

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Oh God, we have come to another day with Thee. Make us aware of Thy Spirit leading us. Deliver us from the island experiences of loneliness and of being forgotten. Take us to dwell on the mainland of friendships, of faith, and of the sense of our worth to Thee. When the sun fails to shine, help us to remember that it is still there and so keep us going. If we cannot see far, may we journey step by step. Whatever the day demands, make us adequate. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

—W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas, Tex., bishop, The Methodist Church.

EDITORIALS

The Right To Know

A plan to install traffic islands on Amador Street between Alabama and Tennessee Streets, and to prohibit curbside parking, has stirred a controversy, not over the merits of the plan, but over what one official claims is the city's failure to notify the public.

Postmaster Thomas McCaffrey, concerned that the public will not be able to park in front of, or close to, the Amador St. postal station, contends the project should have had wide publicity so the people could be informed and be given an opportunity to express their opinions and feelings.

In that, he is correct. The city cannot take away parking from the people after 25 years without creating some resentment and controversy.

We appreciate the fact that the City of Vallejo is trying to do something about the serious traffic problem at Amador and Tennessee Streets. (It is surprising more traffic tickets have not been issued there.) At the same time, we agree the city should tell the public what its plans are so that arguments, pro and con, may be heard.

We are sure the City Council will be able to adjudicate the matter to the satisfaction of all when it meets tonight.

Rein On Party Tickets

Rockefeller-Nixon or Nixon-Lindsay or Humphrey-McCarthy may not be combinations most politicians would call "dream tickets," but under the Constitution as it stands today they would definitely have something of a nightmare quality about them.

The trouble is that in each of these not-so-fanciful combinations, the actual or potential presidential and vice-presidential candidates are from

Opinions Of The People

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To you people who are concerned with the racial problem as much as I am, it is time for us to do something instead of talking.

I think the first place to start is at home. We should start with our children, brothers, sisters, and anyone else who might live in the same house with us.

Things can be placed in a child's mind when he is small and he will never forget it. My mother taught when we were small that a person is a person regardless of his race, creed, color, or national origin. This I truly believe.

I think if God had wanted us all the same color, he would have made everyone the same color. There are many races of people for a reason. I feel the reason is to see if all men can live together side by side. I know I can. What about you?

Come on, adults and teenagers, it's left up to us to make things work. In church our ministers preach brotherhood. We should practice it more often, we might like it. We should all pull together and make this country worth having the name of the United States of America.

Black brothers, what has the white man done to you? Sure, you say he has held you down. What have you done to rise above this old worn-out slogan. You have the chance to get a good education, why not take it? You sit around and complain about the white man robbing you, but what do you do to prevent this? When a black man starts a business or gets a good education, you call him an Uncle Tom. Education is the key, then and only then can you play the white man's game.

I don't care if you call me an Uncle Tom, because evidently you don't know the true meaning of it. If you don't then I suggest you read the book Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Hate will never get you any place. It just doesn't pay. Why hate someone who has done nothing to you?

White men, the blame can be placed on you also. It is true, you have held the black man down.

You also hate every black man for the mistake of one.

You say the entire race of the black men are Niggers, but what is a nigger? I really don't know the true meaning of the word.

Just like the black race you have people who either don't care or just cannot do any better.

When some white man tries to get friendly with a black man, you say he is a Nigger Lover, what is that?

Look at the thousands of white men in the South beating, killing, and treating the black men like they are dogs, how do you explain that?

The reason I placed the above paragraph in here is because I wanted you to compare the K.K.K. of the South and the Black Panther's of the North.

I truly hope I have not hurt anyone's feelings. But people say that the truth hurts. If the shoe fits, wear it.

Respectfully yours,
MISS CONSTANCE J. WROTEN



The Pit And The Pendulum

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To parents of boys who play Babe Ruth, Little League or any sport where the men who manage and coach these boys are giving up their own time to be out there with YOUR SONS. It takes something special to be one of these men. You don't have to be the best at the sport, knowing something about it and the rules do help. What you do need is a lot of interest in helping boys to have a lot of fun, learning fair play, good sportsmanship and how to take a defeat. Do you think these men get any thanks for doing this? Not by many only a very few. On the other hand, criticism they do get from most of you and you know who you are! Some of you even think they get paid; well, they don't! These men do the very best they can and when that best isn't good enough they're the ones who pay for it. It's too bad you couldn't be one of these men when they've lost that big game. It's all over for everyone except them. It's forgotten by most except them. Then they

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On Monday, July 15, an article appeared in the News-Chronicle under the heading "Reagan's Tax Plan Is Crucial Hoax" by John F. Dunlap, Assemblyman Fifth District.

This was in regard to the property tax relief bill which was defeated on July 22, 1968.

It appears that the figures are misleading as he states windfall property tax relief to the large land owners and very little to the home owner. A land owner with \$400,000 worth of land would get \$300 refund where a home owner would get only \$15. This may be true but no mention was made as to how much tax each paid. It appears he is comparing \$400,000 against the homeowner's \$20,000 which is 20 times greater. The idea is to show the land owner got a larger refund.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This letter is directed to Mr. Dennis P. Hoell of Crockett, and his 3 Minor Facts which appeared in this column, July 22.

To Mr. Hoell I would like to say that he left out 3 Major Facts within the 3 Minor Ones.

1— Certainly S. Vietnam has a right to defend itself if it so desires with the understanding that it will be quite torn in the process. As you might recall, our own country fought for independence with the aid of others, and though worn from the toils of war, it did build itself up; not at the same time as it was being torn, sir, but afterwards.

2— Napalm is not conducive to building a country, but neither are the Viet Cong who use nauseating gas, torture villagers, bash infants against trees, etc., etc., etc. Just what is it you expect our men to do? Use cap guns?

3— As for being outside interferers, you forget that we are there at the request of the S. Vietnamese government. You say that the job by our troops was not well done; you'd better take another look at what our men have died and fought courageously for, to the best of their ability, and until you can do a better job, I suggest your refrain from your unjust criticisms of their efforts.

The only way to end it is to get in there, show them we mean business and wipe out every one of that country's aggressors at all costs, deaf to world opinion.

Sounds cruel? Either fight fire with fire, or stand and be burned.

CAROL PEIGH
(VALLEJO HIGH STUDENT)

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"Hi there." John Lee, this is your friendly Wallace rooter here. Since I pay \$2.75 for the local paper, and am grateful for what news they do print about Mr. Wallace, I hope to further upset your digestive system and foul up your day.

What does Mr. Wallace stand for that is so distasteful to you, Mr. Lee? Is it because he believes in the Constitution of the United States? Is it because he stands for law and order and believes the criminal is the one who should stand trial rather than the police officer? Is it because he stands for an America free of Communists and Communist sympathizers? Is it because he believes we should stop aiding and trading with our enemy, the Communist nations? Is it because he stands for winning the war in Vietnam, the longest war this nation has fought, and which our leaders in Washington say we don't intend to win? Is it because Mr. Wallace is honest in his dealing with the Negro people, as opposed to our bleeding heart Liberals who use the Negro people to purchase votes from?

To say that George Wallace is undeserving of praise just proves how little you know of a very fine American. He is a self-made man. Coming from very poor background, he worked hard for every penny that came to him, having to assume the job as head of the family after his father died in 1937. Working his way through law school, he graduated in 1942. As a scholar Mr. Wallace was not to be surmased. A was a

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The trouble is that in each of these not-so-fanciful combinations, the actual or potential presidential and vice-presidential candidates are from the same state—Rockefeller, Nixon and Lindsay from New York, Humphrey and McCarthy from Minnesota. It has generally been believed for at least the past 164 years that the Constitution forbids this.

The 12th Amendment, ratified in 1804, says: "The electors shall meet in their respective states and vote by ballot for president and vice president, one of whom at least shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves . . ."

Some constitutional experts contend, however, that all this means is that in the event of, say, a Nixon-Lindsay ticket (which some Republicans have lately suggested), only the electors in New York would have a problem. They could cast their votes for Nixon for president but not for Lindsay for vice president.

The sentence from the 12th Amendment is only a slight modification of a similar restriction in Article II of the original Constitution, which was drafted at a time when the states were still jealous little sovereign nations fearful of the domination of any one of them over the others.

It is another of those ambiguous compromises engineered by the Founding Fathers that crop up from time to time to give later generations trouble. One can imagine the predicament if a presidential candidate were to squeak by with a slim majority in the Electoral College while his running mate from the same state was defeated by the vice presidential candidate of the opposing party.

Not that such a situation is likely to confront us this election year, or perhaps any other. It has not been the constitutional question so much as the desire to achieve "balance" that has prevented the parties from ever nominating two candidates from the same state.

But since there is so much current discussion about the need for reforming the manner in which we elect the nation's two highest leaders, and a very real possibility that some kind of reform will be carried out within the next decade, it is not inappropriate to consider abolishing this ambiguity at the same time as we revise the Electoral College system.

The parties would go on seeking "balance"—an easterner and a westerner or a northern and a southerner or a candidate from an industrial state and a candidate from a farm state or a liberal and a conservative—but there may come a time when the voters reach a degree of political sophistication in which they realize that two men from the same state can serve the nation just as well as two men from two different states.

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Respectfully yours,
MISS CONSTANCE J. WROTEN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

First, some definitions: INFRINGE — To break, To violate, To transgress, To neglect to fulfill or obey; as to infringe a law, To destroy or hinder.

MILITIA — "In the United States, the entire body of citizens liable to be called to do military duty."

Now, a quote from the second amendment to our Federal Constitution (which all members of legislative bodies, executives, and judicial officials are sworn to uphold and defend): "A WELL-REGULATED MILITIA BEING NECESSARY TO THE SECURITY OF A FREE STATE, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED."

Some of our modern legal lights would have us believe that by "Militia," the writers of our Constitution meant what we now call our National Guard. This I do not believe. For many, many years we have been taught that, as defined in my unabridged dictionary, especially here in our own nation, the term "Militia" means all of us, the people. To bear this conception out, note that after the explanatory words about the well-regulated militia, our founding fathers completed the amendment: "THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED." Any attempt by legislative, executive or judicial officers to infringe on our constitutionally guaranteed right would render them suspect to malfeasance in office because they have sworn to uphold and defend the constitution in its entirety. THINK!
W. B. SIMMONS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have heard that the women's associations of some of the churches in Vallejo will do quilting or comfort tying for money to help carry on some of their other wonderful projects.

I believe since quilts and quilt making is so popular again, if they had a little publicity many women would be glad to find someone for this work. As quilting is an art not many of us learned I know I would. I hope you will write some sort of notice and the editor will allow it to be put in "Opinions of the People."

Thank you,
QUILT PRICER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Vallejo Girls Softball Association wishes to thank all those who donated to our car wash July 27. It was a great success. Also, thanks to Mr. Paul Smiley of Smiley's Chevron Station for the use of his facilities, and to the Times-Herald for the nice write-up on the car wash.

These processes will help send a team from our Association to the Woodland and Vacaville tournaments. Tournament dates are as follows: Vacaville, Aug. 1-4, California Medical Facility; Woodland, Aug. 7-11.

A special invitation to all who would like to attend these games. Thanks again.

PEGGY FRATTINI
Manager,
Dittman Van and Storage

create. Do you think these men get any thanks for doing this? Not by many only a very few. On the other hand, criticism they do get from most of you and you know who you are! Some of you even think they get paid; well, they don't! These men do the very best they can and when that best isn't good enough they're the ones who pay for it. It's too bad you couldn't be one of these men when they've lost that big game. It's all over for everyone except them. It's forgotten by most except them. Then they begin to wonder again the way they were wondering during the whole game; should I have played him, should I have taken him out, should I have changed positions, etc. This isn't forgotten so easily by a man who has spent 4 hours a night for weeks practicing with these boys and becoming personally involved with them and their feelings. No, sometimes it takes a very long time — then one of you come and tell them in no uncertain words what a bad job they did and what they should have done. Better yet, there are those of you who would rather talk behind their back because you are not big enough to tell them to their face. These are the people who I hope read this letter and from now on let the boys play the game. All you have to do is come and watch them, if you can spare the time, or else take a team yourself and see how long you would last at a thankless job.

In actuality all these managers and coaches are doing is babysitting 9 out of 10 of these boys whose parents do all the complaining. Think about it; are you one of them?

A BABYSITTER'S WIFE
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To my fellow Vallejoans: By the time you read this letter, I will be vacationing somewhere in Louisiana.

But as a true Vallejoan, I shall return as soon as possible for the sake of whipping Wallace at the polls come November, and making Humphrey the victor. I shall also mix my vacation with work in the South for the sole purpose of defeating Wallace and his sick society.

In the meantime, those of you who will stay home or travel, where ever you go, put in a good word for Hubert, and blast Wallace, and to those of you who haven't made up your mind to vote for Humphrey or Wallace, well, maybe it would be best for you to vote for Wallace because we don't need you in the Humphrey camp.

So, adios amigos, and remember, I shall by all means return.

JOHN E. LEE
129 Simonton St.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Some time ago there was the question asked in some of our newspapers what to do with San Quentin. I propose they gather up all of the hippies and put them over there. They do not want to do right and make something of their lives and are a disgrace to our country. And every time they spot one, put him or her over there where they cannot get dope. Guard the island just as they did when it was a prison and everytime they spot one of these pushers of dope, take it all away from them and put them there too.

These hippies are a disgrace to our streets, parks and beaches. One hates to take their family on a day's outing so just put the hippies all together like a bunch of pigs.

I don't think pigs would live like that. At least they do roll in the mud to clean themselves.

One who loves our country
A. N. C.

would get \$300 refund where a home owner would get only \$15. This may be true but no mention was made as to how much tax each paid. It appears he is comparing \$400,000 against the homeowner's \$20,000 which is 20 times greater. The idea is to show the land owner got a larger refund.

He also states that the average man pays about \$300 in state sales tax. This means he spends about \$6,000 on taxable purchases. The Internal Revenue allows a lump sum deduction of \$111 sales taxes to a family of four on earnings of \$9,500. These figures indicate the average taxpayer spends about \$2,000 on taxable items. A one per cent increase would be only \$20 instead of \$60.

I believe Mr. Dunlap has the wrong amounts as far as sales taxes are concerned and I can see why the other 43 Democrats were irate and could have caused the defeat of the bill.

I know that the 5 per cent sales tax will be paid by all persons in California whereby the property taxes will be only paid by 60 per cent of the people.

We are homeowners and retired on social security and sure would appreciate a \$15 or more tax reduction on our property taxes.
L. C. EBERLING

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is very gratifying to learn that the Legislators in Sacramento have put aside for another year the bill to florde our drinking water. (AB1475).

It has been conceded that this action was due to the large amount of mail received by the Legislators from California residents who are opposed to floridation.

A very helpful lesson can be learned from this and that is the Legislators are more responsive when a large group of citizens speak out than they are to the influence of lobbyists working in behalf of large companies.

Thanks to all who write to Sacramento opposing floridation, and I hope as many will write again next year if the Legislators decide to take action on this matter. Lets hope that the matter will finally be decided by the people on a referendum rather than by the Legislators themselves.

CARLTON A. FOSTER
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:
There has been so much bad or unpleasant news, so many critical or unhappy opinions in OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE lately that it will perhaps seem refreshing to hear how one unhappy situation developed into a happy one.

Boy Scout Troop 66 worked four long hot Saturdays collecting papers trying to raise enough money so that boys whose parents could not afford to send them to summer camp could go.

In spite of all this hard work the Troop lacked enough money to send four boys. This was heartbreaking because it just didn't seem fair that four good deserving Boy Scouts had to be denied the privilege of going to summer camp with their troop.

Then came the sunshine: The Scoutmaster contacted the Active 20-30 Club and the Elks Club and these worthy organizations of Vallejo Male Adults each sponsored two boys to summer camp.

It seems that there are still plenty of good citizens in our fair community that do care enough about the youth of our community to help them.

The adult leaders and four (4) very happy Boy Scouts of Troop 66 thank you Vallejo 20-30 Club and Vallejo Elks Club.

A COMMITTEEMAN

Liberals who use the Negro people to purchase votes from?

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An American, winner of an Air Medal, a lawyer, a circuit judge and a governor. His life has been one to be proud of. And you say he is undeserving of praise.

He dares to be honest, that's what many people are finding out as they hear and see George Corley Wallace, candidate for President.

VALESKA CHANG
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The BART transportation system must not be abandoned now, and the building of it should continue until all nine Bay Area Counties are connected by this service. Ways and means must be found to complete this system as it was originally planned.

It is not fair to the taxpayers of the three counties, San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa that they be made to pay the major and initial costs of this project when all nine counties will eventually reap in its completion.

The completed system will supply quick, convenient, economical transportation to and from San Francisco, Candlestick Park, the San Francisco Airport, San Jose and Marin County.

Instead of allowing the Golden Gate Bridge authorities to reduce bridge toll fees, I believe they should remain the same as they are and any excess revenue should be put aside towards the building of a new crossing over Alcatraz and Angel Islands to Marin County and be built to carry Rapid Transit trains and other vehicular traffic.

I suggest and do believe revenue from all offshore oil wells in the State of California could be used for transportation purposes, namely, rapid transit both here in the Bay Area and in Southern California.

If money were forth coming from this source, engineering concerns, corporations, contractors, public officials and heads of BART itself must review the high costs of this system so far and try to minimize future expenses so we will have rapid transit trains covering all nine Bay Area Counties by 1975.

BERNARD J. CASSIDY
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TO THE EDITOR:

I was under the impression that American men and boys are in Vietnam, giving their lives, to protect the world from Communists. I was also under the impression that the Soviet Union is a Communist country.

Why, then, are we running a commercial airline to Moscow and allowing the Russians to fly from Moscow to New York?

I agree more than ever with Dr. Spock. This Vietnam war is immoral.

LEE BAKER

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God! I am at my wit's end. I do not know where to turn or what to do. I have tried to fight a good fight, but I have lost. No one really needs me. Everyone would be better off without me. Yet You have taught me that not a sparrow is beyond Your love and care. You have given me a personality unique in all the world. Give me grace and strength to use the phone to call someone for help and keep me from making my decisions at the low ebb of my energy and spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.—Raymond E. Balcomb, Portland, Ore., minister, First Methodist Church.

EDITORIALS

Dark Before The Dawn

It may seem paradoxical to say it, but everyone who uses the services of the Post Office Department—and that's everyone—should welcome the cutbacks announced by Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson.

For it is only when the service gets bad enough, when home delivery is cut from five to four to three to two days a week and the couriers' swift completion of their appointed rounds becomes even less swift than it is today, that the public will demand that something be done to revamp the system and put it on a self-paying basis.

Things will not come to such a pass this year, of course. Some cutbacks will be made, but the bets are that Congress will largely exempt the Post Office from the federal employment reductions required by the 10 per cent surtax bill passed last month and that the service will continue to limp along from appropriation to appropriation in its time-honored manner.

The President's Commission on Postal Organization has recommended that the office be converted from a cabinet-level agency and political patronage plum into a nonprofit government corporation. Such a corporation would be free to set its own rates without congressional approval and to sell bonds for capital improvements. Employees would be removed from Civil Service and given the right to bargain collectively with management.

The commission believes that with reduced costs and rate increases, the department's deficits—currently about \$1.2 billion a year—would be wiped out in a few years.

Before we conclude that this is the panacea for all that ails the postal service, it would be well to remember that the system was never designed to be self-supporting. Accounting for about half the department's deficits second and third class

Opinions Of The People

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Congressman Leggett's representative stated recently that the merchants of Vacaville had indicated their opposition to continuing the use of the old Post Office building to house government agencies.

I do not believe that all of the merchants have expressed themselves in this manner. I do know that certain individuals have expressed themselves as having a personal interest in seeing the building demolished and the property sold.

On June 10 of this year, I wrote a letter to our congressman, setting forth the fact that there were agencies which could very well occupy this building, and in one case, more suitably spot the office in the center of their area of service. It also would provide a more suitable office for one of our local agencies, not to mention the OEO which has been refused its use.

It seems rather silly for the taxpayers to approve the sale and destruction of a building which can pass a tougher construction inspection than any building in town and which will be here and in good condition for a longer period of time than any building at present in use in Vacaville.

I have seen buildings of sound structure modernized with a face lifting which were older than this one in question.

However, let us get back to the factor of economics. Where is the percentage in removing this building and leaving others standing about the city, some of which are ready to fall down.

Also, on March 22, in a newspaper release to the press of the nation, and in an article carried by the Times-Herald, Congressman Leggett went to great lengths to criticize President Johnson for his waste and mismanagement of federal funds, and for his handling of a war which had been wished upon him. Does economy only apply in the administrative area of the government and not in the policy and governmental area?

I do not object to the building being sold and occupied by a suitable business, but to sell it for a fraction of its value and torn down, seems to me to be a waste of taxpayers money.

FRANK J. DOUGLASS
Vacaville

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To all enlisted Men
Hello Better Half,

Do you feel the woman's place is in the home? So do we! We realize the responsibility of every wife and mother regarding the moral, civic, and educational development of our families, and in an effort to encourage and inform the Navy wives of how they can better perform these tasks, we would like to request your permission to invite your wife to attend one of our meetings.

As membership chairman for the current campaign, it is my desire to reach as many prospective members as possible. In the past we have directed our efforts of obtaining new



HE SAVED HIS FACE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On August 19, the City Council will place before it a proposal to rejuvenate popular feeling on the pros and cons of bringing Bingo into the City of Vallejo. This has been an item which has confronted the Vallejo City Council and the people of Vallejo numerous times in the past, and certainly those persons concerned deserve some sort of answer as to whether or not this type of charitable activity should be condoned.

I would urge all people interested in this matter to attend council's meeting on Monday the 19th of August and make their feelings known.

Many organizations have pledged their profits to various charities, and churches have benefited from the activity of Bingo.

A good crowd, and strong favorable arguments are what we need on August 19 to accomplish a victory.

ILIKETA PLAYBINGO

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I feel some answer on my part is indicated due to the article on my leaving the Vallejo-Benicia area to take up a new teaching assignment in Los Angeles.

While I have only been in this area a year, I have become very fond of both St. Vincent's High School and the people with whom I have worked. It is hard to leave, but I have made friendships, among both my colleagues and students, which I hope will last many years.

As in any human endeavor, many people played a part in making this past year a success for me—certainly the Dominican Sisters at St. Vincent's, especially the Principal, Sister Karen Marie; also the Fathers at St. Vincent's parish, particularly Father John van Snellenberg, for their kind interest; and my own small community in Benicia and my Superior, Father Urban Bates, O.P., for their patience.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Fellow Americans:
Is there anyone who could round up used clothing, soap, etc., to help this young man with his 12,000 refugees?

Address:
Warrant Officer,
Hdq. Supply Bn. 1st Force Serv. Reg.,
Force Logistic Command FMPAC
F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif. 96602

He writes: "Our area of operation covers one of the largest refugee centers in Vietnam in which at the present there are approximately 23,000 refugees. Of these however, only 12,000 are under the direct assistance of this Battalion. The conditions under which these people live is incomprehensible to one who has not had the opportunity to be among them daily. That they must live this way in daily fear of disease and hunger and nightly fear of the deprivations of the marauding enemy is a situation that only the helping hand of the American people can cause to cease to exist. The sight of the children and adults suffering from malnutrition, with their bodies covered with open sores due to lack of the basic needs or health and sanitary purposes is one which cannot be easily imagined. The life they lead is incompatible with human existence.

Their needs are basically simple: foods with high protein and vitamin content which can be added as a supplement to their basic cereal diet; soap and other sanitary needs; clothing, paper and pencils for those lucky enough to go to school, and any other countless items which we as Americans do not even consider any longer because we have taken them for granted for so long. As you can see, these people are in need of everything. Such insignificant items as needles, and thread are of high value to them."

Regardless of anyone's views on Vietnam, the children seem to be suffering more than anyone — from loss of home, parents, from disease and lack of proper diet and medical treatment for injuries.

If one does not have the time or the money for a box to send could you at least make it an envelope and stamp with a package of needles.

It would only take a few moments and a few cents which you will never miss but which could be such a treasure to these people.

Thanking you in advance and may God bless you.

Operation H.O.P.F.
(Helping Other People Everywhere)

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This letter is directed to those people who believe in the war for democracy in Vietnam.

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would be removed from Civil Service and given the right to bargain collectively with management. The commission believes that with reduced costs and rate increases, the department's deficits—currently about \$1.2 billion a year—would be wiped out in a few years.

Before we conclude that this is the panacea for all that ails the postal service, it would be well to remember that the system was never designed to be self-supporting. Accounting for about half the department's deficits, second- and third-class rates constitute "public service" subsidies for magazines, newspapers, direct-mail advertisers and nonprofit and educational organizations.

There would thus be a price to be paid—ultimately by the general public—for an efficient postal system, in the form of increased subscription rates, other kinds of federal subsidy for nonprofit and educational groups, higher prices for products advertised by mail and possibly higher first-class rates as well.

Assuming, that is, that congressmen and others who have vested interests in keeping the system as it is ever allow such sweeping changes to be made.

Ideas Pay Off All Around

Playing it smart on company time paid off in the form of a \$35 million melon that was sliced up by some 700,000 members of the nation's workforce last year.

That was \$6 million more than the prize in 1966, reports the National Association of Suggestion Systems.

Of a total of 2,899,607 suggestions submitted by employees of the 10,300 plants or agencies reporting, 723,887 were adopted. Each idea earned a cash award for the suggester.

The association figures that the awards paid through suggestion systems represents about 10 per cent of the over-all cost savings realized by the firms involved. Thus, that \$35 million means that business, industry and government benefited to the tune of \$350 million.

Average award was \$48.32 (up from \$46.19 in 1966). But the highest award paid an individual in 1967 was a handsome \$18,315.

Does this give you any ideas?

Taking A Better View

As the Good Book notes, where there is no vision, the people perish, and it is heartening to learn that somebody is doing something about it.

The Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association reports that there was an 84.83 per cent increase in the production of windshield washer concentrate in consumer-sized packages in 1967.

The total was 14,203,141 packages, a far cry from the mealy 49,872 produced in 1961.

Traffic accidents haven't gone down, but at least more people are getting a better view of the car that runs into them on the highway.

Do you feel the woman's place is in the home? So do we! We realize the responsibility of every wife and mother regarding the moral, civic, and educational development of our families, and in an effort to encourage and inform the Navy wives of how they can better perform these tasks, we would like to request your permission to invite your wife to attend one of our meetings.

As membership chairman for the current campaign, it is my desire to reach as many prospective members as possible. In the past we have directed our efforts of obtaining new members to the wives themselves. However, since every wife's main purpose is to please her husband, we are now asking you to encourage your wife to attend one of our meetings and see what Navy Wives Clubs of America has to offer.

Navy Wives Clubs of America is an international organization with clubs located in this country and many of the overseas bases. The wives of enlisted Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard men are eligible to join. We are very proud of our National Scholarship Foundation which awards annually 10 scholarships to dependents of enlisted personnel.

Our reputation is up to you. We feel that by better informing you as to our goals, motivations and desires, that a mutual understanding will prevail. After reading this letter, we hope (and pray) that you will encourage your wife to inquire into our fine organization. We need your support in order to do the job we are meant to do, that is, to be the Navy Wives own service organization providing them with a friend when in need—who has the same type of life in common with them.

Won't you give us your vote of confidence? May we look forward to the pleasure of meeting your wife? We are waiting to welcome her.

Free nursery care for all club activities will be provided by the day care center. For further information or transportation to meetings, call 643-8995, Jane Collins or 644-1638 Carlin Horgar.

Members of Club No. 118
Navy Wives Clubs of America

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention all Y.D.C. members.

It is time for a change. I really don't know what is wrong, but I do know that it is time to start coming back to the meetings. Who do you think Mrs. Barnhart stuck her neck out for? It sure wasn't for herself, it was for us. We are becoming lazy and letting her down. She really doesn't have to keep on working for and with us, she may have better things to do.

A lot of you are dropping out and joining other organizations. But when you get into trouble or if you are in need, you run to Mrs. Barnhart. She accepts you with open arms. Why don't you run to the advisor of your organization? As you should know, we now have our membership cards. They are not just regular cards; they have a meaning to them, especially to us true members of the Y.D.C.

If you are going to start an organization, be allotted proper funds to function and have the most important people behind you, and then drop out, something is definitely wrong with you.

Once again, all you Y.D.C. members, come back and let us, who are still there, see what you have to offer.

Respectfully yours,
MISS CONNIE WROTEN,
Reporter, Y.D.C.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A rummage sale will be held Tuesday, Aug. 13 and 14, at 226 Georgia St., with all proceeds to go to the American Indian Missions. All good, clean clothing—some new. Also many miscellaneous articles.

N. H.

and certainly those whose personal service deserve some sort of answer as to whether or not this type of charitable activity should be condoned.

I would urge all people interested in this matter to attend council's meeting on Monday the 19th of August and make their feelings known.

Many organizations have pledged their profits to various charities, and churches have benefited from the activity of Bingo.

A good crowd, and strong favorable arguments are what we need on August 19 to accomplish a victory.

ILIKETA PLAYINGO

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What a wonderful country we live in! I went to the post office yesterday and there were McCarthy stickers, I Still Like Reagan, Another Mother for Peace and one Wallace bumper sticker—all in one small parking lot at the same time. Healthy expressions of concern, though obviously no uniformity.

Isn't it strange then that this wonderful country of ours sends its wonderful sons to defend a government who puts its losing candidates in jail and makes it a crime to be a neutral?

The Vietnam democracy we're fighting for and paying for and dying for wouldn't allow the "wrong" kind of bumper strip and would probably jail all those Snoopy for President people.

JOYCE McLEAN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Last year many people asked me about community or group projects for service men overseas. I would like to repeat my suggestion here because it is timely for any season.

A single \$6 subscription to a weekly periodical will serve over 4,000 individuals through the year at the C-130 Operations Crew Facility at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. Delivered SAM, they arrive during the week of issue.

There are about 500 such crew facilities and passenger terminals serving many thousands of military men.

These men do not have pleasant jobs, and as long as they are there by the direction of our government they deserve our support. A donated subscription is a very constructive way to demonstrate that support.

Interested parties should contact men or families of men serving in Southeast Asia. They will know the appropriate addresses.

EDWARD T. MEESE, Capt., AF
(Res.)

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A hunter popped a partridge on a hill
It made a great to-do, and then was still.
It seems (when later on his bag he spied)
It was the guide.

One shot a squirrel in a nearby wood—
A pretty shot offhand, from where he stood
It wore, they said, a shooting hat of brown,
And lived in town.

And one dispatched a rabbit for his haul
That later proved to measure six feet tall;
And, lest you think I'm handing you a myth,
Its name was Smith.

Another nimrod slew the champion fox.
He glimpsed him lurking in among the rocks.
One rapid shot! It never spoke or moved.
The inquest proved.

A "cautious" man espied a gleam of brown.
Was it a deer or Jones, a friend from town?
And while he pondered on the river's rim,
Jones potted him.

ELAINE PALMER

High School and the people with whom I have worked. It is hard to leave, but I have made friendships, among both my colleagues and students, which I hope will last many years.

As in any human endeavor, many people played a part in making this past year a success for me—certainly the Dominican Sisters at St. Vincent's, especially the Principal, Sister Karen Marie; also the Fathers at St. Vincent's parish, particularly Father John van Snellenberg, for their kind interest; and my own small community in Benicia and my Superior, Father Urban Bates, O.P., for their patience.

Primarily, however, I owe much to the many people on the staff at St. Vincent's who have given me a friendship which means a great deal, as well as the means of further pedagogical growth: Mr. and Mrs. Kramer, who rank as "tops" in my eyes; Mrs. Joseph, Mrs. Truax, Mrs. McCandless, Mr. Bertles—all staff members whose help is inestimable. Certainly those students whom I taught are not forgotten, for their adult openness is rare and their trust valuable. Their parents, too, helped us teachers to give more than facts, but to teach life as well.

Vallejo bills itself as the "All-American City," and I would add to that, "because of its all-American people!" I shall not forget your town, no matter where I may be, nor the wonderful people I have found here.

Sincerely,
BROTHER NORBERT, O.P.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On two occasions I have observed the Vallejo Fire Dept., Station No. 1 assist people in distress other than fire.

They have impressed me to no end with their compassion. They never acted as if the same situation happened again and again, which no doubt it had. They showed interest and concern.

I think we of Vallejo should be proud we have such an outstanding department on call day and night to assist us.

I would never hesitate to call on them. No matter how small my complaint might be.

My Thanks,
MRS. MARGARET A. MARTIN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Since you didn't mention the name of Gavril Prinzp in any of your June 23rd editions, it came as no surprise to me that you didn't mention Leopold Berchtold on July 23rd either.

They were only two of the most important names of world history during the last fifty years. "Sic gloria transit mundi!"

G. H. MORGAN
425 Relis Ave.

Editor's note: On June 23, 1914, Gabrilo Prinzp, a young Bosnian, shot and killed Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria, beginning World War I.

Count Anton Berchtold, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, made the formal declaration of war July 23, 1914, against Serbia after Ferdinand's assassination.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Governor Reagan has declined to proclaim United Nations Day in California because this action "... could be interpreted as a blanket endorsement of the total United Nations concept and operation." By this logic, the governor's action must be interpreted as a blanket condemnation of the United Nations. In a time in which we hear so much about "honoring our commitments," the governor might well remember our solemn commitment to the UN Charter.

Sincerely,
ROBERT H. CLINTON

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Democracy is not properly practiced when a man like Dr. Spock is not allowed freedom of speech, when today's youth must be subjected to conscription which is aimed (according to General Hershey) to control young people, and when American troops are sent to Vietnam after 60 per cent of the American people voted for a man who promised not to pursue such action as Lyndon Johnson promulgated in the election campaign of 1964.

I would further like to direct the attention of those people who wish to extend democracy in Vietnam to the democratic primaries in the states of Indiana, Oregon and California, Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy, the peace candidates, received in combined strength 67 per cent of the votes in Indiana, 79 per cent of the votes in Oregon, and 83 per cent of the votes in California. If we expect democracy to be followed in Vietnam, we should have enough faith in it to follow its call at home. Democracy is a moral, not a military force in a world that is tired of leadership based on the display of might and not on the inspiration of right.

TOM R.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To whom it may concern: We read an advertisement in the times-Herald lost-and-found classification in regard to a bicycle found near Shoppers World.

Although it was not the right bicycle for us, I know it will probably be claimed by some very grateful parents and boy. If more people could or would do this act of kindness I think this would be a better place for all.

I know of several bicycles that have been stolen in our Henry St. neighborhood. I was lucky enough to find one of our bikes. My youngest son was very upset.

These bikes are not being taken from driveways, but these little thieves are going in yards with gates to take these bikes.

Some bikes are being altered to conceal them, but you parents are the ones who will have to check the garages and fields to see if you have any strange bikes around.

Please run an ad. If you can't pay for it the person who claims his or her bike usually will. It's a lot cheaper than trying to replace the bike.

Sincerely,
MRS. EVERETT KISTLE
646 Henry St.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I wish to extend our many thanks in behalf of the Solano Council for Retarded Children to the Club Dreambowl for the use of their facilities which was used for a benefit dance July 26.

A job well done and we surely appreciate your help and understanding to the retarded children in our community.

Thank you,
PEGGY SMITH, President
Solano Council for
Retarded Children

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Merciful God, Creator of all loveliness, as each new day bursts forth in glory, we feel anew Thy goodness. Yet too quickly is this awareness lost as we go our ways and forget Thy way. Lure us back to Thee in the song of a bird, the smile of a child, or the face of Christ within our minds; in His name. Amen. — Calvin H. Reber, Jr., Dayton, Ohio, professor of missions, United Theological Seminary.

EDITORIALS

College's Bleak Future

For the nation's 2,300 colleges and universities, it is both the best of times and the worst of times.

On the bright side:

More than 300 new colleges and universities have been founded since 1945 . . . Private, voluntary gifts have more than tripled since 1958 . . . Federal funds for higher education have more than doubled in four years, while state tax support has increased 44 per cent in just two years and 214 per cent over eight years ago . . . Endowment funds have more than doubled over the past decade (to about \$12 billion) and average faculty salaries have nearly doubled in the same period . . . Colleges and universities are spending more than \$2 billion a year on capital expansion and the total expenditure in the United States this year for higher education will be some \$18 billion, more than three times as much as in 1955.

On the darker side:

While private gifts reached a record high of \$1.6 billion last year, the rate of increase has dropped by 20 per cent in the past three years . . . Some 36 per cent of all voluntary contributions went to just 55 major universities and some 90 per cent of all endowment funds are owned by fewer than 5 per cent of the institutions . . . In 1966, 70 per cent of federal funds went to just 100 institutions . . . College and university operating costs have more than tripled during the past decade from about \$4 billion 1956 to about \$12.7 billion last year.

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Opinions Of The People

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I note in Monday's paper the item by W. B. Simmons:

I will go a bit farther than Mrs. Simmons. Any one who believes that the National Guard is the Militia has been badly informed by certain of the political elements. The militia is NOT, repeat NOT, the National Guard.

The two bit politicians who have taken the oath of office uphold, defend and support the Constitution of the United States, that was produced by the thirteen united colonies, definitely violate their oath of office when voting in the Congress on proposed bills . . . a yes vote has without a shadow of doubt perjured himself or themselves, when voting for a bill which is not in strict accommodation, Constitution.

Now to attempt to vote, or do vote to curb any of we the people the right to bear arms for the protection of his home and his family. Then do nothing to punish certain elements who use firearms to kill indiscriminately, loot, then are protected by the courts. The member or members of the courts that use their supposed authority to help protect the unruly elements.

Well, the court officials should be hauled up by the seat of their pants and scruff of their necks, and given a he-ho into the streets or into deep waters.

My great-great-grandfathers did their duty in 1776 — 1782; therefore I am a son of the American Revolution. My ancestry began in the colonies over 135 years ere the Revolution.

How many of the readers have ever been asked by a politician whether he approved a proposed bill to be acted on in the national Congress?? I've never found one who replied yes.

JAMES D. RORABAUGH

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To all wives of enlisted men in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

From Navy Wives Clubs of America, Mare Island 118.

You are invited to attend our business and social-educational meetings at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Our clubhouse is located above the Day Care Center on Cedar Street.

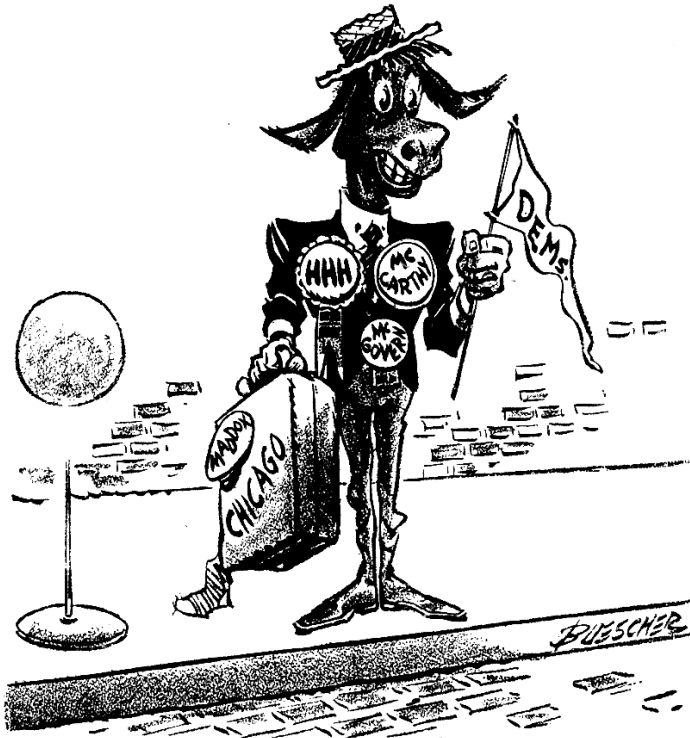
Our functions include luncheons, monthly socials, and occasional activities for the entire family. We support many projects such as a Cadet Troop and Adopted Veteran. We help the Retarded Childrens School and several others.

This is the opportunity for YOU to participate in worthwhile projects, make new friends, and enjoy fun activities. We hope to see YOU at our next meeting. For further information call membership chairman, Jane Collins 643-8995, or president Garlin Horgan, 644-1638.

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NON-PARTISAN DELEGATE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

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TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir: Tax, tax, tax; Where will it stop? It is time for the Unions of San Francisco, residents and Supervisors of Alameda County and neighboring counties to join Marin County in the fight against the unfair 1 per cent tax passed on the wages of out of city residents by the governing bodies of San Francisco.

At one time I was employed in San Francisco and a good 95 per cent of my shopping was done in that city. If I were still employed there I would not spend one penny in San Francisco no matter how much it might inconvenience me, until this unjust tax is repealed.

Join together, hit the San Francisco merchants where it hurts—in their pocketbooks. By shopping in your own counties the San Fran-

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It's "why can't we have bingo in Vallejo?" time again. When this was placed on the City Council agenda last year, a letter was to be written to the State Legislature stating that the Vallejo City Council was not against bingo for charity-only purposes. That was the last anyone heard about it. Now it is being placed on the agenda again and that is fine—but if it is only brought up to be dropped and tabled—forget it.

All that bingo has done is good. It has raised a lot of money for charity. The Post 104 which sponsored bingo made fantastic contributions towards charities. The ban placed on bingo playing in Vallejo has only hurt the kind people who do care about their fellow man.

Bingo might have been stopped in Vallejo but Vallejoans have not stopped playing bingo. Carloads of Vallejoans leave Vallejo to play bingo in other towns. I will not mention where they are playing bingo and helping charities, more power to them. We all live in the same state—they may and we may not.

The last time this was bingo for Jesus the City Council said that the Chief of Police could not be asked not to do his job. Obviously, there was a time in Vallejo when a Chief of Police was not doing his job and bingo prospered everywhere (Bless His Little Heart). When bingo was first banned perhaps the Police Department didn't have the crimes to cope with as they do now, so they watched every bingo parlor in Vallejo to make sure that there were no criminals sponsoring and playing bingo. Now they are kept so busy with "crime" if bingo started up again, they couldn't possibly have time to scout the notorious charity gamblers.

I am not apprehensive about living in a city where the great crime of bingo is being played, but I am apprehensive about living in a city where policemen have been shot, schools have been vandalized, banks have been held up, drugs have been confiscated and plain old mugging and purse stealing. How can you even consider bingo for charity gambling? It's not a gamble, when it goes for charity, it's a sure thing.

So everybody interested, come to the Council meeting this Monday at 8 p.m. You senior citizens, you come, too, you can still make those few flights of stairs. Also anyone else who is interested. Let's get some action on this one way or another. If we can't have it, then why tease us all the time?

IVAN TOPLAYTU

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To the Mayor:

I recently read that you vetoed the bond to give Vallejo a much-needed library. I would

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The financial pinch is being felt by both public and private schools, but it is particularly severe for some of the latter.

Recently, the dean of the school of dentistry of the University of Southern California warned that at least 10 of the nation's 50 dental schools are in trouble and could close. These schools, all private, account for about 35 per cent of the nation's output of dentists. No new private dental school has been opened in the United States since shortly after World War II.

Some traditional sources of support for higher education remain relatively untapped. Only one in four alumni, for instance, contributes; and the \$300 million given by American businesses in 1966 represented only about 0.37 per cent of their net incomes before taxes.

Inevitably, however, more and more college and university administrators are talking about direct and massive federal subsidy for higher education, whether they like the idea or not. On the state level, the distinction between "public" and "private" is already becoming blurred as more states enact some form of aid to private schools or to students attending them. In Pennsylvania, some 40 per cent of the state appropriation now goes to private institutions.

In this day when it is becoming part of the national philosophy that a higher education is not the privilege but the right of every youth who can benefit from it, it seems certain that the issue of federal subsidy is one that will eventually rank with the war in Vietnam or the war on poverty as a subject of debate in the halls of Congress.

Kids Will Be Kids

It's small wonder that today's youth pays little attention to the advice of the older generation.

For example, teens are continually cautioned to "slow down, take it easy. You've got plenty of time for romance."

Then along comes a guy like Joseph Yedlicka of St. Louis, Mo., who a week after meeting her, runs off with Viola Foster and marries her against the objections of relatives.

You just can't trust anyone over 30. Joe is 84; his bride, 70.

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Some people have the wrong impression of the natural. Some say it is worn by and stands for the hoodlums, but this very seldom applies to them. The natural was first worn by a secretary in New York. Then it spread.

Also a lot of people think the natural is worn by the teenagers. But I have seen adults over 25 years of age wearing it.

The natural looks good to me. I hope it does not fade away. I hope it is everlasting.

MISS CONSTANCE WROTEN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Once again our mayor vetoed the library bill. What's wrong? Does she know something the voters don't know?

Twice the voters rejected this library bill. Any which way they can the councilmen are going to ram this down our throats.

This library will cost the voters 4 million dollars. Let's throw the whole bill out and keep the old library. At night time you can't see the old building anyway.

PAUL WEBER
508 McLane St.

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It's with a great deal of concern that I am writing this article in the paper.

It concerns parents who don't know when their children play during the day especially in the vicinity of the school for the retarded children.

At present the younger children in the Solano Council for Retarded Children are on vacation and will not go back to school until Sept. 16.

On August 15 a fire started in some lumber of white pine which the trainees use in their program.

It showed where youngsters had been playing, as they had a clubhouse made under the lumber pile. They also had cans in which there were cigarete butts. Evidently this was a hideout for youngsters, but in order to get into the yard they have to climb a 6-foot wire fence, and parents, we as parents of the retarded can't keep watch 24 hours a day. So please know where your children play, as this could have been more serious and costly.

We would also like to thank the fire department for their prompt response to the blaze, and keeping the fire confined to the lumber pile, and a scorched wall on the old building, and some damage to the new building.

A PARENT of a Retarded Child

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Frankies Youth Group No. 28, OES, sponsored by Harmony Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, served as hostess for the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and would like to thank all donors for their courteous thoughts of others when donating blood.

The Eastern Star urges more young and old adults to donate blood and help those who can't help themselves. Because the blood you give is a priceless gift!

Harmony Chapter No. 39, OES Youth Group
BETTY THOMPSON

and addresses and help in caring for me while in and out of the hospital. Each and every doctor, nurse and student nurse were fabulous. The many kind and gracious services they did is to be commended. The names of nurses and student nurses I cannot remember all, however, I shall never forget their kind faces.

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My employer and his wife who were so concerned for my well being and also for the generous amount of time they spent in coming to see me. My many friends who were so kind in taking time out of their busy day to visit with me, also people I had never seen before. The Catholic Daughters of America for their continued prayers and genuine concern. The North Vallejo Community Church who have included me in their prayers. And Thank You, God, for letting me have more time on earth.

Now again I will enter the hospital for further surgery so that I may be able to walk a little better.

Really aren't people just wonderful!

DELORIS MATTHEWS

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

About the middle of July I wrote to the Social Security Office in Vallejo, concerning my wife's eligibility for Medicare.

I phrased the letter so all it needed, and all I wanted was, a one word answer, Yes or No.

On Aug. 7 I dropped into the office and my letter was neatly filed in a folder, and I received my answer, and an apology for not getting it sooner.

Anyway I had the people in the office fill out a form, request for a copy of a birth certificate, certificate.

The following day I dropped this form, and a money order, for one French franc plus return postage and a self-addressed envelope in the P.O. Box. This was Aug. 2, 5:45 p.m.

On Aug. 10, I received the birth certificate, written out in long hand, properly sealed and stamped, from France.

This shows how efficient our systems are in this country.

The French did not type up a folder and neatly file it.

They looked up the information and mailed it. No machine involved.

There must be a moral here somewhere.

PRONTO QUICK
Vive La France

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There's no connection, really. And yet . . . In a federal district courtroom recently a prisoner charged with taking \$16,936 in three bank robberies pleaded guilty to one and was freed on five years' probation.

In another case that has been in the news, 82 prisoners today rounded out the 183rd day of their imprisonment with no sign that parole is in the offing. Their crime? They were the crew members of the USS Pueblo.

GEORGE BOTELHO

in the fight against the unfair 1 per cent tax passed on the wages of out of city residents by the governing bodies of San Francisco.

At one time I was employed in San Francisco and a good 95 per cent of my shopping was done in that city. If I were still employed there I would not spend one penny in San Francisco no matter how much it might inconvenience me, until this unjust tax is repealed.

Join together, hit the San Francisco merchants where it hurts—in their pocketbooks. By shopping in your own counties the San Francisco merchants will soon prevail upon Mayor Alioto to seek repeal of this unfair tax.

GOLDIE D. BUMGARDNER

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

California and the other states sharing the Colorado River have reached a compromise that brings a truce to the Southwestern water "war" but leaves some critical questions unanswered.

Out of countless congressional hearings comes a plan that leaves intact the water guarantees to California and Mexico and pledges an ample supply to the Phoenix-Tucson area by way of an Arizona water program.

As long as enough water glides down the Colorado, the plan will work. A series of dry years, however, can wreck the program. The plan advocates capturing water from other Southwestern streams, but it is doubtful that these sources can cope with the growth contemplated in Southern California and Arizona.

The plan bans any federal study of bringing water down from the Pacific Northwest. This is its weakness. This is an issue Congress is going to have to meet barring revolutionary advances in the conversion of ocean water in huge quantities.

Northwesterners understandably are jealous of the designs of any other region on their ample water supply. The Northwest deserves strong guarantees that it will have water enough to meet future needs. But this is a national problem rather than a regional one. The Northwestern states were able to trade their votes in Congress for immunity from a water study. This situation cannot continue indefinitely, however. The study is badly needed.

ROBERT BROWN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In 1920, the people made a mistake and ratified the 18th Amendment to the Constitution which prohibited the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. This resulted in a great increase in crime and gangsterism. When the people realized a mistake had been made, they corrected it, in 1933, by passing the 21st Amendment which repealed the 18th.

They also made a mistake in 1913 when they ratified the 16th Amendment which gave unlimited taxing powers to the federal government. As a result, the government is now overgrown in power and size. A large percentage of the money of the people has been placed under the control of the wrong people—the politicians, the bureaucrats . . .

As soon as the people recognize that the 16th Amendment was a mistake, they can correct the mistake by passing another amendment repealing the 16th. Then, the federal government will be reduced in size and power to that prescribed by the original Constitution. And the sooner, the better.

NORMAN L. COTTON

So everybody interested, come to the Council meeting this Monday at 8 p.m. You senior citizens, you come, too, you can still make those few flights of stairs. Also anyone else who is interested. Let's get some action on this one way or another. If we can't have it, then why tease us all the time?

IVAN TOPLAYTTU

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To the Mayor: I recently read that you vetoed the bond to give Vallejo a much-needed library. I would appreciate an explanation of your actions.

Vallejo, the all-American City, needs a new library so bad that it is pitiful. You have in the past approved the bond for Dan Foley which is a beautiful area. We also have a fine Marina. Now what about a decent library? The Vallejo library needs new books, modern equipment, but mostly it needs a new building.

We have a fine recreation program which takes care of our physical needs, now how about doing something for our mental needs?

MISS SHARON BROWN
1233 Alabama St.

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As I again read the headlines, I can't help but ask one question: Why, oh why, do people, who in a fraction of a second, destroy a life, or in many instances, lives, always make the headlines? When was the last time we saw a heartwarming headline that read, "Doctors work frantically to SAVE a life"? It appears in order to create news, one must DESTROY. Even though this seems to be the trend of the day, we know our story would never make the headlines (as there is no violence involved) but do hope we will be able to share it with you readers on the last page.

Four months ago, our baby was born 10 weeks prematurely at Kaiser Hospital. Naturally he was given a slim chance to be born alive and even a slimmer chance to survive after birth. But due to the tremendous efforts of Dr. Smith and the doctors of the OB staff, and later all the nurses and doctors in the nursery, we now have a healthy, bouncing 14-pound baby. God truly used these dedicated people to perform a miracle.

How we wish we could in some way repay those loyal people for their hours, days and weeks of constant effort in saving such a tiny life. We know that more than likely, they will never make headlines, but we so desperately want them (many of whom we never met) to know our deepest heartfelt thanks for going "way beyond their call of duty." We shall be forever grateful to each and every one of you and may God continue to bless your unending dedication in your seemingly unnoticed acts of SAVING.

MR. and MRS. H. W. GERECKE
734 Kimberly Drive

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I feel that the citizens of Vallejo should be very happy and proud to have such a fine segment of our community who are Filipinos. They are exceptionally peaceful and law-abiding citizens representing all walks of life, professional and non-professional.

Hardly a week goes by that they are not sponsoring some type of worthwhile activity for their community. Maybe the rest of us could learn a few things about how to get along with others from these nice people of Vallejo.

MR. and MRS. JAMES T. PAYNE
344 Winchester St.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Holy Lord, we offer Thee our children, the first fruits of our bodies and of our dreams, believing that Thou didst love them before Thou gave them to us. May they have a sense of destiny and strength surpassing their own. May every drop of blood shed by young men on far-off battlefields cry out to the conscience of the world until we learn war no more. Help us to seek Thee with the whole heart and not wander from Thy word; for Thy mercy's sake. Amen.
—Albert N. Rogers, Denver, Colo., pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church

EDITORIALS

Police Can Help Society

The policeman is only a man, but whether he likes it or not, he is also a symbol.

As the agent of society, charged with the frontline duty of preserving the law and order without which no society can exist, he is for many Negroes and other minority group members the only representative of "the establishment" they have much contact with.

Justly or unjustly, he is to them the visible symbol of all those complicated forces and attitudes that have kept the Negro from equal participation in society at large. And to the policeman, the Negro, justly or unjustly, too often appears as the visible symbol of that which society at large must be protected against.

According to two University of Denver scientists, who made a study of police-minority group hostility under a grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity, the best hope of ending this mutual hostility lies in upgrading the lives of the minority so that their basic attitudes undergo a change that will bring them closer to the mainstream of American life.

But while the burden of solving the problem does not fall on the police alone but requires a fundamental commitment and unflagging effort by all Americans, "if policemen themselves can demonstrate a capacity for sympathy, understanding and impartiality," say the professors, "they may begin to melt the minority bitterness toward majority society."

Society cannot tolerate violence. But there is danger of becoming so preoccupied with meeting violence with police response that we overlook the underlying causes of violence — that we treat the symptoms and ignore the disease.

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When I picked up the paper this past week and read "Board Gives David Balmer, County Administrator, a \$5,000 Salary Increase," I saw red.

I wonder if the public realizes that Mr. Balmer was just given a \$2,000 per year increase starting July 1, 1968.

Our Supervisors stated in defense of this increase that we are going to lose him to San Mateo and that we had to give him this money in order to keep him. That he was very knowledgeable on the water problem, etc. If one should suddenly die or become ill, there would be someone capable of filling this position and our County would not fall apart. If it would, then we better do some changing in our administrative structure at once.

Mr. Godfrey was frightened by the fact that Mr. Balmer was in the final 15 applicants for the job in San Mateo. If he were the chosen top applicant, wouldn't he be foolish not to accept a \$37,000 per year job instead of the \$28,000 Solano County is offering him now or does Mr. Godfrey expect to bring up another salary increase unannounced next year to bring him up to San Mateo standards? May I remind the Board of Supervisors, that there is no comparable data between San Mateo and Solano County.

Above all of this, however, is the act that our Board of Supervisors did not put this item on their agenda. Why? The answer is obvious. Without publicizing the fact, they were able to sneak it through without any opposition, and they knew they would have opposition. If they really felt that this salary increase was justified in the eyes of the people in Solano County, whom they were voted in office to represent, this matter would have been put on the agenda.

From where I sit, it looks like we have only two Board members who really represent the feelings of the people who elected them.

EDNA M. KNIGHT

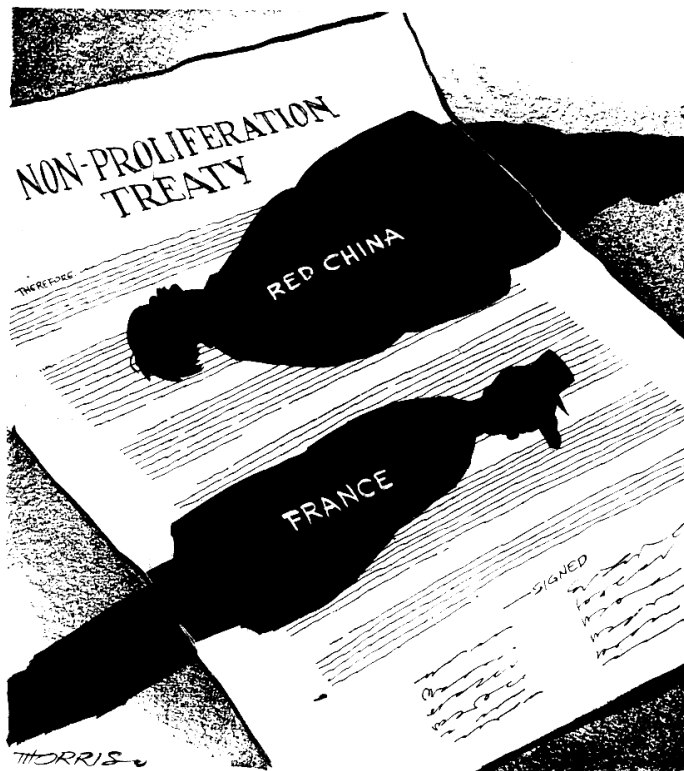
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am one of those who believe in the war for democracy in Vietnam, Tom R., and I appreciate your trying to give me a broader perspective. I have heard both sides for many years, but wish to stand solidly on the position I took in my article on Aug. 5.

So far as percentages go, you say Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy received 88 per cent of California's votes in the primary? That is only obvious since it was a Democratic primary, and they were the only 2 Democratic candidates on the ticket! I think 88 per cent is a small amount considering they were the only 2 candidates; they should have had 100 per cent. Statistics are unfair tactics as I see it since many people are misled by them and their use. This is one time however, when their deceptiveness proved unsuccessful.

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MAKING IT VERY HARD TO READ!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have a few observations to make about Mr. Gillies' article of last Sunday.

His column has always been informative, topical, well written, and provocative. Until last Sunday I had the greatest of respect for his ability, judgment, and value as an objective columnist. This does not mean that I always agreed with him. As a matter of fact, we often disagreed on important items, but this made his column all the more interesting for me, because of its challenge.

My objection to the column last Sunday was Doug's reference to Alioto's "Latin Ancestors" in a way which had nothing to do with the issue he was discussing, the recently enacted San Francisco commuter's tax. This inference that the Mayor's attitude stemmed from some sort of genetic malfunctioning because of his ancestral heredity was a very dangerous and rabble-rousing type of allusion.

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In reply to the letter written by Miss Connie Wroten and published in the Monday, Aug. 19, 1968 Times-Herald, the statement "natural hair is nothing more than a fad" is as absurd as saying black people are a fad—both are here to stay! Also, black people have a God-given right to natural kinky hair, not mini skirts, so they should not be compared.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"Just a little food for thought."
While we here in the United States are all engaged in the pros and cons of the forthcoming presidential election, American boys are daily dying in Vietnam. Why do we Americans continue to sell strategic war materials to the Soviet Union and her Communist allies?

The "Paris Peace Talks" are continuing day after day, week after week and the debates are no closer to a solution than they were on the day they started. American steel, tin, petroleum, rubber, copper and lead keeps flowing into Communist countries; have we forgotten the fact that "America" has some 452,000 American boys in Vietnam and the material we send will be used against our own boys?

While our country is bogged down with stress and strife nevertheless the United States continues to expand its trade with the Communist countries, knowing full well that the Soviet Union is providing fully 85 per cent of all the guns, grenades, landmines, rockets and aircraft used by the Communists in Vietnam against our own boys.

We find the doves and hawks throughout the United States fighting each other with "words" while at the same time our boys in Vietnam are facing the Viet Cong not with words but "bullets."

Truly, we found it no task at all to involve ourselves in the war in Vietnam, but now to get out indeed presents an almost unsolvable problem.

OLLIE ROSS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I've just returned from a trip through the deep south, and I must say that I enjoyed every mile of my trip in the deep south.

I am happy to say that things are changing all over, even in the deep south. Never have I encountered such warm hospitality from both races of people.

Perhaps Mr. Chang should take a trip through the deep south, and meet the people and talk with them not just one race, but, both races. Witness the kind hospitality and the sheer kindness one receives in stores, and other businesses.

So I ask you Vallejo, do we need a man in the top spot over our nation like Wallace, to spoil all this, I should say not. Wallace is not the man to sit in the White House and make snap decisions, perhaps some other place, but not the White House.

I can assure you Mr. Chang, you are thinking negative not positive.

JOHN L. LEE

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I just can't let another day pass without sharing my great joy with you. I am about to burst with happiness to know that when school starts I will be helping to achieve ethnic balance in the Vallejo schools. Is it true that ethnic balance is more important than lower class size, double sessions etc. etc., etc?

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Not only are there limits to the ability of the police to avert or divert incipient riots, they are sometimes actually catalysts of violence, making bad situations worse and sowing the seeds of future hostility.

Representing the majority community as they do, the police are in a unique position to change the attitude of the minority for the better. To do that requires that they practice tolerance, understanding and respect for all citizens of whatever station.

It would also help if we would stop considering the cop on the beat the lowest and least important man on the force.

There must be understanding and respect and an appreciation of the requirements of an ordered society from the other side as well. To engender this understanding on the part of the minority requires that they be given hope—hope based on convincing evidence that real progress is being made toward the day when they are full-fledged members of society.

The policeman's lot is not an easy one, and never was this truer than in our time. To "melt the edge" of the bitterness that could tear America apart is a large order, but if he can do it—and only he can do it—the man in blue will have made an indispensable contribution to the building of the kind of society all of us want.

Hazardous To Health?

News Items: Police in Bloomington, Ind., found a cache of four pounds of marijuana and three pounds of horse manure in a suitcase, along with instructions for drying and grinding the manure to mix with the marijuana to "stretch" it.

Not using the stuff ourselves, we don't know if it is the practice of other pot peddlers to enhance their wares with this interesting additive. But if so, it might be advisable for the Food and Drug Administration to investigate the hallucinogenic, or mind-bending, properties of this common product, which is manufactured in more places than on the farm.

We can see it now — a required warning printed on ever campaign poster:

"Caution: Political speeches may be hazardous to your health."

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I agree, our country doesn't practice democracy enough. But the sentence placed on Dr. Spock was the first time in a long time (and about time) our government has done anything to these idiots who do a great deal more than exercise their right to freedom of speech.

The United States is supposed to be the strongest nation in the world. I think our strength is quickly deteriorating when we lose to a nation such as N. Vietnam. They've proven they are hostile and unnegotiable.

I remember seeing George Jessel on TV after returning from Vietnam and telling the audience what one Red Chinese prisoner told him. He said that he doesn't understand why a country like ours doesn't finish this war, because when we pull out of Vietnam, then they will take Laos, Cambodia, Japan, the Philippines, and then Hawaii, and they will waste no time in blowing our country off the face of the earth.

Just what does it take to wake Americans up to the fact that it's them or us? When they're at our doorstep???

CAROL PEIGH

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Recently I have seen statements in the press from Assemblyman Unruh, that Governor Reagan is against property tax relief because the Governor won't sign one of Unruh's bills that has property tax relief in it.

What Unruh does, and tries to hide, is to attach property tax relief to another bill that he knows that the Governor won't sign — then run screaming to the press that the Governor is against property tax relief. This is not his first time to try and fool the people and try and embarrass the Governor.

In fact the old shell game is Unruh's specialty and the quicker we get rid of this type of politician the better for the people and the state of California.

J. H. F.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I just got through reading this morning's paper in regards to Monday, Aug. 19 meeting of City Council. I say "Bravo" to Mayor Douglas for her one man stands against our political hungry councilmen.

I want to know what is happening to this great country when the people can declare by ballot (not just once, but twice) that they are against such an expensive library for the City of Vallejo, and then be told that we're going to get it anyway.

It's our money (the taxpayer), where do these councilmen get the right to tell us where it will be spent? I for one intend to go out of this town to buy my cigarettes, just to show them I won't be a part of their crooked politics.

I say it's time to get these guys out of office and put someone in there, who like Mayor Douglas, is interested in the welfare of the people, and not just their own political gains.

A Disgusted Taxpayer

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The old Roman lawyers and debaters had a technique called "Argumentum Ad Hominem"; attack against the person. And so was this column, an attack on the individual instead of on the issue. The commuter tax itself carries within it sufficient ammunition to be attacked, and I must confess, that I am not sure whether or not it was a wise ordinance. I am rather inclined to disapprove of it. But, to argue against it by a reference to Mayor Alioto's antecedents was completely out of line.

Let me make it clear that I am not of Latin descent. That makes no difference because if today a writer in a publicly circulated news media attacks a Latin, tomorrow he might attack me, a Swede, a Jew, a Catholic, a Mormon, a Baptist, merely on the basis of a person's preference in religion or because of the accident of bygone nationality.

And so, Mr. Gillies, let's stick to the issues and forget the color of his eyes, the accent of his grandfather, or the distance traveled by his pioneering immigrant forbears.

DONALD REID

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

So Solano County employs its own "animal trapper." Perhaps a close examination of the county payroll records might reveal a "county astrologer" or "county witchdoctor." It could be that the county supervisors who voted to retain this obsolete "service" have not yet matured to the point where they can relate ethics to non-homo sapiens. Or they may never have been introduced to the concept of ecology, or possibly they are selling skunk hides on the side. Or maybe they fear a mass invasion of Vallejo by man-eating raccoons. Whatever the reason, it is sad.

It disturbs me when a bulldozer in San Francisco uproots the last remaining colony of *Arctostaphylos Franciscana* so a row of tickytack housed can be erected.

It sickens me when I see a photograph of a rare species of arctic seal being skinned alive for its fur so that some woman in New York City can flaunt it around as a status symbol.

I become angry when I hear a local hillbilly brag of the near-extinct mountain lion he "bagged" and then in the same breath defend the slaughter of deer because they have had a population explosion.

I am saddened when I look at the huge stumps of decapitated redwood trees — sacrificed so that the inhabitants of our ever-spreading, cancerous suburbs may have patio furniture and planter boxes.

I am infuriated when some man in Rome declares birth control immoral and thereby retards the progress of conservationists, humanitarians and of those working toward world peace.

And I was simultaneously surprised and nauseated when I learned that the taxpayers of Solano County support, in our "modern and scientific age," a genuine, honest-to-goodness, real-live trapper. Just what we need!

JOE WAGNER

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I wonder if Vallejoans realize what the consequences would be if the cigarette tax were to be found unconstitutional. With this source of revenue stopped, it would be necessary to revert to other means to finance the new library, probably a hike in real estate taxes.

I do not pretend to be a law expert or an attorney, but in my opinion the cigarette tax is unconstitutional. I base this contention on Article I, Section 9, paragraph 5, of the U. S. Constitution which reads as follows:

"No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state."

My reference (World Book Encyclopedia) goes on to explain that "exported" means sent out to either states or foreign countries.

Since all tobacco products, including cigarettes are imported from other states, the State of California and the City of Vallejo are clearly in violation of the Constitution in taxing them.

Sincerely yours,
W.G.D.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why don't the city council wake up and give us Bingo in Vallejo as a wedge for gambling is over my head as I can buy tickets on football, baseball, horse races in Vallejo and if I can't get here I am like others will go to Nevada. Why not give the old timers a chance to live besides sitting on park benches and bus stops? Nothing to do? Just go to the bus station and see how many people go to Nevada every week and use the money there. Why let the money go to Nevada when Vallejo can use it. Give us old timers something to live for in Vallejo.

JUST AN OLD TIMER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

AH, WILDERNESS!

I am sure God created my beauty to share
With mankind that comes to visit from everywhere;

For they gaze above at my canopy of blue,
And walk through my fern, freshly kissed with dew.

I know at times I must show much pride,
For the countless creatures my boundaries hide.
Then there is my crest of pine, juniper and oak,
That each night is shrouded in a dusky cloak;
With nightly voices of toads and spooky owls,
With an added serenade of the coyote that howls.

I shelter my companions both large and small,
Feed and protect them, one and all—
Like the white-tailed doe and her spotted fawn,
That in silence browse in the new-born dawn.
Even my earth is blessed with brook and stream,

For fish to spawn, and man to dream;
And it is criss-crossed with path and big-game trails

Where danger lurks, and tranquility still prevails;

For mine are many blessings, since I became
A Wilderness Area by congressional acclaim.

RALPH A. FISHER, SR.

JOHN L. LEE

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I wouldn't dream of questioning why we will have fewer teachers and more students, but can still afford to bus children around town. Would you believe that I am not the least unhappy, that I swallowed hook, line and sinker the propaganda that influenced me to vote for the last school bond? I was told that I must vote for it so that my children could have smaller class size and more individual attention from a teacher who wouldn't have so many children that she would be baby sitting instead of teaching.

I'll never ask why Floden was closed so that other schools can be overcrowded and the children uprooted from the neighborhood school in order to absorb the enrollment.

I'll not feel that I have been lied to and suckered into voting the money to help accomplish all this. I'm not even unhappy that this has all been done with so much hush-hush that it would credit the CIA; therefore very few parents know that they and their children are being sold out.

I'm confident that next year will hold even greater things in store for us, like our children being bussed out of their neighborhood school and others bussed into it. This is progress my friends and equal and quality education. I'm not supposed to ask for whom. I'm only paying for it.

The future glows brightly before me that by the time my children reach high school age they can be carted all the way out to the one central high school that has been proposed for the old Chabot area. Why should they be deprived of the fun of riding a bus? Why should I be unhappy? It was thoughtless and poor planning on my part to have bought my home so that they could walk the few blocks to school.

So be happy and keep smiling fellow taxpayer and parent, because you are in this happy little boat with me. They just haven't told you yet.

The future holds even greater surprises for us because big plans are being dreamed up and kept under wraps until we deserve to be told when to start paying for them.

See you at the next school board meeting.

OVERTAXED TAXPAYER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

This is a warning to the Americans, lest we fall as Rome did. It could happen.

It was about 2,000 years ago when Cicero advised the politicians of Rome the following:
"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, the public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled. Assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. The mob should be forced to work and not depend on government for subsistence."

Rome didn't take this advice and fell.
Vote in November for the leader who can and will do something for America, and not for one who expects America to do something for him.

MURIEL KROCHOF