

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Help me, I pray, our Father, to see all men as Your children. If I am tempted to become angry or selfish today, stir my mind to dwell on the self-giving of Your Son and our Savior. If I become too preoccupied with material things, help me to remember that I can take none of them with me into eternity. If I presume to sit in judgment upon my fellowmen, whether strangers or members of my family, enable me to envision myself as brought before the bar of Your judgment. Not simply for my hope of heaven but also for a better life here on earth, grant me power to be a true child of my heavenly Father. Amen.

—Webb Garrison, Evansville, Ind., minister, Central Methodist Church.

EDITORIALS

Short-Sighted Traders

When George Washington warned against foreign entanglements in his farewell address, he meant political entanglements, nothing else.

Even as he spoke, Yankee merchant ships were plowing the seas, carrying cargoes to and bringing them back from every corner of the globe. Americans were never business isolationists.

It was the imperatives of trade, not politics, that sent Commodore Matthew Perry to wedge open Japan's closed door in 1854. It was the same desire for trade that involved a Navy flotilla in a little-known shooting scrape with the Hermit Kingdom of Korea in 1871.

Americans heeded Washington's words well until two World Wars changed the world, and the United States, beyond anything the first president could have conceived. It would be the irony of ironies if now, when the United States has a political stake in anything that happens in the smallest country in the most remote part of the globe, a new kind of isolationism—economic isolationism—arose in place of the old.

The burial costs of the old isolationism have been high, and they will not end in our time. It takes billions to maintain divisions of troops in Europe and Asia and other scattered points, to operate a worldwide fleet, to fight a war in Vietnam. Our balance of trade surplus is not enough to pay for it.

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I could scarcely believe my eyes upon reading an item in a newspaper this week.

A philosophy teacher at Palo Verde College was suspended, accused of immoral conduct and of being unfit to teach. He had used the word "whore," in warning students of the dangers of venereal disease.

If this word is an affront to the dignity of any student at a college-level institution of learning, he (or she) has no reason to be there.

The attacking of this teacher, I take as an attack on reason.

I have tried to teach my children to use words rather than have them use the vulgar terms any boy can pick up in the gutter. I have told them these are words which can be used anywhere and at any time in their normal meaning.

If a word in the dictionary is not fit to utter, take it out of the dictionary as it is one of my family books.

In an era of high youthful promiscuity, the widespread use of The Pill, the appalling percentage of venereal disease amongst our young people, an all but no-holds-barred approach as far as sex and immoral ideas are concerned, I am nonplussed as to who could conceivably accuse this man of a charge so ludicrous.

The member or members of the panel or jury who arrived at this low-blow judgment must cringe and hide at references to robin red breast. "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast . . ." and the many, many examples of innocent uses of the anatomical parts of the human body. Had I a pulpit, I would mount it in defense of this teacher. A teacher's tools are mainly words — how else can he teach? If the dissemination of words and ideas are limited, the realm of ideas and progress will be curtailed, vision clouded or dulled, and education imperiled. From where, then, will come the action engendered by words which in turn picture ideas and thought.

Are our educators who advocate the teaching of and the providing of all answers to all questions to be persecuted and harassed?

Recently a TV special, "How Life Begins," was shown. It included a detailed series of events from conception through fertilization of an egg cell with a sperm cell, to its culmination in the primary cry of the newly born baby.

Will there be many outcries over the viewing of what is considered a taboo subject? You can bet your life! I call this real progress in the education of everyone, children and adults.

I fail to see any drawbacks whatsoever that can be forthcoming from this showing.

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WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO?

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I hear (papers are a little late in the country) that the Boss of Harlem has returned from Bimbal, surrendered to the authorities and was paroled on condition he appeal his conviction on contempt charges within two weeks.

Repeating I only heard it on radio, the above might well be incorrect.

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First. It's election year. Presidential election year. And Rev. Powell can deliver more votes than will be cast in a handful of states.

Second. A smell overcomes the odor of industrial smog. Who made the deal? Carpet-bagger RFK may have thought of it but could he have put it over?

That leaves LBJ. At present he needs the votes at least as badly as RFK. His light touch

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Mr. and Mrs. John Citizen, what will you ask your candidate for county supervisor when he drops in for your vote, or speaks at your club, seeking that vote? Will you be able to "talk to the issues" he will face? Have YOU looked at those issues yourself?

Here's a small check-list of items (not all-inclusive) which you can start with, add to, then put down YOUR OWN opinion on, and when talking with him, you can judge your candidate by it (incidentally, by talking it over with him, you may get a different view also.)

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May we offer this word of apology to all those Vallejo residents who anticipated receiving copies of the Gospel of St. John from our three Southern Baptist churches, Castlewood, Emmanuel and Hillcrest Baptists distributed almost 10,000 of these door to door but there were some areas of our city that we were unable to reach. Perhaps as many as 200 participated in the distribution of the 10,000.

Anyone desiring to receive a copy of this little book may simply phone one of the three churches and we will be happy to bring one to your door, free of charge.

May we also express our appreciation to the citizenry of our city for the cordiality shown to us. Except in a few isolated cases no one was rude to us. Our only motive was to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into as many homes as possible.

May we further express our appreciation to the News-Chronicle for the fine coverage which it gives us week by week on the church page, and more specifically for the recent coverage of our youth rallies and literature distribution.

The date for the Central Crusade at Veterans' Memorial Auditorium is April 21st through the 26th, and the local church revivals will be April 23th through May 5th.

Sincerely yours,
BILL H. LEWIS, Pastor
Castlewood Baptist Church

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am still afraid to sign my name, but I wish to thank you, Mr. Lloyd, for illustrating my point by insinuating that I am unpatriotic.

The facts I quoted before are just that, and I stand on their truth.

I can only say that if Florida or Alaska were invaded or Pearl Harbor were bombed, my husband and I would both gladly enlist to defend our country, but we see no threat of Communist invasion stemming from the Vietnam "situation."

There are many places we belong. Among them are Detroit, Watts, Mississippi and Vallejo. I contend that our first commitment is to them.

Let me correct you, sir, on one case in point which you brought up. China gave in to communism, not due to indifference, but due to population explosion, unemployment, disease, and famine. So did Italy and Yugoslavia. Do these problems sound familiar?

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Already European travel authorities are reporting a decline in American tourists. One airline had seven charter flights canceled in a recent month.

Whether this will really save the United States any money is highly problematical, for foreign carriers spend a healthy portion of their U.S.-generated revenues right in this country for aircraft, parts, payrolls and services.

Elsewhere, a bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts General Assembly that would restrict all procurement for public works in the commonwealth to U.S. goods.

The Ohio House of Representatives has passed a resolution urging Congress to establish a quota system on foreign steel. Although the steel import problem would exist whether or not the United States was losing gold, widespread support for protective legislation for this and other products reflects the growing neo-isolationism.

Other countries need a favorable balance as much as we do. Other countries can pass restrictive laws, encourage buy-French, buy-Swedish, buy-Japanese, buy-anything-but-American campaigns.

It is unlikely that they will. It is more likely they will do everything they can do to help the United States maintain fiscal strength, for on it their own strength ultimately depends.

But if for short-run gain we inadvertently place in jeopardy the economies of our allies and friends in the long run, what then becomes of the stability of the free world we have committed ourselves to defend? What would the cost be then?

Never-Give-Up Guys

Sleet and snow and gloom of night may give the postal couriers trouble occasionally, but literally nothing seems to deter the junk mailers.

There was the California woman awhile back who stuck a notice on her mailbox to the effect that "No person named 'Occupant' lives here." It didn't work.

An Atlanta citizen recently tried a more deviant, but just as useless, stratagem. He began writing "Deceased" across all junk mail envelopes and returning them to senders, reports Saga magazine.

In due course, his "widow" began receiving junk mail from people trying to sell her tombstones for her husband's grave.

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MATTHEW SILVERMAN

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Valeska Chang asks "Why allow Communists to speak at all at any of our tax supported schools?"

If they are eligible to go to our schools and are permitted to go by the U. S. government they have as much right to speak their beliefs and views as you or I do. If a person bears a Communist speak or any person for that matter it is up to that person what he does or doesn't want to believe. Even high school people are capable of reflected judgment.

If these Russian Communists were the "butchers" you speak of I'm sure the United States government and the American Field Service, which permits their being here would not have let them come here in the first place. The reason they have not been sent back to Russia is because all the Russians did was to express their views and beliefs and tell the students about Russia and its economy. I am sure if the Russians had done anything wrong they would have been stopped. The fact is, nothing did happen to that effect.

You also ask, "What have these butchers of millions to offer us or our children?" The answer is, only their opinions and beliefs, facts and figures and general information about Russia. Not a plot to overthrow America.

You also told the readers about Russian propaganda. That is true but the U.S. does this also. Our students from A.F.S. are over in Russia presenting their views, opinions, etc.

We have not hijacked Russian ships or imprisoned sailors because they aren't doing anything for us to do these things to them.

Our ships and men wouldn't have these things done to them if they weren't doing things they shouldn't be doing. Our government hasn't taken over any countries by force but has in the past and will in the future endorse many a ruling force which isn't purely democratic so as to protect our economic interest.

You talk of Communists weapons killing Americans in Vietnam and how Communists are "butchers" — according to statistics we kill more Communists in Vietnam than they kill of our people. You say that they are "butchers" when they kill, but then what are we when we kill? Surely we are no better than them. They are fighting for a cause just as we are.

Don't talk of our men who miss their wives in the U.S. like they are the salt of the earth either. For they are fighting for democracy just as Communists fight for communism. They being dedicated to the replacing of democracy are just as we are dedicated to the stopping of communism.

It is people like Miss Height and you Valeska Chang who are supporting communist ideas and not even realizing it. You only want one idea expressed.—years.

You are afraid that if people hear another view which is entirely different than yours, people will rebel against your ideas.

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That leaves LBJ. At present he needs the votes at least as badly as RFK. His light touch would be enough to arrange the court's easy conditions of parole. And his power in Washington city is capable of keeping the reverend honest and insures safe delivery of the vote.

Third. Playing expert is easy, and sometimes well paid. The one thing I am sure of is parole conditions will be modified or forgotten. No one files a complicated appeal within two weeks. 5 to 1 I'm right on this one.

Respectfully,
NIL DESPERANDUM
Itinerant pundit

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There has been much to do about a withholding tax for California.

How many know when government withholding began?

It was started during the war and proved so lucrative that it was continued, although it was only supposed to be a temporary measure.

It became so easy for the government to increase it each year without the public realizing how much was being increased because it was taken out of each check.

How many of you have had an increase in pay only to have it eliminated by a bigger tax bite? Why do you think the state now wants this? Because they can make it bigger and bigger each year and it will not be noticed as much by the taxpayers.

If we allow this to go through, we can expect state taxes to increase 3-4-5 or maybe 6 times larger than they are today. And how many big companies or their officials who do not pay withholding will get out of most of their tax by settling for one to 14 cents on the dollar, as has been going on in government circles for some time?

It will be the middle-income man who really pays, so write to your senator and assemblyman and ask him to vote against this in order to insure your future income against this kind of raiding.

JOHN T. RINEHART

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I hope everyone read the Times-Herald editorial on Sunday, March 24 which reminded us all to register and to take advantage of our precious right to voice our opinion via the ballot. But I would like to remind everyone, too, that we have two new parties in the United States — the AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY and the PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY. Each is a legitimate political party and each consists of sincere people working very hard to be heard and to be effective in furthering their respective aims and beliefs.

DICK GREGORY, the possible-presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party, will speak April 1 at 8 p.m. in Hogan High Auditorium, sponsored by the Solano College Cultural Events program. Quite possibly this will be the only appearance of a presidential nominee-candidate in our city during this election year and I am sure many people will want to hear Mr. Gregory speak. Tickets are available at local book and music shops.

Very truly yours,

MRS. LAUREL CLINTON.

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(a) Will he hold the budget to the size of the tax-base, i.e. expansion of new home-building, new businesses, etc?

(b) Will he try to hold NEW county employe HIRING to the actual, PROVEN needs of the county, due to new residents, and actual needed services?

(c) Will he try to have wages set by an EXTERNAL, independent standard such as the national cost-of-living rise, rather than a COMPETITIVE standard, such as "highest ten counties in California?"

3 Welfare Program:

(a) Will he propose to reduce the welfare rolls, and how?

1) What rehabilitation programs can be envisioned?

2) Can he propose any re-employment programs for welfare recipients?

(b) How should efficiency of a welfare worker be judged?

1) By the number of welfare recipients serviced and paid, or

2) By the number of recipients he has gotten employed, rehabilitated, or otherwise partially employed enough to supplement the welfare payments?

4. Medicare-county's share, how to cover and budget for this? How to keep it as low as possible?

5. ABAG—"Association of Bay Area Governments":

(a) Should we join this ABAG or not?

1) Will we have an equal voice? (Some cities have far more supervisors than Solano County has.)

2) Will the supervisors WE ELECT govern, or will some "appointed officials" do the actual governing—i.e. Will the citizen still be able to exercise his LOCAL VOTE to control his own destiny?

6. Related state programs (those that dip into the same "pocket" (ours) as does the supervisors, and affect the total tax-take.)

(a) Schools:

1) His feelings on Unruh's bill of last year (SB-272) that proposed to remove the \$2.00 maximum ceiling from the school board's power to tax, and allow unlimited ceiling?

2) The proposal, constantly renewed, to lower the 2/3 majority vote now required for all bond issues to a bare 15 per cent majority on school bonds?

3) What other means would he propose for school finances?

(b) Withholding of state income taxes (opposed by the administration):

1) This would be a "paleness" method, but—

2) It would "dull the impact" of any heavy tax raises (such as the heavy raise this year.)

Your candidate will have some views on these and other subjects you can raise with him, so, make your own "check-list" of what you want, then you can judge the man you want. I hope this partial list will stir your intellectual wheels and get you interested in the problems he will face in YOUR behalf, and on which he will vote—for YOU.

HERBERT FULLER,
222 Cabrillo Ave.,
Vallejo, California.

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What will happen to our country this summer if the bulk of our armed forces is in Vietnam and civil war breaks out here? We'll really lose our all-important stature then, won't we, Mr. Lloyd?

All I can say to you, Mrs. Patrick, is that I'm sorry you misunderstood my motives, and I wish your husband were home. It hurts us to know that he and our other young men, including some of our relatives and friends, are put through that living hell which you described every night. That is why I write.

The life of one American is too high a price to pay for stature, and I refuse to bask in the blood of that American.

I REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

For many years the people of Vallejo have been fortunate in having a well-trained and dedicated group of teachers working hard to properly educate the children. This group has worked longer weeks and hours than teachers in many of the districts of the state and for lower pay. They have borne many affronts from a Board of Education which has ignored the teachers' requests for better pay and a voice in decisions affecting the teachers. They have had a citizenry unwilling to tax itself to provide the funds to attract and keep good new teachers. (About 20 per cent come and leave each year.) Today morale is low and many teachers are bitter at the latest arrogance shown by the Board of Education at the meeting to "discuss" the school day and calendar.

Not one teacher wants to strike or impose sanctions but, many are sickened and angered by the lack of respect and consideration shown them. They must be heard.

To improve reading (and everything else) the schools must have smaller classes and top teachers. This takes money. A longer day or year is not the solution. A child cannot be forced-fed an education. A longer day and year simply means the parents want a baby-sitting chore done. Too many nonessential studies are jammed into an already crowded curriculum, and no teacher can do justice to any of them.

The teachers want only what is good for the children. If this is what the people of Vallejo want too, then they should talk to a classroom teacher and learn what he knows is important. The teacher has more experience than administrators or Board of Education members and yet has no voice in the policies that affect the children.

Please inform yourself and then inform the members of the Board of Education what you think should be done to improve the schools. We earnestly solicit your support.

Marjorie Lee, Gladys Whitlock, Mable Hines, Sylvia Schumm, Ann Cooper, Margaret McClellan, Jean J. Sooter, Roxie Willendrup, Dorothy Planer, Mary Severance, Mallory Semans, Inez Trestral, Alice Kroner, Dorothy L. Ridest, Ruth Wade, Dee Johnston, Nona Bailey, Elizabeth Loken, Polly Anna Day, Vi Alexander, Carolya Boyette, Harry Axhelm, Bobby Elland.

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Heavenly Father, drape our minds with the true meaning of Holy Week so that we may clearly see Thy love for us. May that love be planted deep in our hearts. Help it to grow into fruitful discipleship through a surrender of our lives to Thy will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen.

—C. Neil Strait, Uniontown, Ohio, minister,
Akron East Liberty Church of the Nazarene.

EDITORIALS

The Question Remains

There was a curious tone to President Johnson's address to the nation on Vietnam, something that would have gone unremarked had he not concluded with his surprise announcement that he would not seek nor accept his party's nomination for a second term.

In the light of that startling decision, a re-reading of his words discloses a significant emphasis on the past tense—on what we "have done," on what our national goals "have been."

"The larger purpose of our involvement (in Vietnam) has always been to help the nations of Southeast Asia become independent, self-sustaining members of the world community," said the President. "We have done all we could" to bring that desired result about.

"A peaceful Asia is far nearer to reality because of what America has done in Vietnam . . ."

"Let it never be forgotten: Peace will come also because America sent her sons to help secure it."

Although the President restated what he has said before, that peace will come only "when Hanoi understands that our common resolve is unshakeable and our common strength is invincible," and although he warned that "the United States will not accept a fake solution to this long and arduous struggle and call it peace," there was a notable absence of the fire that characterized all his previous speeches.

There was no promise that "we shall persevere, we shall prevail," no pledge to bring home a coonskin to nail to the wall.

On the contrary, we are de-escalating—insofar as is consistent with the safety and security of our armed forces and those of South Vietnam.

Clearly, the immediate course of the war is up to Hanoi. And, by inference, failing any peace initiatives on the Communists' part, its ultimate course will be up to whoever succeeds Johnson in

Opinions Of The People

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(Editor's Note: This letter is over the length set for publication but since the author is in Vietnam and cannot re-write it in shorter form an exception is being made to print it.)
Dear "Afraid To Sign My Name"

I am writing in response to your letter that was published in this column on March 18 and addressed to "War Veterans."

I am presently serving in Vietnam and have been there for the past 9½ months. I was an Infantry Platoon Leader for 6 months and I am now advising a ARVN Logistics and Administrative Company.

You said that you have been gathering the facts lately! I ask you, "Where have you obtained your facts?" You stated that there are Communist spies on our college campuses, but they are there for reasons altogether different from the dissenters. From this I can only assume that you have had access to classified material (Communist and U.S.), giving the names of these spies as well as their mission.

What really burned me most was the fact that you stated, "We were the aggressors in Vietnam because we bombed a leper colony with napalm 250 miles away from the nearest military installation." At this point I want to say that some of your "FACTS" were NOT gathered from competent and reliable sources, because there are no repeat NO Villages, Colonies, Hamlets, etc. over 50 miles from either a U.S. or ARVN Military Installation in South Vietnam. In fact if you will take the time to look at a map of Vietnam you will find that South Vietnam, at its most distant points, is no wider than 125 miles and no longer than 600 miles!

In addition you state that there is a "Communication Curtain" between us and what really goes on with our Armed Forces. We have spies and troops all over the world and our high officials try to tell us that we are gentle and innocent of any aggression. Have you ever heard of the expression, "Forewarned is Forearmed." There is a lot behind this expression, think about it! I guess you would like to know where each and every military installation is located and its mission. If this information were to be given out, we would only be giving the enemy a free ticket thru our defenses and into the U.S.

Yes, I went to war as you put it, but not because it was my turn! I am proud to state that I volunteered for Vietnam as many others have. I volunteered because:

(1) I wanted to find out for myself what we were actually doing here and get the FACTS first-hand.

(2) I wanted to know if I truly possessed the courage to fight and give my life if necessary, for freedom, whether it be for my fellow Americans or for a Foreign people.

The same kind of freedom that my wife and I have enjoyed for 27 years and my children for 8 years and 5 years.

Yes, I was afraid as every other military man is when they go into combat, but I learned to control and overcome my fears and live with them, as every adult does. As I stated, one of the reasons I came to Vietnam was to see for myself what this war was all about. So, in



DON'T JUST SIT THERE . . .

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Your articles "Opinions of the People" is very interesting and I have enjoyed it very much. Now I would like to give my opinion.

The economy of this nation today is set on two incomes per family. I, for one am a working mother whose heart aches because I am having to leave my little ones. I am not complaining, I am thankful that I had the experience and knowledge that was needed when our family needed the extra income. What I am concerned about is that Uncle Sam could make it a lot easier on its own citizens by stopping and looking around at how much it does cost to raise a family right here in our own country. Then, maybe some of us mothers who want to stay home and take care of our families could do so. The delinquent children and divorce rates would soon be a thing in the past.

I had to stop and wonder why I was leaving my family and working hard to be an honest citizen when my tax dollars are being spent in this manner.

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About this time of year grade and High School students are solicited by junk jewelry salesmen hawking the Class ring or pin.

What a waste of money! Mass produced, the stuff is tasteless, has no intrinsic value, and is soon discarded. If these kids would only wait a few years and buy something of good design, and not necessarily expensive, they would have an ornament that would last a lifetime.

Some years ago I had occasion to call at the Lemoore Union Elementary School shortly after the school pins had been distributed. It was a fine example of the jeweler's art and taste to meet these fine looking children in the school halls wearing their new pins reading "LUES."

I hope some Navy corpsman from the nearby Air Station has caught the error by this time.

Yours Truly,
ANGUS BROADBENT
Sonoma County Reader

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Vallejo has a new organization called the Honeybees, who hope to charter with the national organization of Sweet Adelines.

Our new group is extending an invitation to anyone who can sing or carry a tune. It is not required that you read music.

We meet on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church choir room, 1350 Amador St. (use Nebraska street entrance).

The director is Mr. W. Dean Kirkland. He belongs to the Berkeley Chapter of S.P.E.B.Q.S.A. and sings bass with a quartet "The Ringers."

So if you think you'd like to try something different, that's lots of fun, give Barbershop Harmony a try.

For transportation or information call Mrs. Ruth Flood, 644-1551 or Mrs. Marylou Wagner, 642-8476.

Thank you,
(Mrs.) EVELYN RAINVILLE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear People of Vallejo:

We hear and read many things about the guys that are protesting the war in Vietnam. But what about the guys that are fighting in Vietnam. Many believe in the cause if which they are fighting for.

I am proud to say that my husband fought for what he believed in. Let's hear it from the guys that are doing their best to bring freedom to a country many of them maybe never heard of before.

I know we have lost our share of fellows but in the wars before we lost a lot of boys too. These boys know beforehand that they might not come back. But just the same they still enlist to go to the fight for freedom for people they have never met. The same freedom we fought for way back when.

MRS. RUTH WHITE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

My tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King. To quote . . . "I have been to the mountain-top. I have seen the fulfillment of my goals of non-violence and do not worry about the future."

Less than 24 hours later Dr. Martin Luther King without his aides walked out on the balcony of his hotel as if to permit the citizenry of his

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Can something please be done to help the prisoners in the county jail get a daily newspaper? They are not allowed one. Nor are they given the privilege of buying any magazines or books to read. Along with no recreation, terrible food and only a small room to sit in all day, they are punished plenty. The county should at least provide with a newspaper for the men to read. Several prisoners would also like to buy soap, the soap the county furnishes causes rash and acne. Most of these men have done no more to break the law than to get drunk. Is that any reason to treat them like animals? A newspaper a day would not be too much to ask. And an occasional magazine or two should be allowed to be brought to them by friends. Even that is prohibited. I guess they would turn the boys to crime.

JOE PAPERUCH
Vallejo

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ized all his previous speeches.
There was no promise that "we shall persevere, we shall prevail," no pledge to bring home a coonskin to nail to the wall.

On the contrary, we are de-escalating—insofar as is consistent with the safety and security of our armed forces and those of South Vietnam.

Clearly, the immediate course of the war is up to Hanoi. And, by inference, failing any peace initiatives on the Communists' part, its ultimate course will be up to whoever succeeds Johnson in November.

If peace has not come by then, it will be up to the new President, reflecting the will of the American people, to decide what next to do—whether to continue to pursue this nation's unilateral de-escalation, to reverse it or to try for some other solution.

In the meantime, President Johnson, obviously deeply conscious of the suffering, pain and misgivings the war has brought in its train, will devote his remaining months in office to a full-time endeavor to secure the just and honorable peace that has been so elusive for so many years. He has designated representatives who are ready for talks, at any suitable place, "just as soon as Hanoi agrees to a conference."

The big question is whether this latest offer from the President, even coupled with the announcement of his coming retirement, will inspire any kind of hopeful response from the men in Hanoi, or whether we are merely witnessing the beginning of a strange new chapter in a struggle that seems to have no end.

Curb Obscene Calls

Any man cowardly enough to make an anonymous telephone call to a woman and sick enough to frighten her with obscene and threatening language must figure he'll never be caught.

It seems only fair, therefore, to pass along to these callers that the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. has come up with a way to track them down.

The recipient of such a call may report it to the telephone company. The AT&T will install an electronic device in the complainant's home. The next time such a call comes in, the recipient pushes a button on the device. The telephone company is alerted and goes into action.

The call can be traced even if the caller hangs up.

But you say there can't be too many such calls? Surely . . .

Well, the AT&T received an average of 58,000 complaints a month last year. So either a lot of sick, sick men are using the phone, or those who are making such calls are talking overtime.

More power to the AT&T. May it get the right number every time. This is the kind of snooping we can stand!

(1) I wanted to find out for myself what was actually doing here and get the FACTS first-hand.

(2) I wanted to know if I truly possessed the courage to fight and give my life if necessary, for freedom, whether it be for my fellow Americans or for a Foreign people.

The same kind of freedom that my wife and I have enjoyed for 27 years and my children for 8 years and 5 years.

Yes, I was afraid as every other military man is when they go into combat, but I learned to control and overcome my fears and live with them, as every adult does. As I stated, one of the reasons I came to Vietnam was to see for myself what this war was all about. So, in answer to your question "Was I afraid to seek out the facts of the matter?" I came to the right place to get my facts—Vietnam!! and I have them, facts that I have seen with my own eyes, have heard with my own ears and memories of pain and of death. Death and pain not only of the outstanding American soldier but of Vietnamese women and children either blown to death, shot to death or burned to death by the Viet Cong and NVA.

You say there is no valid reason to commit suicide, referring of course to the military men losing their lives here in Vietnam. To die, defending or fighting for the cause of freedom is not suicide, but a sacrifice that is made by men and women alike who are proud, or should be, of their heritage and the democratic way of life.

In the third from the last paragraph of your letter I gathered that your husband is nearly 21 years of age, and again I quote you, "don't you think everyone has a right to live past his 21st birthday?" I answer with great vigor—YES! Even the Vietnamese children who have been and are presently being ruthlessly killed by the Viet Cong and NVA have this right!

When and if it comes time for your husband to come to Vietnam, his chances for survival are just as good as that in the states. Did you ever notice the figures of the deaths resulting from traffic accidents in the U.S. for 1967? These figures were greater than those of military deaths in Vietnam for the previous 3 years of combat!

Some people feel that we in the military are not human because we think nothing of sending men into combat to die. I speak not only for myself but for many men here in Vietnam. Everytime a man in my unit was wounded or killed a piece of me was wounded or died with that man. Yes, I have even shed tears when these men have died. But, I knew then and I know now that each and every man that has given his life here in Vietnam, has done so courageously. Whether you realize it or not our military men have died for the cause of freedom.

Do you remember the history of the U.S. and our struggle for freedom and independence? We had allies! Who were they? Don't you remember? Also, put yourself in the position and place of the South Vietnamese people. Wouldn't you turn to a strong and leading nation who believes in freedom and independence and who has fought bravely for it.

Would you want to see your five children and husband killed in front of your eyes by NVA or Viet Cong? Would you want to see your meager belongings and grass hut (home) burned to the ground with your child of only a few years in it? This has and is presently happening now, here in Vietnam. The NVA and VC did this with flame throwers just a few months back.

I ask one last question. We (U.S.) are a free and strong nation. Do you honestly feel that we should just sit back and bathe ourselves in our freedom and luxuries, close our doors and ignore the rest of the world and those people who want freedom and are still struggling for it, when we sought out and obtained allies when we (U.S.) were struggling to keep our newly found independence and freedom?

HENRY B. BAXTER
2936 Irwin Street

I am thankful to you and the experience and knowledge that was needed when our family needed the extra income. What I am concerned about is that Uncle Sam could make it a lot easier on its own citizens by stopping and looking around at how much it does cost to raise a family right here in our own country. Then, maybe some of us mothers who want to stay home and take care of our families could do so. The delinquent children and divorce rates would soon be a thing in the past.

I had to stop and wonder why I was leaving my family and working hard to be an honest citizen when my tax dollars are being spent in this manner.

I feel that the way this world is today that our President and his men should re-evaluate the way our tax dollars are spent in these so-called programs.

I WISH TO REMAIN
ANONYMOUS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Your Times-Herald Editorial page of Saturday, March 26, was thought provoking to one with serious thoughts for his country. I wonder how many read those articles and gave any thought as to how those conditions could be corrected. It looks like the CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE group will have to stay in the middle until they get more than they can take, then what? When you get to the grass roots of the matter there just is not enough jobs to go around and as time passes there will be still less.

We have today in the U.S. alone over 16 billion horsepower of extraneous energy installed and if we assumed that 200 million of our population were strong men used to hard work, their energy produced in one day would amount to about 20 million horsepower, just a drop in the bucket.

Our success in technology has disrupted every social philosophy in history. We cannot go back to the old ways of life, so we must go ahead. The old system of governance of people must give way to a governance of things, or we are in trouble. Or are we now in trouble?

Technocrats are the custodians of the most significant physical concepts in the history of man. They are waiting for the time when the CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE group have had enough. Meantime they are trying to get people to study technocracy's plan, to inform themselves.

There are between 95 and 100 functional sequences in production and services. To illustrate—farming, mining, mfg., transportation, health, education, etc., etc., each will be operated by people with knowledge and training in their sequence. Purchasing power will be the energy certificate. It is a medium of distribution, it is not a medium of exchange, is not transferable, cannot be lost, stolen, hoarded or gambled. This automatically does away with about nine-tenths of police work and tends to make homes and streets more safe.

Any minority group starting violent action will be doing themselves' their people and their country a disservice, for if it should reach a serious proportion and chaos develop the result would be disastrous. So, let us hope for a nation of liberty and justice for all—in fact.

Anyone wishing more information can obtain it by writing:

Section 1 R.D. 12237
Technocracy Inc.
3243 Balboa
San Francisco, Calif. 94121

They can also furnish an authorized speaker for groups.

J. SEWARD
823 Wilson, Vallejo

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JOE PAPERUCH
Vallejo

P.S. If our fair judges could do one week in jail, which should be mandatory for all California judges, they would not be so quick to say six months.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I wonder how many of Vallejo's citizens read past the headlines of a recent morning's paper?? REAGAN CUTS PERIL SOLANO SCHOOLS Did anyone ask themselves—"Why?" And then read further int. the article?

Buried in the first paragraph: "The cut is needed to compensate for overspending mistakenly written into the school bill passed by the 1967 Legislature."

Paragraph 2 makes an oblique reference to a "threatened 20 per cent" cut "in federal monies" but makes no further explanation of this item, until one goes over into page two, where it is quietly explained that the federal equalization funds under PL 874 (in lieu of taxes) will be cut for the county some \$200,000, in the Democratic Administration's economy drive.

Big opposition is expressed by Jesse Unruh —Democratic Speaker of the State Assembly, whose group made that "mistake" and which he apparently does not want rectified, and which he probably would deny. Mr. Unruh is the author of last year's Assembly Bill 272 which would have removed the taxation ceiling from the Local School Board's limitation and which would have enabled them to have unlimited power to tax, without having to consult the voters of their districts. Fortunately it was defeated, and so now becomes a moot question, but it shows Mr. Unruh's tendencies.

I hope that at least a few citizens will retrieve their Thursday morning's paper and re-read that area, and remember that the headlines may not reflect the full value of the article.

HERBERT FULLER
222 Cabrillo Ave., Vallejo

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear friends,

I would like to take this time to thank all of you for coming to my assistance when my house burnt down last week in Benicia. I don't really know how to say thank you for all the wonderful things that were given to me. I am so grateful and I mean it from the bottom of my heart. I would like to personally thank the Benicia Fire Dept. for their efficiency at the time of the fire. I would also like to thank their wives for the emergency baby articles. I would also like to thank Mr. and Mr. Pardon for giving my children and myself a place to stay. I would especially like to thank all of the churches for their wonderful donations that helped me find a place to live. I would just like to thank all of you for your kindness and you shall never be forgotten. I would also like to thank someone I think you all know neither living or dead, yes, He spared my children's lives.

God Bless all of you and
Thank You from the bottom
of my heart

BONNIE B. HURST

I know we have lost our share of fellows but in the wars before we lost a lot of boys too. These boys know beforehand that they might not come back. But just the same they still enlist to go to the fight for freedom for people they have never met. The same freedom we fought for way back when.

MRS. RUTH WHITE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

My tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King. To quote . . . "I have been to the mountain-top. I have seen the fulfillment of my goals of non-violence and do not worry about the future."

Less than 24 hours later Dr. Martin Luther King without his aides walked out on the balcony of his hotel as if to permit the climax of his earthly mission. Sealing forever in an indestructible vault his theories, his doctrines, his philosophies all of which were based on justice and truth.

Dr. King was such a sincere believer in truth that it became an integral part of his very existence, every moral fiber of his body exemplified truth. His adversaries were many. They spoke often to him and about him. They spoke loudly but Dr. King did not hear them. Like the captain of a ship he had chartered his course and nothing was to divert nor prevent the achievement of his goals.

Statues to his memory may be erected but they are unnecessary. His martyrdom is in the hearts and consciences of the American people and will forever so remain.

Truth is indestructible and Dr. King was the apostle of truth and surely indeed he will live on and on. Yes, the indestructible vaults in history will record it in the hearts of the American people of all races.

Dr. King did much for the advancement of his race, much more than is now realized. The differences that may exist between the races will be abridged.

All American industries operate and exist on the profit system. Without profit industry would soon become non-existent. Therefore it is not only essential but mandatory for the employer to hire qualified employees. This point must be understood and the employer in turn must fully realize that all Americans regardless of creed or color are entitled to the full opportunities of a livelihood and well being. After this terrible tragedy great progress will be made for the advancement of the colored people and Dr. Martin Luther King will not have died in vain. We all mourn his loss.

EARL LAFFERTY

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Check with your naval strategists on Mare Island and help decide the fate of the USS New Jersey.

The President has announced drastic bombing restrictions in North Vietnam and the presumption is that the ship will not be needed in that area.

The New Jersey is now reconditioned, with no place to go. Vallejo has a long empty waterfront. Move the ship to Vallejo and compete with Long Beach and the Queen Mary for the tourist business.

MRS. S. GEORGE
New Vallejo Booster

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NBC-TV constantly announces it has the largest news-gathering agency in the world. That statement seems to be open to argument. For instance, do they have a correspondent in Vallejo?

TV networks must subscribe to news agencies such as United Press International but unlike newspapers they do not give credit to news sources.

This practice seems fraudulent and certainly does not lend credence to their news stories. I wonder what your neighbor Frank Bartholomew, board chairman of UPI, thinks of this?

OTTO SANDWICK
Collinville

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, the mystery and miracle of the resurrection are too much for my stale heart. Easter is too good to be true. My mind staggers before its marvel. Who is this Presence that walks the road with me, and what is this Power that moves me to flashes of insight and faith? I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Morris Pepper, Scottsboro, Ala., minister, Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

EDITORIALS

Best Path: King's Creed

The latest orgy of rioting in America's cities accomplished about as much for either the short-term or long-term welfare of their inhabitants as did the Viet Cong's assaults against the cities of South Vietnam. And that is nil.

For just as the Tet offensive failed to set off a popular uprising that would overthrow the Saigon government, kick out the Americans and pave the way for a Hanoi-dictated peace, so the destruction and plunder of the ghettos by a tiny minority of law-breaking Negroes will fail to gain for them whatever goals they may be seeking.

Like the Viet Cong, the burners and the looters have proved they can wreak havoc whenever they choose, but that is all.

The immediate effect has been only to deteriorate further the already dismal living and working conditions in the ghettos. The ultimate result will only be to strengthen further the prejudice and resistance of fearful whites.

It is argued that riots are born out of desperation and disillusionment with the failure of nonviolent protest. Undoubtedly to many Negroes, the villainous murder of King was the final proof of this failure.

But if nonviolence has failed—and those who knew and loved Martin Luther King best refuse to believe this—violence has failed and will fail even more.

There simply is no other feasible alternative, no other route to full economic and political citizenship under the law but the way of nonviolent agitation and pressure within the law.

While the likes of Stokely Carmichael capitalized on this tragedy to further their gospels of hate, and while some whites used the ensuing riots as justification for continued racial repression, many other Americans found a deeper, truer meaning in King's martyrdom.

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality,"

Opinions Of The People

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.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

For the second time in two years, some 1,000 graduating seniors from Vallejo's two public high schools have received a slap in the face from a tax-supported, public institution.

This time the slap came from the five-member, Greater Vallejo Recreation District Board which denied use of the tax-financed \$300,000 Foley Cultural Center for the traditional all-night dance following graduation of the seniors this June.

The center was formally opened with great fanfare just a few days ago with the promise that it will be "used to the fullest extent by every citizen of Vallejo."

Less than a week later, a most responsible group of citizens — the Vallejo Kiwanis Club — formally asked the district for use of the center for the all-night dance.

Before going any further, be advised that this all-night dance for graduates has been going on for 15 years. It possibly is the most "looked for" social event in the young life of every graduating senior. It is something for them to remember and cherish the rest of their lives. It is tradition.

It is put on at no small sacrifice by (as said before) responsible members of the community. The Kiwanians and their wives do the work and chaperone the dance. They go to great expense to provide reserve police protection as well. It is completely planned, and is accepted by the parents of the seniors.

But, alas, some well-meaning (we hope) officials of tax-supported institutions read into the all-night dance another thing. They see it as a tool whereby the youth of the community can go "hog wild" and use it as an excuse to really kick over the traces.

The very purpose of the Kiwanians to sponsor the all-night party is to keep the graduating seniors off the streets, and into a supervised place where they can let off steam without turning the evening into tragedy.

So what has happened: Last year the board governing the use of the Veterans Memorial Building (which, too, was built with public tax monies) kicked out the Kiwanians and seniors after a decade of all-night graduation parties.

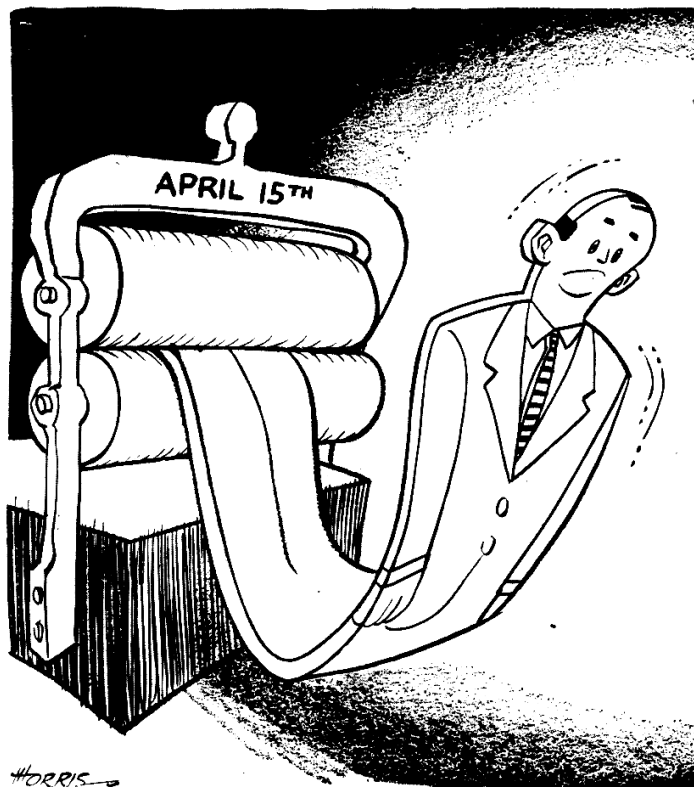
The Kiwanians, at considerable expense, changed the site to the Kentwig Club where the dance was held without incident. (The incidents that were the dire predictions of the Veterans Building Board never came to pass.)

Now the Kiwanians have asked the Recreation District to do something that the very name of the commission implies: Provide a place of recreation for a group of seniors; namely, the traditional graduation party. It has been denied abruptly and without even a vote.

Which brings us to something else. How long in Vallejo have the adults of the community shouted and proclaimed: "We must do something for our young people to keep them occupied?"

But when the showdown comes, these same so-called leaders treat the 1,000-plus graduates as though 1) they are lepers, 2) juvenile delinquents, and 3) sex-crazed youths who will turn a decent, formal, well-policed and chaperoned traditional all-night party into something else.

No wonder our youth has started to wonder about some of the adults.



THAT 1040 FEELING!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The sudden renewal of interest in more and stronger civil rights legislation sparked by the tragedy of Martin Luther King's death is ironic and futile. We already have a simple and clearly spelled out document, The Constitution of the United States, which specifically states the rights contained therein are for all the citizens of this country. There should be no need to enact additional laws to force the majority of our people to give to a minority that which is legally theirs.

No laws, no possible type of enforcement can bring about a change in a basically moral issue. Each one of us on an individual level whether we be black or white, bear a personal responsibility in the seething racial tensions that are with us today. The majority of white people will judge other white people as individuals and turn right around and put all colored people in one group and shrug them off as troublemakers. By the same token, all too many colored people feel that all of us Caucasians are the enemy. We are both wrong. But, the greater wrong is with the white race (of which I am one). We

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Through fear of castigation, "Mrs. I" remains anonymous as she has the privilege of not signing her name to her letter.

Her assertion that she feels if Pearl Harbor was bombed or Alaska and Hawaii were invaded that she and her husband would enlist is I believe sincere. But, in many cases, we cannot pick and choose the time when our country needs our service.

Can you in all conscience feel you should reap the benefits of our American Society and not be counted on? I find it harder as the days pass to comprehend the demurring of so many of our young folks to show a forthright American spirit.

I must point out, that for all the precious freedom and choices we in America enjoy, at some time again and again a price must be exacted. Nothing is ever fought for if it has no value. Does your American citizenship mean anything to you? I am not, by insinuation, calling you any name or names. I am trying to clarify a value.

You wrote a statement saying that one

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Yesterday, a great American died. He was non-violent yet he died by a violent act, at the hands of an assassin.

He asked that his people be given the same freedom and rights that the white man has.

He wanted unity among the Negro and white man.

He led his people in peaceful marches to let the people know that the Negro was being denied the rights that the white man takes for granted.

He has gone home to be with God where at last he has the peace for which he worked for while living on earth, for God looked into his heart and not at the color of his skin.

America, don't turn to violence now because of this killing of Dr. King. Don't let him have died in vain.

Let us pledge anew to work for the dream Dr. King had for America, that man should live in unity and peace and not in violence.

Let each of us set our hearts right with God. Let us set our hearts and life on the right path. All men, regardless of the color of skin, must have the same freedom and rights.

We must learn to live side by side, in love, one with another.

We must convey this with our actions and example and not by words alone to all America and the world.

We should join together working peacefully for the rights of all men regardless of the color of the skin.

In unity we shall stand but if divided by prejudice, bigotry and sickness of the mind and violent actions we shall fall.

So let us take each other's hand and work together to bring about unity that Dr. King lived and died for.

GOLDIE SANDOVAL
Box 584, Benicia, Calif.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On Sunday, April 7, Jenkin Jones wrote: "To ask the older generation, which has had a brush or two with experience, to listen with awe and admiration to the cocky, simplistic, morally-arrogant would picture of pampered American youth is quite an order."

This is a tragic statement that should not have been made by any responsible individual. It is my hope that parents and youth will come to understand one another better, for understanding leads to tolerance on both sides, but when someone writes an article such as the one written by Mr. Jones, it almost brings a tear to my eye. It is not my intention to "lash out" viciously against this person since this would not aid in closing the already narrowing "generation gap;" there have been too many vicious verbal attacks on people, and perhaps restraint should be the "keynote" for better human relationships. His article did not contribute to knowledge—only opinion, and this is evident when he states: "Here is a bit of adolescent smuggerly that cries for an arrow in the posterior." It seems that his method for changing the attitudinal difference between youth and adults is to use the old iron law of discipline. I would urge people to read his article to decide for themselves whether or not it was constructive.

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"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality," said Martin Luther King in 1964. "That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

The course America chooses in the coming months and years will determine whether these were words of prophetic vision, or whether they went to the grave with the man who spoke them.

Traveler's Extra Comfort

As travelers know, some of these ultra-modern motels are so fancy it's almost necessary to take an engineering course to learn how to operate the gadgets in the motel room.

Bedside operation of the television set . . . multi-effect lighting . . . central aircon—oops, weather control—and other space-age gimmicks. Very confusing.

But one comforting touch of tradition remains—the Gideon Bible.

Have you ever wondered how many Bibles and Testaments have been placed in hotels, motels, inns, schools, jails and other public places by Gideons International over the years?

Seventy-five million!

They have been distributed in 77 countries throughout the world.

Who are these Gideons?

They are interdenominational businessmen dedicated to spreading the word of God in public places. They form a missionary organization with camps in each state and many foreign countries.

The organization was formed in 1899 by three traveling men, and was later enlarged to include businessmen.

The first Bible placement was made in 1908 when 25 copies were left at Iron Mountain, Mont.

Now, 60 years later, the Gideon Bible has become so integral a part of innkeeping tradition that a number of major motel chains in this country insist on having Gideon Bibles available for their guests before they will open for business.

Do guests appreciate the service?

Well, one Bible in a motel room in Bristol, Tenn., contains the names of 30 guests—each of whom has taken the time to write a word of gratitude in the back of the book.

The Gideon Bible is a thoughtful touch in a world too often thoughtless. Thank you, Gideons, for providing it.

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No wonder our youth has started to wonder about some of the adults. I am now convinced that maybe the majority of our teen-agers have more sense, a better view of values and morals and downright better manner than some of their self-appointed guardians.

A DISGUSTED VALLEJOAN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention disabled Vietnam veterans who were federal civil service employees at the time of entry into the armed forces. If you return to your former civil service position and are later separated from that position due to the disability incurred in service, the agency is under no legal obligation to accept you for re-employment if you later recover.

To elucidate, I will cite a hypothetical example. You are a rigger at Mare Island at the time of your entry into the armed forces. You suffer shrapnel wounds in Vietnam, are medically discharged and return to your former position still retaining some of the shrapnel. Six months later your agency requests your separation, or you may be forced to retire on disability due to the service incurred disability. If you later recover, the agency is under no legal obligation to re-employ you.

Furthermore, after one year from the date of your recovery your civil service pension or annuity will be stopped unless you are age 50 with 20 years service or 25 years service at any age. You may well find yourself without a job and no pension merely because you committed the crime of entering the armed forces.

I have contacted Rep. Leggett and members of Congress all over the United States. All agree this is a shameful thing. The Civil Service Commission in Washington has stated in several letters to me and members of Congress that it firmly opposes mandatory re-employment rights for these disabled veterans. Their argument is that the veteran will continue to receive his small annuity for one year after recovery and this will give him adequate time to find another job.

I urge everyone, including all veteran's organizations, to write their Congressmen regarding this matter.

DISABLED VETERAN AND CIVIL SERVICE DISABILITY RETIREE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have read with interest and watched on TV and heard on the radio where all the flags in the United States are being flown at half mast.

I think it is time when some of our young men who have given their lives over in Vietnam that our flags should be flown at half mast. Vallejo has lost several young men over in Vietnam, but I have yet to see a local flag at half mast.

R. E. L.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Honey Bees, prospective Sweet Adelines, wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to the merchants at Larwin Plaza, Marlon Devlin, the Vallejo Times-Herald and the people of Vallejo who generously helped make a success of our Bake Sale.

Thank you
THE HONEY BEES

enact additional laws to force the majority of our people to give to a minority that which is legally theirs.

No laws, no possible type of enforcement can bring about a change in a basically moral issue. Each one of us on an individual level whether we be black or white, bear a personal responsibility in the seething racial tensions that are with us today. The majority of white people will judge other white people as individuals and turn right around and put all colored people in one group and shrug them off as troublemakers. By the same token, all too many colored people feel that all of us Caucasians are the enemy. We are both wrong. But, the greater wrong is with the white race (of which I am one). We say one thing publicly and behave in quite another way privately. Many of us realize the truth of this situation and are making a sincere and honest effort to do and be otherwise. It is not easy for adults to change. Many of us have been raised in an atmosphere of prejudice and the older you are the harder it is both to admit you have been wrongly taught and then to do something about it. No matter what reason may dictate, old emotions are not easily turned off.

As with political changes, social and moral changes have to take place at a "grass-roots" level. Within the structure of our own areas of living and livelihood is where the opportunity lies to effect any change that is to come about, and it must come about if we are ever going to live in peace with our neighbors. The first step is to truly be neighbors to each other and in so doing become completely color-blind.

With all the small talk about the white culture and the white heritage as opposed to the Negro heritage and the Negro culture, it is time to stop bragging about what our ancestors did or did not do and concentrate on what is best for all of us to do right now. We have got to make a mighty effort to understand each other and lend a helping hand wherever and whenever it is needed. We cannot sit back and wait for someone else to make the first move, this is a real do-it-yourself project. It is time to stop expecting the government to do everything for us, then soothe our collective conscience by chalking up another failure to our elected officials. This kind of apathy is the one thing that can bring a real disaster to our country and it will be the fault of everyone of us who sits back and lets it happen.

GLORIA J. O'CONNOR
998 Del Mar Avenue
Vallejo, Calif.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Recently, in my sophomore boys' religion class at this school, I assigned the writing of an informal, personal prayer—something which had meaning for the writer.

One of my students, Paul Mattuizzi, aged 15, submitted a prayer which strikes across all shades of feeling and goes to the heart of humanity. Moved by the present hawk-dove controversy over Vietnam, and like so many Americans, personally unsure of the rightness of our commitment there, I send this prayer on to you. Its starkness has shaken me, as well as others. Is this the vision our world will pass on to its youth?

A bullet pierces his skin, blood pours from his chest, the soldier falls to his death.

The Gasoline Jello falls on their hut, their skin burns, the napaalm victim's ashes are sprinkled on the ground.

A mother father brother sister wife girlfriend wait at home for the cheap aluminum casket.

A group of villagers sweep away the ashes and bury the bones.

You have already seen that we cannot stop war on our own, God. We are too imperfect. Help us before there is no one left to help.

Sincerely,
BROTHER NORBERT, O.P.
St. Vincent Ferrer High School

pick and choose the time when our country needs our service.

Can you in all conscience feel you should reap the benefits of our American Society and not be counted on? I find it harder as the days pass to comprehend the demurring of so many of our young folks to show a forthright American spirit.

I must point out, that for all the precious freedom and choices we in America enjoy, at some time again and again a price must be exacted. Nothing is ever fought for if it has no value. Does your American citizenship mean anything to you? I am not, by insinuation, calling you any name or names. I am trying to clarify a value.

You wrote a statement saying that one American life is too much to pay for stature and you refuse to bask in the blood of that American. For this I accuse you of shallow thinking.

Many people of all ages look at our commitment in Vietnam as being immoral and illegal. I have not seen any evidence that this is so. I fully believe that this is an upholding of a moral commitment and has our honor at stake. If you and other dissenters feel that honor is an empty flask, then I can't conceive how any relations can be carried out between ourselves and certainly not on an international level.

If we hesitate and drag our feet when we are needed will any enemy wait for us to get ready? Will our friends and allies respect us for our delay? Will we be able to proudly say, "We are Americans?"

The proof of any pudding is in the eating. Can anyone advance by marking time? Perhaps my eye has dimmed as I approach middle age, but to me, country and honor are synonymous.

MATTHEW SILVERMAN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Saturday, 500 persons attended the Dan Foley Cultural Center opening for the "\$300,000 boat-oriented recreational facility."

This is fine for recreation and social gatherings and the living for leisure fun that fulfill and make for the "good life."

But a community such as Vallejo needs to develop its culture in new directions. Those with vision can see that a new need and a new direction should be made for the cultural development of our youth. There is just such a development in San Francisco, directed by a Dr. Paul Freeman, the Community Music Center. He believes that the sounds of music can help achieve harmony among human beings. He says, "There's a kind of social mixture that comes automatically through music." Last year, this community center brought creativity into the lives of 700 youngsters who might very well develop into delinquents if such an opportunity had not been provided them.

In these troubled times, that is the kind of program that could really be effective in diminishing social and racial discord.

As a youth symphony advisor, I am well aware of how little the community responds to a sound, creative youth orchestra for only a handful of parents back it, and, in the recent past, only a few attend their concerts to hear and appreciate them. But this year we hope to change inertia to interest in our May 1 youth symphony concert at Bremner's.

MRS. BEN BOWEN

Youth Symphony Advisory Board

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Editor: Mr. Leonard E. Carter, Western Regional Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, recently made a most significant contribution to truth, Mr. Carter correctly stated:

"Rioting is a voluntary act."

Obviously any voluntary act is produced by volition, not compulsion. Rioters are self-made men — no compulsive robots without the ability to act differently.

Thank you for your contribution to truth, Mr. Carter.

BRUCE E. STOCKING

stunning means to tolerance on both sides, but someone writes an article such as the one written by Mr. Jones, it almost brings a tear to my eye. It is not my intention to "lash out" viciously against this person since this would not aid in closing the already narrowing "generation gap;" there have been too many vicious verbal attacks on people, and perhaps restraint should be the "keynote" for better human relationships. His article did not contribute to knowledge—only opinion, and this is evident when he states: "Here is a bit of adolescent smuggerly that cries for an arrow in the posterior." It seems that his method for changing the attitudinal difference between youth and adults is to use the old iron law of discipline. I would urge people to read his article to decide for themselves whether or not it was constructive. Rather than attempting to analyze the causes for difference in human behavior, Mr. Jones reacts negatively to the behavior itself.

Understanding and the resulting tolerance comes only when we transcend the shallowness of reacting to behavior and attempt to examine motives. I will continue to defend young people from the vicious attacks of people who do not, nor care to understand youth.

A LIFE-TIME RESIDENT OF VALLEJO

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The tragic assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has brought extensive praise from our President on down for Dr. King's use of non-violence in seeking goals. Unfortunately, and perhaps deliberately, there is little mention of what goals Dr. King was attempting to gain through non-violence.

One of these goals was PEACE — peace in Vietnam. Dr. King was opposed to the war in Vietnam and was a participant in many marches protesting this senseless slaughter. Yet how many of Dr. King's mourners have mentioned this in their eulogies?

Another of Dr. King's goals was FREEDOM — freedom for the black people. Martin Luther King was probably the most well-known spokesman for racial equality in America; he commanded the respect of both blacks and whites. As Dick Gregory noted, King's presence will probably be missed more by the white community than by the black community. He made it clear where he stood—for complete equality in jobs, housing and education for the black man.

Non-violence was advocated by Dr. King as the only means to these ends. In America today, where violence has permeated every aspect of our society, perhaps it is significant that our leaders eulogize Dr. King for his non-violence while continuing to ignore these very goals — PEACE and FREEDOM — for which he so tragically died.

Very truly yours,
(MRS.) LAUREL CLINTON

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There is too much said today about race. At least 90 per cent of America does not have a race problem. Most of us love some white, some black, some red, some yellow. Mostly, I love people who are honest, clean, and popular. I know some of the loveliest and most kind Negro folks in the world. Last year I met some of the most wonderful Indian folk you'd ever care to meet. Right out on the Indian reservation — Arizona no less. I've met some Filipino folk right here in Vallejo that I would put up against anybody for sociableness — lovely homes, and clean wholesome children. The Chinese community in the Bay Area is one of the most dignified, cultured and tranquil that I know. I know some colored (Negro), young fellows that are cultured, intelligent, friendly and without problems concerning their relationship in the community. I believe that we should help the poor, the maladjusted, the jobless, and even our social enemies without coloring it. Our real problems are still political corruption, the greedy and the criminal. Let's face the real issues and quit glorifying the bigoted.

DAVID C. ELSDON

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that Thou dost love us with a love that will not let us go. Through Thy Son, our Lord, His life, His death on the cross, His resurrection, His triumphant reign, we behold the ultimate victory of truth and love. Make us equal to the demands of today. Create in us clean hearts. Teach us the lessons of abounding joy and hope grounded in perfect trust: in the spirit of the Master. Amen.

—John Marvin Rast, Columbia, S. C.,
Methodist religious editor.

EDITORIALS

Peril Of Grade Crossings

There are more than 200,000 railroad-highway grade crossings in the United States. In 1965, they were the scene of 14,000 accidents. In 1966, there were 1,500 crossing deaths.

Yet, surprisingly, less than 4,000 of the accidents in 1965 involved trains.

According to Federal Railroad Administrator A. Scheffer Lang, about 75 per cent of grade crossing accidents do not involve a train-car collision. They include such accidents as cars slamming into other stopped vehicles, careless motorists skidding into lowered gates or colliding with permanent crossing structures.

Other findings of a grade crossing action committee set up by the Department of Transportation:

- A large number of motor vehicles are hitting trains already at the crossing, indicating a need for more effective warning systems and signs in advance of crossings.

- Crossing signs are crowded by highway regulatory and information signs, especially in urban areas.

- Present highway warning signs — where they exist at all—are usually based on automobile speeds of the 1930s.

It is estimated that it would take more than \$100 billion today to separate rail and motor traffic at every crossing — or almost twice as much as the federal government has spent on all highway programs since World War I.

Since this is clearly impractical, the railroads and the government are co-operating in a two-pronged program of improving grade crossing

Opinions Of The People

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A letter appeared in these spaces last week signed "A Disgusted Vallejoan." The writer appeared to have the impression that the entire Board of Directors of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District turned down the request of the Vallejo Kiwanis Club to use the Foley Cultural Center to stage the annual All Night Party for Vallejo's graduating seniors.

Carol Cross, the reporter present from the Times-Herald, wrote a very comprehensive article covering the meeting at which the action (or lack of action) took place. Cross reported that a motion was offered by Director John Olson to allow the use of the Center for the party. Cross also noted that Director Setterquist commented, "This is our first experience . . . we have to use a little caution . . ." The motion, as reported, died for lack of a second.

The facts of the matter are that, while the operating areas of the building are completed, the work around the building is not. The building can be used yet, at the time of the board action, the only experience of the staff was gained from the Dedication Dinner. It would appear that Director Setterquist's words of caution reflect a desire to have a back-log of experience in the use of the building before hosting over 600 students for an eight-hour party.

We Kiwanians are disappointed, for it would have been nice to have the party in the new facility. We do not, however, wish to be the cause of friction. The Greater Vallejo Recreation District and its Board are a credit to Vallejo. Vallejo is a far better city because of the labors of this board and the results of its deliberations.

A letter request was read. Kiwanis President Dean Lillis and I spoke. The matter was discussed. Director John Olson made a motion. The matter ended.

RICHARD SPROULE,
629 Valle Vista, Vallejo

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is fitting during Public Schools Week, we pause and reflect with California music educators who are sadly watching music fade from the public school curriculum. The villain is the six-period school day, crowded to the limit with demands for required courses such as physical education which must be taught one hour every school day. Athletic Tyranny still reigns due to the powerful "physical education lobby." A State Board of Education member bemoaned, "The rigid, six-period school day hangs like an albatross around the neck of this board." He said this after he had heard all about the plight of music education. Fewer teachers are being trained for music and fewer and fewer music students are able to choose music as an elective in the high school. In the elementary schools, classroom teachers give music short shrift because they feel insecure with little background training. The free elective courses such as the arts have been allowed to suffocate while the physical education beat goes on. Something's got to give. Selfish interests should be waived aside for the betterment of instruction in the public schools. The school day may indeed be lengthened. Long-range plans to upgrade music offerings in the public schools are being formulated.

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.



NEW TWIST IN THE WAR!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Upon looking back on the history of mankind, one wonders if events could have been different if people had but known some of the things that we know now. It is true that things probably would not have been any different because man seems to have so short a memory. Why is it we cannot seem to derive more profit from our mistakes? Why does man have so little understanding of himself and his motives that he allows the pattern of history to repeat itself?

Men look back on Hitler and his atrocities with horror. We are so ashamed that the events of those years could have happened to a so-called civilized world, that most would rather forget that it ever did happen. People should be forced to remember; to face the brutal facts of what men have done to one another.

Such innocent incidents as friends, sitting in small groups and degrading their neighbors in small ways, were the beginnings of the biggest wholesale slaughter the world has ever known. These same innocent people were the very fuel

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I was shocked when I read the eulogy to Dr. King, entitled "Letter to Christians, All Men of Goodwill," in the Sunday Times-Herald of April 7. The letter was signed by 29 clergymen of Vallejo, who termed themselves "ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ." What bothered me was this statement: "We proclaim to you that the new age is already among you, that men can live together as brothers, and that swords can be beaten into plowshares . . ."

You must surely be familiar with the prophecy of Isaiah 2:1-4, which you alluded to. You say that men can beat their swords into plowshares, but the word of God, in this prophesy, says that this shall happen at the time when the Lord shall rule in Jerusalem and when He "shall judge between the nations."

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

During the past months a great deal of interest has been focused on the voting age of our 18-year-olds and petitions have been rendered and fostered by many cities and counties throughout the State of California in an effort to lower the present age from 21 to 18.

While I fully agree that the 18-year-olds are in a true sense of the word certainly entitled to vote, however the thought that 18-year-olds would also be able to enter bars and buy liquor presents a grave hazard in my mind as to the outcome during the present racial turmoil and violence going on throughout the United States.

I honestly believe we should consider one problem at a time. The racial problem in the United States being the most vital and serious one facing us should, by all means, be given priority.

Once this is settled, we can readily devote our attentions to the voting age question honestly and peacefully for I honestly believe we cannot settle both these problems at the same time.

I fully realize that each 18-year-old boy that is sent to Vietnam is putting his life on the line and by all means every consideration should be granted him. However, if President Johnson's current peace efforts should succeed, I do not relish the thought of having "Your Sons" facing stress and strife on their return home.

Of course I know each and every parent is most anxious to have their son home and this fact is uppermost in their minds, but we must also somehow settle this racial problem in our country that he will have a home to return to . . . not ashes on an empty lot.

Sincerely,
OLLIE ROSS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The King is dead, long live the King.

Will the American people ever find a leader so dedicated, so humanitarian, so sincere, so patient and above all so optimistic as was Dr. Martin Luther King? The hope of a non-violent revolution is in jeopardy and at this juncture in history it is dangerous and impossible to predict the impact of Dr. King's death upon the civil rights movement.

Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize he was in his own country investigated by the F.B.I as a Communist suspect and then assassinated for his peaceful efforts to guarantee equal rights for all men.

King never advocated two separate Americas although he acknowledged that two Americas did in fact exist. One was the America of prosperity, progress and affluence; the other was the America of ghettos, poor education, unemployment and rats.

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In 1967, DOT asked each state highway department to select one grade crossing for each 4,000 miles of federal-aid highway system — a total of about 200 crossings — for testing protection systems.

In an effort known as G.A.P.P. — Grade Crossing Accident Prevention Program — the railroads and railroad unions have formed joint organization on every major railroad.

Trains are here to stay; so are automobiles, and so are most of the places where their rights of way intersect. It is hoped that out of these efforts, the frequency of violence at these intersections will eventually be reduced to the barest possible minimum.

Nader Hones New Rapier

The United Mine Workers of America is a voice crying in the coal pits against the perils of atomic energy, which apparently it alone perceives.

Nuclear power plants are spewing out highly radioactive wastes around the country and constitute a danger to the health and well-being of the American people, warns union president W. A. Boyle. Besides that, they're uneconomic. They also compete with coal.

The UMW feels so strongly about the matter that in March it expelled "District 50," its affiliated union representing atomic energy plant workers, because of that organization's endorsement of atomic energy.

Comes now on the scene Ralph Nader, the man who has taken on such giants as the auto, meat-packing and gas industries, with another ringing "j'accuse."

The United Mine Workers, along with the whole coal industry and the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Nader has just charged, is guilty of neglecting the health and safety of—you guessed it—coal mine workers.

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On the local scene, on year has passed since the Youth Symphony Advisory Board was instrumental in the re-establishment of the string music program in Vallejo schools with Mr. Viri Swan as part-time music coordinator. Special coaching has been provided, beginning string players met throughout the summer, and twice weekly throughout the school year. Considering the odds, we of the Youth Symphony are pleased as punch over this accomplishment and further, we wish to commend the Vallejo School Board for taking favorable action.

MRS. BEN BOWEN,
Vice President,
Youth Symphony Board

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Army has muffed it again. It had the opportunity at Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah, to submit the finest casualty report in a long time: 4500 sheep zapped," as the saying goes, in a couple of days at nearby Skull Valley. And what do we hear from the Army? Not us. Impossible. We will investigate."

The writer spent a few hours at Dugway Proving Grounds during World War II. It is about the sorriest spot on earth and it seems unbelievable that sheep could exist in that area.

There was a slight credibility gap at Dugway at that time. Combat veterans were sent there — volunteers, as I remember — with the understanding they would submit to certain tests (largely burns) and in a short time be transferred to a post near their homes. This proved to be an idle promise and morale was almost as low as possible.

I am reminded, by the Army disclaimer of damage to the sheep, of the time the S.P. Daylight train was going through Camp Cooke (now Vandenberg) when a shell went through the kitchen car. One woman lost an arm. The Army disclaimed all responsibility and added, "We will make certain it will never happen again."

I am sorry for the sheep, the owners and the herders. But like all "ill winds" the incident will bring some good. The C.O. at Dugway will transferred, and wherever he goes, it will be better than Dugway Proving Grounds.

My atlas shows Skull Valley to be an Indian reservation. There is no reason to expect a report on the condition of the Indians for a year or so.

Yours truly,
J. PIERPONT
Military Observer, Grade II

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Do you belong to an order or association? But what have you done for the unit?

Plenty could be done if there wasn't so many snobs and snubs a person receives at picnics, meetings and so on and so forth. Members turn their heads when they see you . . . they don't know you.

When people change their attitude toward other members, they could receive more cooperation and with a smile. Too much idle gossip brings on most of this situation. This is not a complaint, but a true fact.

ONCE A MEMBER

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Such innocent incidents as friends, sitting in small groups and degrading their neighbors in small ways, were the beginnings of the biggest wholesale slaughter the world has ever known. These same innocent people were the very fuel for the fire of hatred that exploded under Hitler's regime. Knowing that any one race or nationality has its own certain character traits and social tendencies Hitler pointed out to the talkers that one group was "different." One group seemed to have more money. That same group seemed to have darker skins and that their noses were a little longer. He managed to give enough reasons for people to hate, that half of the world became involved in murder. He built petty grievances into excuses for mass extermination.

Men are like sheep. Give them a strong leader (in this case not only strong but insane as well) and they will follow. Blindly half a world of sheep not led to the slaughter, but led to slaughter and kill others. Now we are ashamed that history even recorded those times. But for the few that remain whom it touched, its remembrance is all but erased. How can man continue to blot such a "mistake" from their minds? Cannot men see that the same innocent gossiping and minor prejudices that started an annihilation of almost an entire race not thirty years ago could be the beginnings of another such tragic event today? Are we so sheeplike that only one generation later history will repeat itself? Could it be that all we need is a madman to lead us?

Look around you. Your neighbor has black skin; his hair is different from ours; his wife cooks differently from yours. Quickly, rid yourself of him. See that he never becomes equal. He will rise above you and take away all of your properties and money. After all he is different and that is bad. We mustn't let him become as powerful as the Jews once were. Let's get rid of him and his kind. He is such a threat to our way of living. Let's exterminate them all and make our world safe again. If we eliminate them all, our own little world will be secure.

Man says, "It couldn't happen again." And I say, are you sure? And in another thirty years, what if you and your people have become the "different" ones? What then? Oh, I know, it couldn't happen, could it.

SHARON

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I say amen to Mrs. Barnhart. I am sure she must be more disappointed than tired with the terrific job she is doing with our kids.

It is always easy to count raised hands when a job is being organized, but getting the help one needs when the show gets on the road is another question. We seem to think big starting is a finish.

Then, of course, there are those of us who would rather show up only where the photographer shows up. Where we can watch the birdie through the lens and the next day read about ourselves in the local paper . . . this gives us ego.

I don't know about the rest of you adults, but I hang my head in shame and from now on I pledge to do better.

So from now on Mrs. Barnhart, if at any time you need assistance in the wonderful job you are doing, just call on me.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN L. LEE

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Yours sincerely,
VICTOR J. McALLISTER

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many fine people who comforted us recently in the death of our son, Arnold Walter Lopez, who lost his life in an automobile accident.

We appreciate the many telephone calls, cards of sympathy and floral pieces for our fine son.

However, many of the names on the cards and some of the donors of the flowers we cannot identify. Therefore we would like to use this letter as a means of extending our heartfelt thanks for your kindness and condolences.

We appreciate it deeply and you have helped to ease our grief in the loss of Arnold.

MR. AND MRS. EDMUND LOPEZ
AND FAMILY

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I and my wife wish at this time to thank the many people who graciously sent cards and letters of cheer and good will to one who has been and still is on the critical list.

I, as the husband, have seen a near miracle in that the will to live has been stronger, simply through the love and wishes transmitted through the messages in the cards and letters.

To my wife, the knowledge that people, although unknown, have proven to her that someone does care. To me, seeing the joy and pleasure on her dear face upon getting these cards well, thank God for such people.

To each of you, may we say many thanks and God bless each of you.

MR. AND MRS. A. J. STRAUGHAN
Box 583, Stayton, Ore. 97383

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

For those of you in Vallejo, who may not know, the Solano Council for Retarded Children, operates a thrift shop at 524 Tuolumne Street. The shop has used clothing, furniture, appliances and novelties for sale.

The store hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The entire proceeds from the shop are used to maintain the pre-school day care center and adult workshop, for the mentally retarded, at 298 Contra Costa St.

During the week of April 23 through April 27, the thrift shop is having a special sale — 50 per cent off on five or more purchased articles. For those of you who are budget minded, thrifty or who like a good bargain, this is for you!

So, come on in and shop around. You'll do yourself a good turn as well as help the council. This is indeed for a most worthy cause.

Signed,
PARENT OF A MENTALLY
RETARDED CHILD

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We who are ignorant of ghetto life.
We who are ignorant of Negro history.
We who move to white suburbia
We who teach our children racism.

We who insist that time alone can solve the racial problem.

We who insist that the solution lies solely in the hearts and minds of men.

We who tell the Negro to pull himself up by his own bootstraps and allow him no boots.

We who can ignore those inequities that are not our inequities.

We who reverence the flag and condemn the right of assembly to protest.

We who have made civil rights laws necessary.

WE ARE THE ASSASSINS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

NANCY McGLONE
802 Ohio Street

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Recently our club sent six Easter packages to boys in Vietnam. These boys do not receive much mail. Here are a few remarks from their letters:

"I call them 'Care' packages."
"Great morale factor for us over here to receive letters and packages."

"Packages joyfully received, will share with my buddies like we do with most everything over here, seldom have anything but 'C' rations."

"Wash and Dri welcomed, don't waste water to wash in. Have gone without water and food for a couple of days, jungle too thick to cut a landing field."

"Seldom hear about good patriotic Americans, only hear about the demonstrators. Very gratifying to find people at home who aren't so concerned about the political aspects of the war to realize that we're just young neighbors doing a job far away from home with few releases other than mail."

"Shared your letter and package with my friends."

Our club is going to do this again and hope this may be a reminder to all who have relatives and friends in Vietnam to write and send packages.

FRANK LAKE LIFE MEMBER CLUB
(Retired Pioneers of PT&T)
Napa and Vallejo Area
GERTRUDE F. FOSTER
117 Morningside Ave.

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Please, whoever you are:

Bring my trike back. Around April 10, someone took my brand new red trike, that my grandmother gave me for Christmas from Newell's Mobile City. My mommy and daddy searched in vain but could not find my trike. I cannot find it either. Would whoever borrowed my trike please return it to 441 Mobile Lane.

I don't have anything to play with outside now and I would really appreciate the return of my trike.

TREVOR CARLSON, 3 yrs.
441 Mobile Lane
Call 642-3485

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Lord, we know we should not be afraid since as Christians we belong to the fellowship of the unafraid, but sometimes we are. There are so many frightening things which confront us daily and make us feel small and helpless. O Lord, what can we do? Help us to remember what we've learned and believe, that we need not be afraid of the world's tribulations for You are in the midst of them. You are with us, whatever may befall us, and that is enough. We are not alone; therefore, though the earth shake and change, we shall not be afraid. O Lord, let us never forget that you are near. Amen.

—James W. Kennedy, Cincinnati, O., director and editor, Forward Movement Publications.

EDITORIALS

Practicality Vital To Talks

Remembering President Johnson's oft-spoken pledge to meet "anywhere, anytime" with representatives from North Vietnam to seek an end to the war, many see evidence of the old credibility gap in the current diplomatic haggling over a mutually satisfactory site for preliminary discussions.

It is not a matter of credibility but of responsibility. It is something like the young man who promises his beloved that if only she will be his, he will go anywhere, do anything, be anything she wants him to be. Once he gets her, however, practicality takes precedence over promises.

It is not that the young man does not mean what he says or that the President did not mean what he said. But he said it at a time when Hanoi was totally unresponsive.

It is not the Communists' peace-lovingness or good will that has moved them finally to agree to sit down and talk. It is the performance of America's fighting men and the rising cost to North Vietnam of a war that is going far from as successfully as it would like.

It would be most unwise for the United States to let its war-weariness and eagerness for peace lead it to make preconditions of any sort, whether they have to do with a minor matter like the location of meetings or a grand scheme for a coalition government in South Vietnam, as urged by Senators McCarthy and Kennedy. Any short-range gain of getting talks under way immediately could very well be paid for later in hardened North Vietnamese demands.

Opinions Of The People

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.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Wednesday night, May 1 at 8 p.m. at Breuner's, promises to be one of the most delightful concerts of the Vallejo Youth Symphony to date. Our hard-working young musicians will be joined by members of the Vallejo Symphony Orchestra to put on a program that will please all tastes. In addition, Lodena Edgcombe's Ballet Dancers, directed by Rosemary Jones, will perform with the orchestra. Well-known Gordon Pittinger, our master of ceremonies, will give highlights of the orchestral selections, and he has some interesting surprises.

Our continued successful existence can be attributed to interested and dedicated young musicians, and to the excellent cooperation of many organizations and adults in Vallejo: the Greater Vallejo Recreation District for its sponsorship and personnel assistance; the Vallejo Unified School District for the use of a rehearsal hall, music stands, and instruments, and for its assistance in helping re-establish the string program in our schools; local clubs for scholarship help; the Youth Symphony Advisory Committee for its leadership in planning the concert schedules and the functions of the organization; the parents who encourage their children and supply the necessary transportation to and from rehearsals and concerts; and last, but not least, the students themselves who devote many hours and Saturday mornings to rehearsing and performing the best in orchestral literature.

We have received invitations in the past from many communities in Central and Northern California. This has given incentive and motivation to the students.

Wednesday is the Youth Symphony's only Vallejo appearance this season. We cordially invite the public to this fine, free concert at Breuner's.

Sincerely,
VIRL SWAN
Music Consultant for the
Vallejo Unified School District

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Just a word to those who are choosing sides in the "politicizing game." Mr. Unruh, who has decided to campaign for Robert Kennedy, should, in the interest of all involved, ask Mr. Kennedy why, when he had the necessary proof of murders, violence and extortions by terror tactics committed by the Cosa Nostra, he took no action against them when he was attorney general.

The position was given him by his brother, our late President, but though he received all the advantages and power of the office, he failed to use the power to help the people he was supposed to defend. Why?

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A VOTER

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Thanks for the beautiful Easter presentation in the Times-Herald of Sunday, April 14.



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The St. Peter's Chapel Wives Club of Mare Island wishes to take this opportunity to thank the kind citizens of Vallejo who donated items to our recent "Project Thanks."

We also wish to remind you that a garage sale will be held at 3209 Tennessee St., Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27. The proceeds from this sale will be used to buy material needed for duffel bags in which the items are sent to our servicemen in Vietnam. Please come and browse.

ST. PETER'S CHAPEL WIVES

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OLLIE ROSS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Sir: Below is a copy of a letter which I have sent to each of our U.S. senators and our local representative in Congress. My sentiments are expressed in this letter.

Dear Sir:

It was with the utmost disgust with both the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. government that I read of the recent transfer of the island of Iwo Jima to the Japanese Government.

Is it any wonder that our young people look this country upon the draft and the Vietnam War in the manner in which they do?

Do you think that the memory of the people is so short, the U.S. History books so deficient, or the communications media so derelict that the people of this country are not aware that over 6000 U.S. Marines lost their lives on that island during World War II? God knows how many of those wounded in that same engagement later died as a result.

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I am writing about a lost dog. My mother has never cared for a dog. My brother gave her a French poodle. A miniature, silver-gray, and she and my stepfather fell in love with it. It was like another person to them. I never thought my mom would ever get so attached to a dog. The day before Easter the dog came up missing. It was a friendly little dog. It would get into anyone's car who held the door open. So we don't know if someone just took it or it jumped into someone's car. It happened at the Music Land Store on Couch St. It had a tag with her name, the owner's name, address and phone number around her neck. So whoever has the dog, Princess, would they please bring it back. My mom cried for 2 days over her, drives all over town looking for her still. In fact she still goes to the dog pound hoping she will turn up. If she would be returned, there would be no questions asked, and a reward. And two of the happiest people in town. I thank you. Call Thelma Couch at 642-5123, 1500 Redwood St., Vallejo. If you don't want to do this just drive up to Music Land Store and let her out of the car and she would run right on in the store. That is where she spent most of her time with my son.

Thank you
D. SIGMON

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Occasionally, a person will come in contact with a book, a painting, or piece of music that seems to reflect perfectly the feelings or point of view of the observer. Such is my reaction after reading the book "The Affluent Society," by John Kenneth Galbraith. He is "singing my song," as the saying goes, and he articulates the theme beautifully. This theme can well be summarized in the last two sentences of the book: "To have failed to solve the problem of producing goods would have been to continue man in his oldest and most grievous misfortune. But to fail to see that we have solved it and to fail to proceed thence to the next task, would be fully as tragic."

Galbraith characterizes much of our current economic thinking as "The Concept of Conventional Wisdom." He means by this that, in the short run, the most acceptable ideas are the ones with which we are most familiar. In other words, tell them what they want to hear. Conventional wisdom is not the property of either the conservatives or liberals, but it is the property of both, and the enemy of the conventional wisdom is the long-run march of events.

The villains of the piece, in Galbraith's view, are our preoccupation with private production and our neglect of investment in the public sector. The conventional wisdom states that there must be security for everyone. The way to achieve this is through full employment, and the way to have full employment is through production. The result of all of this is that there is a great deal produced that is not needed. We have had to create wants and then produce to fill the want. This anomaly cannot be justified by the conventional wisdom and is a great waste of talent and resource that could be put to the filling of more intangible, but no less real, wants: those of the spirit of man.

JOHN T. EGAN

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For in dealing with the Communists, small points are as important as large ones. Negotiations over the placement of ash trays on the conference table can be as frustrating as negotiations over the withdrawal of troops.

Concessions have to be made eventually, of course. But nothing can be given away. Everything, down to the most inconsequential-appearing detail, must be hammered out in hard bargaining.

It is a painful reality that this must be so, even as the fighting continues and men still die.

Americans, at least, should give their government credit for sincerely desiring an end to that fighting and dying as quickly as possible—but only on terms that will guarantee the ending will be as permanent as possible.

Ravages Of Prosperity

Americans "have had it too good for too long and have gotten soft," said Gen. James H. Doolittle the other day.

"On the average," continued the man who led the daring air raid against Tokyo 26 years ago, "we are not as courageous or as moral as our founding fathers. We are suffering from the ravages of prosperity. As a nation, we are inclined to laziness and immorality."

Another general once delivered a much more stinging criticism of his fellow Americans:

"Such a dearth of public spirit and want of virtue, such stock-jobbing and fertility in all the low arts to obtain advantages of one kind or another . . . I never saw before and pray God I may never be witness to again . . . Such a dirty, mercenary spirit pervades the whole, that I should not be at all surprised at any disaster that may happen."

Thus wrote George Washington shortly after taking command of the army besieging Boston in 1775.

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Coming at a time when an appalling and cowardly assassination, followed by an equally lawless, senseless and life-taking orgy of looting and burning, brought horror and dismay to the nation and the world, its pinpointing of the real meaning of Easter carried a steadying and uplifting message.

The color picture on the front page, the editorial, and several fine articles on the history of Easter and the coverage of the general Easter observance locally and in the Holy Land made the edition one to be proud of.

Thanks once again for continuing the high tradition.

Sincerely,
AUSTIN O'MALLEY

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is not going to be easy for those of us who loved and admired the late Dr. King to pick up the pieces and continue the journey, but then we must because this is the way Dr. King would have wanted it. A pause for prayer, then continue with the unfinished work.

For those of you who find pleasure in your doings, such as rioting, looting, hating and killing, you are not helping the King cause. He would not approve of such vile inept doings. Show Dr. King's widow and children that we really did appreciate his endless toil to being all races of people together for the purpose of better understanding among one another.

Mrs. King I salute you for being a mother first, a wife second and above all a courageous woman who displayed the dignity of a true lady that you are. Again, I must salute you.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN L. LEE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a striking telephone employee, I would like to take this opportunity to request you print some favorable information in regards to the striking employees of Pacific Telephone and Western Electric. In Vallejo we have been very orderly, have not created any incidents or disturbances and have shown no violence to any one crossing our picket lines. But the only information the public gets to see is headlines such as: "Eggs thrown" in telephone strike." Telephone cables cut in phone strike, guns figure in phone strike confrontation, yes, and a column instilling thoughts in the public mind about telephone service increases in the event we do get a much needed and deserving raise in our wages. The operator who has worked over 20 years for the Pacific Tel. Co. only earns \$97.00 a week. This is not a huge wage for a top operator. This is our reason for the strike. Vallejo is a community of respectable people with the right to strike when we deem it necessary and this we do in a very decent manner.

JANET EVANS

ST. PETER'S CHAPEL WIVES

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Sincerely,
OLLIE ROSS

Dear Mr. Ross:

The Secretary of the Navy has asked me to reply to your letter concerning the summer employment of teenagers by the Navy Department.

Last year the Department of the Navy employed 8,179 disadvantaged youths during the summer months. The Navy's Summer Employment Program is designed to provide meaningful work experience for boys and girls, ages 16 through 21, who need it most because of economic or educational disadvantage. This year in a Department of Defense wide program the Navy is preparing to employ 15,000 teenagers during the summer months to provide them with apprentice training and further acquaint them with job opportunities.

We wish to thank you for your interest in this program and commend you for your concern for the welfare of the Nation's youth.

Sincerely,
P. A. GISVOLD
Captain, USN
Acting Director Civilian
Manpower Management

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A Volunteer Bureau is being organized in Solano and Napa Counties at the request of local civic agencies. This bureau will be an "agency's agency" and act as a clearing-house for volunteers. The volunteers will provide supplementary services for which paid workers have no time.

Files will be maintained of organizations that need additional services as well as for individuals who may need help. Files will also be maintained of volunteers who wish to help and provide such services. The bureau will match the specific need to the volunteer services offered and assign the right person or group to each request as it is received.

Volunteer Bureaus, already in action in other parts of the country, have proved to be of immense value. They have been responsible for developing standards of volunteer programs, coordinating volunteer use, and providing training and consultation services.

The people of our community need volunteer services, and all of us have a need to serve. Our purpose is to fulfill these needs by efficiently recruiting, orienting, and referring volunteers.

The Volunteer Bureau needs help. If we are to achieve our goals, we must have information, personnel, and financing. We would deeply appreciate the assistance of all those who can help. For further information call 642-0331 or write to Volunteer Bureaus, P. O. Box 1147, Vallejo.

Thank you,
JEAN BARRY
PRESIDENT
GEORGE BREUNIG,
Vice-President
MARRION BULLOCK,
Secretary
JAMES VON TELLROFF
Treasurer

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I see that in addition to Iwo Jima, there are other islands of that same group and nearby groups that are also going to be returned to Japan at a later date, among them the island of Okinawa (upon which we have an important, expensive air base) which also was taken dearly at the cost of many American lives. How naive and stupid the rest of the world must judge us to be.

How can you ask our sons today to go to Vietnam, to ORDER them to go to Vietnam, when the intention has already been expressed for our putting North Vietnam (as well as South Vietnam) on its feet when the hostilities cease (assuming that we or they are in a position for this)? How the world must laugh at the folly of this country and its government and its people — who carry the burden.

As an interested and complaining citizen, I cannot perceive how you supposed representatives of the PEOPLE can sleep at night, how you can face a constituency with anything like a clear conscience; how you can consider yourselves justified; when these actions are being condoned if not outrightly approved. Is it any wonder that the people of this country have serious DOUBTS about the policies of this government both at home and abroad? What fools we seem to be.

Sincerely,
KENNETH F. INNES

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As we are again approaching the hazardous fire season in our forests and range lands, I would like to call everyone's attention to the fact that only you can prevent forest and range fires.

We have the God-given privilege to visit our great out-of-doors whenever we feel like it either to fish, hunt or picnic without a lot of restrictions. This is a privilege not many people in other countries can enjoy.

Therefore, let us all work together to curb the shameful waste of fires in our forests. And with Smokey the Bear we can all help to prevent forest fires by not tossing lighted cigarettes from car windows or on the ground in the forests and by putting out campfires and matches.

I am again assisting the State Forestry Department in putting up fire signs featuring the famed Smokey the Bear.

ROBERT PLAUTZ SR.
523 San Carlos Dr.

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JOHN T. EGAN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh (D-Inglewood), speaking in San Jose this week, attacked one of the sillier rituals of presidential politics — the prospective candidate's forced coyness.

It is possible to agree with Unruh completely that the tradition which requires a candidate to deny any interest in the presidency until the very last minute is, indeed, absurd.

Any potential candidate, in Unruh's view, should want to be President "so badly he'll pursue it with a certain amount of ruthlessness . . . If he does not have a certain amount of toughness he not only is not going to be President, but he probably shouldn't be . . ."

The point is well taken, and since the public isn't fooled by the repeated declarations of non-candidacy on the part of potential candidates, the tradition should be scrapped. It is just so much dead weight.

MOLLY LENT

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Solano Council for Retarded Children wish to thank the Mare Island Navy Wives Club 118 for making arrangements with Kaiser Steel and Solano County for the delivery of sand to the pre-school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it.

We also wish to thank the Y Indian Guides and Longhouse Chief Bill Hoeger for the rubber on our ramp which helps to prevent a lot of falls.

After a little delay because of the winter season we have a beautiful new swing set donated by the Catholic Daughters. It will be a short time before this can be set up as we have to replace part of the yard fence taken down for the asphalt to be installed. Thanks for the asphalt go to the Cafeteria Workers and the Ladies Softball Association. It is through the continued interest and support of our community that we are able to maintain our Pre-School and Training Center programs.

A sincere thank you,

GERALDINE E. RIVES
Director Pre-School Program

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What is the city of Vallejo going to do about its mosquito problem? Nothing as it did last year? With the warm weather, the mosquitoes are hatching and swarming up from the swamp areas of this fine city. Why can't these areas be sprayed? Surely there must be some agency in Vallejo that is responsible for this.

I must admit this is a rather personal thing with us since our little girl (1½ years) is terribly allergic to mosquito bites. Just this morning she woke up with an eye swollen shut because of a mosquito bite. There must be others in Vallejo with the same problem. Let us hear from you!

MRS. WILLIAM SWETZER
36 Santa Paula Way, Vallejo