

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Thank you, God, for work. Worries fade away as my labor fashions the equipment for everyday life. I'm glad You worked to create and that Your labor continues with Your children. Help me, O Lord, to labor for the life of my loved ones and for all Your children in the name of Him Who labored meaningfully for us, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Kenneth A. Kuntz, Indianapolis, Ind., executive chairman, division of Church Life and Work, United Christian Missionary Society.

EDITORIALS

A New Look for Labor

Even as Labor Day becomes ever more deeply entrenched among American traditions, progress persists in chipping away at what was once its major significance.

It was the unskilled and semi-skilled laboring man, the blue-collar legions of an industrial society in the making, that the first Monday of each September initially was set aside to honor.

Many a sunny day of picnics, parades, ball-games and just plain taking it easy has since been crossed off the calendars. And the nation that was building an industrial society has crossed a few bridges. It is now deep into the age of computers and automation, not the least of the effects being a steadily diminishing role for the nonspecialized worker.

As is so often the case with those affected by change yet not fully understanding it, the immediate reaction is fear — fear of loss of jobs by flesh-and-blood men to steel-and-circuit machines. That there is some basis for fear cannot be denied. It is visible in the steady decrease of jobs not requiring some degree of technological competence and the declining significance to society of those still available.

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Very recently one of the great powers of the world invaded a much weaker country and took control of its government. Russia, the world's Communist stronghold, advanced and took over Czechoslovakia, a weaker country with a wanting-to-think-and-govern-for-itself type attitude. The reason for the invasion was that the Soviets had supposedly received a call to aid the country from the new liberal threat.

Never before were there such condemnations echoing throughout the world. Massive United Nations and Security Council sessions, with statements of protests from the world's leaders all contributed to the boycott of the Soviet Union. The Americans though, who supposedly represent the shining example of personal freedom and self-government for all, seem to forget a similar situation which parallels this event.

A few years ago another much stronger country "invaded" another much, much weaker country. The United States supposedly answered a similar call from the Vietnamese, just as the Russians claimed to have received from the Czechs. This was a call for aid to help the country from forces from both within and without having an ideology contrary to theirs. American forces then moved in, set up a puppet government, as it remains today, and continue to control the Vietnamese and refuse to allow them to govern themselves.

Just how can the people of the world, especially the Americans, involve themselves so in a protest against the Soviets while the same situation exists between the Americans and Vietnamese. I guess it is again true that what is morally wrong for the Russians is completely legal for the United States.

PHILIP AMEN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In response to J.H.F.'s letter last week regarding the need for the people of California to remove Unruh, there is a way. By the state gaining three Republican new assemblymen in the November election, a new speaker of the Assembly will be appointed, thus sending Unruh back to the Assembly floor as just another assemblyman.

While this does not remove him, it does eliminate his power to continue his obstructionist tactics — commonly known as "fun and games."

We voters here in Solano and Napa County can help elect one of the three needed new assemblymen in November by defeating the present assemblyman representing Solano and Napa County.

A. W. CHARLES

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MAN OF THE DAY!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This letter is addressed to Miss Carol Peigh and all the other Americans who believe the U.S. has a necessary and moral right to be waging war in Vietnam.

Miss Peigh seems to think that the 88 per cent of the votes that Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy received are somehow "deceiving." She asserts that there were only two Democratic candidates on the ballot, and therefore, the two peace candidates would naturally receive a large percentage of the votes. I would like to remind her that there was space on the ballot for those voters who were uncommitted (in essence, who were not for the peace candidates and who supported the Lynch delegation which favored Hubert Humphrey, the administration war candidate).

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In the Sunday, August 25th issue of the Times-Herald there appeared an article written by Mr. Gillies. It dealt with the little game of Bingo. Now I do not advocate playing bingo in Vallejo if it violates a law of the state. However, I do feel that all citizens should be dealt with justly and fairly. The state law bans a lottery — and bingo comes under that heading. Bingo, along with lotteries and raffles, come under the heading of gambling. I happen to like to play bingo. But I am denied that pleasure.

Many of my friends and neighbors like to go to the race track. I could go there if I wished, pay to get in the stands and watch the horses. But I care nothing for the sport. But I could also go to a certain window at the track, lay down a certain amount of money and be given a piece of cardboard with a number on it. If the horse bearing that number wins the race I get back the money I paid plus a fair amount of money as a profit. However, if the horse does

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I would like to thank the wonderful people of the Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency of the city of Vallejo. You have helped me learn some very valuable work experience for my future employment plans.

The things which you have taught me, is something no one can ever take away from me. I would like at this time to thank each and every one in the office for this teaching and understanding, especially V.D.S., who is no longer employed here.

Once again thank you very much. I will never forget your wonderful kindness and understanding.

You have shown me the guiding light, and enhanced my future work plans.

MISS CONSTANCE J. WROTEN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Once again we have our well-meant, misled weekly collection of passionate right-wing letters. I am referring to this morning's Opinions of the People page, filled as usual with uninformed tripe.

Witness the letter from Carol Peigh, expressing the tired old domino philosophy, which under scrutiny proves entirely pointless. With this contribution, Carol Peigh joins the ranks of people of the same ilk, of which Valeska Chang is self-proclaimed champion.

This letter will probably annoy a number of so-called patriots, as does any letter from an "intellectual." Even if it were pseudo-intellectual, the connotation is the same; anyone who pursues a topic beyond a cursory inspection, or who thinks too much is regarded with suspicion.

The true believers are not stupid; nor are they basically "bad" or inspired by some monstrous fanaticism. The mass of opinion of the American public merely proves something long ago said. Namely, that if you tell a lie big enough long enough, people will believe it. For it is human nature to want to believe that is heard, rather than disbelieve. Too, the truth is often so painful, whether it insults national or personal pride, that most people are afraid to face it. The letter from J.H.F. regarding Unruh and Reagan is good evidence of this. The facts regarding the Reagan administration are enough to render him impotent on the spot, but for many a Headline Reader, he has an image of sweetness and light. This is partially due to biased press and right-wing control of it, as well as the reluctance of mass media to "upset" people.

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Education is, of course, the heart of the answer, retraining a man replaced by a machine in one job to do another the machine is capable of — or may very well itself have created.

Our experience in technological development shows that for every job lost through innovation, more are created. Automation actually is creating something like three times as many occupational slots as it is eliminating.

And who knows? Perhaps in the bright, new world the more exuberant prophets say awaits us, Labor Day may acquire a meaning exactly the opposite of the original. It may not be a day off the job, but the one each year when we all take a break from our lives of leisure, turn off the machines and, for a change, to to work.

Now, 'Engineered Food'

A biochemist has isolated a protein which he believes gives the tongue the ability to detect bitter tastes. If the chemical structure of the protein can be identified, it would be possible for chemists to manufacture tasteless "dummy" substances that would combine with the bitter-sensitive protein and nullify it.

Such substances could be added to foods to disguise their bitter taste and thus make gourmet dishes out of such highly nutritious but bitter foods like fish flour and the tropical fruit, cassava. This kind of "food engineering," he predicts, could go a long way toward solving the world's food shortage.

Another old adage is headed for the junk heap. Thanks to science, we may no longer have to take the bitter with the sweet in life, at least not at the dinner table.

Now, if they will only do something about the rain that falls on the just and the unjust alike.

Age? My Draft Card, Sir

Young man of our acquaintance has a persuasive argument to the effect that the draft-card-burning kick will never get anywhere. The cards are just too valuable to throw away, he says.

Too many young fellows need them for proof of age when a bartender challenges them.

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They answered in the affirmative. The judge inquired if all had read the probation report. They had. And did they all concur? They did.

The judge then pointed out that the defendant had originally been charged with felony drunk driving, felony hit-run, and felony manslaughter, and this had all been reduced to two misdemeanors — hit-run and involuntary manslaughter.

The judge signified that he was going to go along with the probation report — but reluctantly so. He expressed himself as being of a mind to dish out some jail time. It was his feeling that this type of thing should be discouraged.

So, it will be \$1,000 fine. Two years probation. Don't drink or go places were drink is served. Loss of driving privileges. And behave yourself.

Now you know the penalty for killing another human being when you are gassed up and slam through a stop sign. Then speed off without ever touching your brakes — leaving your victim to gasp out his life lying in a gutter where your impact threw him.

I WONDER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Never have I seen such a sick society of people than I am witnessing today.

As I see it everybody wants to kill somebody. I was truly disturbed upon opening this morning's paper and reading the latest poll where 95.5 per cent of readers want to turn our local police force into a gestapo. Yet I am convinced if the shoe were on the other foot under different circumstances these same people would be the first to cry out. Where is our freedom? Where is Justice?

I for one was not at all surprised when the poll showed that the majority of our youths of today favored out-and-out killing by the police, because there are a segment of young folks in our society today who would relish the opportunity of drawing blood from another human.

I am afraid we the adults have to take the blame because we are not doing our job.

JOHN L. LEE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I wish to bring to your attention a situation which I believe you could help us with.

I am a parent of two boys who will be attending Sierra Vista School this year. The condition of some of the buildings are disgraceful to Vallejo. The school board has closed down Flosden School which is nearby and in very good condition. Instead of the poorly built barracks used at Sierra Vista.

During the winter the children have to wear their coats in the classroom because the heaters don't work right. The toilets are filthy most of the time as well as some of the drinking fountains. The buildings themselves should be considered as fire traps.

Parents have gone before the school board, and the development association to no avail. Why are their ears closed to this situation. I believe this should not only be brought to their attention but to all Vallejoans who care what outsiders think of ones schools.

Could you please offer any solution to our problem or help in some way?

CONCERNED PARENT

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Miss Peigh also arrogantly refers to Dr. Spock as an "idiot." She states that he has "done more than exercise his right to freedom of speech" although he was convicted of speaking against the Selective Service Boards in a dangerous manner, which is contrary to the law as stipulated in the Selective Service Act. I realize that Miss Peigh is only in high school, but I do hope that she would think logically when the facts are so clear and apparent.

In addition, she and the other people who support the war tend to forget that Vietnam has been at war since 1850. The Vietnamese first fought the French, then the Japanese in World War II, then the French again until 1954, and now the Americans. The Vietnamese believe more in Vietnamese nationalism than Asian communism, and Ho Chi Minh and his fellow nationalists have an historical distrust of the Chinese, who have exploited the people and resources of Vietnam through its history. Ho Chi Minh is a Communist, but this is a reaction to the colonial capitalisms of the West and not a result of any International Communist ideology.

Common sense would dictate that the United States cannot be the policeman of the world. This is especially true of a government like Vietnam's which does not draft its 19 year olds, which is full of corruption, which cannot gain the support of the majority of its people, and which jails all people who express strong verbal disagreement with government policy. Perhaps these facts help to explain why the supporters of the war at home do not bother to volunteer for duty in Vietnam while the demand that others serve for them.

TOM R.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is concerning the article by Muriel Lawrence in either last Thursday's or Friday's paper. A mother had written, asking what to do about her six year old son whose cat had died. The child couldn't seem to get over it.

Mrs. Lawrence advised the mother to put some leaves in a vase, and tell him that the leaves are his cat, and that he is to feed her. Not cat food of course, but water. She goes on to say also, that maple leaves are children of God.

A six year old child has a great deal of imagination, but not that much. You could never make any child believe such a ridiculous thing. Not only that, no matter how much you water some leaves in a vase, in a week or so they will die. In that case, the cat would be dead again, and then what is the mother to tell the child?

I don't know where Mrs. Lawrence got the idea that leaves are the children of God, and this is the first time I ever heard of such a thing. The Bible teaches that leaves and trees are God's creation, but certainly not his children. Only people can be children of God.

Ann Landers suggests that when a child's pet dies, the best thing to do is to get another pet. That makes sense.

DISGUSTED

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

So J. H. F. thinks Unruh has embarrassed Reagan. So what Reagan has done nothing but embarrass the people and the whole state of California ever since he's been in office.

He doesn't make any better governor than he did an actor. Being the governor of California is the biggest role he's ever tried to play and he's flopped in that so what else is new.

B. L. P.

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Mr. Gillies points out that in most bingo games the profit, the bulk of it, goes into the pockets of the promoters. I would ask him about the race track. Some betters win part of the take, some of the money pays for management and upkeep, the state takes a nice cut. And the rest of it goes into the pockets of the promoters. Are their pockets more sacred than those of the bingo promoters? I would think not. In both cases it goes into the pockets of private citizens — something that Mrs. Gillies seems to dislike.

All of which does not make me wish to break the law. But I would also demand to be treated as an equal under the law. The state takes a cut of the money at the race track. In plain words our state is in the gambling business. But I cannot gamble even a little bit in bingo which I happen to prefer over horse racing. If the state says I may gamble at the race track it should also say that I may gamble in a bingo parlor. If I am looking for the word Gamble in the wrong dictionary perhaps Mr. Gillis will tell me which one he uses. Gambling is pure gambling no matter what the form.

JOHN F. O'HARA

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On behalf of the Vallejo Girls' Softball Association I would like to extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to the following people and groups for their cooperation in putting on our recent benefit games at Washington Playground for the retarded children of Vallejo: Dirty Dozen Softball team of Benicia; Vacaville Loafer Softball Team; Travis WAFS softball team; Dittmans of Vallejo; the Greater Vallejo Recreation District; Mr. Ben Dion; Al's Sportshop of Vallejo; Vallejo Times-Herald; Mr. Washington of the North Bay Umpires Association of Vallejo; and Mrs. Walton of the Benicia Umpires. We also thank the members of the association who sold tickets.

On Friday, August 30, a check will be presented to the Vallejo Retarded Children's Fund represented by Mrs. James Smith. The presentation will be made at the awards banquet of the Vallejo Girls' Softball Association.

KATHY JOSEPH
Vallejo Girls' Softball Assn.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to thank all my friends for their many cards and visits to me during my recent stay in the hospital.

I wish I could write and thank each and everyone of them personally, but as they know, this is impossible.

Their good wishes were a source of strength to me during this difficult time.

ASHER PIZANTE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There is a difference! United States went to the aid of a small country to save its freedom.

Russia enters a small country to keep its from becoming free!

L. E. LOUIS

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This letter will leave no impression on those minds already closed by prejudice and narrowness. Only those few who seriously consider our prerogatives, our pressing problems, will be interested. Still, I feel that such thoughts deserve equal space along with the right-wingers. If not, we can rest assured that Democracy is only a figure of speech. Once in a while a few cries against mass opinion must go forth.

Finally, my compliments to Donald Reid, who has written another excellent, very literate letter, as was the last one he sent, which was memorable. He was about the sanest appeal of anyone who writes to this column.

J. B. S.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I come away from three days of television viewing of the Democratic convention in Chicago shocked and sick. Four impressions will not be easily dissipated:

1 — The incredible over-reaction of the Chicago police and later of the Illinois National Guard to the provocation of the peace demonstrators. These were not looters and shooters; they had no Molotov cocktails; they were not smashing and burning. The right to demonstrate, to dissent has been given much lip service; it now appears we only tolerate it when it operates to the advantage of those in power.

2 — The armed guard atmosphere of the convention itself — the barbed wire, the elaborate security precautions at the gates (that obviously were relaxed when Humphrey supporters wanted to bring in demonstrators or the convention floor, the lack of freedom of movement of delegates, the swarms of security men in plain clothes who refused to identify themselves to newsmen or delegates).

3 — Through it all, the insensitivity of Mayor Daley, who laughed when references were made to the bloody confrontation of police and demonstrators on Chicago streets. His explanation that no Chicagoans were involved seems both untrue and irrelevant. Any public official of compassion would have rushed to the scene to assess the situation at first hand and lend the leadership of his office to try to solve the crisis.

4 — The spectacle of the Democratic standard bearer at his hotel headquarters lightheartedly celebrating his victory behind closed blinds and with the acrid fumes of tear gas seeping up through the floor.

It all adds up to a frightening tableau of what we might expect if this party was manipulating not the city of Chicago but the nation itself.

JOSEPH AND NANCY REYNES

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

One of the most poignant statements about the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia was made by a television newscaster. He said, "Of course, the people of Prague were unarmed . . ."

Of course . . . because in a society where the rights of the government overrule those of the people, it is imperative that the people do not bear arms — only the government.

Will another newsmen say someday, "Of course, the people of San Francisco were unarmed . . ."? Think about it!

M. M.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Lord, grant us peace within so we can sort out our relationships and attitudes in quietness before we face again the disturbing sights and sounds of war and destruction, and the suffering of far-away people. Help us to understand the rebellious spirit of our time. All this we desire and ask, knowing that we can never be free from the happenings around us and knowing, too, that Thou art in the midst of all and that we too must share the burdens of suffering brothers, ready to respond to whatever is demanded of us. O Lord, give us strength to endure what must be, for Christ's sake. Amen — James W. Kennedy, Cincinnati, O., director and editor, Forward Movement Publications.

EDITORIALS

Think It's Bad Here--

When the Russians sent the first man-made satellite into orbit 11 years ago, America's Vanguard rocket was fizzling or falling off its launching pad at Cape Canaveral—and millions of Americans were disconsolate, to say the least.

Their pride in a nation of supposedly creative and robust tinkers was badly shaken. They went about staring at their shoelaces, wondering anxiously if the Soviet system wasn't a far greater challenge to America's vaunted superiority in technology and know-how than they had dared imagine.

It is instructive to recall those days as the United States prepares to choose a new set of leaders. The nation has turned inward since Sputnik I went skyhigh. It is absorbed by self-doubt in the midst of domestic tumult and unrest. The political campaign promises to be accompanied by a noisy medley of illiberal liberals, radical conservatives and other mixed up people trying to sort out their emotions and prejudices.

But a look at the Russians might be slightly reassuring to those who tend to believe the American system is coming unravelled. It is no pollyanish assertion even now to say that the United States is more resilient, more adaptable and better able to solve its problems than the Soviet Union appears to be.

Over the short term, the American problems would seem more acute. The racial struggle, coupled with the antiwar protest and the strain on old values among young Americans, was an intense immediacy that is unsettling and fearful. But consider in a longer perspective what the Kremlin dogmatists face.

Their social order is gripped in stagnation, and the thrust among intellectuals, artists and students for release from their politically smog-filled environment is, according to all accounts, growing stronger. "If there's another Czechoslovakia in Eastern Europe..."

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I suppose that, speaking as I do from the murky recesses of that here-be-Communists bag into which my previous letters — in the minds of a probably large share of you 'readers' — have placed me, my expressed agreement with the thoughts of Messrs. Philip Amen, Tom R., B.L.P. and J.B.S. will come as no great surprise. So be it.

I would bring to your attention, however, a point or two which Tom R. — though most likely he is aware of them — neglected to bring out. In the period 1950-1954 the U.S., as best it could, and as suited its purposes, used the French (and with them, people of other French colonies whom France forced to fight in Indo-China), pressuring them, especially toward the last of the period mentioned, through the application of various economic and 'diplomatic' devices.

In addition, the U.S. offered, and France rejected, atomic weapons and the aid of some 200 U.S. Air Force owned and manned but French marked bombers — these last to carry out night time raids against Viet Minh strongholds. And in this general category belongs the SEATO so-called treaty, the background to which I won't bother with here; suffice it to say that it doesn't well endure close scrutiny.

A question to those among you of a right wing persuasion — you staunch defenders of freedom: isn't it interesting that Greece, in order to save the people there from the supposed horrors of "communists totalitarianism," a fascist military regime was installed, which regime promptly destroyed virtually every freedom formerly extant in that country? And which to this day continues to maintain its oppressive hold on those 'saved' people. More interesting yet is the fact that examples of this kind are the rule rather than the exception in the so-called free world.

These situations, too, bear up poorly under close examination, particularly from the stand of that champion of liberty — the U.S. of America.

I think that I'll never cease to wonder just how much it takes to wake people up to the realities of the world in which they live.

JOHN CLUTE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I found the letter from "Overtaxed Taxpayer" very interesting. As you may remember it concerned the goings on in the local schools. I'm glad to hear that at least one other person is interested enough to at least comment on what is shaping up to look like quite a mess.

We are already reading that the school district is in trouble moneywise. But while we read about an increased enrollment of hundreds, at least 35 less teachers, extended school days and no money, money, money, what else do we see and hear and read? Money is being spent like there is no tomorrow for portable classrooms and plans are final to bus children from school to school. That's this year.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, plans are being made at a furious pace to change the boundaries for all Junior and Senior Highs. The only thing that we can be sure of is that our children won't be going to the school closest to their home, when (not if) this takes place.



PPFFFF!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to present a few facts on the so-called "deadly" Piranha, flesh eating devil fish of South America.

Fact: Rarely are natives attacked in the Piranha-infested rivers of South America.

The natives of Amazon River areas are more afraid of the fresh water sting ray, a poisonous ray fish. Also there are many water snakes which present just as much danger.

Fact: Most Piranhas will kill for food only. There are approximately 16 species of Piranha, and only four would be considered dangerous to humans, (meat eaters).

Like any other animal, it will kill when hungry. Survival of the fittest. If you kept a dog, or any other animal, without food for several days, it could very likely attack you or most any other thing which might move. The law of survival will make an animal kill to eat.

Fact: The Piranha needs warm, fresh water to live in.

The Piranha requires water temperatures above 70 degrees. Where in California is the water temperature 70 degrees or above, day

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to thank the many faithful people who read the Opinions of the People.

You people give me encouragement and urge me on. I really enjoy hearing comments on my articles. I also feel bad when some one asks me why I don't have an article in. Sometimes a person finds there is little to write about.

I think it is wonderful to be recognized by every one. Not just the neighbors comment, but my boss and people in the office.

It makes me feel good to know that I have reached some of the people with the words I write down on paper. But it is my duty to express my true feelings and ideas; I only wish more people had the incentive to do the same thing. Don't be afraid to let people know what you are thinking. It pays off.

Once again, I would like to thank those who enjoy writing to the Opinions of the People.

If there is anything you wish me to express my opinion on, please get in touch with me through the newspaper. I have run out of things to write on.

Respectfully yours

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Citizens,

This is an answer to a letter in your paper two weeks ago about stolen bicycles. I know too how she feels because my son's bike was stolen off our property by clever scheming hoodlums. They case the neighborhoods in the daytime you see, spot the newer style bikes and then prowls at night, brazenly go into back yards and steal them.

Back to their nests they go with their haul and in broad daylight their garage doors wide open, off come fenders, seats, etc. They crudely spray these bikes 8 to 10 at a time, different colors, and then put them back together differently. All this is done under their parents watchful and greedy eyes. These hoodlums' ages range from 10 years up and their parents are doing a wonderful job teaching them the ropes. Thus all these parents involved are spared the price of a new bicycle even at another poor child's expense.

The law has been told of the nests and are aware of the general neighborhood so you thieves beware. You might be facing a citizens' arrest the next time you steal.

This neighborhood is located between Springs Rd. and Georgia St. and is east of Interstate 80.

All right, all parents of children missing their treasured bikes, let's do something about these brazen thefts and protect our own. We earn our goods by blood, sweat and good hard work, and should rally to this situation promptly.

Signed,
HARD WORKING PARENTS
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Mr. Gillies:

The Vallejo Police Association recognizes that divergent views are healthy and entirely proper but we do feel that you are amiss in some of your facts as stated in the Vallejo Times-Herald of Sunday, Sept. 1. We are certain that this was done inadvertently with no intention to distort the truth.

We appreciate the efforts of our City Council in raising our salaries toward a more favorable position in relation to the other cities used in our annual salary survey. With the 2 1/2 per cent increase which became effective Sept. 1, we are still lower than all the other cities and agencies used in the survey with one exception. For this reason, it is apparent that our recruiting program must suffer to some extent. This would also have a direct bearing in the retention of personnel who have been trained at considerable expense to the taxpayers of this city. It is a fact that qualified police officers are in demand in most jurisdictions in this state.

It is true that our retirement system has been much improved since we have joined the State retirement program. However, we suffer when compared with the California Highway Patrol. A police officer employed at age 21 by the City of Vallejo can retire at age 55 at one half salary. This is our earliest retirement age. In comparison, a CHP officer can retire at age 50, assuming that he started at age 21, at 38 per cent. If he elects to work until age 53, he will receive 75 per cent of his base pay. We have lost numerous officers who resigned from the Vallejo Police Department to accept employment with the CHP.

mediacy that is unsettling and fearful. But consider in a longer perspective what the Kremlin dogmatists face.

Their social order is gripped in stagnation, and the thrust among intellectuals, artists and students for release from their politically smog-filled environment is, according to all accounts, growing stronger. "If there's another Czechoslovakia in Eastern Europe," says one competent authority, "it could well be in Russia itself."

The Kremlin has discovered that the Russian people cannot be contained in a hermetically sealed society. Just enough free air has seeped in to cause decay at the edges, and one motive behind Moscow's action in crushing the liberal upsurge in Czechoslovakia is, the experts say, a fear that the contagion might spread into the Soviet Union.

Soviet leaders have managed since World War II to hold together an unnatural empire in Eastern Europe. Ideology and the Red Army combined to impose a grudging tranquility upon the diverse peoples for more than two decades, but the rigid doctrines of Communism have begun to lose their adhesive quality.

More than this, the Soviets have not worked out a coherent method of selecting their leaders. Hubert H. Humphrey and Richard M. Nixon emerged presidential nominees of the two major parties in the United States through an open devotion to public service, in full view of their auditors. As imperfect, noisy and unruly as the convention system may be, neither of the two candidates got to the top through anything like the bureaucratic intrigue, manipulation, compromise, and perhaps skulduggery required of a Kremlinite to survive.

Pay TV—The Hot Potato

Like the locusts, the 17-year-old hassle over pay-TV has popped into view again.

It has been that long since supporters of subscription television — makers of the necessary equipment, entrepreneurs and others—first began pressing the Federal Communications Commission for permission to set up an experimental system. A pilot station was finally authorized for Hartford, Conn., in 1962.

In the meantime, innumerable congressional and FCC hearings and a favorable U. S. Court of Appeals ruling on a challenge to pay-TV's legality have failed to budge the idea from its one-city experimental status.

After 17 years, the impatience of the pay-TV people is understandable. What they are now asking is simply that Congress either outlaw subscription television completely once and for all, or give it the chance to succeed or fail on its own merits in the homes of the nation.

school days and no money, money, money, what else do we see and hear and read? Money is being spent like there is no tomorrow for portable classrooms and plans are final to bus children from school to school. That's this year.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, plans are being made at a furious pace to change the boundaries for all Junior and Senior Highs. The only thing that we can be sure of is that our children won't be going to the school closest to their home, when (not if) this takes place. Students from Solano Junior High will be bussed into Springtowne, students from Franklin Junior High will be bussed to Springtowne or Vallejo Junior High, Springtowne students will be bussed to Solano, Franklin, or Vallejo Junior High. You can get the general idea, it just depends on where the boundary falls and how the cookie crumbles. It may be necessary to make flight plans every morning to keep all these buses from running into each other. Interesting!

The Senior Highs have not been overlooked, either. They too will be allowed to join all this fun. It almost sounds like the old game of "musical chairs."

Did you say that you just mortgaged yourself up to your eyeballs for a new house so that your little darlings can walk to school every morning? Well here is a large hanky, honey. You are going to need it.

IN THE SAME BOAT

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The poem I am sending you is one that was in our program at Vallejo Speedway. This particular night there were 19 wounded veterans there from Oak Knoll Hospital.

The poem started out for my little brother Silas, now in Vietnam.

I saw some young men at the Speedway from Oak Knoll Hospital the day I started the poem. The boys were about the same age as Silas, 19, or not much older.

I realized what SP's work must be, as a medic, seeing these young men. Many of them with the loss of one or both arms or legs. Several of them were on crutches, and in wheel chairs.

I was very deeply touched by their high spirits. It made me think, and think hard.

I thought of the peace marches, draft card burners, and anti-war demonstrations going on these days. I also thought that these young veterans, many of them disabled, and many of them giving their lives, for them, without any thanks.

Everyone I hope you'll give thanks for our many young veterans, and our many officers, who are training these boys. Give thanks to all our men in our Armed Forces, no matter which branch. Don't discourage them or give them reason to be ashamed to fight for our country.

God bless you young men, all our men in service, where ever you are. Sincerely,

JUNATA PORTER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I want to thank Mr. Carlton A. Foster for your gratitude, and most of the people in Vallejo, to the Legislators of Sacramento for this problem of putting fluoride in our water. It can bring no good to the health of the people. This fluoridation of the water has been forced on the people. We never had a vote on it. Could our good mayor, Mrs. Florence Douglas, help the people by putting it on the ballot for a vote? Thanking you and hoping this can be handled the right way.

A TAXPAYER

Like any other animal, it will kill when hungry. Survival of the fittest. If you kept a dog, or any other animal, without food for several days, it could very likely attack you or most any other thing which might move. The law of survival will make an animal kill to eat.

Fact: The Piranha needs warm, fresh water to live in.

The Piranha requires water temperatures above 70 degrees. Where in California is the water temperature 70 degrees or above, day and night? It has been said that goldfish have populated some of California's waters. True, goldfish like cold water, 70 degrees or below. This is entirely different from tropical fish. It has also been suggested that the Piranha could be put into the Salton Sea in Southern California. The Salton Sea has so much salt that there are very few natural living animals in it. The Piranha is a fresh water fish!

Fact: The University of California at Davis tried to convert the Silver Dollar fish to cold water for California's irrigation canals for algae control and they failed.

The Silver Dollar fish resembles the Piranha and are of the same family, as are many other tetras. In controlled experiments, the people at Davis could not keep the Silver Dollar, a tropical fish, like the Piranha, alive in cold water.

These are just a few facts. The natives swim, bathe and wash their clothes in the same water which it, the Piranha, inhabits. A Piranha attacking an uninjured man or animal is almost unheard of.

These are items which writers and movie makers do not know or care about, as they are interested in thrill appeal only. Often, foolish laws are enacted by well-meaning people who, unfortunately, are led astray or do not have sufficient knowledge to judge the subject accordingly.

DONALD M. HEWITT
2306 Fairfield Ave., Apt. 95
Fairfield

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Through your paper, we wish to thank one of your genuinely outstanding families. One wishes, for the benefit of the whole nation, that there were more families such as the one we recently met in Vallejo.

On Saturday Evening, August 24, 1968, our car broke down on Highway 40 near Tennessee street. The head of the family in question came by, stopped, and offered assistance, and placed flares several yards to the rear of our car. He refused reimbursement for the flares and stated, "I've been in trouble on the road myself and have been helped, so I know what it means." He then left and we awaited the tow truck called by the Highway Patrol. Incidentally, three different patrolmen stopped to offer assistance, and were most efficient and courteous. Some twenty minutes passed, and again the considerate family returned to see if we were still there. In this instance, the wife approached our car and offered to take my wife and four children to their home until our car trouble could be diagnosed and repaired.

How prevalent is this display of "Good Samaritanism?"

Our hope is that through this letter we can again thank this most unusual family and in addition, encourage more motorists to "do unto others—". This experience added much to our enjoyable vacation, and more important, taught our children a practical lesson in being a good neighbor.

MR. and MRS. WATER DIEDEN
Palos Verdes, Calif.

write down on paper. But it is my duty to express my true feelings and ideas: I only wish more people had the incentive to do the same thing. Don't be afraid to let people know what you are thinking. It pays off.

Once again, I would like to thank those who enjoy writing to the Opinions of the People.

If there is anything you wish me to express my opinion on, please get in touch with me through the newspaper. I have run out of things to write on.

Respectfully yours
MISS CONSTANCE WROTEN
Respectfully yours
YDC member and reporter

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As Publicity Chairman of the Vallejo Girl Scouts for the past five years I wish to thank all of those who have helped me accomplish this job. My thanks go especially to those people with whom I have worked at the Times-Herald—Herb Levy, Ummie Jones, Red Buehner, Mr. Dailey, Gordon Shaffer, Wes Gibson, Mrs. Hettiger, Mrs. Devlin and Mr. Wyman Riley. These people have made my job most enjoyable. Thank you each and everyone.

Now at the request of the Vallejo Neighborhood Chairman, Mrs. Paul Minasian, I put my typewriter away and my only hope is that in some small way I have imparted my love for Girl Scouting to the community. Girl Scouting is square-round-oblong—it is what we as adult volunteers make it—it's just a wonderful way to grow to adult womanhood.

MRS. LOUIS KIGER
212 Bergwall

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A few days ago I was somewhat startled to read a piece, bearing a Chicago dateline, in the Times-Herald pointing out the fact that 20-plus per cent of the Chicago police department were suffering from paranoia; or at least had tendencies toward delusions of grandeur. An eminent psychiatrist ostensibly had made a long range study. Or maybe it was a psychologist who had made a study at long range. Like many practitioners of those slightly less than exact sciences, I seem to be continually mixed up. You will note that I have opened wide the door for rebuttal. Whether the study was made by a psycho, or a psychi, can easily be verified. What would be more time consuming is the compilation of a report showing what relationship the 20-plus per cent of the paranoia-afflicted cops bears to the national average. Also noticeably absent from the article was an educated guess as to the percentage of schizophrenics scattered among the hoodlums also required police attention. The author no doubt felt, as I do, that anyone as unschooled in the study of pathological behavior as a Mare Island machinist could see at a glance that 99.44 per cent would be about right. The article went on to say "with only 12 weeks of training the policeman's obedience to authority was reflex." Like Teddy Roosevelt, I say "bully." The results of the study as published leads to the opinion that all that is required for the anarchists who pose as demonstrators and who scream about their constitutional rights to dissent—whatever the form or the results of such dissension—is that they be hustled off for a 12-weeks course in obedience to the authority of law and order. In this area Ft. Ord is strongly recommended as a possible indoctrination site. During the course of this uncertain present I am reminded of a question raised by my elders when I was a small boy: "I wonder just what this world is coming to?" The answer is now apparent. We have arrived.

TOM RUTLEDGE

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You stated in your column that a Vallejo police officer just out of school and with no prior experience starts at a salary of \$800 per month. The fact is that the starting pay for a patrolman is \$660 per month. It takes a total of three years for an officer to reach the top pay grade of \$801 per month.

It is evidently your opinion that a higher salary might be justified in some jurisdictions because of a higher element of danger in the discharge of police functions there. We respectfully remind you that the Vallejo Police Department is a member of the Bay Area Mutual Aid Program. We are subject to call when any other member, agency experiences any type of civil disorder. During the past week the Vallejo Police Department sent eight of our officers to Berkeley to assist in preventing what might have developed into a major riot. Incidentally, the senior officers of the Berkeley Police receive approximately \$160 per month more than their equals in our own department.

We strongly feel that a police officer's lot in these particular times is an unenviable and demanding position. We are also convinced that in order to attract and retain personnel qualified to best serve our community, they should be paid for the job they are doing.

Very truly yours,
DUANE NILSSON, President
Vallejo Police Association

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In reading the Monday, September 2 issue of the "Opinions of the People," I was very nauseated by the egotism of J.B.S. Is he/she the only person entitled to an opinion because he or she is a "pseudo-intellectual"? I thought that in this country everyone, whether right-wing or left-wing was entitled to one. Even after weighing facts, opinions can very possibly be opposite, as Carol Peigh's must have been from J.B.S.'s.

I have always been of the belief that opinions are like mouths, everyone has one but most are different.

My interpretation of an intellectual has always been a person with a higher education level than the average layman. Why, then would an intellectual, such as J.B.S. become so hostile with their words when they read something they don't like, principally someone else's opinions.

A layman,
L. E. NORRIS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This article concerns the thrift store for the retarded children and adults. This store is operated by parents of the retarded children and by people who volunteer their time. Many thanks to all who have so generously given of their time. Also, our thanks to people who have donated and given us clothing and usable things for the store.

At this time we are in need of good usable furniture, and clean clothing. In order to keep our store open, we need the help of the people in the community in order to help those less fortunate than we.

A PERSON WHO CARES
ABOUT THESE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, we thank Thee for bringing our children into the new school year. For all the blessings of education in our land, for public schools and private schools, for schools in town and country, in growing communities and stagnant inner cities, we thank Thee. Bless all teachers and all pupils. Endow all education and educational institutions with strength, moral conviction, love of country, high ideals, and hope for the future. And use all education for the good of mankind and the coming of Thy kingdom; in Christ's name. Amen.

EDITORIALS

Better Future For Earth

Ever since the space age began, we have become increasingly aware that earth itself is a spaceship, with a vast but ultimately limited supply of life-supporting resources.

Just as space scientists are devising methods for future travelers on extended voyages into the cosmos to convert and reuse all kinds of wastes, down-to-earth research is going forward on a variety of fronts to find ways to deal with the accumulating by-products of our "effluent society."

For example, at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, researchers are trying to turn waste wood and paper into animal feed. The project, supported by a \$29,452 grant from the U. S. Public Health Service, is designed to find how to convert enormous quantities of discarded cellulose materials—such as newspapers, boxes, sawdust and wood chips—into food products that can be utilized by livestock.

These materials account for about half the wastes Americans throw away every year. Today, most of them are being incinerated or dumped, thereby contributing to both air and land and some water pollution.

Speaking of wood, another \$50,000 government grant is supporting a study at Oregon State University to see if there isn't something better to do than dump or burn the lumber industry's estimated 37 million tons of wood and bark waste every year.

According to the magazine "Compost Science," it is believed that the discarded wood and bark might be converted into such useful items as medicine, fertilizer and charcoal briquettes.

And speaking of incineration, the city of Pontiac, Mich., may have found something of value in a waste product resulting from waste products — hearth ash, taken directly from sewage sludge incinerators.

Tests indicate that, when it is properly compacted, the hearth ash can be used for land filling and for building foundations. It is as strong or stronger than conventional materials, neither swells nor loses its strength when soaked, and thus

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You folks who do not like the lewd picture books and writings on the book stands where our young folks and people with weak minds can get them easy.

Let's all join in trying to get all such removed from all stands. Also from being sent through the mail.

Let's write the Governor and the Councilmen asking them to put a stop to all such things. If enough people write something CAN be done. Let's all churches and people who are not of the church get behind this and WRITE. Not only once but once or twice a month till something is done.

I'm sure you want your children's minds clean and filled with good things not bad. It would be nice if newspapers, television and such all over America would carry this.

Please put this in readable form. And thank you for your trouble.

A LADY IN BENICIA

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

You say it would take a highly disciplined security force to stand still and allow children (?) to throw human excrement in their faces or smile while girls (?) kick them in the groin.

No security can be maintained while such actions are tolerated.

Persons (?) who engage in such actions deserve a head-cracking, or any measures needed to stop the disgusting exhibition.

We should all stop crying for such young (or old) animals as participated in the Chicago episode.

The names of the leaders of the different groups are known yet they walk the streets of this nation secure in the conviction that their arrest, even with ample cause, will bring forth vicious attacks from all the news media.

HEAD-CRACKER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In studying the U.S. government I have learned that democracy is just an experiment. It was in the beginning of our nation and still is. Then why not lower the voting age to 18 just as an experiment. If the government can lower the voting age it can also raise the voting age to its original number if the experiment is unsuccessful.

Also I feel that we were wrong in trying to spread democracy as we are in Vietnam. Our Constitution grants us the freedom of persuasion by speech and example not by force or violence. We are not wrong though in our self-imposed responsibility of trying to protect the freedom of other human beings, but let them choose for themselves.

J. J. W.

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On Sept. 23 the City Council will hold a public hearing on an "abandoned vehicle ordinance." This name is misleading. It is an ordinance that will allow the City of Vallejo to go on private property and order you to get rid of an automobile which is your personal property. This could be a step toward taking away more of your rights.

Anyone in the Greater Vallejo Area is privileged to send letters to "Opinions of the People," an open forum of public opinion. Opinions in this column, however, do not necessarily represent the policy of the publisher. Letters must be confined to 200 words or less and addressed to The Editor, Times-Herald. You must sign your name and address, but your name will not be published if you make such a request.



DISTURBANCE IN THE CHICKEN COOP

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A recent wire service story concerning 12-year-old Judy Repshas of Pennsylvania, who lapsed in a "sleeping sickness" coma over nine months ago prompted a Vallejoan to write the young girl's parents.

The following reply was received:

"Many thanks for your letter, beautiful necklace and prayers. We were shocked to find out that the Associate Press picked up the article from our local paper as we received many letters from several different states.

"This is a nightmare to us at home. Judy is a beautiful blonde blue eyed girl who was very athletic and an A student. She loved life and loved helping others. I dared to question God . . . why He chose this cross for us to bear. We are a very close knit family with loving children. But now I ask for strength to endure His will.

"We kept a bedside vigil with Judy for six months at the hospital but during this time I gave birth to a baby girl, Chrissy, that Judy is unaware of. We visit her ever day now, morning and night. I hope she will be able to see us soon."

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It was a little disturbing to read statements by McCarthy and McGovern in which they equate the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia with the U.S. action in Vietnam. The mind fairly boggles at a comparison so patently unjust. One presumes these men are sincere, but sincerity unaccompanied by logic and a respect for the facts can do irreparable harm. One can, in fact, hardly imagine two actions LESS similar. If Messrs. McCarthy and McGovern insist upon analogies, then the present Russian aggression might be appropriately compared to the North Vietnamese subversion and invasion of the South. Our own subsequent action there — whatever one personally feels about its wisdom — was clearly in response to a cry for help from South Vietnam.

These two political leaders, by their failure to make proper distinctions, have done a disservice, however inadvertent, to every American dedicated to the cause of a just peace. One would hope that in the future they be more meticulous in their thinking before visiting its results on the rest of us.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a taxpayer who resides east of Highway 40, I would like to know why our Hogan High School football players receive such a raw deal, in comparison to Vallejo High School team members.

I think something should be done about it, too, by the superintendent or the school board. Hogan boys must buy their own football shoes. Vallejo High players get theirs for nothing.

Hogan boys can't start practice until after 3 p.m., because their coaches have teaching assignments until then. Vallejo boys can start workouts at 2 p.m., with the coaches available. As a consequence, Vallejo practices finish an hour earlier than those at Hogan, with the resultant less effect on supper schedules at home.

Vallejo High has expensive exercising equipment; Hogan has none. The Hogan coaches even had to beg for weights to be donated by the public.

I figure my taxes help support both schools. I want the same programs at both schools.

I would like the superintendent and the school board to look into this matter thoroughly. When Hogan was opened as a high school, the promise was for equal treatment. That promise has not been carried out and a lot of us residents in East Vallejo are mighty angry about it.

And how would you like to have to pay out \$50 for your boy to turn out for football? With shoes, insurance, student body cards and other requirements like physical examinations, that's what it comes to at Hogan.

How about a fair shake, Mr. Superintendent and school board members?

A TAXPAYER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The question of additional State support for public education is critical and imperative as of right now. Four out of six districts in Solano County are faced with a financial crisis which actually leaves in doubt the ability of some of the districts to finance the existing program for even the current year. With the apparent substantial State surplus of \$361 million dollars available in the 1968-69 budget, I simply do not understand why the Governor does not give the Legislature the authority to at least study this critical financial problem, which is a matter of major concern in Solano County, as it is in other counties of the State.

There are four major specific areas of concern:

- (1) The adequate financing of the Kindergarten program as it was budgeted for by districts;
- (2) The support of the Mentally Gifted Programs;
- (3) The inadequacy of financing of the Miller-Unruh Reading Program;
- (4) The desperate financial plight of the low wealth districts.

It is hoped that interested citizens concerned about this problem will indicate this concern to

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Finally, two environmental engineers at the University of Notre Dame are trying to kill two pollution birds with one grant in a three-year study financed by \$77,527 from the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration.

They have discovered that fly ash—a coal and oil fire waste product commonly trapped in the smokestacks of power-generating and industrial plants—has amazing absorption qualities and can eliminate up to 90 per cent of the typical pollutants found in freshwater lakes.

Not only does fly ash strain water, somewhat like a cigarette's carbon filter, but it releases lime, which further purifies the water, and it settles on the lake bottom, retarding the release of bottom mud pollutants into upper waters.

Unfortunately, the technique does not work on large lakes, nor is the effect of fly ash on fish life yet known. Like the other projects, it is but a limited and beginning effort.

But \$77,000 here, \$50,000 there and \$29,000 elsewhere may one day be translated into billions of dollars worth of savings as science mounts the campaign to keep spaceship earth livable for its 3 billion-plus passengers.

Dialed Demo 'Graffiti'

Switchboard operators at the Democratic National Committee in Washington couldn't understand why there was such a jam-up of calls on one telephone line, reports Western Electric Co. There were, after all, 19 other lines into the party headquarters.

Then someone gave them the word. The number in question—333-8768—translated on the dial into: "FED UP 68."

Tourist Pitch On High

Instead of having to stare at blank plaster, blood bank donors at St. Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia, are now gazing at restful pictures of American scenery attached to the ceiling.

The posters have been provided by the U. S. Travel Service, which apparently is willing to go to any heights to attract visitors to the United States.

The idea is said to have been so well-received at the hospital that it may be extended to outpatient clinics.

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MARC MI WORD

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To all East Vallejo mothers and anyone interested in helping Little League boys: the East Vallejo Little League Mothers Club is holding their annual rummage sale on Oct. 14-15 at 709 Marin St. (the old Sproule flower store).

This year, as usual, we have lots of goodies lined up for you. Of course, to make this sale a great success, we will need more rummage. Will you help us make better sportsmen and citizens of our young boys by donating rummage?

Those to call for pick-ups are Mrs. Jean James at 642-2286 or Mrs. Carolyn Andrews at 642-7695.

We hope East Vallejo and the general public will help us have a successful sale.

CAROLYN ANDREWS
605 Hilton Ave.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I read in the newspaper about the Fairfield police killing a man who was causing a great deal of trouble, and the remarks made about the police.

I was an ambulance driver some time ago. Upon arriving at an accident or maybe a home, there is always a smart person with remarks. What took you so long, the person could be dead waiting for you. My answer was, I am sorry I was not here when the accident happened or the person took sick.

The same thing happens to firemen. I drove a fire truck (pumper). When the alarm sounds you take off arriving at the fire in seconds. You can see the fire for miles yet on arriving in the fire area a dozen men will be out in the road or street directing you to the fire. This slows down the truck and causes lost time. After hooking up the hose to the fire plug then you, have the would-be fireman telling you how to put out the fire, plus such remarks: "what happened you were so slow in getting here?" My answer: I am sorry I did not know there was going to be a fire here tonight.

All the people who were there looking at this man chasing the policeman with the cleaver should have offered their services. People who knew him may have been able to take this cleaver away from him. You have the same type as I stated above: Stand and watch, then make remarks about the police. If these people know so much and think they can do a better job then they should be on the police department. People can do a lot of talking on the sidelines and would do the same thing if they were in the same position.

My tax money goes for the police department and is well spent in Solano County. If anyone has in mind to disobey the law and beat up on his family, friends or policeman, he should head for the hills and save himself a lot of trouble. The police are doing their duty which they get paid for. Some time back two policemen doing their duty were killed. I did not hear one remark about this unjust killing. I back law and order at all times.

LAW & ORDER

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"When Judy was lifeless for five and a half months we transferred her to a Philadelphia hospital for tests. Medically they say nothing can be done to arouse her. Now she is back at a local hospital and near us.

"We ask your continued prayers. The necklace is hanging on her bed at the hospital. She doesn't know it but her parents are very grateful that others also are concerned.

God bless you,

MR. and MRS. ANTHONY

REPSHAS." The concerned Vallejoan adds "The pen is might important but prayer is the greatest power of all."

W. J. P.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Cheers for the Chicago police!

To hear the TV and read the paper one would think it is just awful the way those nasty officers hurt those poor demonstrators. I think it's great! It is time action was taken to make riotous people in any setting realize that quiet, orderly conduct is going to be the order of the day in America! The demonstrators had no business being there and they were fully warned.

I would certainly object to the treatment of newsmen. This, I think, was gross error on the part of the police — newsmen are where they are to do their job and we need them.

MRS. HAROLD LAWSON

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention Parents of School Children and Taxpayers:

No doubt you have been reading about the black financial outlook for our schools in 1969 if we don't receive more funds for the school budget, but I wonder if you are aware of what is taking place in the schools right now? Our children are already being shoved into classrooms containing too many students. We have increased enrollment in all our schools, and yet we have done away with 35 teacher position. Don't let anyone tell you these teachers were not needed for a good school system. They were taken from critical teaching areas, such as mathematics, English, music, etc. Does it make sense to close down a perfectly good school (Flosden) and then turn around and spend \$129,714.60 to buy 8 relocatable classrooms? It makes me wonder how our School Board can complain about lack of school funds and then take the money we do have and spend it on unnecessary bussing and portable classrooms. It is you and I (the taxpayers) who help to pay for these things. I think it's about time we started questioning the way our money is being spent. You say, "What can I do, just one individual?" Get interested, attend your School Board meetings, and stand up and be counted.

Signed,

JUST ONE INTERESTED INDIVIDUAL

similar. If Messrs. McCarthy and McGovern insist upon analogies, then the present Russian aggression might be appropriately compared to the North Vietnamese subversion and invasion of the South. Our own subsequent action there — whatever one personally feels about its wisdom — was clearly in response to a cry for help from South Vietnam.

These two political leaders, by their failure to make proper distinctions, have done a disservice, however inadvertent, to every American dedicated to the cause of a just peace. One would hope that in the future they be more meticulous in their thinking before visiting its results on the rest of us.

J. Z. JORGENSEN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

You have an editorial writer who just loves to dabble in medical matters, especially if he can cast the profession in an unfavorable light. His recent encyclical about THE PILL, while neither inaccurate nor deprecatory, for a change, nevertheless managed to convey an exaggerated impression of alleged dangerous side-effects.

The editorial referred very briefly to a British study purporting to show an increased incidence of what we call thromboembolic diseases in women taking contraceptive pills. The Food and Drug Administration has thoughtfully supplied physicians with a copy of this report, and I have mine at hand. Stated simply, the meat of the report is that the mortality rate from these diseases in young women 20-34 years of age is 1.5 per 100,000 for pill users, and 0.2 for non-users.

As a physician, husband, father and devoted admirer of women, I find the concept of fractional women distasteful, even for statistical purposes. If we multiply by ten, we have a score of 15-2 against the pill, but per MILLION women. There is another consideration, and it is called maternal mortality. In the very best maternity hospitals, maternal mortality due to complications of pregnancy and childbirth run about one in ten thousand, or 100 per million. So, as dangerous as opponents of the pill try to make it appear, it is at the moment about ten times as risky to have another baby, as it is to continue on the pill. Certainly any safer pill will be welcome, but the pill users still have pretty good odds in their favor.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE C. GIBSON, M.D.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Sir: Thank you and your city editorial staff for the generous newspaper publicity coverage on our inauguration and installation event. A new organization like ours, which has novel and worthy objectives always needs good publicity to make itself and its service fully understood to the public, and to those for whom we were created.

It is our basic goal to work as a community action group to strengthen and augment services of the Filipino Community in these areas: (1) manpower and economic development; (2) immigration and naturalization; (3) voter registration and election services; (4) education and welfare; (5) public relations; and (6) endorsements.

In all phases, careful and intelligent studies are basic requirements. We hope to merit your continued favorable newspaper coverage in your publications.

Very truly yours,
DR. ALFONSO A. ALIGA, President
Filipino-American Political Association

There are four major specific areas of concern:

- (1) The adequate financing of the Kindergarten program as it was budgeted for by districts;
- (2) The support of the Mentally Gifted Programs;
- (3) The inadequacy of financing of the Miller-Unruh Reading Program;
- (4) The desperate financial plight of the low wealth districts.

It is hoped that interested citizens concerned about this problem will indicate this concern to the Governor so that it might be included in a Special Session.

FRED G. McCOMBS
Superintendent of Schools
Solano County, California

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What happened to the cornerstone of the public library?

According to reports a bull-dozer was driven too close to the building and broke the top off the corner stone exposing the interior. This was cemented back in place but are the original contents still in it? Have contacted several officials but no one seems to know.

I suggest the cover be taken off and checked. The program dated Dec. 5, 1903 states Rev. Theo Burnham presented the copper box and sundry articles were deposited in it by John F. Ward, President of the Library Board.

My suggestion is the top be removed and all articles be placed in safe keeping.

Sincerely,
E. W. PRICE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have been patiently waiting to read your column covering the Democratic fiasco in Chicago recently, and I refer to inside the convention hall. You couldn't wait to condemn the Republicans at Miami Beach, but their Performance was a Sunday School picnic compared to the Democratic convention. Lets here you write about Phuey Huey, as well as here you write about Phuey Huey, as well as Tricky Dickiey.

It's too bad you will have to live with Nixon 4 to 8 years, just as you have to endure our great Governor — Just too bad about you good Democrats!

A FORMER ADMIRER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Perhaps one of the most unfortunate results of the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia is that it has virtually removed the plight of the millions of starving citizens of Biafra from the center of attention and concern of the world. Many groups, however, are still dedicated to bringing relief to these people.

I have been asked by one such group to write this letter informing your readers that it is organizing volunteers with appropriate skills (medical personnel and former Peace Corps volunteers mainly) to go to Biafra once a settlement is attained. Applications may be obtained from:

Mr. Phillip Whitten, Chairman, Biafran Rescue Organization To Hasten Emergency Relief,

Harvard University,
38 Kirkland Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

FRANK B. EHRENFRIED

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Father of lights, in Whom there is no variability or shadow of turning, grant unto us true knowledge and wisdom. Help us to discern between the perfect and the imperfect, the eternal and the temporary. Grant us such understanding that we shall know Thee as Thou art and use our knowledge to freshen our witness to the hope that lies within us: through the Master Teacher, the Source of all truth. Amen.
— Harry C. White, Rock Hill, S.C., minister, Rogers Memorial A.R.P. Church.

EDITORIALS

Holding Back The Dark

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, the oldest voluntary national organization engaged in this field of health, is in its 60th year of service.

It was in 1908 that the society began its vision-saving history when it fought for legislation to require that prophylactic drops be put into the eyes of every newborn baby.

At the time, 25 per cent of all children in schools for the blind had been needlessly blinded at birth by an infectious disease called "babies' sore eyes." Today, the disease has been virtually eliminated.

In the 1950s, the society participated in research to investigate an increasing incidence of a type of blindness called retrolental fibroplasia among children. It was discovered that the too-liberal administration of oxygen to premature infants was the cause.

In the 1960s, because of the dramatic increase in the average life span, much of the society's work is in educating older citizens about what they can do to treat or prevent cataracts and glaucoma. The society emphasizes that fully half of all blindness, whether due to disease, accident, neglect or ignorance, is preventable.

Speaking of prevention, the Guild of Prescription Opticians is currently conducting a national Protective Eyewear Program—PEP—to inform the general public as to the availability and advisability of what used to be called safety glasses. Now known as protective eyewear, and indistinguishable from ordinary glasses, the shatterproof lenses have now become available for everyone who wears glasses and for millions more who wear sunglasses.

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WHEN THEY TURN THUMBS DOWN--

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Before civil rights became "fashionable" — and I speak of ancient times, 1937, when I was a high school student — I earned the unpleasant appellation of "That Commie Nut." I fought verbally via debating teams, attended seminars, and when financially able, contributed to all — the N.A.A.C.P., C.O.R.E., but withheld my financial support to S.N.C.C because of my political and personal aversions to the Rap Browns and the Stokely Carmichaels of this world.

This is not to label myself "liberal" because I don't believe in giving any human being a label.

What concerns me most is the fact that through the years I have endeavored to raise my children without bias, with an open mind and it has been a pleasure for me to find my older children are absolutely without prejudice and are as concerned as I that our youngest son is a racist.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Your letter of September 16 was called to my attention, and I would like to set the sports expenditure record straight for all interested taxpayers.

Vallejo and Hogan high schools are given a budget which includes money for athletic equipment. Each sport is then allotted a certain specified amount to be spent as the coach chooses. The Vallejo High School coaching staff elects to purchase shoes with part of its budget.

In reference to the expensive exercising equipment, let me assure you that not one cent of your or my tax money has been spent on any of this equipment. The money has come from student body funds which are derived from gate receipts and the sale of student activity cards. Another important factor is that all of this equipment, except one exercising machine, has been built by our own students in our own vocational shop classes as

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"BLACK PERSPECTIVES"

Something has happened to black people in these United States — Fear is gone — the fear of death — We have changed — No white man, no matter how he represents himself is going to tell us what to do —

The black man cannot accept his neighborhood as it is, yet the white man refuses to make the changes necessary for the black man to live in his neighborhood with dignity and justice — only the oppressor can afford to talk about the preservation of law and order. For the oppressed — that is for us, for all black people to talk about law and order, peace and justice and brotherhood is either insanity, or craven selfness. We cannot be concerned with racial intergration and racial imbalances, peace and brotherhood until we first get justice. We have suffered over 400 years — old values are no longer valid. All we want is control over our black communities. Our needs are not for more welfare programs (not enough to live on anyway) but for more black control business that will instill community pride and restore individual initiative. We need no longer hit-picking pseudo white liberals who lack the courage and drive to implement black directed changes. (Especially politicians) — but white businessmen and citizens — with their know-how passed on or over to black man so that black entrepreneurs will replace the lazy, the pimp, the hustler, and the hoodlum and criminal elements in our neighborhoods as heroes for our youth. We need black lines of communication established with the white community — to truly reveal the needs of the concept, "Black Perspectives" (immigrant Jewish perspectives, immigrant white Protestants, and immigrant white Catholic perspectives, etc. were all intergrated to make America what it is today). The black Uncle Toms, created by white men, are no longer able to communicate or represent black perspectives.

The white community must be discouraged by the failure of black men — it is only human nature when individuals fail — but every effort must be made to restore upon the black community the muscles that are vital for its and their survival —. Those muscles are economic muscles, political muscles and educational muscles, also the opportunities to become first class citizens.

Only when black men and white men roll up their sleeves and undertake this task in developing black perspectives then and only then will the "Kerner Report" become a report of historical documentation.

LESTEE CEASAR
Vallejo CRA President

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear sirs and general public of Fairfield— This letter is in regard to the protested shooting of Jose Alvarado by Sgt. David Hoff.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Last April, 1968, I joined the Richmond Hunting Club. I would like to get acquainted with other members who live in Vallejo or nearby. Please call Mel Shook, in Vallejo, 642-9577. Thank you.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In all the arguments against Proposition 9, not once have I heard the opponents recommend cutting services in Welfare and Education due to the loss of taxes if Prop. 9 wins. It seems taboo to touch these sacred cows in these days of the great giveaways.

The opponents' only comments is that if Prop. 9 wins they will have to increase sales tax and income tax 300 per cent. This is the lazy way out. Why have they never heard of cutting services to live within the states income? Because the voters don't tell them to.

B. G. ATKINS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This letter was prompted by the opinion of "A Lady in Benicia" who seems to feel that anything stronger than "McCalls" should be removed from the newsstands.

Who is she to say what others may read? From the appearance of her letter, she doesn't sound as if she were very well educated.

I am a college student majoring in English. I have read, was banned at different periods in time. This shows that censorship of literature is not infallible, and it is sometimes in error, may it not always be in error?

This lady also didn't like the "lewd" pictures she saw. There is supposed to be a fine line between lewd pictures and art, but who is qualified to draw this line?

She also mentioned that children are influenced by these "bad things." I feel the children are influenced by what goes on at home, not what they read in books. Also, adult books that are not meant for younger people have a warning on the first page saying "This book is sold to dealers on the express understanding that it will not be re-sold, given, or otherwise tendered to minors!"

Respectfully,
AN ENGLISH STUDENT

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This concerns Marc Mi Word's article in the Sept. 16 Opinions of the People regarding rights being taken away if he were ordered by the City to remove an automobile from his private property.

I'm quite certain that if the auto were operable it would either be in his driveway or parked on the street. If it cannot be driven, why hold on to it? The junk dealer will buy it and haul it away.

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A recent survey revealed that Americans fear blindness more than any disease except cancer. Clearly, when it comes to preventive health, the eyes have it.

The Price We Pay

Good old American ingenuity and energy have done it again—causing chagrin in certain quarters.

It appears that we are in for a bumper harvest this year. Wheat, corn and soybeans in particular are pointing toward record or near-record yields.

The sound of rejoicing is not echoing through the farm belt, the halls of government or the supermarket, however. No one is particularly happy about a situation that means falling prices for the farmer, more paid out in support prices by the government and no compensating decline in the tab at the checkout counter for the taxpayer-consumer, who in the end picks up the tab for price support.

It wasn't supposed to work out this way. Through its complex of farm programs, principally reduction of producing acreage linked to supports, the Agriculture Department had hoped to keep production roughly in line with demand and payments to farmers within manageable limits.

But the American farmer has remained true to form. By continuing to increase per-acre yield through improved seed, fertilizer and technique, his output on 6.8 million fewer acres than last year is exceeding all expectations.

It's all going to cost the government (i.e., taxpayer) plenty. President Johnson's estimate is up to an extra \$700 million. Other guesses run higher—to a total of \$3.9 billion in support payments for the current fiscal year instead of the \$2.9 billion budgeted.

The American performance in agriculture is truly phenomenal, a wonder of the modern world. In making the good earth steadily better, we are in a class by ourselves, at once the hope, the envy and the despair of most of the rest of this planet.

But our record in managing our bounty is something else again. We treat as an inconvenience what is basically a tragedy.

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What concerns me most is the fact that through the years I have endeavored to raise my children without bias, with an open mind and it has been a pleasure for me to find my older children are absolutely without prejudice and are as concerned as I that our youngest son is a racist.

How did this evolve? In analysis I am ashamed to say that he is my only child who attended the public school system. I do not place the onus on the school system or what Johnny has learned from his peers.

In amazement, I gleaned from my son the feelings he has. He is afraid of blacks because throughout his school activities he has been personally involved and witnessed intimidation by bullies whose only advantage is that is one fight back the retaliation of "the gang" will be felt.

Then to witness and read of sit-ins in high schools were Afro-American teenagers dictate the curriculum to the school boards!

It is not, then, amazing that the white students are intimidated when a university capitulates and allows an Eldridge Cleaver as a guest lecturer on "Racism" (what exactly are his qualifications?) and a high school in Palo Alto may teach an African dialect "Swahili" to appease their Afro-American students.

Go back please to the days when in large metropolitan areas ghettos, as such, evolved because people new to this country chose to live in communities where most of the people of their national background settled. I speak of the predominately Irish sections of Boston, the Polish settlements of mining areas in Pennsylvania, the downtown East side of New York City where Italians still remain, the Delancy Streets where the black-suited, bearded Rabbis gathered. Certainly in those times the school districts were probably of one ethnic composition. I do not recall sit-ins insisting on the teaching of one national language or another.

I am sure that Gaelic was never considered in Boston anymore than Hebrew was considered in the Bronx. Why then should Swahili (which is not a bona fide language but a dialect) be forced down the throats of any school boards?

I do not intend to be intimidated by anyone — George Wallace or Rap Brown. I will endeavor to teach my son to put his feet on the ground and speak and act as an individual to an individual!

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

My thanks to the superintendent, Mr. Dean at Hogan High School for letting the football players have football practice during the sixth period which is normally their gym period. This way, our boys are at home for their supper hour and they should be.

I have to agree with Mr. Taxpayer who wrote in to Opinions regarding the expense put upon us parents in order for our boys to play football. If Vallejo High School can donate equipment for their players, then I think Hogan should come up with the same plan. I'm all for football but it seems that every year it gets more and more expensive. Do you call that a fair shake?

ANOTHER TAXPAYER

In reference to the expensive exercising equipment, let me assure you that not one cent of your or my tax money has been spent on any of this equipment. The money has come from student body funds which are derived from gate receipts and the sale of student activity cards. Another important factor is that all of this equipment, except one exercising machine, has been built by our own students in our own vocational shop classes as student projects. We welcome an investigation by anyone who is interested because we are very proud of the wonderful job our students and instructors have done in making this equipment at a very substantial saving to the student body.

Another item of concern was the time of practice. Our administration attempted an experiment last year to schedule athletes who were involved in any sport into physical education sixth period providing we started practice during that period and didn't abuse this privilege by keeping the athletes an extra hour later in the afternoon. We on the coaching staff are very pleased to cooperate with this part of the program because it certainly gives the athletes an opportunity to be home at a reasonable hour. Hogan can also adopt this same program if they wish, as it is merely an administrative problem that can be handled within the school. In addition Vallejo High School starts classes one half hour earlier than Hogan; consequently, our school or practice day ends earlier. Hogan is attempting to have the same program whereby the varsity squad can practice at 2:05, and I firmly believe that this plan is a help to the athlete.

Hogan is not unique in having expenses where football is concerned. Our football players have to finance every item that the Hogan players do except the football shoes. We are in accord with the taxpayer in question that it is expensive to get a boy started in football, but let's not put the blame on Vallejo High, because this situation exists in many other school districts throughout our state.

BRUNO PELLEGRINI
Coach, Vallejo High School

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I attended a recent meeting of the Vallejo parents and taxpayers organization and heard many speakers voicing their opinions and recommendations in regard to the current problems at Vallejo Senior High School.

The meeting was not only stimulating but also enlightening; at a time when so much turmoil dissent seemed to be the order of the day — in our classrooms as well as our country.

One thought kept entering my head — a long forgotten quotation my parents used to make reference to: "Hate not the 'niggers,' 'wops,' 'kikes' and 'greasers' but instead, turn the leaf over and you will find it's much easier to love that great race called 'the brotherhood of man' to which we all belong."

A very great man in Mexican history, Don Benito Juarez, said it very simply: "Respect for the rights of others is peace."

If we can meet our aggressors halfway and both attempt to sooth the problem, we will find on the other side a person just as human and feeling as we are and only through a mutual effort will we rise above our petty and sometimes childish behavior.

I'll scratch your back, baby. Will you scratch mine?

Respectfully,
Mrs. Thomas Garling

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LESTEE CEASAR
Vallejo CRA President

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear sirs and general public of Fairfield—

This letter is in regard to the protested shooting of Jose Alvarado by Sgt. David Huff.

It's about time someone came to his defense out of the general public. Personally, I have known Dave Huff and his lovely and Christian wife Jo Anne for 15 years as they are dear friends of my folks.

He (Sgt. Huff) is the most devoted human being to life itself and has always tried and made the right decisions in helping everyone I know. He is the most devoted father in the world.

What he did was something that had to be done in his line of duty to protect his fellow officers. How do you think he must feel over this? He's not one to feel sorry for himself, he will stand up and hold his head high, but deep inside he's weeping. Do you realize what this is doing to his wife and himself?

David Huff is one of the greatest men I know and deeply resembles Robert F. Kennedy. So please, dear Fairfielders, stand up and fight for a most courageous man. He deserves it. After all, he has done a most wonderful job in his career for all of us citizens.

A VERY DISGUSTED AMERICAN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Have you gained weight through the summer? Want to lose it? Why don't you do something about it? We have a group called Overeaters Anonymous. It has the same guidelines as the A.A. group does. This plan really works. With the daily phone calls, the food sheet and the help of other members, I have lost 30 pounds.

Others in our group have lost 15 and 20 pounds in a month. So you can see if you really want to lose weight you can.

We have regular meetings at 1 p.m. Monday and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Vallejo their own group, to meet at 3:30 p.m. each Community Center, 225 Amador St.

We have a few teenagers who want to start Monday. We need an adult to meet with them and help them.

Maybe you don't need to lose weight, but if you know a friend who does, tell her of our group. We want to help all those who want help to lose weight.

Please come to our meeting and see if we have what you want, and see if we can help you.

AN O.A. LOSER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

A horrible mistake has been made on a landmark located in Vallejo's Marina Vista which I must call to your attention, and perhaps it can be rectified. On the USS NIPSIC's historical propeller, properly placed on public display on our waterfront across the channel from Mare Island, the brass plate describes the locale of the misfortune resulting from a storm as the "Somoan Islands." It is Samoan. Let this horrible typographical error be corrected for the sake of ours and the Navy's honor.

Nautically,
Bot Swain

rights being taken away if he were ordered by the City to remove an automobile from his private property.

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In driving around town and seeing many such vehicles, you can justifiably see why we need an ordinance to prevent such things from happening.

Let's those of us who are desirous of seeing our neighborhoods cleared of such vehicles attend the city council meeting this evening and let the councilmen know of our desires.

Sincerely,
RALPH W. FOREMAN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

First, I must say I admire Sen. Everett Dirksen on his wanting a constitutional amendment permitting, not forcing, prayer in our schools.

Will he ever learn that school is a place for academic enlightenment, not religious exercises? I personally hope he never does, because for myself, if it comes to a choice, I feel it would be far more important to teach my children and my family as a whole unit about a living, loving God, first and foremost. All other education is secondary to this. For mankind cannot even live with itself in peace let alone teach others how to. We can achieve nothing without first knowing the Bible as the true Word of God whose education and teaching is far superior to any academic education we now have.

If not, why do we have such man-made creations as wars, riots, stealing, murder and many more? We could have love, peace, joy by applying prayer both in school, church and home. Man cannot do away with these things, because we are incapable, but be sure of one thing — a loving God "that we shouldn't pray to and don't pray to in our schools" can, will and does do something about these things.

If a teacher didn't want to lead children in prayer to start with because of his convictions, it would truly make him a hypocrite because any good education to teach includes God's Word, the Bible.

The proper place for children to recite their prayers, which they do want to do if you give a child half a chance, is any time or anywhere.

EDWIN R. MYERS

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Not all of us are called to risk our lives On battlefields. A lesser task is ours, A duty, yet a precious privilege. It is the right to vote as conscience says We should. Wars have been fought to gain and hold

This pregnant power. The road to freedom is A long and blood-stained trail; so let us guard It well an use it wisely on the day Election comes. The ballot is the key To life, and liberty, and happiness.

MABEL BANKS PIPER

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord God, when we consider the record of man, we marvel at Thy long suffering love for this sinful, bungling creature. Since Thou hast hope for him, help us to be more patient with one another. When looking for perfection in others, may we demonstrate more of the same ourselves. Guide us into Thy perfect will and peace so that we may be more understanding and appreciative, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. — Gordon A. Stolz, Yorba Linda, Calif., minister, Yorba Linda Moravian Church.

EDITORIALS

Racial School Strike

The situation in New York's paralyzed schools has been called a power struggle with racial overtones.

More accurately, it is a situation characterized and caused by a strong and rising racial undertow, whose real dimensions are masked by the legal overtones of a confrontation between the citywide teachers' union, the central governing board and a local Negro district school board.

It is quite likely that in a city the size of New York, a move toward decentralization of such a vast school system—giving local communities more autonomy over their schools—would eventually have come about. But Negro pressure hastened the day, and the Negro's sense of past and present racial grievances exacerbates the current conflict.

In theory, decentralization or community control in New York involves giving locally elected or appointed school boards control over such things as the hiring of personnel, spending of budget funds and implementation of the curriculum. The central board would continue to exercise over-all control, determining the quality of the curriculum, handling system-wide collective bargaining with the teachers' union and allocating budgets to the local districts.

In practice, however, or so the United Federation of Teachers fears, community control has become a camouflage for black powerists who want to get rid of white teachers and administrators, regardless of contractual provisions and legal rights, and to virtually eliminate central authority entirely.

The transfer of 10 white teachers out of the Negro and Puerto Rican Ocean Hill-Brownsville school district in Brooklyn by the local board, an act the UFT charges was illegal, sparked the teachers' strike that closed New York's public schools to their one million stu-

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... SPRINGS ETERNAL!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

October 12, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. the Hogan Sr. Hi School will be giving a dance sponsored by the Quarterback Club.

Invited are special guests: Representative for Congress, Robert L. Leggett and Mayor Florence E. Douglas. Also in progress are plans for a sportscaster from KSFO radio station to M.C. the show. However, this is not definite as yet.

The dance will feature Freddie Russell's Orchestra and will take place at the Dan Foley Cultural Center.

Tickets can be obtained at the door. The funds derived will be used for expensive equipment needed to help the players, plus defray the cost of their uniforms and such. Some boys can not play for lack of funds.

Admission will be \$5 per couple and buffet will be provided.

For all members attention: Please attend every Tuesday's meeting until the football season is over. We need experienced aid in

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE, Mon., Sept. 23, offered a challenge to me that I could not resist. That is some of the writers offered that challenge. Namely: CONCERNED: Lestee Caesar; Edwin R. Myers; Mable Banks Piper and (can't leave this one out) the editorial writer of the item "THE PRICE WE PAY."

Each offered one or more objections to the conditions of our society today without a suggestion of what to do about the matters they object to, or without enough knowledge of what causes the conditions that exist today. This, OUR NATION is facing its most critical period since we became a nation. Are we the people going to let our country go into chaos for lack of knowing the FACTS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

TO ALL PARENTS AND CITIZENS OF VALLEJO:

Where were you last night while this meeting was taking place at Hogan auditorium? Especially the parents of Vallejo High School students, where were you? Believe me, there was nothing on TV that could even begin to match it. I, like many of my neighbors, went with an open mind to hear the other side of the story because I wanted to hear them "say it like it is". The meeting got off to a great start with the salute to the American flag. I should have left right then and there when I realized that this was not a school board meeting. This was a show of "black power". Many, many adults of the minority race sat, refusing to even to stand, let alone salute the American flag. These were the same people who were the most vocal a few minutes later in DEMANDING the rights and privileges that living under this flag gives them the right to expect.

There followed a discussion of the chain of events that took place during the recent boycott of Vallejo Senior High. Members of the audience were permitted to speak. Rather, minority race members of the audience were "permitted" by their followers to speak. One Caucasian woman stood and awaited her turn to speak. She waited for twenty minutes, standing in front of the mike. After being bypassed at least three different times, shouted at to sit down, jeered at and insulted by the minority people seated around her, she gave up and left the meeting. What about her civil rights? What about her freedom of speech and "justice for all"? And by the way, I saw her stand and salute the flag at the beginning of the meeting.

The few white people who had the courage to take it were subjected to the same treatment. It is most difficult to "understand" someone and to "relate" when you are being insulted, threatened, shouted at and are having a fist shook in your face. This too was done throughout the audience of minority rooters. It is difficult to hold fast to one's empathy and concern for their grievances when they so heartily endorse this reverse form of bigotry and prejudice. We were sincerely concerned and interested in doing our share of listening and discussing problems. We did not go to the meeting to be insulted, threatened, coerced, and ridiculed. God help us all if we cannot get together and do a better job of discussing our problems than we did last night. Where were the sensible, reasonable, and responsible leaders of the minority race last night? Surely, surely, they do exist. The thing that was the most disgusting and shocking was that the adults present obviously felt this is the way to handle a meeting.

I am sick to death of hearing about what has been suffered for the last 400 years. None of us were alive for most of this period. All of us have had to suffer injustices. I have never even visited the Southland. I have no relatives who have ever lived there or owned a plantation with slaves. How many of us have? This is a good club to hold over our collective heads

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Vallejo schools must be operated in a fashion so each student and faculty member can have reasonable assurance that their personal safety and well being is guaranteed.

Perhaps the suspending of classes was the wisest course to cool tensions. Now that this is over, the school system must return to providing not only safe but ample education for Vallejo Senior High's approximately 1,800 students. The sort of education the taxpayers are paying for.

Now how is this to be? Stress the rules of student conduct and that they must be obeyed or else. Make it clearly understood that the adult community is running and will continue to run Vallejo schools. It is a sorry situation when a student who threatens or assaults teachers, attacks another student, destroys public property or who runs through halls shouting and other detractions, instead of attending classes, should be permitted to remain in school, black or white.

Suspension should be certain and quick. By making this sort of trouble this person or persons forfeits his or her own rights to an education. Maybe when he or she returns later they will be wiser for the punishment.

School officials must deal with trouble makers in a sensible fashion. For example, if a uniformed policeman provokes these students, and I have been advised this is true (a sorry state of affairs), discipline must be attained or how else can an instructor teach? I feel discipline can than best be accomplished by parent volunteers, or, if necessary, private citizens hired from here.

Discipline is a must, one way or the other, so the students can learn and it could be this is too much for the faculty to handle alone.

This question of certain student demands which ask that faculty members be replaced, changes be made in the curriculum and a special student organization of their own, are some of the reported issues. I feel high school students are not in the position to demand anything.

Our schools are run by the board of education elected by the voters. It is proper for voters to appear in front of this board and the board is obliged to listen and be responsive to the wishes of the voters.

Adults of Vallejo have the right to seek and even demand faculty or administrative changes but for a group of teen-agers to demand that the faculty or curriculum be changed to suit their own emotional desires is pure nonsense.

I HAVE STOOD ASIDE

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who want to get rid of white teachers and administrators, regardless of contractual provisions and legal rights, and to virtually eliminate central authority entirely.

The transfer of 10 white teachers out of the Negro and Puerto Rican Ocean Hill-Brownsville school district in Brooklyn by the local board, an act the UFT charges was illegal, sparked the teachers' strike that closed New York's public schools to their one million students before the doors could open this fall.

The depth of feeling among some Negroes on this matter of local control is shown by a recent article in the Cleveland, Ohio, Negro newspaper, the Call and Post, by Rev. Arthur A. Zebbs.

"One thing is very clear. Either blacks achieve economic and political control over their communities or white America will have to commit the act of genocide against blacks. Concentration camps will have to be established and blacks will have to be arrested and killed. . . .

"There are only two alternatives left for America: Either the whites give up their control or blacks will consider every means possible to take over their own communities. . . .

"The severity of the conflict between the black community and the white establishment will be contingent upon how much control the white establishment is willing to give up and how much the black community is going to attempt to gain control."

To "economic and political control" add "educational control," at least in New York, though it will be surprising if the same trouble over schools does not eventually spread to other major cities.

And in one city — Cleveland—add something else. Some Negroes there are demanding a separate, all-black police force for the black community.

The chickens of a century of racial discrimination and ghetto-ization are coming home to roost, and they are birds with very sharp claws—claws that menace black and white alike.

A Cup Of Cheer . . .

One of the last refuges of the harried businessman and the misunderstood husband is being infiltrated by automation.

A downtown Cleveland cocktail lounge has installed a computer which makes a thousand different drinks ranging from simple highballs to brandy Alexanders.

At first glance, it looks like a move to depersonalize the friendly neighborhood saloon. Can an automated bartender discuss sports, women or politics, lend you a five spot when you need it or call a cab to get you home? Can it be a father-confessor when there's no one else to turn to? And who do you vote for during "Favorite Bartender Week"—IBM?

It doesn't compute . . .

Tickets can be obtained at the door. The funds derived will be used for expensive equipment needed to help the players, plus defray the cost of their uniforms and such. Some boys can not play for lack of funds.

Admission will be \$5 per couple and buffet will be provided.

For all members attention: Please attend every Tuesday's meeting until the football season is over. We need experienced aid to endeavor to defray our costs so that more can go for our youth. Watch for announcement in the paper, as to the meetings of the Quarterback Club.

A MEMBER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Cine Film Society of Napa would like to thank you for your continued interest in our projects. Because of your coverage of our events, a good number of Vallejoans learned of our programs and attended many of our showings.

We consider this to have been our most successful season in our four year history. More people than ever before are becoming interested in the art of the cinema and we were able to show our supporters over thirty-five features and at least as many shorts. These films came from all over the world and were sometimes as old as eighty-years and other times less than a month old.

We would encourage your readers to attend various film programs offered by schools, especially local colleges, and libraries. Readers should talk with the managers of local theaters and express opinions on the films they have seen there and suggest titles they'd like to see. Also, a very interesting experience would be the attendance of some programs at the San Francisco International Film Festival in late October.

Thank you again to the Times-Herald and also to those numerous groups and individuals who helped to make our season a memorable one.

GARY E. MEYER, Director
Cine Film Society

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A thank you to the Times-Herald for the fine publicity on the seventh annual Pioneer Day celebration held recently at the Rockville Church and sponsored by the Solano County Historical Society. On behalf of the officers, the board of directors and the members, I take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee that made the afternoon a success and enjoyable for our guests we recognized as the pioneers of Solano County.

EARL L. HINDEN, Chairman
Pioneer Day Committee
Solano County Historical Society

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Solano Council for Retarded Children and Adults takes this opportunity to invite everyone to our storewide Thrift Shop sale planned Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Oct. 1-3.

The store is located at 725 Marin St. across the street from city hall.

Everything in the store during the three-day sale will be reduced to the fantastic price of 15 cents.

All proceeds go to the mentally retarded children and adults.

Sincerely,
A MENTALLY RETARDED
CHILD'S PARENT

conditions of our society today without a suggestion of what to do about the matters they object to, or without enough knowledge of what causes the conditions that exist today. This, OUR NATION is facing its most critical period since we became a nation. Are we the people going to let our country go into chaos for lack of knowing the FACTS

Lestee Caesar offers suggestions of sorts but negates his whole article in his first paragraph—"No white man, no matter how he represents himself is going to tell us what to do." His people are butting their heads against a stone wall with that attitude.

In the last 1,968 years many efforts have been made to get humans to learn and live by the GOLDEN RULE. In that time there has been little if any change in human nature. So how are we to have brotherly love under those conditions? In the beginning years of my schooling the teacher would read a few verses from the Bible to open the class. There is where I first heard the SERMON ON THE MOUNT, it seemed quite clear to me. It taught us how and where to PRAY. I also learned quite early in life that many of our good Christians were not quite so Christian outside the church. Their quest seemed to be for gold and silver through legal and sometimes illegal means of smart business. I believe God gave humans brains to be used for the good of all. He must be very disappointed with us!

There is not space here to expand on the above statements and give my solution, in fact to give my solution. If you are interested enough just challenge me. Oram I

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

AN APPEAL FOR A MODEL CITY

Doubtless we are aware of the fact that our city has applied for a government "Model Cities" grant—funds which are assigned to improve physical and social needs of the community. Whether or not we obtain these funds remains to be seen.

There is, however, a way for all of us in Vallejo to have a "model city," regardless of whether or not we obtain the government grant. We are small enough in size and large enough in community concern to make our city a "model city," an example if you will, of how citizens of all races and backgrounds can unite together and solve the explosive social problems and injustices that are dividing our nation.

We see daily evidence of how the situation in many cities in our land has gone beyond local solutions. In Vallejo, however, we have a chance to do something that could be an example to the entire nation of what concerned citizens of all races can do. We have the power, together, to really make Vallejo an "All America City" with real liberty and justice for all—a place where every citizen can proudly salute the flag because what that flag represents has been put into every relationship within our city and all people can feel that the promises and rights of the Constitution are being carried out in public policy. Let's all work together to create this "Model City." America desperately needs this kind of example.

On another matter, I would like to publicly rectify an erroneous rumor that Mr. Miller was involved in any way with the alleged slapping incident at Vallejo Senior High during the recent boycott. Some remarks I made on several subjects apparently were taken to imply this relationship, even though the matter was corrected directly at the time it happened. Please correct this false rumor.

REV. JAMES O. HULIN
First Presbyterian Church

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Just sign me
A WITNESS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There seems to be a great deal of confusion concerning the location of the Solano Council for Retarded Children and Adults Thrift Store which is across the street from city hall at 725 Marin St.

Once again may I send out an SOS to the people of the community to help support our store by giving good usable furniture and good clean clothing. At the present time we are in great need of furniture, children's clothing and dishes. Knick-knacks also are in great demand.

I also would like to thank the people who have given their time to work in our store. It is with the help of these people and all the other generous and interested persons that we are able to keep our store open.

Please open your hearts and help us keep our store open so we will be better able to help the retarded children.

Thank You,
A PARENT OF A RETARDED
CHILD

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Since the Hogan and Vallejo High School football teams have been kicked around in the Opinions column the past few weeks, I'd like to add my observations although on a different subject.

I have attended the Hogan games the last two weekends. The Spartans overwhelmed two weaker opponents by rather lopsided scores. I am glad the hometown boys won but about those scores—

Hogan Coach Al Vidaurretta seems to take delight in running up big scores. He seldom substituted in the John Swett game and kept the first string backfield in for the entire time against Skyline. What's the purpose?

During my days in high school football, my big chance for "glory" came in the waning minutes when outstanding players like Dick Bass, Bob Coronado, Ron Stover and Bill Wilson had overpowered the competition and the Apaches were safely ahead. Coach Bob Patterson substituted freely to get as many players in as possible.

How about it, Mr. Vidaurretta? The "lesser talents" deserve to play too, especially when your team is leading by 40 points!
AN EX-APACHE

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The more basic issue however, is whether or not the City of Vallejo wishes to be torn asunder by a book burning crusade. A charge of obscenity is most difficult to deal with, since what is obscene in one person's mind is not obscene to the next. Even the Bible contains sections that could be judged obscene. More importantly, obscenity is a typical cover for those in a community who wish to eliminate writings that oppose their political, social or economic views. Unfortunately, we have seen in Nazi Germany and Red China vivid examples of what happens in a society that allows any group within its midst to judge what is proper and what is improper to read. We have prized our freedom in this country. We have rejected every attempt to establish a dictatorship, no matter how benevolent, in the interest of protecting the freedom of all. At times this has been difficult and even repugnant. We have seen the guilty go free, because we have chosen a judicial system that protects the rights of the innocent rather than assuming anyone arrested to be guilty. We have seen a Nazi Bund and an American Communist party, and essentially have guarded their right to speak their piece, even though it made most of us choke, because we valued our own freedom of speech. We have guaranteed freedom of the press, and as a result, have had to live with those capitalized on our inability to come to terms with sex as a natural part of life experience, but we did so because of our greater fear of being without a free press.

Freedom demands individual responsibility. The library cannot step in for parents who have no concern for their children. Nor can it justifiably reduce its collection to a level acceptable to an eight year old. Any parent has the right to be selective about his own reading or that of his children. But, so long as we are not Nazi Germany or Red China, no parent or individual has the right to demand that the library, or any public agency, limit itself to that individual's concept of what is good or decent.

I commend the Mayor's committee on decency for wanting Vallejo to be a decent place in which to live. I would only point out that as a Christian and a clergyman, that decency begins with the protection of the freedom for all, and is enabled only by the personal witness of those who are willing to change community attitudes by example rather than by seeking through power and intimidation to force their views on the rest of the community. I only hope this tragic incident can end as quickly as it has begun, with the vindication of our library board and staff for its willingness to make the library a truly public institution.

Respectfully,
REV. GERALD C. HAMMON
First Christian Church