

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Lord, do You suppose that this could be the day when I finally kick that pernicious habit which is eating away my self-respect? You know, God, how much I have tried. I have willed each morning that this day I would get through 24 hours without bowing down before the idol that tempts me. And You know how few days I have succeeded. I know that I cannot do it alone. I need divine power, and only You, God, can really help me. I pray for Your help through Christ, Who strengthens me. Amen.

—Hoover Rupert, Ann Arbor, Mich., minister, First United Methodist Church.

## EDITORIALS

## Bonds Deserve Support

Fairfield residents will have an opportunity tomorrow to build themselves a better city by voting for a proposed \$4,200,000 civic improvement bond issue to finance critically needed public facilities.

At issue on the ballot are four general obligation bond measures recommended by the Fairfield Citizens Capital Improvement Advisory Committee after weeks of intensive study to meet Fairfield's most urgent municipal needs—a civic center, more parks and playground facilities, street improvements and development of Rockville Hills Park.

Two factors are noteworthy in consideration of the ballot measure: (1) No additional city property taxes will be required to pay annual charges on the proposed bonds which would be retired from cigaret tax revenues and other city sources, and (2) There has been no organized opposition to the bond propositions.

It becomes abundantly clear, therefore, that Fairfield residents not only have the financial resources to undertake the proposed improvements but the desire to do so as well. All that remains is for them to support the bond issues at the polls tomorrow.

There can be no debate that Fairfield's present, antiquated, makeshift, inadequate city hall hardly constitutes a structure to arouse community pride. Both the city hall

## Opinions Of The People

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Vallejo Choral Society is presently conducting its Sponsorship Drive for the 1968-69 season. In this connection the following is quoted from the brochure entitled "Great Music Through Singing" which was recently mailed to Choral supporters.

The subscription series of the Choral offers a reduced rate at this time over the price at box office as follows:

Grand Patron — \$45.00 per subscription  
Patron — \$18.00 per subscription  
Sponsor — \$9.00 per subscription

For each \$9.00 purchased the buyer may receive his tickets (good at any concert) in one of the following ways; 6 adult tickets or 4 adult and 4 students.

The Vallejo Choral Society, a group of approximately 85 voices is a self-supporting, non-profit group. It welcomes the support of interested music lovers and is now in preparation for a year of enjoyable programs.

1. Dec. 4th "The Messiah" by Handel
2. March 30th "Requiem" by Mozart
3. June 7th Serenade To Spring (songs of spring and romance)

Over the years and presently under the direction of Dean E. Friedrich for the past seven seasons, the choral has richly enhanced the Cultural Climate of Vallejo.

Those interested in furthering the aims of the Choral in this regard will find it not only most rewarding to aid in sustaining the organization but at the same time enjoy inspiring concerts.

MRS. HAZEL HAZETT

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It has come to my attention that the candy which is currently being sold by children for the benefit of the released time classes at school, contains a note stating that it is for the benefit of all the fourth and fifth grade children. Several parents have complained because the Catholic children weren't selling this candy. The reason is that it is strictly for the Protestant classes. The funds for the Catholic program are raised by a registration fee at the beginning of the year. This pays for their books and any supplies such as film strips, records and art supplies. The teachers for the Catholic classes are all volunteers and are not paid.

AN INTERESTED OBSERVER



"Careful, That May Be Pointing at Me, Too!"

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As I reflect upon what I have heard from politicians, preachers and other public figures concerning "Law and Order", I hear a great deal of talk about law for ghetto rioters, law for demonstrating students, law for those who damage or destroy property; but I don't hear much about law for those in prominent or

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In recent weeks, I have watched the mayor's war on the library escalate from an attack upon one book into a frontal attack upon books, films, and other literature that meets her definition of obscenity. I have read the attacks made by her and others upon those of us who sought to stop this attack upon

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

THIS IS VALLEJO.

AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY? ??

Take another look fellow Vallejoans. I wonder how many others took notice of the movie advertisements last week? All three of our "places of entertainment" were showing movies which carries these stunning attractions!

"No one under 18 permitted"

"Mature audiences only"

"Adult entertainment"

Now I ask you, just where are our young people supposed to go? Out of town?

On the other hand maybe it's just as well they can't get into the Vallejo movies. At the prices they charge I don't see how many of our young people can manage it. Makes it pretty tough for a guy to take his girl to a movie when they have to pay adult prices.

I think the owners of our movie establishments had better take a good look at themselves and make a new start. Surely Hollywood is still making some decent movies. Why not try and better our town instead of dragging it down with the type of trash movies shown last week. There is altogether too many of them anymore.

An interested parent

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Ridicule is a potent weapon. To hold a person (or organization) up to the public as bumbling or fumbling person uncertain of his course, is to destroy the confidence of not only those who know him only slightly, but it undermines those who are his familiars as well.

The present Berkeley campus "sit-in" does just this. It places the university in the fumbling position of being unable to take action to maintain control since, up to this date, any use of heavy force would raise the cry of police brutality and Fascism.

It appears that there is a substantial number of non-students involved (11 out of 121 arrested Tuesday night) who are deliberately out to destroy the control of the Regents, the university dean and even of the faculty.

The protestor's demands? (1) Give us credit for a course if we feel it is entitled to such, (2) Amnesty for any of us who are breaking the law and (3) Allow us to control the required courses and the content of such

arouse community pride. Only the city and police department buildings are temporary, war-time structures which never were intended for their present use and have become a blight on the community.

It was not too many years ago that the city fathers of Fairfield negotiated with the Federal government for acquisition of the old Waterman Park Housing Project. The project's management and operation buildings were rejuvenated into the present city hall and offices.

The facility was as good as the city could afford at that time, but it has served its usefulness and has become greatly outdated for this day and age. Fairfield is no longer a small city. It will continue to expand commercially and with a corresponding increase in population.

We believe the citizens of Fairfield are progressive and want their city to be among the progressive communities of our state. Inasmuch as Fairfield's present Waterman Park housing must be eliminated by 1970 under state law, it is logical the present city hall and police building be replaced at the same time.

A new civic center complex also will provide a long-needed community hall to serve as a meeting place for all groups and help assimilate an expanding community by becoming the focal point of its social, educational and cultural life.

The other proposed improvements are equally vital and essential to Fairfield's community needs. The proposed improvements on Pennsylvania Avenue and the development of Rockville Hills Park for year-round use, including construction of a revenue-producing golf course, also represent Fairfield's investment in the future.

It will require a two-thirds vote to make possible this program. If the voters want this cultural development, there will have to be some real effort to enlighten them on the merits of the plan.

Be sure your neighbor goes to the polls tomorrow and votes for the bond issues.

## Cranston Is Qualified

In these final days of endless campaign oratory, irresponsible charges and vague, ambiguous promises, Alan Cranston, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator from California, has been a refreshing, vibrant contender in the current political arena.

Unlike his opponent, Cranston has stated his position on the issues clearly, succinctly and with complete honesty and candor.

We are convinced Alan Cranston has the ability to use his prestige and experience to further the best interests of his state and the nation if he is elected on Nov. 5.

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

We would like to publicly thank everyone (customers and co-workers) that made the Silverado Council Pioneers rummage sale such a success.

Our committee, Doris Johnston (committee chairman), Vivian Chute, Bonnie Stainer, John Dunn, Vera Dunn, Janet Evans, Gladys Gresham, Norma La Rue and A. Vanderford are to be commended for their outstanding work in organizing, collecting, setting up the sale items and for all the hours they donated at the sale.

Thanks are also in order for those generous employes and friends who donated such clean usable articles.

For those unfamiliar with the Silverado Council Pioneers, we are an organization composed of employes, having 21 years or over, of service with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Besides the fellowship we derive from our get-togethers, our organization is very active in community affairs such as helping the blind, deaf and retarded (adults and children), Heart Association, voter registration, packages to the boys in Vietnam (by our life members) and other civic projects.

Again we say "Thanks" to all our customers, committee and helpers.

MYRTLE AIELLO  
Publicity Chairman

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

...Now it can be told...

...The new Mrs. Onassis has joined the "Mission Impossible" staff. Her assignment? To stop the gold drain and eventually to boost our Fort Knox reserves by a billion dollars.

How can any reasonable American wish her anything but success in her patriotic endeavors!

JOSEPH REYNES

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What ever happened to common courtesy? In fact, what has happened to common decency?

During the past six months, we have constantly been subjected to political speeches by candidates running for the offices of president and vice-president of our United States. In every speech by such a candidate, whether it be at a rally, on a college campus, or at a benefit dinner, these candidates must bear and deal with a problem that certainly is not appreciated by a public speaker.

I am talking of the rude and ignorant group of "people" who harass, interrupt, and disturb a candidate while he is speaking. No matter what platform a candidate should choose to stand on, nor what political party he represents, he should be given the common courtesy to speak without interruption. I am convinced that if given the chance, the ignorant "people" who do disrupt political speeches, could not speak a word worth hearing if they were asked to do the same.

If they come not to hear what a candidate has to say, but come only to see how much attention they can draw from the main speaker.

I certainly would not speak to a group of people who would not want to hear what I had come to say. Sure, I know, I wouldn't get very many votes if I was such a candidate. In fact, if I knew that these demonstrators were part of the great American society I would once hope to lead, I wouldn't even have the incentive to run for the office. It just isn't worth it.

BILL QUENTO

private places which are not needed by the Supreme Law of the land — our Constitution and its modern legal applications by our Supreme Court — the highest human law agency in the land.

Sure let's be concerned about violence against property, but let's be more concerned about violence against people and races of people. Isn't America a country "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

For instance:

1. In 1954 the Supreme Court ordered desegregation of the schools. Today, 14 years later, in a substantial geographic section of our Nation less than 4 per cent of schools are desegregated. 4 per cent in 14 years is rather a poor response to law.

2. Repeatedly our Congress has advocated and legislated for Fair Employment practices, yet the Negro unemployment rate is double the National rate. In the ghetto 1 out of 3 are unemployed—(who want to work and can't get it.) The median Negro family income is about 58 per cent of the Caucasian.

Some employes, some unions, and some politicians have a great deal to do with these conditions. The history of Fair Employment legislation is partially the history of how vested interests manage to get around the clear intent of existing laws.

3. Open Housing: Who will deny that violations of the Rumford Act and Congressional Fair Housing laws are not taking place. I know personally for I have been aware of local FEPC enforcement investigations.

Do we protest these violations of law?

Being a minister I especially wonder why more is not being said from the pulpits of our land. The church is supposed to be concerned about all conditions that affect people — bodies, minds, as well as souls. For a religious person this matter is especially important since the Bible clearly states that our relationship with God in this life and in the life to come greatly depends upon what we do and more important, fail to do on behalf of our fellowman (as individuals and as a group).

I cite the following Biblical passages: Isaiah 58: 6-12; 1st John 4; Luke 4: 16-19; Micah 6:4-8; Matt 25:31-46; James 2:3-26.

I also suggest that those concerned about understanding Law and Order read: National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorder, The Scientific American magazine (August 1968), Newsweek (November 20, 1967) and Crisis in Black & White by Silverman.

"Law and order," yes, provided we also mean Constitutional, Congressional, and Supreme Court Law for everyone regardless of position, race, or conditions.

REV. JAMES O. HULIN

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Scout Troop 77 Parents' Club is having a garage rummage sale of Saturday, Nov. 9, at 919 Edwards Circle. You can reach the sale site by going east on Tennessee Street over the overpass, one block beyond Lassen Street, turn to the right.

The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the proceeds will go towards buying better camping equipment.

Persons desirous of donating furniture, dishes, clothing or what have you may have the items picked up by calling Mrs. Gravelle, 644-6316, or Mrs. Madsen after 6 p.m., 643-4194

Your patronage and donations will be much appreciated.

MRS. NORMA ATON  
Parents' Club President

a possibly public and free institution of the community. I can't help but come to the conclusion that the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution would never have passed, had its passage depended upon this group, since as the mayor indicated in her public letter to me, their goal justified their means! I am no longer worried about them; they have chosen to make common their means with those of totalitarian groups down through the centuries, namely intimidation and brute power. They shall have their reward when the monster they have unleashed turns upon them.

I am concerned for you, the citizens of Vallejo, who must suffer the penalty imposed by those who no longer believe in a free society. Obscenity is a clever charge; it can be used to cover a host of issues. It can even be used by a mayor, who saw her vetoes of a new library building overridden by council and library board, to now win her battle against the library board and librarian by destroying public confidence in that institution and its employes. But it still affects you, most of all. When your public officials no longer believe in your freedom to read, or believe that they must interpret what you can or cannot read for you, you are no longer free. You are no difference than the Czechoslovakian, who found that his library was the first target of the Russian army, when totalitarian dictatorship was re-established over Czechoslovakia. As I mentioned before, opponents of Christianity claimed the Bible contained obscene passages to keep it from being read in Nazi Germany. Its tragic that the members of the mayor's committee, who were so horrified by that statement, still believe in the kind of censorship that made it possible!

What kind of a city do you want to live in? Do you want to be free to make your own decisions about your beliefs, or would you rather have an official or non-official group make those decisions for you? Would you like to educate your own children about what is good and what is not good, or would you rather leave that to someone else? There are people who will make all those decisions for you, as well as many more—if you let them. Do you really want them directing your life?

GERALD C. HAMMON, Minister  
First Christian Church

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

When I was a child my parents were responsible for me and interested in what I said and did. They taught me that dirty language was useless and stupid and they helped me to learn to enjoy good literature. When my wife and I became parents we believed that we were responsible for our children and we were interested in what they said and did. Before they were old enough to read we took them to the children's section of the public library and let them pick out books that looked interesting to them and we read to them. When they were able to read they got books to read themselves, and eventually for book reports for school. One of our daughters is now in high school, and one in junior high. They don't use dirty language because they believe it is useless and stupid. I am sure they have heard he worst of it on the school ground because there are parents who don't take an interest in what their children say or do and others who in effect teach dirty language to their children by their own use of it in the home.

If you hear children using dirty language, don't blame a book or the city librarian, put the blame where it belongs, with those who should be responsible for the bringing up of the child: the parents.

KENNETH D. DUGAN

By seeing control of courses and instruction contact, the students (who come to learn) are saying "We know what is required to become doctors, lawyers, accountants and business executives better than the organization, faculty or professors regardless of their training." They also are saying "We have a right to break the law, trespass and destroy property with impunity, even though by so doing, we trample on the rights of others."

Who suffers if the university is closed? (1) Many sincere students who went there to obtain an accredited degree and who have expended personal funds which they cannot now recover.

(2) The earnest members of the faculty who are not involved in stirring up discord and revolt. Their tenure may be at stake.

(3) The public who has long since come to where the extremists on the left are bound on a course of rule or destroy.

Unless you, the public, make your voice heard the once famous University of California at Berkeley is probably doomed.

Write to the Regents, express your feelings.

HERBERT FULLER

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

In regard to the letter signed "Against Food Destroyers," I suggest that the writer go to the library and read "The Ground Is Our Table" by Steve Allen.

No, there isn't any basis for depriving anyone of food; that is exactly why the grape-pickers are striking. They are tired of not being able to support their families on the meager salaries reaped from a back-breaking day's work. They are tired of the bad working conditions. Yet, they aren't trained for any other skill, so they just can't quit.

The problem is much larger than one sees at a glance. Open your eyes to the facts of the Delano Grape Strike and re-evaluate your position, as I did.

A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

The Continental Boys Club and the Friendship Baptist Church Youth Group sponsored a bicycle wheel stand contest recently. In order to be effective, the contest required the use of four blocks of Shasta Street. Sergeant Stall of the Police Department was very helpful in making this event a success, and we would like to thank him and the Reserve Police Officers who made it safe for the boys by blocking the streets for the duration of the contest.

WARREN JOHNSON,  
JAMES SWINDLE,  
PHILMORE GRAHAM,  
Directors Continental Boys Club and  
Friendship Baptist Church Youth Group.

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A good public school system is a thing to be treasured and protected. A community has no asset of greater importance to its health, welfare and economic worth.

The Martinez schools need additional funding now in order to remain strong and healthy. Additional facilities are vitally needed to accommodate the students now enrolled and to provide for inevitable future growth. A "yes" vote on the local school bond issue appearing on the November 5 ballot will make these facilities possible.

Every responsible citizen of Martinez should consider a "yes" vote on this issue his privilege and responsibility.

WARTRINE S. HARRIS  
(Mrs. John R.)

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

With hills once more afire with beauty, we realize again, our Father, how lovely our world might be if only we could bring our spirits into tune with Thy goodness. May we look again upon Him Who promised to make a new world if we would join Him in His task. Help us, then, in the strength of Thy Spirit, to join with Him. In His name we make our prayer. Amen.

—Lon Woodrum, Hastings, Mich.,  
United Methodist (EUB) Church.

## EDITORIALS

## Local Boy Makes Good

Last week's hectic general election undoubtedly evoked many mixed emotions (depending on how you voted); but for a former Vallejoan and his host of friends and associates here, the outcome promises to provide a happy circumstance.

For Assemblyman Robert T. Monagan, Tracy Republican, the election well may mark a turning point in his already illustrious political career. With the Republicans holding a 41-39 majority in the Assembly as a result of the election, Monagan, who has served his party well as minority floor leader, is expected to become Assembly Speaker when the Legislature reorganizes in January.

It is an honor he well deserves. No one is better qualified to hold the post which he is almost certain to be offered now that the GOP has won control of the Lower House.

Assemblyman Monagan came to Vallejo with his parents at an early age and attended school here. He was active in student activities in high school and became widely known in the community. His inclinations naturally leaned toward a political career and, after moving to Tracy, he served as a city councilman from 1958 to 1960 and as mayor in 1960.

Since his election to the Assembly eight years ago, Monagan has become an aggressive, young legislator who has found his place in government. Named minority floor leader in the Assembly in January, 1965, he attained this important and responsible post by his ability and interest in government, people and his party.

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...Thanks for giving the readers an opportunity to express themselves via the paper.  
...I commend the increasing number of religious leaders (ministers) of our community that are taking their time and money to get involved with the crisis in our city. They are present at an assortment of functions, tense situations, writing in this column, etc. They are courageous and forcing men to face up to the evils of our society. This is Christian obedience to stand your ground and I am sure they take some knocks for doing so. We need more like you. Laymen look to you for directions. One day you will hear "Well done good and faithful servant." By their fruits ye shall know them. Action counts, not excuses.

W. L. H.

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

After touring the length and breadth of England, visiting Scotland, the Orkney Islands, and Ireland, we are now about to settle down here within twenty minutes of London for the winter.

...We have thoroughly enjoyed our trip in our camper. We've not had any schedule or hotel reservations to worry about since we have our own "home away from home" with us at all times.

While the weather has been a bit damp at times, it has been no worse than the weather in the San Francisco Bay Area in the winter months.

We are keeping a daily log of our journeys would publish this in the Times-Herald so that our many friends in Vallejo may write to us at our new address if they so wish.

...This morning I called Robert Mott, a one time student in the Vallejo schools, having been at Franklin Jr. High School at the same time our daughter, Frances, was there. Mr. Mott is now London Editor for the Washington Post. We expect to see him from time to time during our stay here. We plan to leave for the Continent in April.

...We are keeping a daily log of our journeys and expenditures. We find that in traveling the way we do our expenses are not as much as staying home.

...We find the people delightful. They are most interested in our way of life and particularly our politics. You may rest assured that we are doing our utmost to blur the figure of the "ugly American". We have quickly made friends and thoroughly enjoy their hospitality.

...We plan to be gone from Vallejo for two years, reserving the right, of course, to return when nostalgia at last overcomes us.

Hoping this may find its way into your columns, I am your truly,

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

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HE HAD HIS CHANCE!

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have attended several board meetings and a PTA meeting at Springtowne Jr. High School where boundary changes have been discussed. There has been talk of taking some children who live east of Highway 40 and sending them to Franklin Jr. High and Vallejo Senior High Schools instead of allowing them to attend Springtowne Jr. High and Hogan Senior High. Whenever we (the people east of Highway 40) indicate we object to this there are always one or two in the audience who misinterpret our disfavor as meaning we object to our children going to school with a minority race, or that we consider these other schools as being not quite as good as our schools east of Highway 40. One man even got up at the Springtowne meeting and felt he had to defend his school by telling us his school was not "dirty".

I, as a parent east of Highway 40, want it clearly understood that if one or two people interpret my disfavor in this way they couldn't be further from the truth. So, for those people, here are my reasons for being concerned about boundary changes.

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Vallejo Public Library  
Board of Trustees

We support the stand you and our City Librarian, Homer Fletcher, have taken against the threat of censorship. If this wonderful country of ours is to continue to be the stronghold of freedom and democracy in this troubled world, no one group of citizens, no matter how altruistic their motives, can be allowed to decide what other citizens should or should not think, what they should or should not read. It is the responsibility of the library board and its professional staff to select the books for the library.

Our public library, as a center of the intellectual life of our community, must remain free of any pressures to represent one set of ideas or thoughts and exclude others. The library must always continue to make available to the public materials reflecting many points of view which will allow the users of the library to inform themselves and make up their own minds on the issues of the day.

As the parents of four children we are concerned that they have available to them in the public library a wide spectrum of ideas to

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Citizens of Vallejo:

The Vallejo Beautification Advisory Commission is asking for your cooperation and assistance in the interest of making our City a better place to make our homes, raise our children and to retire in.

Our City Council has just recently passed on the "Abandoned Auto Ordinance". The Beautification Advisory Commission has supported and worked for this ordinance a long time. This legislation calls for the removal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or in-operative vehicles from private or public property. I think our City Council should be commended for their foresight in adopting this ordinance. It will become operative on November 7, 1968. But starting this week, there is going to be a 60 day period of FREE removal of these vehicles available to Vallejoans. A tow service has agreed to perform this removal service FREE of charge. We hope that everyone that has one of these unsightly vehicles on their property will take advantage of this free service. Please call 643-1311, Ext. 275 giving the location and license number whenever possible and it will be removed for you. This same procedure also applies if you know of some of these unsightly vehicles in your neighborhood and would like to help rid our City of this blight, no questions will be asked or names used.

After the 60 days the ordinance will be enforced and the property owner or the owner of the vehicle will pay the tow away service, so we are asking you to please help us, yourself and the city by taking advantage of this offer.

On another matter, our Street Maintenance Department has recently published a schedule of the route the street sweepers will be working the next months. We of the Beautification Commission are respectfully requesting everyone check the schedule for when the sweeper will be in your neighborhood and cooperate with the maintenance department by parking your autos off the street. This way all the gutters can be cleaned, when the operator has to weave in and out of parked cars our tax money is being wasted and the litter remains on the street. We have an ordinance that prohibits autos being parked on our city streets for over 72 hours. If any of you know of one of the violations please report it by calling the above telephone number. So fellow citizens let's all work together to clean up our town — so when we say "I live in Vallejo" we can be proud of it.

MRS. DOROTHY LUNDIN

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I thought the controversy between the mayor and the library board had died a natural death.

I wonder what the mayor and her committee for decency are trying to prove.

I also wonder if the mayor and her committee have a Holy Bible in their home. I am sure most homes have a Bible which is available for grown-ups as well as teenagers.

I don't find anything more objectionable with the book "Hippie Papers" than I do with the Bible. What I am trying to say is, if (Hippie Papers) is an obscene book then the

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## A Most Happy Windfall

Most wage earners by this time are enjoying the happy experience of finding slightly larger salary checks in their pay envelopes.

They are employees who have reached the end of the road this year in weekly deductions of Social Security taxes from their pay checks. They have made maximum contributions of \$343 on wages of \$7,800.

In recent years, it has taken a bit longer for persons to reach this level. Many used to count on reaching that point earlier in the summer and having additional take-home pay for vacation purposes. But as maximum taxable earnings have increased—and with them the percentages of tax rates—the terminal point has been pushed back to early fall.

Next year it will come even later for many. Tax rates will go up on Jan. 1. The maximum earnings taxable, which this year went up to \$7,800 from the previous high of \$6,600, will remain at \$7,800 in 1969, but the tax rate will climb from this year's 4.4 per cent to 4.8 per cent.

As a result, the maximum taxes to be paid by workers in 1969 and 1970 will be \$374.40 or \$31.20 more than this year's total tax deduction of \$343.20. Employers also will be hit and must match the amounts contributed.

That's not exactly a happy prospect. But rather than bemoan our losses before they occur, it might be better to rejoice our gains while we can. A few extra dollars in pocket money is an experience few of us enjoy often enough, so let's relish the opportunity while we can.

It is certain we will require no advice on how to use this extra "dough." Some may plan to save an amount equivalent to the previous weekly Social Security deductions. Others may use the extra income to "clean up" installment payments faster than anticipated. Still others may earmark the erstwhile deduction for Christmas shopping.

Whatever the countless uses to which the additional money will be diverted, one can be sure this far from original saying will hold true: "There's a place for every dollar."

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There must be many men with woodworking ability and time to spare who would be happy to donate three or more hours a week to helping young retarded adults learn a useful skill. We have some lumber, tools and machines and no one to work with these young people. Also needed are handyman to repair lawn mowers, electric plugs, etc. If you can fill this need please call Mr. Allison or Mrs. Derryberry 644-7456 Solano Council for Retarded Children and Adults, 380 Contra Costa St., Vallejo.

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

No longer does VIETNAM take up newspaper space as in the past but the conflict rages on and our men are still there — fighting that we can continue to have our freedoms. Fighting that our children and grandchildren will not have to live in a world shackled by power that considers not the individual's liberties and desires.

How these men would appreciate being at home, right now, with their families and friends. Instead they must fight on. If they are lucky they have a bed at night but hundreds have only tents. They brave the intense heat, the rain, mud and slush, the rough terrain. Fatigue is no longer only a word but a reality. Add to this the roar of planes, explosion of bombs, the crack of rifles and SILENCE — that deadly silence when no one knows what to expect next. The wounded lay suffering at the mercy of those who will lend a helping hand and the fate of the captured only God can understand.

Many already have fought and died and others yet will give their lives. And, for whom are they fighting and giving so much?

Here at home are riots, strikes, hatreds, prejudices, murders. Men, women, young people — colored and white — rioting, screaming, jeering in the streets — fighting against one another.

What a picture for our enemies! We don't need any outside enemy to destroy us — the enemies are already within the camp — we are divided against ourselves. Unless there is a change we will shatter one another's hopes, aims and goals. The Bible states "a house divided against itself cannot stand". It is true within the confines of our individual homes, but likewise can apply to a city, county, state and nation.

"What can I do?" we ask. We can start right where we are. Vote in the elections for the men we believe best qualified for the job and join our fellow Americans in defending the heritage of our land. Support our city and county officials and give them the best that we have, by way of assistance. Someone has said "the smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention".

MRS. M. D. (FAY) DULA

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

This letter is in regards to our poor taxi service which is not the fault of the drivers.

It seems the dispatcher can't be bothered with the calls coming in that should be passed on to a driver. One phones for a cab from a downtown supermarket and then waits forever for service while there are four to six cabs sitting at the bus depot.

I see this happening most every day. Let's hope this wakes this dispatcher up.

A TIRE AND DISGUSTED CAB RIDER

Highway 40) indicate we object to this there are always one or two in the audience who misinterpret our disfavor as meaning we object to our children going to school with a minority race, or that we consider these other schools as being not quite as good as our schools east of Highway 40. One man even got up at the Springstowne meeting and felt he had to defend his school by telling us his school was not "dirty".

I, as a parent east of Highway 40, want it clearly understood that if one or two people interpret my disfavor in this way they couldn't be further from the truth. So, for those people, here are my reasons for being concerned about boundary changes.

1—My children's roots are in their neighborhood schools.

2—Where are we going to get the money for this if we can't even afford to hire the teachers we need.

3—Some of us bought our homes in this district so that our children could attend these schools. If we had wanted them to go to these other schools, we would have bought in other neighborhoods.

So, to all you misinformed people I say, let's stop trying to cloud the real issue.

Signed, A Parent

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Interested Parent Through the Courtesy of The Editor for the Opinions of the People, Times-Herald Newspaper, Vallejo California:

You ask WHY the residents of an All American City are so often offered ADULTS ONLY motion pictures for entertainment. The answer is simple. THE PUBLIC PAYS ITS MONEY TO SEE THEM. When that same public decides it will no longer support this brand of motion picture offered under the guise of realism, and WITHHOLDS its money at the BOX OFFICE, the producer will find other material with which to work.

The fact that the theater is located in an all American city has nothing to do with it. The local theater manager is trying to pay his rent and taxes no matter where he is. The only contract that he is able to get calls for a package deal with no substitutions. This comes to him without choice. He tries to get pictures from a company with a reputation for box office hits. In the past this was sound reasoning. BOX OFFICE HITS meant well done pictures that would pay rent and taxes.

The distributor, too, wants to make money to pay his rent and taxes. His choice of material and reasoning is like that of the local theater owner. He tries to get the best releases he can so the public will pay their money at the BOX OFFICE.

When it gets to the producer he is also anxious to pay salaries, rent and taxes. There are fads in motion pictures just as with everything else. Fads do not stop by themselves, they stop having appeal money-wise and as they die out.

There was the time of the slapstick comedy, the western, the gangster, the war picture . . . and now we have obnoxious material which is known as realism.

If the public WITHHOLDS its patronage the producers will feel it at the BOX OFFICE. They will then try something different in order to boost the BOX OFFICE, because these producers MUST make money in order to continue to pay their salaries, rent and taxes.

It is not the CITY or the area of the country, it is YOU, ALL OF YOU, who pay your money at the BOX OFFICE, who determine WHAT you will spend your money to see. YOU are the only one who CAN change things.

MCS

P.S. The above facts were painfully collected while I worked as a District PTA Motion Picture Chairman.

allowed to decide what other citizens should or should not think, what they should or should not read. It is the responsibility of the library board and its professional staff to select the books for the library.

Our public library, as a center of the intellectual life of our community, must remain free of any pressures to represent one set of ideas or thoughts and exclude others. The library must always continue to make available to the public materials reflecting many points of view which will allow the users of the library to inform themselves and make up their own minds on the issues of the day.

As the parents of four children we are concerned that they have available to them in the public library a wide spectrum of ideas to help them become intelligent, thinking adults.

As long as taxpayers support a public library, there should be material available in this public library which appeals to all segments of the community. We all know that no one is compelled to read material which does not appeal to them or offends them.

We believe it is vital that the freedom of ideas be preserved in this country. If some parents feel they do not wish their young people to find out about life around them or to know of various ideas, then it is the responsibility of the parents to control and supervise them.

You have our firm support for the stand you have taken.

MR. and MRS. DAVID ZEFF

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To the Reverends James Hulin and Gerald Hammon: I wish to express my thanks for your fine, thought provoking articles in the "Opinions of the People" on Monday, November 4. It is good to hear the other side of the story. Rev. Hulin, I hope the people of Vallejo, especially those who are of the Christian Household of Faith, have read your article and have become determined to do something about the conditions you describe. Please write more on this subject whenever you find time.

Reverend Hammon, it is a well known fact that the people of Vallejo are "blind" and "dumb" in all senses of the words. They are not likely to listen to you, a prophet crying out in the wilderness. Imagine the people of Vallejo, the present mayor included, tolerating that notorious strip, "the lower Georgia redlight district," for 40 or 50 years without a peep from anyone of them. Thank you Kenneth Dick, for your part in ridding Vallejo of that rotten blight. I wish there was someone like you around to run for mayor, we could sure use a change! Is there a man in all the city of Vallejo who has the courage to run? How about you Councilman Brown? You sound and act like a good guy!

Best wishes and much success to you Reverend Hammon as you begin a new ministry in a new place. We shall miss your quiet courage and your Christian example in our midst. By the way, did you leave that "devil" in Vallejo to inspire some of our more timid ministers. I hope so, because we sure have some prize "sticks-in-the-mud."

CITIZEN OF VALLEJO

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Thank you for the space in the paper and also for the many donations of used clothing, furniture, dishes and other items which enable us to operate our Thrift Store for retarded children and adults in the community.

You may call 642-2017 after 5 p.m. for pickup service or leave donations at our store which is located at 725 Marin St.

At the present time, we have a hospital bed, complete with rails, which is in very good condition. Anyone in need of one would get an excellent buy.

Thank You,  
THRIFT STORE CHAIRMAN

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I thought the controversy between the mayor and the library board had died a natural death.

I wonder what the mayor and her committee for decency are trying to prove.

I also wonder if the mayor and her committee have a Holy Bible in their home. I am sure most homes have a Bible which is available for grown-ups as well as teenagers.

I don't find anything more objectionable with the book "Hippie Papers" than I do with the Bible. What I am trying to say is, if "Hippie Papers" is an obscene book then the mayor should read the Bible. If the book is ruled obscene then neither should be accessible to our young people.

During all the talk, pro and con, on "Hippie Papers," I haven't heard anyone from the school board or our school teachers condemn the book. Amen.

P. A. Ventimiglia

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Concerning the recent letter to the editor from Mr. William H. Schuleter, I would like to say, "Bravo!"

For the past few weeks I have been reading with concern the articles which pertain to the Mayor's "decency" committee and the library's "obscene" literature. I would venture to say that 80 to 90 per cent of the letters written were in favor of the Mayor's actions.

Finally, I am happy to say, someone (Mr. Schuleter) questioned the Mayor's morals rather than having his, once more, denounced as being disgusting and repulsive. Well, I can only think, "It's about time!"

Where are all the people of Vallejo who don't want their literature screened, their minds and eyes closed to "certain areas," or their morals to be dictated?

Curiously enough, Mr. Schuleter brought up a few points I was thinking myself—should we rid our shelves of Voltaire, who happens to be one of the most celebrated writers of all times, as well as an atheist? And how about Henry Miller? I suppose if Italy sent us Michelangelo's "Statue of David" we would clothe him!

Once again, Mr. Schuleter, thank you for defending what you and many others believe in. I hope to read many more thoughts like ours' in the future.

A SOLANO COLLEGE STUDENT  
Vallejo

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to agree with the letter from the interested parent.

It certainly is time the owners of our movie establishments, and that being only one walk-in theater, in a town of this size, should take a better look at the type of movies they are expecting our children to grow up with.

They could at least run a Saturday matinee for the younger set of Vallejo with some good old-fashioned cartoons and fun movies. Then the children would have somewhere to go.

My own children haven't even been to the movies since I took them to Sun Valley to see a Walt Disney production. And it's a crying shame I have to take them out of town to see a decent movie.

Being raised in Vallejo myself, I used to attend Saturday matinees.

Maybe the owners are growing so old they can't remember what they enjoyed when they were young.

I know it can be done.

ANOTHER INTERESTED PARENT

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Dear God, we would honor Thee this day in all that we are and do and say. Give us strength from above to deal with the burdens and concerns of life. Keep us from any unworthy compromise with evil. May our love of Thee purify our lips, guide our steps, and set a song in our hearts. Give us a glimpse of the divine Presence in a troubled world. Make of us messengers of hope, carriers of goodness, and workers for peace. May we find in Thee the faith to overcome; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Charles M. Crowe, Wilmette, Ill., minister emeritus, Wilmette Parish Methodist Church.

**EDITORIALS**

**A Bitter Disappointment**

State Public Works Director James A. Moe has recommended that 433 miles of California highways be improved at an estimated cost of \$1 billion for inclusion in the national system of interstate and defense highways.

It is disappointing to note that of the nine California projects listed for consideration by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, the Sears Point Road program is not included.

The omission is particularly disturbing because the Sears Point Road project not only meets all the basic federal requirements but also had been designated a priority job at the state level.

Sears Point Road too long has been a "death trap" for motorists traveling its tortuous curves and narrow roadway. That this condition has been permitted to remain when the highway is the only transportation route linking Vallejo, Mare Island Naval Shipyard and Interstate 80 with the Redwood Highway and other North Bay points is inconsistent with sound highway planning.

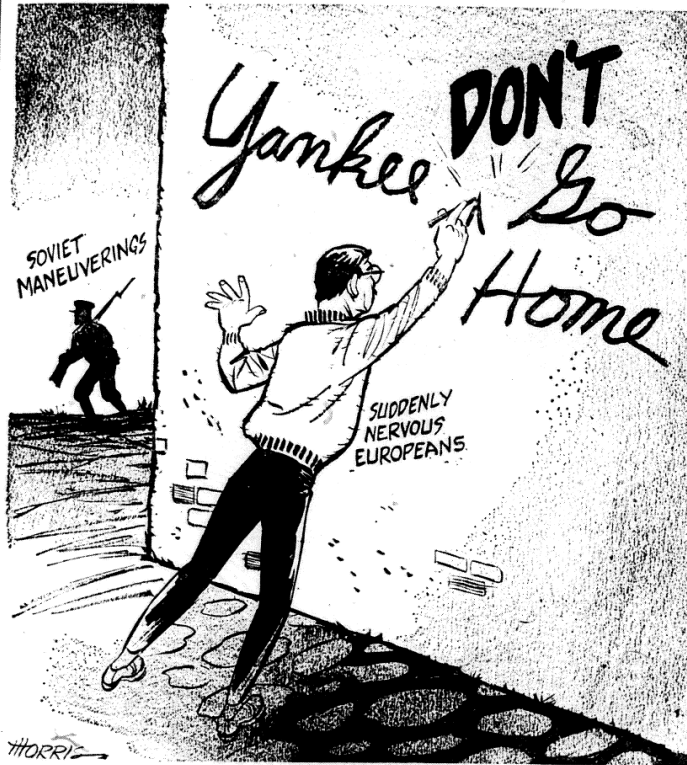
Lack of funds has been cited as a primary reason for delaying the Sears Point Road project. But now that the time is approaching for the allocation of federal funds for highway improvements essential to national defense and industry as well as of importance to the integration of the national highway system, it would appear Sears Point Road most certainly qualifies for federal aid both in terms of priority and need.

Whatever persuasions prompted the State Department of Public Works to omit the Sears Point Road job from its list of recommendations to the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, two basic considerations were overruled or ignored:

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**WORDS TO LIVE BY!**

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**FACTS ON FILTH:**

"None are so blind as those who will not see" is a very appropriate quotation concerning our struggle to have a filthy book taken from the young people's section of our library.

The Mayor's Committee for Decency in Vallejo is to be commended for the very fine manner in which our presentation was made to the Library Trustees.

The meeting called by the Library Trustees on Nov. 7 in the Council Chambers of the City Hall was what is commonly known as a "stacked meeting." This is when people have weak arguments and they bolster up what little they have to say with other people from outside areas speaking on any old subject to take up the time to prevent others from speaking who may have some thoughts opposed to theirs. This is an old trick.

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Have our boys died in vain? It seemed that way on Nov. 11.

What was the matter with all the Veterans organizations in this All-American city that we had no memorial services for our boys who gave their lives so that we could live in peace.

Mrs. Paul Minasian and her group should be given a lot of praise for going to the war front and holding services.

Even M.I. gave no salute at 12 o'clock noon.

A WW II VETERAN

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**Dear Citizens of Vallejo:**

The people of Vallejo have just lost a great lady—and I have lost a dear friend. Her name is Mrs. Agnes Shreve. Mrs. Shreve taught in Vallejo Schools for many years; and I can say I was fortunate to have been one of her students. Many of you many not have known Mrs. Shreve; but I know her former pupils and teaching colleagues remember her for the cheerfulness and kindness she showed for everyone. Even during her illness, which was long and painful, she kept a smile.

Besides being a fine teacher, Mrs. Shreve was a devoted wife and mother. I can recall how proud she was of her husband, her three children, and grandchildren. I will deeply miss Mrs. Shreve.

A Former Student and Friend

P.S. I'm sure that any contribution to the American Cancer Society would be most appreciated.

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

As a once radical political activist, I can say that I clearly perceive the crisis here at San Francisco State College.

Public, take note: The vast majority of students at San Francisco State College does not support the disruptions that have been taking place on campus; most of us are serious about our vocations, about obtaining the instrumental knowledge we need to fill the needs of the best society the world has ever known.

I warn you: Do not cut back further on college funds. The tightened grip on higher education finances has intensely aggravated the environment here. The lack of proper facilities is striking!

In my own department, our faculty personnel manager cannot obtain enough funds to have imperative secretarial work done; this sets off a chain reaction of insufficiency and disorganization throughout the department. Class schedules are arranged like a Chinese puzzle with too many parts. Our faculty is much overworked; this results in the resignation of some of the modern world's finest psychologists.

Other departments have worse problems. This is just part of it.

At the basis of all that is happening here and at UC is our dismay arising from your ignorance of this fact: Number one on the list of absolute necessities of modern America is increased education.

(Next time you get sick, remember where your doctor got his education. This principle applies to all levels of your life. I have much to say about the need for education—more.)

HAMLET

Department of Psychology  
San Francisco State College

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At the Library Board meeting I saw the pendulum swing to its other extreme.

As a boy, I saw Sunday Blue Laws keep stores and movies closed — and even outlaw checks written on Sunday; saw laws making it a misdemeanor for a young boy and girl hug and kiss in public; saw all books on the bookstore shelves (and Public Library) carefully screened to prevent the harsh and rough side of life to be seen.

Then America (and Vallejo) reached the point of a sort of balance, where, so long as a book stayed within some sort of bounds, the rougher side of life would be allowed to be exposed — but those bounds were tenuous, ethereal, yet there was a sort of "understanding" as to how far to go, and where that "Line" was crossed.

Tonight, the mayor's committee, and many citizens of Vallejo attended the Library Board's meeting to bring to their direct attention the fact that, with library funds so difficult to obtain; with the great desire to upgrade the cultural atmosphere in Vallejo, it was felt that by purchases of the type of books represented by the Hippie Papers, which the board admitted it had not read until they were confronted with the problem in the Vallejo Times-Herald.

When these views were expressed by the various speakers, there were representatives of San Francisco, Richmond, Oakland and Berkeley "Friends of the Library" groups present in a considerable number — at least two of whom spoke. And their voices were loudly raised in cries of warning — "This is Censorship!" "Let it loose and it will destroy your city's freedom." Now it is the producers of the books (he addressed the meeting) who screams "Don't let the bigots loose on me — don't let them censor my books."

Is it censorship to ask the board to reconsider? Or to ask them to reserve it for "researchers" who it was said "might want this book?" No one asked that it not be published — or sold in Vallejo. We merely asked that our tax money not be spent on this book, or the area it represents — that those who want their children to be "exposed" can buy this book from the downtown bookstore and thus expose them. I venture to say that if any of those parents who expressed this feeling were to be asked if they would deliberately purchase such a book for their home library, they wouldn't hesitate to say no.

Yet tonight — the forces producing and keeping this type of book on the library shelves descended on Vallejo "to stop the bigots" of Vallejo, and "save the library."

Why couldn't Vallejo talk this out alone without outsiders telling us what we can and cannot do?

HERBERT FULLER

222 Cabrillo Ave.

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

I would like to address this letter to Mayor Douglas and her supporters about their censoring campaign and their views on The Hippie Papers. How can you say that the money of taxpayers is being wasted on "dirty" books like The Hippie Papers? I believe it is essential to see both sides of every story, whether you agree with them or not — otherwise you are practicing bigotry. The public library should be a place open to

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We believe our State Senator and Assemblyman have an obligation to determine why—in the face of compelling reasons to the contrary—the Sears Point Road project was not included in the state's recommendations and to use their influence in correcting the omission.

## A Sad State Of Affairs

Last week's disturbing events at San Francisco State College whereby a minority of rebellious students, with some faculty support, not only challenged authority but closed down the school is a travesty on the principle of responsible leadership for the common good.

It is inconceivable that a relatively small group of dissident students can, by terrorism and acts of rebellion, deprive 18,000 other students of their right to an education.

It is even more reprehensible that a segment of the faculty openly will defy an administrative decision involving the suspension of one of their colleagues and thus increase dissent on an already troubled campus by flagrantly questioning authority.

We must agree with Gov. Ronald Reagan and Speaker Jesse Unruh that the school administration's action in closing classes constituted an abandonment of its vested leadership at the expense of the vast majority of students intent on receiving an education and as such represented an act of irresponsibility.

No society long can tolerate repeated interruptions in the education of those who will be the citizens of tomorrow. Today's students need all the training and education they can get to meet the growing complexities and technical advances they will be expected to cope with in the future.

Surrender to anarchy, violence and insubordination is not the answer. If confrontation and firm action is needed—so be it.

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The meeting was only an idle gesture, as Mr. Homer Fletcher read a statement at the beginning of the meeting that outlined their adamant position to put this filth in the hands of our children.

I am proud of the restraint exercised by the citizens who appeared against the filthy book in view of the type meeting it was.

I feel that we must proceed by all means available to us to see that our tax money does not support underground printers who are aided and abetted by our Library Trustees, so called!

Legislation must be pursued through our California Legislature and Governor Reagan so that cities can pass Ordinances as some cities in the United States have done. Also, we must press for Federal Legislation to offset pornographic books being bought with public money.

In April, 1969, there will be an election of Freeholders to write a new City Charter. When this is done the Library can be put under City control and the citizens will have a voice as to how the Library money is expended. We must end autocratic Agencies.

This Library Board is another of the separate entities we must consolidate under City government. These groups become autocratic when given too much power.

The recent meeting on the filthy book matter is a good example of a power structure in operation against the wishes of the citizens who pay the bill.

All we have asked is that a filthy book not be purchased with taxpayers' money and not be available to our young people!

The "red herring" of the Freedom to Read Committee was raised to becloud the issue.

Either the Library President, Mrs. Mary Joseph and the Librarian, Homer Fletcher are too confused along with their other cohorts to understand the desire of the Mayor's Committee for Decency to encourage some level of decency in Vallejo or they are in sympathy with the desires of filth peddlers to corrupt our youth.

To quote from some good literature "the Mills of the Gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine."

Right will triumph if we have only the courage to believe in God's teachings and to stand up for right, each and every one of us.

MAYOR FLORENCE E. DOUGLAS

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The Curriculum and Organization Subcommittee of the Citizens' Masterplan Committee recommended the following in reference to the Family Life Program:

"To guide and promote the individual through a grade by grade program to enable him to keep mind and body clean. To direct him in pursuing normal relationships with every individual encountered by him.

"This program should encompass a course for each grade and include family life, hygiene, human relations, anatomy, sex education, the dangers of addictive drugs and household poisons and cigarettes. It should foster early in life the importance of knowledge of his body and its cleanliness. To make pre and primary graders aware of the poisons at home, such as bleach ammonia and insecticides; pointing out the danger of glue and drug use. Why he should respect others, their feelings and aspirations. To remove the stigma of vulgarity from intelligent sex discussion and why indiscriminate sex can be harmful by leading to venereal disease. We want such a program in our school curriculum."

I have included all of the recommendations because the sex education aim is but one integral part of this program. This program received its impetus from the urgings of concerned parents in our school district. I maintain the attitude that giving our children an awareness of the functions of their body will do much to end our dilemma and the maleficence its ignorance creates. I further maintain that the dreadfully misplaced embarrassment we parents have in discussing sex with our children is a most potent force in the crippling of relationships (we and) our children are involved in.

This I firmly believe is a vital answer to the mayor's remark. An answer so sorely needed. Education, not the darkness of ignorance and censorship which has brought us this problem, is the answer.

MATTHEW SILVERMAN  
Vallejo

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am with the Mayor and her committee on decency. We property taxpayers are the people that finance the library and its personnel.

When the Board of Trustees starts going over the heads of most people and buys trash that most of us are against, then they are not acting fairly.

The library has been built against the taxpayers' wishes and I am sorry to see that it should buy such material as "The Hippie Papers" and others.

I have always thought the library was for use in education and not for what young people don't need and have other ways of learning.

It is too bad that some people don't know the Holy Bible. Our Mayor has tried to do her job right, and keep our city clean, without help.

Thank you.  
A TAXPAYER

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San Francisco State College

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A quotation from Will Durant puts it brilliantly. He said, "Have we too much freedom? Have we so long ridiculed authority in the family, discipline in education, rules in art, decency in conduct, and law in the state that our liberation has brought us close to chaos in the family and the school, in the morals, arts, ideas and government? We forgot to make ourselves intelligent when we made ourselves free."

I find myself wishing we had people in authority as intelligent as Mr. Durant. Before it is too late. Or is it already?

Respectively,  
A.M.S., Vallejo

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I feel very sad and at the same time extremely angry, for I have just returned home a few moments ago from the 11 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremonies held on the Vallejo Waterfront.

It seems incredible to me that a community of over 70,000 persons cannot turn out more than 35 people, half of them Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, for this memorial service. Within just a few blocks of where the ceremony was being held, hundreds of persons walked the city streets, for the most part oblivious to the meaning of November 11th.

Besides Dr. Dallas Evans; Lou Sanders; Supervisor-Elect Bob Scofield and his wife, Helen; the Minister who offered a touching prayer; parents of some of the children; and a handful of other adults, I saw no one. I offer my apologies to anyone I have inadvertently omitted.

The youngsters in uniform under the direction of their adult advisers in uniform under the direction of their adult advisers performed beautifully, and because they were young, one could feel the sincerity of their participation.

For so many of our fellow citizens to forget—and worse still, to be apathetic, is not only a sad commentary on our society, but a dangerous one as well. When we begin to lose basic loyalties; when we forget sacrifices made by others on our behalf; and when principles become diluted to the point of losing their meaning, then we are indeed in very great trouble.

As I was making my way back to my car after the ceremony, I saw two delightful middle-aged ladies also about to drive away. Although I did not know them, I could not help but give vent to my unhappiness with Vallejo's turnout for the Veterans Day Ceremonies.

Perhaps the best commentary on the situation was made by one of these ladies when she said:

"We know how you feel, sir. You see, we are Gold Star Mothers."

Sincerely,  
HARRY GRAY

Why couldn't Vallejo talk this out alone without outsiders telling us what we can and cannot do?

HERBERT FULLER  
222 Cabrillo Ave.

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to address this letter to Mayor Douglas and her supporters about their censoring campaign and their views on The Hippie Papers. How can you say that the money of taxpayers is being wasted on "dirty" books like The Hippie Papers? I believe it is essential to see both sides of every story, whether you agree with them or not—otherwise you are practicing bigotry. The public library should be a place open to all beliefs, inspirations, and impressions.

You talk about the "dirty" words and phrases that it contains. Well, you have books with words and phrases similar to those in The Hippie Papers on the lost of classics. Do you plan on going down the line and censoring every book that is unfavorable to you?

You talk about these books corrupting the minds of young people. Well, I have read The Hippie Papers and it did not corrupt my mind. I gained a better understanding of so many different ideas and sides of various issues. You cannot just push this vital segment of America in the closet and upon closing the door pretend that they don't exist. Only the complete understanding can solve differences.

The Hippie Papers is a means of communication. Everyone should read it and everyone should understand it.

I am, as a citizen deeply offended by your "book-burning" campaign. You are trying to deny me the rights—liberties—freedoms guaranteed me by the Constitution of the United States, namely Article One—the first amendment to the Constitution, freedom of the press.

Why are you trying to force your values and morals on others. Why not leave that up to the individual?

You are trying to deny me the RIGHT TO READ. I sincerely hope that you have considered all of these factors before you try to represent the people of Vallejo in this censoring campaign.

ELEANORA PORTER

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

At last! Here in Vallejo something for Vallejoans. We call it the Vallejo Creative Living Center. It is open to all people who have emotional problems. It is open to all people who want to protect good mental health.

We meet at the Community Presbyterian Church on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We have two discussion groups, one from 10 to 11 o'clock and one from 11 to 12 noon. At the same time, in another room, we have Creative Writing for all persons interested in this. We also have Arts and Crafts, Sewing, rug-hooking and games such as pool, ping-pong and cards. If you want to come just to play the games, this is all right.

Then at noon we have a hot lunch which can be purchased for 35 cents. After lunch we have our business meetings, at 1:15 we have Psycho-Drama. There is something here to interest anyone.

So if you have emotional problems of any sort and wish to make friends with other people who care, come to the church on Mondays. The address is 2800 Georgia Street. For more information call me at 648-1726 or Marcia Soffer at Community Services Division, 642-8468.

LOIS MARTINSON  
624 Russell

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Creator and Benefactor of mankind, Whose beauty and blessings are more than we can number, we have found Thee to be good to all. May our thankfulness be expressed in our ministry to others and our concern for their welfare, though we stand accused and condemned by the ghetto, the poverty stricken, the inequalities and prejudices of mankind, and the wars that plague the earth. True thanksgiving can come as these become our concern, our heartbreak. Our prayer is in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Harry C. White, Rock Hill, S. C., minister, Rogers Memorial ARP Church

## EDITORIALS

## Peace Hopes Rekindled

Recent news dispatches indicate the South Vietnamese soon may be ready to end their prolonged boycott of the Paris peace talks and enter meaningful negotiations with the United States, Hanoi and the Viet Cong to bring to an end this costly war.

But whatever role Saigon demands as a condition for participating in peace deliberations, the South Vietnamese must realize they cannot go it alone or join the discussions obstinately to do so would permit a repeat of what happened in Korea.

South Koreans were reluctant partners in the armistice talks that began July 10, 1951, and were not concluded until July 27, 1953, after 575 meetings. Americans cannot forget that some of the most bitter fighting of the Korean War took place during the long and frustrating negotiations and when they ended, no South Korean representative was present at the armistice signing.

Even now, more than 15 years later, true peace has not come in Korea. American soldiers maintain an uneasy truce there and frequently die in patrol ambushes.

The American position that the Viet Cong constitute part of the Hanoi delegation to the peace talks and that South Vietnam be part of the U.S. negotiating team seems a reasonable approach to getting the conference under way. At least the four principals in the conflict thus would be represented and certainly each has an interest in reducing the level of fighting as well as the political questions involved which brought America into the war in the first place.

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## Opinions Of The People

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## HIGH WIRE ACT

## NOTICE

Letters submitted to the Opinions of the People page have, in many instances, exceeded the 200-word limit set for such letters. Editors of this page probably have been remiss in not insisting earlier that the length be observed.

From now on, contributors are asked to please limit the length of their letters to the 200 words as prescribed in the rules for publication at the top of this page. Letters on hand and still unpublished will be published as soon as possible.

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With respect to the sermon of the Reverend Robert B. Watts, published 11 November in the Times-Herald, I would like to make three observations.

In the first place, Father Watts in no way represents the general, or even the majority, of Episcopal clerical opinion. I think that this ought to be made a matter of public record.

In the second place, Father Watts is guilty of an extremely critical fault: he has implied the identity of Americanism and Christianity. No Catholic theologian can tolerate the confusion of Church and State, Church and culture. That they may converge momentarily in seeking ~~mediate~~ common ends is true. That they are the same will always be false. The Church by its very nature is always a living judgment on the age in which it lives, insofar as she is true to her Lord. I do not criticize Father Watts, in principle, for speaking to the perils of particular ideologies. He is most severely to be faulted, however, for the im-

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The Mayor's "Facts on Fifth" in Opinion of paragraph by paragraph answer:

1. The November 7 meeting of the Library Board was not a "stacked meeting" as charged. On the contrary, notices were sent to the Mayor's committee by the chairman, and the meeting was arranged for their convenience. The mayor's committee was outnumbered as a result of undue publicity in the press, radio and television. This attracted attendance from outside Vallejo. None were "imported" as charged.

2. Proponents and opponents were given as much time to speak as desired. The Mayor herself spoke three times. The tape recording is available to all.

3. The Mayor implies that the "Freedom to Read" group is composed of the "sellers and buyers" of books. The speakers in favor of freedom to read are concerned citizens noteworthy as readers of books — not buyers or sellers. The majority of speakers were Vallejoans.

4. The claim is made that "the meeting was only an idle gesture" in view of Mr. Fletcher's opening statement. There was no statement of an "adamant position to put this filth in the hands of our children." Are only the Mayor and her committee qualified to determine what constitutes "filth"?

5. Even the U. S. Supreme Court is unable to define pornography, except for the "hard core" variety. The Hippie Papers is not hard core pornography.

6. The Mayor is "proud of the restraint exercised by the citizens who appeared against the filthy book." An open meeting was conducted. Even the reading of the controversial passage from the book, on which the Decency Committee insisted, was allowed. The Mayor is proud only of those who agree with her and condemn the rest for expressing other views in the best American town-meeting tradition.

The Mayor's committee read a few sentences from The Hippie Papers out of context, disregarding the remainder of the book. By this method, innumerable books could be removed from the library, including many classics.

7. The Hippie Papers is printed by a reputable publishing house, the New American Library, not by "underground printers."

8. The Vallejo Public Library is not an "autocratic agency" as charged. The precise purpose of the City Charter is to make the library directly responsive to the citizens. The Mayor refers to the so called "Library Trustees, whom she herself appointed. They have worked faithfully to fulfill their duties in the best public interest. There is no "power structure in operation against the wishes of citizens who pay the bill."

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to make some sarcastic remarks and some wise as specified, for OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE. Something has been gnawing at me for a long time, I would say over a period of years.

Why do mothers work? If they are mother's whatever happened to the ones that stayed at home to mind the kids and whatever? It became a chore to have these same working moms unload their brats on every organization I took active in.

If they had to work to get away from them why do they insist on unloading them on us who have large families to take care of ourselves?

One always can invent excuses but God gave us these responsibilities no matter what the excuse! Of course there are some who can not have an alternative such as widows, or divorcees, even then they should be looking around for husbands. I see plenty of marriageable males around. Seriously, when one has a young family they, more than anybody, needs good fathers.

Even the businessmen are to blame by tempting good housewives, to leave their homes for more money. Did it ever occur you what you were doing?

There are so many things a child can learn, and not from material wealth. Honor, love of home, rights of others, sharing, diligence, thrift, to name a few. I hate people who cloud the real issue.

It got so bad that I would not take a child whose mom worked; call it boycott, if you will, but, I had no choice.

So, stay home, mom, please, the kids need you, buckle down, no one can do things for their kids like a real mother.

Look at the ones in the universities, a lot of them were turned loose, while their moms were working, and can not even now take an order if their life depended on it! This all came from the home and I and a lot of conscientious mothers blame you working moms.

A MOM WHO STAYS HOME AND LOVES IT.

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I can understand the Veteran's organizations neglecting the observance of Veteran's Day in Vallejo. They must have been hiding their heads in shame after allowing the Veteran's property tax exemption to be eliminated, in effect, without so much as a peep out of them, by the passage of proposition 1A. And less than a week before Veteran's Day. Shame! Shame!

Where were you V.F.W., American Legion and the rest? This was the only possible way the politicians could have written this law so that the veterans are the only ones who do not benefit from it.

There are some 30,000 G.I.s in Vietnam. Those that make it back will be veterans. I hope you're all proud of having socked it to them.

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peace talks and that South Vietnam be part of the U.S. negotiating team seems a reasonable approach to getting the conference underway. At least the four principals in the conflict thus would be represented and certainly each has an interest in reducing the level of fighting as well as the political questions involved which brought America into the war in the first place.

Procedural issues, while important, must not be permitted to obfuscate the overriding purpose of the negotiations: To bring about a speedy ceasefire and restoration of peace.

Meanwhile, North Vietnam also must be faulted for taking advantage of the delay by escalating their military operations in South Vietnam. Such actions, if continued, could produce the most grave repercussions at a time when restraint is essential.

If it becomes evident that the bombing halt has failed in its purpose, President Johnson either must order the bombing resumed, thus presenting President-elect Nixon with a brand new war. Or he must decide to leave that decision to Mr. Nixon, with the same result.

Americans hope and pray that such a choice will not have to be made by any President. The big question is whether Hanoi and Saigon are hoping, if not praying, for the same thing.

## Britain Waives The Rules

While we in the United States were preoccupied with the manifold implications of our presidential campaign, Great Britain was approaching with comparative quiet a remarkable revolution in its political structure.

In her speech to Parliament at its recent opening, Queen Elizabeth—at the behest, of course, of the Wilson government—asked that governing body to make three historic changes:

Give the vote to 18 year olds;  
Take the parliamentary vote away from Lords who inherited their titles, and therefore their seats in the house of peers; and

Form a commission to examine the possibility of decentralizing Britain's now highly centralized government.

It is an interesting and significant indication of a growing nationalism among the declining Commonwealth's remaining members that Her Majesty should seek a possible diminution of her titular powers. A sort of State's Rights movement.

No longer ruling the waves, Great Britain seems about to waive at least some of the rules that have been for so long a hallmark of her sturdy governmental structure.

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Proposition A (Civic Center) and Proposition B (Parks and Recreation) will provide much needed park and recreation facilities for the community.

The recreation Commission feels that through your media, many people were informed of the issues and went to the polls with a better understanding of the four propositions.

Please accept our appreciation for your efforts and convey this gratitude to those responsible for helping to make Fairfield progress.

Sincerely,  
TOM HANNIGAN, Chairman  
Fairfield Recreation Commission  
City of Fairfield

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

—People—  
Broke? Disgusted with high taxes? Think the welfare rolls are crowded with too many able bodies?

Want to create jobs? Provide property tax relief? Reduce the welfare headcount? Shrink sales tax?

Then why not:  
1. Legalize prostitution, tax it, and require periodic medical examinations of prostitutes;  
2. Legalize state-wide gambling as in Nevada;  
3. Institute a state-operated and state-controlled lottery;  
4. Reappraise, review, and reform our state welfare policies. For example, put able-bodied personnel to work cleaning up the trash along our freeways and other thoroughfares. Why pay millions to pick up the debris when we're already paying millions on welfare? Lets get a return on our money.

How many more ready-made sources of revenue can YOU come up with?

WILLIAM H. SCHLUETER

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This letter is in response to that signed by "Interested Parent" wherein this person complained of movies shown during the prior week as "dragging Vallejo down with trash." This person also complained that none of these films were fit for children to watch.

I suggest that this parent take the time to examine the articles written on shows or perhaps review them himself, before making critical remarks.

During the week referred to, one of the shows was produced especially for children and "interested parents." Since it was a movie primarily based on sex-education, it dealt with revealing scenes; therefore, children were required to be accompanied by an adult.

Two other (Academy winning) pictures were "suggested for mature audiences" simply because they dealt with adult attitudes and emotions which children would not necessarily enjoy or understand.

I must agree. However, that the prices charged at the local theater and drive-ins are quite expensive for families with children and teenagers hunting for good weekend entertainment which Vallejo lacks without question

Signed: UNDER 21  
Over 18

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Finally, I wish to state publicly that if this address was truly given as a sermon . . . then Father Watts has transgressed the canons of theological and liturgical propriety. In no sense can "Lest We Forget" be construed as a proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,  
The Reverend Marc Oliver, Curate  
Ascension Episcopal Parish, Vallejo

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have just finished reading the sermon by the Rev. Robert B. Watts. I was very impressed. It has restored my faith in Americans. I believe in the American idea and people. I'm sure we have all felt a little shakey and wondered what is going on, but I think that is a success on the part of the plan. Confuse the people, make them doubt their country and way of government. I love and believe in God and my country and believe God intended it this way.

Let us not be weak and dumb as the communists think, but strong and decent Americans and build a better country. One of the first ways is to love one another. Love means caring, it also means responsibility. So we have a responsibility to speak out when things are indecent or immoral, but it doesn't stop there, it is also our responsibility to make things better.

I am a 22 year old woman who hopes someday to have children but in a great and decent America that we all want.

Let us not be fooled by those who plan to crush us.

A young but proud American

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mrs. Herbert Joseph, President  
Vallejo Library Board

Dear Mrs. Joseph and members:  
I am in complete accord with you in your stand on the selection of books for the library. Very truly yours,  
BARBARA E. THOMAS

We hear a good deal about Mayor Douglas' concern for the taxpayer's money. This seems to be a gimmick she puts to good use whenever she opposes anything. However, it's apparent that this concern no longer troubles her if she's determined to win a cause. The mayor and her decency committee have indicated that the decision as to the fate of "The Hippie Papers" should be made by the voters of this city. I hate to think what our tax rate will be if we have to go to the polls every time she and her group discover a book the consider objectionable.

ERNEST COPPO

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

My sincere thanks to the staff of this paper for the fine publicity given to the St. Catherine of Siena Choir. I extend a special "Thank you" to Loise Johnson, Music Editor. I'm happy to say our choir has grown from twelve to twenty-four members, and is still growing! Thank you again.

CAROL EBERLE, DIRECTOR

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10. The Freedom to Read group is composed of concerned citizens and taxpayers. It is not a "red herring."

11. I am indeed "confused about the desires of the Mayor's Committee for Decency in Vallejo." If the committee will define an applicable "level of decency" it will be welcomed. The implication that I am "in sympathy with the desires of filth peddlers to corrupt our youth" is libelous. If the Mayor wishes to attack me personally, let her do so in an open, direct manner, not by innuendo and character assassination.

12. The Mayor misquotes (without reference) from Longfellow's Retribution. Longfellow also wrote:

Not in the clamor of the crowded street,  
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,  
But in ourselves, are triumph and defeat.

(The Poets)

13. Self-righteously, Mrs. Douglas concludes, "Right will triumph." This is not always true historically. Millions have died in senseless battles, each side firmly believing it was absolutely "right," even divinely so, as does the Mayor. "Right" depends which side you are on. I am on the side of freedom to read. Let each man write, speak and read freely to determine for himself what is "right." And let each mother guide her children.

Respectfully

MRS. MARY JANE JOSEPH  
President, Board of Trustees  
Vallejo Public Library

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There have been many questions regarding the necessity for the special school election on December Third. I should like to clarify the background information so that everyone knows what this election is all about. Our State Law requires each school board to have either five or seven members. Last August, the loss of the Rio Vista Trustee Area by court decision, left the Solano Junior College Governing Board with only six members.

The Solano County Board of Education has recommended the rearrangement of trustee areas to include an additional trustee from the Fairfield-Suisun-Travis Area to re-establish the seven member board. Should this proposal fail to pass, the County Superintendent, Fred McCombs, must call for another election.

BEN BOWEN, MEMBER  
Solano College Governing Board

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Saint Vincent Ferrer High School is having their annual Homecoming, January 11. Since there are no available records of graduates of Saint Vincent High School before 1957, we would greatly appreciate any help of people knowing the names, addresses of former students before 1957.

If you have any such information please call Diane Lee, 642-4263, or Terrie Sousa, 745-1890 before November 20.

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I don't understand how we can legally nullify a law previously passed by vote of the people without ever mentioning it to the voters.

CITIZEN,  
Vallejo

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As we look at the growing immorality, use of hallucinatory drugs, racial violence, political corruption and religious heresy, we realize there are deeply involved reasons for this culmination of events.

However, one important cause has been overlooked. As a recent student under the public system of education, I know there is one resounding thought sown throughout formal education . . . "Don't accept anything until you've tried and tested it."

What is not stressed, is that false conception and should be changed within the framework of our governmental system. Some rules never change though. There will never be an excuse for murder. God is always the same.

Proverbs 4:7 says, ". . . Get wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding." Is this true of us? "Every learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of truth." II Timothy 3:7.

Surely you do not confine man to the boundaries of time. The truth is so simple. In this day of shifting sands, one rock remains. Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the father but by me." John 14:6.

May I challenge your established thoughts. Where will you spend eternity?  
ARETHA GUYETTE

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

DEAR SENATOR GIBSON:  
I want you to know how very much I appreciated the sermon by Rev. Watts in the Times-Herald Sunday, Nov. 10. I would like to see more articles of like nature.

For too much publicity has been given to the radical left and their philosophy of "smash the system." Their philosophy is far too expensive. We cannot afford the luxury of changing our whole system to remedy a few faults any more than we can afford to throw out the baby with the bath water.

I am not a radical rightwinger but I am concerned that the free press seldom sees or hears what is going on in the rightwing segment of the population and yet gives so much space to the radical left. I am not a reporter and yet I am aware that they have "happenings" too but I seldom read of them.

Thank you again for the article. I believe it was a real service to the great majority of Americans who are neither right or left but just plain concerned Americans.

Respectfully,  
Kenneth Bowen

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

An Indian Mission is in need of a good electric chord organ. If anyone has one they can donate or sell for a reasonable price please contact Nina Bassett at 642-5315.