive and uneconomical, and there isn't any significant market for the final product. The cost of separating compostable refuse from other wastes would be very high and therefore it is doubtful that composting is even under serious consideration at the present time.

To transfer the raw garbage to Lassen county is to repeat past errors of shifting the problem to another group. Insofar as air pollution is concerned, according to the U.S. Department of HEW's 1968 Sanitary Landfill Facts, "Decomposition of the wastes will result in the production of gases, principally methane, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, hydrogen and hydrogen sulfide. Gas production reaches its peak within the first two years."

And that paper has been found to remain unchanged after 25 years. How can such burial and shifting of air pollution to another area be considered to be protective of the air or a saving of resources?

6. Without composting, San Francisco's refuse will not improve the soils in Lassen county's desert areas. While this idea may help to sell the people of Lassen county on becoming San Francisco's garbage dump, it is a deceptive argument in favor of railhaul.

In fact, the above referenced book on Sanitary Landfill Facts lists several disadvantages of landfill.

"Under certain geological conditions, the burial of solid wastes is a real potential for chemical and bacteriological pollution of ground water and surface water; and

"Methane, an explosive gas, and the other gases produced from the decomposition of the wastes may become a hazard or nuisance problem."

7. We are presently accumulating large volumes of waste in one point at the landfill site in Brisbane and "recycling" of waste has not proved practical. Accumulating mountains of garbage in Lassen county, 375 miles from major markets, will hardly make it more

feasible. Incineration, on the other hand, is in fact a proven means of recycling and produces usable by-products, such as steam, scrap metal and usable fill.

8. The people at Hunters Point — or Potrero Hill — will hardly find a garbage transfer station, with 1300 tons of raw garbage and seldom mentioned raw sewage sludge aging for several days while awaiting shipment to Lassen county, to be an asset to the community. What does the Western Pacific propose to do with the odors and gases generated at the San Francisco transfer station? Modern incinerators are not only attractive but are designed to destroy odors by high temperatures, and export only a clean residue — not raw, fermenting garbage.

FRANK P. SEBASTIAN  
President, BSP Corp.,

Chairman, Incineration Comm.,  
S.F. Chamber of Commerce,  
San Francisco

## Today's Philosopher

Editor — Unless the seeking of identity through ethnic and cultural ancestry is tempered with the recognition that each uniqueness is but another expression of our Oneness, then all of us shall be poorer by being strangers to one another. We should not seek that which divides but rather the bond of sympathy and understanding which says with Whitman, "I am large: I contain multitudes."

Never before has mankind been offered an opportunity such as exists only on this continent. The technocratic man who through science and engineering has made a potential abundance available also makes possible a new culture of self realization whose spirit and content is spacious and free.

Too long has man, like Lot's wife, been frozen in looking backward. Tomorrow is the bible of the free wherein man will participate in "the celebration of Life itself." Love as a deed, not an abstract, will make it true.

W. A. TIETZ  
San Francisco.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The Eyes Are on Hayakawa

Editor — Seemingly, happiness is having Dr. S. I. Hayakawa as president of San Francisco State College.

LEIGHTON HATCH.

Sacramento.

Editor — Dr. Hayakawa's appointment holds great promise for a solution to the problems which beset San Francisco State . . . Hopefully his leadership will point the way for other institutions in similar difficulty . . .

The taxpayers speak out with a non-partisan voice against the weak, vacillating administrative policies which have given sanctuary to the subversive political internicide of the revolutionary New Left. This small, dissident, irreconcilable minority of students and faculty who insist on gaining by coercion a disproportionate share of power and influence must shape up or ship out . . .

M. C. HULL.

Ontario

Editor — Dr. Hayakawa presumably has the right and power to change the climate of leniency which unfortunately was allowed to develop before his tenure. Swift and just punishment is necessary before there can be any lasting improvement. My one hope is that the trustees will back him 100 per cent

Confrontations before administrators on campuses can be reduced by the threat and execution of arrest, expelling students and firing obstreperous faculty members. Dissidents represent only a small minority, but they deprive the vast majority of the education they deserve. Those who refuse to abide by administrative rules and employ striking methods to achieve changes should be removed. Others will leap forward to replace them.

Parents and alumni will be everlastingly grateful. Taxpayers will breathe a sigh of relief. Nothing is more disgusting and discouraging than seeing educational tax dollars

wasted so carelessly. Educational bond issues would pass more readily if taxpayers knew their money was being used wisely.

I am sure Dr. Hayakawa's methods will bring the desired results and will be acclaimed by everyone who realizes that society can only move forward by the observance of rules and regulations which benefit the majority . . .

F. GERRY BRYAN.

Millbrae.

Editor — . . . It appears to me that the present situation at San Francisco State requires something other than the correct words of persuasion or the threat of armed force.

The striking students are speaking a new language which is incomprehensible to some of us who have not shared their experience. Perhaps a new kind of listening is required. Instead of reacting to the least disciplined of the students, Dr. Hayakawa should listen more deeply to those who try to communicate through the only language they know.

KATHERINE GRAHAME.

San Francisco.

Editor — . . . As the quiet, peaceful, productive majority, we have awaited anxiously for someone like Dr. Hayakawa to assume the mantle at State College.

I'm the father of three teen-age daughters carrying 3.6 to 4.0 averages, and I can assure him that I would wholeheartedly support their decision to attend State with such leadership in evidence . . .

J. D. CUMMINS.

Oakland.

Editor. — Now that State College has been able to be opened only by employing unlimited police force on campus I hope that the Governor and Dr. Hayakawa are honest enough to now appropriately rename the institution "San Francisco Police State"

M. C. BELKNAP

Concord.

## The Friendly CP Writes

Editor — May I use the medium of your newspaper to thank Ross M. Turner for his kind remarks (Letters, November 29) on the many amenities offered him and Mrs. Turner aboard Canadian Pacific Railway train The Canadian recently. Also, on behalf of the train crew and terminal personnel who conspired to make their trip such a memorable one, a sincere thank you.

A. G. CHAMBERLAND.

District Passenger Rep.,  
Canadian Pacific RR.

San Francisco.

## 'They're My Police'

Editor — In your editorial December 3 on Daniel Walker's report on activities at the Democratic Convention you specifically state that an "undoubted" majority of Chicagoans have approved the performance of their Mayor and their police force.

Not surprising. They live there. They knew that their only safeguard was that of the city.

I have been angered too often recently by such articles as that of Royce Brier on the "berserk" Chicago police. Only because a "few obscenities" were thrown at them! A policeman is a man. He must take pride in himself or he will have no pride in the worth of all humans.

While your paper is busy criticizing Mayor Daley, take a look at the S. F. State campus and something you have to contend with. At least you did show a picture of a young man cutting down the flags of the nation and the state. But this is just a "nice kid," no doubt. Doing his thing. Let them do their thing in Russia, then. I doubt that Russia would even want them.

If there must be a choice between fascism and communism, I'll take fascism any time. Either one is a police state. But my policemen, here or in Chicago, won't do anything but good for any of us law-abiding citizens.

NADINE DENNEHY

San Francisco.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Students Write About Their Campus

Editor — As a taxpayer and a student I am sick and tired of the cliché-ridden comments from the public I've encountered. Not one of these individuals who encouraged the use of the Tactical Squad has been on the campus and seen the bloodshed or the horrorstricken faces of all involved. I am numb and sickened by all the brutality I have seen on both sides — by club-wielding cops and rock-throwing activists.

There are no heroes in this situation as even the famed Hayakawa has taken a militant stance. Are we all to be dehumanized in this play for power, or are there enough among us (the students) who will respond to this desperate need for change in a positive, constructive and non-violent way?

As for those law-and-order minded citizens, I invite them, no I dare them, to come on our campus as "innocent bystanders" and see for themselves the methods used by cops to restore supposed law and order.

ROSALYN GOLDMAN,  
San Francisco

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Editor — I have been a non-striker, and up until Tuesday I attended classes without fear or need of protection. But now I have decided to stay away from classes because Dr. Hayakawa has destroyed all my faith that the establishment can react with sanity and understanding.

When I was a child I was taught that police were there to help me. I no longer believe that fairy tale. I am ashamed I did not speak out before now.

ELIZABETH BRENNEMAN,  
San Francisco

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Editor — In your letters section December 4, Bob Mott of Santa Cruz said, in what is perhaps typical of much of the public's attitude about San Francisco State, that "If enough students indicate a desire for a course in black studies or anything else which would be

helpful in making them a well-rounded person I am sure the college authorities will give it to them when the necessary money is obtained and other problems surmounted."

As a senior in English at S.F. State, I cannot share Mr. Mott's confidence in the college administration.

Obtaining "necessary money" and surmounting "other problems" to establish new programs of study can be the function of college administrators, but it has not been at State.

The question is one of priorities. The administration was able to find nearly \$20,000 to assist college sports after our student government decided that tutoring ghetto children and assisting an experimental college was more important than Saturday football. Though the administration (with the help of Dumke) assisted football, it could not find money for the 20 teaching positions requested by black students.

Mr. Mott says he understands that any courses at State are open to all students "providing they have taken the proper prerequisites. In other words, there is no color bar to getting an education."

But there is a color bar in education. Only four per cent of the students at State are black, while the community it serves has a much higher percentage of black people. Why are there so few black students at State? The black students say it is because they have not received an education that is relevant to their lives.

One of the BSU's demands is that all black and third world students wishing so be admitted to State in Fall, 1969. If this demand is granted, I doubt it will bring thousands of minority people running to enroll at State, though I wish it would. The demand is an attempt to attract those people who were dropped out by their irrelevant education, to show them that education does have something to offer them. Those minor-

ity students who do respond to this invitation must have a black studies program that is given proper autonomy, and is well funded, or they will only be dropped out again.

So long as administrators do not realize that these are serious demands, or do realize it and still manage to put football before education, I believe that students seriously interested in their education will be on strike.

DAVID LAWSKY,  
San Francisco

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Editor — As a member of the tax-paying, tuition-paying, fee-paying, hard-working silent majority, I congratulate Dr. Samuel Hayakawa for his courageous stand.

It should be pretty obvious that the demands are not really the objective. If they were met, this group would plan more complicated demands in order to continue disruption.

This country offers more opportunity, better conditions and assistance than almost any other country in the world. We have vast areas which still need improvement for we are a fairly new nation which has undergone many changes. How great it would be if the anarchists worked toward building instead of destroying.

EDNA M. JOHNSTON,  
Tiburon

### So Does a Taxpayer

Editor — I DO NOT KNOW ANYBODY ON THE POLICE FORCE, I AM JUST AN OUTRAGED CITIZEN WHOSE TAX MONEY GOES TO SUPPORT THE COLLEGES OF THIS COUNTRY, AND WHEN A FEW KOOKS TRY TO UPSET THE APPLE CART I WANT TO GIVE THEM A DARN GOOD WHIPPING.

DISGUSTED TAXPAYER,  
RAY SPENCER,

Fresno

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Our Awful World

Editor — I just saw a dog get run over by a car, right in front of my house it happens all the time around here. Life is quite expendable, it seems, in this automotive world we're trapping ourselves in.

From the top of the Berkeley hills the other morning the view of the city and the Bay was obliterated by a filthy brown poisonous smog, a fecal smear across the horizon. The world is getting filthy and dangerous as the cars take over . . .

Do we like smog, lung cancer, emphysema, crushed animals screaming in pain? Is mechanized America smoothly rolling along to its death?

When will people wake up and realize that highways are no replacement for redwoods and exhaust fumes no substitute for pure blue skies? . . .

Go up on the mountain and take a look. Don't bury us any deeper. Destroy your car before it destroys you.

RAY NEINSTEIN,  
BARRY GIFFORD

Berkeley

## 'It Isn't Over'

Editor — Your editorial Thursday "Why Don't You Kids Help?" was most shocking to find in such an intelligent newspaper. It should be clear by now that the activist radical demonstrators at San Francisco State are a perhaps distasteful symptom, but they are not the disease itself. Attempting to re-establish the status quo ante by kicking out the "troublemakers" is not a solution. When a doctor treats acute measles with stage makeup the result will not be instantaneous recovery, so let's not fool ourselves.

The Chronicle has indicated that it knows about the real problems, which are financial and political asphyxia. The electorate of this sovereign State have for some time now treated their institutions of present and future welfare with parsimonious contempt and they

have elected an administration and legislature which have added insult to injury. State's once celebrated faculty have been moving east like rats before the plunge; their replacements are part-timers and second-raters who don't mind low pay and miserable working conditions.

Dr. Hayakawa is the third new president this year, and the manner of his appointment could not have been more distasteful to anyone who really respects law and order. If he is to succeed he will need a conciliatory attitude, a free hand, and a fat purse. So far the Sacramento Zoo seems adamantly opposed to any of these.

It isn't over, and it won't be until the hatchet is buried, and not in bleeding, delirious State's back.

REGINALD STOCKING II,  
Graduate Business Student  
San Francisco.

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Editor — I strongly commend not only Dr. Hayakawa and Mayor Alioto for their courageous stands, but the San Francisco Police Department for their restraint in the face of extreme provocation, their efficacy in handling serious threats of force, and their efficiency in dispatching the dissidents.

I strongly feel that the costs of the violence and disorders since November 6 should be borne by those convicted of civil disobedience and not the innocent taxpayer. All appropriate measures should be taken to place the moral and financial responsibilities where they belong — on the shoulders of the dissidents, not those of the law abiding, peace-keeping taxpayers of San Francisco.

DONALD J. DE MARTINI,  
San Francisco

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Editor — It's a shame so many people feel that a college education at a State college is in the nature of a gift or favor bestowed on the student. Quite the reverse. It is the taxpayer and the society who benefit most. College graduates

make more money than those with less education, and the increased income taxes alone will repay the state government for the cost of the education. In addition, we need the most well-informed voting citizenry we can get; the better educated my fellow voter is, the better off I am. Thirdly, we desperately need intelligent, well-educated leaders, and cannot afford to turn anyone away from college lest he be the man who could solve our most pressing problems 25 years from now.

In short, the State college is not our gift to the student. Rather, his search for a meaningful education is the student's dividend for us.

MIRIAM MUELLER,

San Francisco

## The (Ugh) Staff of Life

Editor — The large (and most small) baking companies of America make what is just possibly the world's worst bread. The fact that any is consumed at all is indicative of widespread ignorance of good bread.

If more effort were made to make a bread that had flavor and would "fight back" when chewed, more might be sold, no matter what the price. Sole exception — the magnificent sourdough of the North Beach bakeries. We supply ourselves with enough of that divine product to last until our next safari out of the bread desert.

MRS. DON GRANT

Visalia

## Bring Back 'King Coal'

Editor — William Hogan's column on Upton Sinclair and "The Jungle" recalls to my mind a comment I heard Mr. Sinclair make regarding that book, during his EPIC campaign for Governor. "I aimed at their hearts and I hit their stomachs."

The recent West Virginia coal mine disaster suggests a new edition of Upton Sinclair's "King Coal" might be timely.

LORNA D. SMITH

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Some Swill Comments on a Swill Contest

Editor— . . . How about some movie titles: "Lassen Comes Home"; "The Return of Lassen?" and don't miss "Ton of Lassen." A real swiller.

Shouldn't Herlong have a big sign that said "The Muck Stops Here?" in its dump? . . . And shouldn't a certain song be retitled: "I Sent My Part from San Francisco"?

WILLIAM DIERDORFF.

Berkeley.

Editor — The Mendelsohn Zephyr . . .

J. BIGBY.

Santa Rosa.

Editor—The Spirit of Good Swill . . . The Lassen Trashin.

CHASE WEBB.

San Francisco.

Editor—The Trail of the Lonesome Rind . . . The Blue Plate Special . . . The Supper Chief . . . The Onion Pacific . . . The Sokitome Fryer . . . Slop it to me Chief . . .

DANIEL P. KNAPP.

San Francisco.

Editor— . . . El Crapitan . . . The Smellodorado.

KEN PEARSON.

San Francisco.

Editor—The Lysol Highball Sweet Violet Express . . . Fetid Flyer . . . Mendelsohn's Mulch Run . . .

LELAND W. STOCKTON.

Redwood City.

Editor—Smells Fargo . . .

MARVIN MAYEUX.

San Francisco.

Editor — . . . The Odoriferous Overland.

DAVID M. LAY.

Los Gatos.

Editor—Some of the City of San Francisco.

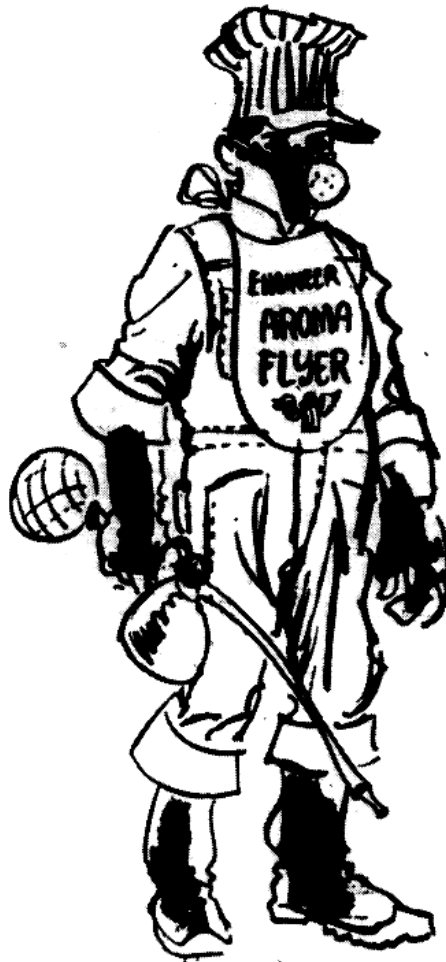
DENNIS McDONALD.

Berkeley.

Editor—Odorient Express . . . ARTHUR E. POWERS. Belmont.

Editor—Aromatic Express . . . IDA C. VOLKMANN. Daly City.

Editor— . . . El Trash-in-can. ROBERT G. SMITH, JR. San Francisco.



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Editor—Scooper Chief . . . The California Mold Rush . . . C. A. SHORT. Mill Valley.

Editor—Thou Swill . . . DON SERGEANT. San Francisco.

Editor— . . . The Great Eliminator. ALBERTA PALACIOS. San Francisco.

Editor — . . . The Garbageville Trolley . . .

W. STONE.

Walnut Creek.

Editor—The Offal Express. ARTUHR J. MOTT. Oakland.

Editor — . . . Super-Skunk . . .

GEORGE A. CHANDLER.

Sonoma.

Editor—The Honeybucket Flyer.

E. L. GENTRY.

Baywood Park.

Editor—Astroslop. GLADYS TATUM. Fresno.

Editor—The Downwind Zephyr . . . The Crud Commuter . . . The Daily Dumper . . .

JOAN S. DECKER.

Willows.

Editor—The Smotherin' Pacific. ic.

BOB KARP.

Santa Rosa.

Editor—The Scavenger Chief . . . The P. U. Choo Choo . . . And good luck. It's a swill contest.

S. A. SHARP.

Los Gatos.

Editor — . . . The Super Slop. Your contest has enriched our after dinner conversation.

DOROTHY KILPATRICK.

Oakland.

Editor—The Twentieth Century Lamented . . . The Stinking Messenger . . . The Santa Fe . . .

And to Lassen County's Board of Supervisors — thanks a heap.

GAR SMITH.

Berkeley.

Editor — . . . What happens if the train ever becomes derailed?

MEYER LEVY.

Chico.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Things Fall Apart...'

Editor— The agony of San Francisco State may have already passed the point of no return.

Ironically, behind all the hate and convulsion there has been a most legitimate argument, open to rational discussion and resolution. This is the contrast between two concepts of the kind of institution the college should be. On one hand stands the ideal of a classical liberal arts college. Chancellor Dumke, when he was president of the college, worked tirelessly to model it in this direction. He tried to raise its standards for both admission and grading, recruit a more scholarly faculty, displace the "language arts" curriculum with its emphasis on "communication" and remedial training in favor of the orthodox literature major, and to recognize national fraternities. The times were then with him and the college moved measurably in this traditional direction. As it did so it began to resemble the apex of a triangle in which the "good" student reached the top and got his degree while the "marginal" student with a working class or ghetto background, found his entrance barred or his continuance doubtful. As a result there was a smaller percentage of minority students last spring than seven years before.

Opposed to this ideal has been the concept of a "total community institution," or as one black faculty member expresses it, "a plural college for a plural society." Such a college would encourage admission of the presently forbidden students in considerable numbers and would extend itself to keep them in. Faculty of kindred background and identity would be hired, intensive efforts to overcome the ostracizing learning of the public schools would be made, tutoring and instruction in the neighborhood languages and dialects would be employed, formal studies would be related to "gut" experiences, and a full program of ethnic studies would be established with its own administration and sovereignty. This pattern would be like a broad quadrilateral with only

slightly sloping sides, in which the top, "cap and gown," level would retain most of the students who began at the bottom.

The concepts are not contradictory. Both could be included on the same campus. Students would have the right to switch from one program to the other, as they were willing and able. The two educations could well enrich each other.

Now for the tragedy. While the two concepts are reconcilable their respective proponents are not. This most reasonable debate, along with the content of the various "demands," is at this moment shattered and forgotten in the maelstrom of fury, violence, retribution and fear which sweeps the campus. A paranoid struggle for power has become more important than any use to which the power might be put. Marshall McLuhan's claim that "the medium is the message" could not find a better example.

Two matters for action symbolize for any administrator the fateful denouement: To close or not to close — the campus; to call or not to call — the police. The latter may be a decision about lives.

The campus is full of men of peace and wisdom. Where are their voices? Perhaps they see too much humanity on both sides to identify with the evil of either. Their situation and plight was sadly described by Yeats:

"Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold, / Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world, / The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere / The ceremony of innocence is drowned; / The best of all convictions, while the worst / Are full of passionate intensity."

It's only San Francisco State College — not very important compared to Vietnam, the Middle East, famine in Biafra, the nuclear decimation. But when integrity and courage are at stake, the whole is no greater than any of its parts.

RICHARD W. DETTERING,  
Professor, Humanities  
And Education.  
S F State College.

## 'Say Something Pithy'

Editor — Why all the silence about the "child-marrying" United States Senators? I'm sure Max Rafferty would have a pithy statement.

JOHN HANSON.

San Francisco.

## The Dirty Bay

Editor — Shame, shame, San Francisco! Oakland sweetens its sewage before dumping it into the Bay and you don't! You must not permit it to be said that the "Other Side of the Bay is Cleaner" (The Chronicle, November 30).

Of course, you could go Oakland one better and add a shot of Cologne (or perhaps Toilet Water?) to the thick liquors pouring out of the North Point and Islais Creek discharges.

Or could it be noted that chlorination does not wash away the damning fact that Oakland's 80 million gallons of sewage per day receives only primary treatment. In terms of Bay pollution, this is as bad as dumping roughly half that much raw sewage; chlorinated or not.

All the chlorine does is kill human and other bacteria in the effluent and thus keep Public Health Department "Quarantine" signs from appearing on East Bay shores. The chlorine is a nice touch and removes the stigma of contamination, but let's not confuse it with the basic problem of water pollution by domestic sewage, namely, the removal of nutrients.

Curing the latter problem is all very expensive but it is a very real and a very real responsibility.

KENT G. DEDRICK.

Menlo Park.

## One Smart Fellow

Editor — Does Charles McCabe think up all his own stuff? I find it hard to believe one man can be so smart.

HIRAM JACOBS.  
San Francisco.

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