

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord God, in the hot summer of racial hatred and passion, grant to America the refreshing dew of Thy grace that all citizens may acknowledge Thee as Father and one another as brothers. Let Thy balm cool our heated angers, that we may live in peace with justice. Grant our urgent petition for the sake of Him Who died on a cross of hostility—even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—J. R. Brokhoff, Atlanta, Ga., professor of homiletics, Emory University.

EDITORIALS

Teeth For Gun Curb Law

Whatever legal codes are written in Washington and the states as a result of the agonizing controversy over private guns, there is one point on which all sides can agree—the need for leakless enforcement.

Laws alone are only paper and paper alone prevents nothing. Swift judicial punishment is the only hope of keeping arms from society's misfits.

Several nations of the world can serve as negative examples.

Mexico, for one, has tight regulations governing the sale of both pistols and rifles. A government blessing is needed for purchase of either. But the black market gun traffic in that nation is virtually unchecked. Even legitimate stores sell weapons, no questions asked.

Canada is another case. It has national hand gun controls. But because it, like the United States, is a nation steeped in frontier individualism, there is little sympathy for controls and so illegal guns flourish.

New York City is an example closer to home. There, private arms are sold under Sullivan Act regulation. Police permission is a must. Nonetheless, police admit that every crook in town has got a gat, by the time most are caught, their arrestable offenses dwarf their gun violations.

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From the opening salutation "Buenos Noches" to the closing blessing "Vaya Con Dios," the fashion show Passport to Mexico presented by the Catholic Social Service Auxiliary on May 22 was an artistic and social success.

A heartfelt thank you is due Breuner's for the privilege of having their attractive store as the locale for the event; James Sears and Dick Lemke (Ric's) for furnishing the outstanding fashions and to Saris for the furs.

To Helen Lyall who so admirably coordinated the women's fashions and all the models for their important part in the presentation.

Thanks to Gordon Pittinger for arranging the charming vignette and to the Los Troubadores composed of Senorita Margie Desmond, Senor Paul Avellar and Senor Charles Muth, for their most enjoyable music.

Our appreciation also is extended Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio and Mrs. Elsie Taylor who were responsible for make-up.

To Gibson Publications for the most generous coverage and for the gracious cooperation of Marion Devlin, society editor, and her staff; also to W. R. Beuhrer, news; Louise Johnson, music editor, and the staff photographers.

Special thanks also to the general public for patronizing the charitable endeavor. The affair was not only a financial success but will be memorable because of its distinctive beauty and for an evening of gaiety and the renewing of old acquaintances.

Yours sincerely,
Catholic Social Service Auxiliary
MRS. F. E. MANN, President
MRS. J. M. HASSETT, Publicity

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It's easy enough to crush the strength or spirit of a man, but it's somewhat more difficult to build your own self-completion. It's easy enough to criticize, but it's difficult to say something constructive. A young Army communications specialist from Vallejo returned home from a tour of duty in Vietnam. "One particular evening, the Viet Cong launched one of their not uncommon sneak attacks on our base camp, only this time they had some muscle with them." . . . One ounce of preparation is worth a million castles in the air. Our mental and spiritual powers are like muscles — they have to be used. We cannot just stand still, if we try to, we'll fall back. "Saigon is off limits, there has been too much conflict between the various branches, including us." Where love is active conflict is overcome. It is possible for you to love all men, in words, deeds, and action. Love is the road that leads to life. "God is Love." "The forward combat units smoke pot. They claim it keeps them going, so I can't blame them." If you're afraid to meet the real world you will try to adjust it to your own liking, to escape from it instead of facing up and offering your services to it. You are not yet mature. As you live your life there is no escaping from the shadow of death. "There isn't much to be done for the older people — they haven't got long to live anyway."

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BUBBLE BATH!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Since the letter from "One of the Poor" was printed in your Opinions of the People twice, we hope you see fit to print my letter, which gives the facts concerning the property from the ones who pay the damages and taxes. We have pictures of two cases verifying this damage to property.

One of the secrets we are trying to find out is the number of the law, if there is such, which prohibits the giving of information as to who receives welfare aid. The welfare department was asked no questions as to how much, or where the father was located. The approximate answer to these two questions were already known. (When will fathers be required to lend support to their families on welfare?)

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I would like to thank all the wonderful people who helped me get the job which I am now holding.

I extend a special thanks to Mrs. D. Barnhart, Mr. William C. Parish, Mr. James D. Richardson, Miss E. Garrity, and all the staff at the Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency.

You other teenagers just don't realize how wonderful it is to be able to say I work for this firm. The adults are very understanding and very helpful. They show me everything I need to know, now and in the future.

I think that it is time for us to stand up and be counted among the adult society, don't you? Okay, let's act like adults and not like children.

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Doctor Vincent's complimentary remarks about Mr. Kilby's courage are less than definite. In my opinion, any man seeking office who has the courage to take a definite stand on unpopular issues is, indeed a courageous man.

Actually, the Supervisor supports the OEO. His sole objection is the spending of taxpayers' money without accompanying controls.

The money in this case was to be salary for three persons from the rolls of welfare. The Supervisor doubts that any recipient of the dole has the requisite ability to earn \$11,000 per year. In fact, he felt so strongly about this that he stood up and made a statement to the effect that if any taxpayer felt otherwise he was certainly free to vote against this unalterable stand.

This is integrity in its highest form.

D. C. SHAFFER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why does a youth go free for murdering another youth — and then they sentence another youth or youths up to five years in prison for burning draft cards? Was it not the Americans who told the Germans and other World War II criminals that they should have chosen death or imprisonment instead of fighting in an unjust war? What's wrong, are these politicians afraid they won't be able to get someone to fight their wars for them? Did anyone ever take the time to ask a dead soldier what he thought of the medal his wife or mother received?

I've been over most of the U.S. and Europe. Everyone asked the same question: "What can we do?" That's a good question, for when someone stands up, he gets knocked down by the law, backed up by lawyers and judges.

FRANCIS SPAULDING

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Workable Program Commission expresses its deep appreciation for the tremendous assistance you and your staff rendered in organizing the Neighborhood Forums.

Particular credit is due to Mrs. Charlotte Pruitt for her splendid articles on what could have been dull and lifeless reporting.

A hearty thank you for a job well done.

Cordially,
FRED BARSTOW, CHAIRMAN
Workable Program Commission

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It is not quixotic to suggest a repeat of history. The warning is that any new gun legislation must be coupled with police vigilance, court diligence and public maintenance if we are to avoid backsliding on the social scale.

Florida Plus An Airport

Boosters of a gigantic airport that will straddle portions of Dade and Collier Counties in Florida predict it will make southern Florida the jet capital of the Western Hemisphere.

The proposed Collier-Dade Jetport will cover 24,320 acres—nearly 39 square miles—of Everglades land and water between Miami and Naples and easily claim title as the world's largest. It will have room enough and to spare to contain John F. Kennedy International Airport at New York, plus San Francisco and Los Angeles International Airports, with Washington National Airport thrown in. Two parallel runways will each be six miles in length to accommodate the coming jumbo and supersonic jets.

In addition, plans have been made for an advanced system of connecting local and intrastate, high-speed highways and rapid transit facilities.

"The long-term plans are staggering," says John L. Morris of the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce.

Perhaps there are some who fail to achieve immediate excitement—may even cringe a little—at adjectives like "greatest," "biggest," "most advanced"; who may think more about 24,320 acres of irreplaceable Everglades that are doomed to go under concrete and combustion engines and less about the fantastic economic potential of such an airport.

If so, they had better admit they are growing old.

The world belongs to younger men, who will be getting to Florida and everywhere else faster and in grander style than ever in history — although they may be finding less and less to see when they get there.

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This last quotation I contemplated for about two days without justification. I feel that a Senior Citizen of this great city could answer it. Our President in the month of May 1968 said, "Perhaps the greatest need of age is the need to know that one's contributions are still valued. In a society where youth is so highly prized, older men and women and experience are also important to their fellow citizen. Their contributions are one of our nation's most valuable assets — a resource that should be celebrated by generations of Americans."

I would like to say that older people's love is a one way street. It always moves away from older people in the direction of the others.

WILLIAM JAMES PETERS,
104 Greenwood St., Vallejo

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a person interested very much in the doings and thinking of the teen-age generation, I would like to express my appreciation to your newspaper for giving this large segment of our society a means by which they can express themselves. I am referring specifically to Times-Herald Teen Page in the Saturday tabloid.

Any adult who reads articles such as the interview with Mayor Douglas by Peter Glick and Mike Cole, or the editorial on gun control by Peter Glick cannot help but admire these young people who illustrate that the interests of these high school students goes beyond the latest record of a popular soul group or the most recent model of foreign-made sports car. The fact that they think about current problems in this city and this country makes it obvious that the so-called generation gap is not nearly as wide as many writers would have us think. I am looking forward to reading more of the Teen Page.

KENNETH INNES

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Do you get discouraged over the things that are happening all around us, and feel frustrated because you feel that you can do nothing to help? Would you like to have a part, however small, in making a world a better place?

Then pick up the phone and dial 643-6381. The Volunteer Bureau can give you something to do, at your own convenience, that will capture your interest.

Perhaps you would like to make the life of an elderly, lonely person brighter. Or maybe you would prefer to give an hour a week to help little children. You might have office experience that would help an overburdened agency. A tutoring program is going on, which does not require a college education. There may be something that you have not thought of, that could be a rewarding experience.

A volunteer is on duty Monday through Thursday to take your phone calls, and make an appointment for an interview. Do it today! After the first step, it's easy.

MARIAN BULLOCK,
Secretary of the Volunteer
Bureau

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"Failed to check the house?" We know the following: The wash basin was not off the wall on the floor, (this happened twice—once the plumber was paid to replace it, but when it happened a short time later, it stayed on the floor;) the new aluminum screen door put up when the tenants moved in was not hanging by one hinge; the Venetian blinds were not bent in every room, and the rooms, painted before the tenants moved in, had to be repainted after the 2½ months' tenancy. Pictures reveal all of this and more.

None of this damage was paid for, nor has the \$79.90 owing in rent been paid. Character is not built by allowing people to skip their responsibilities.

Welfare is supported by property taxes, so it is hoped that all property owners will have a chance to sign the initiative measure on "limitations on property tax rate," for why should property owners continue to bear all the burden of ballooning welfare costs?

DORIS RICH

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

At the writing of this letter the Solano County Fair is in its second week.

I am sure the participants are enjoying themselves because county fairs are such fun but have any of you given serious thoughts to the inconvenience that we may be causing others to suffer such as the little Chabot Road?

First of all, those of us who have the task of traveling this little road know the agony that the little Chabot Road must be frequently suffering due to the traffic to and from the fair.

If you had narrow shoulders and a lumpy middle and something heavy was rolling over you all the time you would get upset, too. It is heart-warming to know that someone somewhere is thinking enough of the little Chabot Road to give her a left turn storage lane. Maybe someday she will get a full spread middle and sideways which she so deserves.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN L. LEE

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Patsy Sinardi:

To give the ambiguity of your first name its due, you sounded, and perhaps still sound, for all the world like some draft-immune and blathering female vaunting for a war in which she stands no chance of participation. In any case, on learning of your close acquaintance with that gloomy art, I find only a further increase of my dismay at your attitude toward it; a heightened sense of wonderment that you learned so little about it.

To answer your question: Mine is a most comfortable draft status — 5A . . . Korea, 1951-1952. No Purple Heart, but a more than sufficient opportunity to learn that war is a game best played by fools.

JOHN CLUTE
424 Pomona Ave., Vallejo, 94590

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Sincerely yours,
MISS CONNIE WROTEN
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

California has an excellent gun control law; yet Senator Robert F. Kennedy was killed here! In California 46 per cent of all murders are caused by guns, according to the FBI. Approximately the same situation exists in New York. Passing more gun control laws is just stupid. Criminals can always buy or steal guns.

The simple obvious way to stop crime is to ban the Supreme Court decisions that have eliminated punishment of crime and that have tied the hands of the police. The Federal Government should only pass a law making it illegal to ship firearms into a state in violation of the laws of that state. The Constitution says the people have the right to bear arms and Congress has no business interfering with this right. With all the riots and trouble brewing in this country, the people may need firearms very badly in the near future to protect their families and homes!

C. C. MOSELEY

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A tragic incident, mass hysteria and now we are about to pass any sort of law without thinking. Remember:

GUNS DON'T KILL PEOPLE
PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE

REGISTER PEOPLE NOT FIREARMS

Make our courts back up our present laws, not make new laws that cannot be enforced.

JACK RIDDELL

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We do need a new gun law. All guns should be registered but not done away with.

Women of this day and age need all the protection they can get. It is not safe anywhere. If our women were given target practice and trained to use a gun there would be less crime. It stands to reason . . . safety first.

Take all the foreign countries, their women are well trained as snipers and in every line of duty in the war zone. Women loaded cannons many years ago to go on to victory. What else can women alone have for protection but a gun? Better to be safe than sorry.

There are hundreds of ways to do away with a person without a gun. This can be proven by the FBI who know all the questions and answers.

E. A. W.

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Any witness to an automobile accident involving a green 1960 Volkswagen and a 1958 Borgward station wagon at intersection of Sears Pt. Road and Rodgers on Monday, June 24, at about 4:15 p.m., please call 644-1476.

MRS. LARRY LARSON

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Hopefully-awaiting comments on this letter, if printed, by other readers that may or may not agree. I might add that I do not own or intend to buy a gun. It takes two to argue and if I was an intended target, the offender would wait until I was off guard anyway.

ROBERT C. LUCAS (SMSgt. USAF)
1072 Hawk Lane, Fairfield

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

For preparing the Tea Room at Solano County Fair, our humble thanks goes to Mrs. Klimisch, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. L. Johnson, Mrs. P. Martin and Mrs. Anderson working on the deck and to Mrs. Korcz, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Northway, Mr. Korcz, Mr. and Mrs. Cochran, and Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan working on the kitchen. Without your help, Camp Fire can honestly say that we couldn't have done it. Also, extreme gratitude goes to Steffan Manor School for the use of tables, Community Center for the use of chairs, and all the others, who have helped with the donation of their time and possessions.

MRS. IONA HANSE
Public Relations Chairman.
CATHY RAY
Public Relations Aide
the Sem-Yeta Council
of Camp Fire Girls,
Solano County

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There is no reason to censor TV coverage of riots.

The cameras you see could belong to individuals, amateur movie makers, industry, police or fire departments, motion picture company, school journalism department, investigators, etc. When TV or newspaper cameras arrive many spectators and rioters leave as they do not want to be photographed in area of a riot. Had they ideas of vandalism they are less apt to continue if cameras can catch them in the act.

The newspaper and TV reporters go where the news is happening or has happened and do not encourage it.

Many riots occurred in the U.S. before the TV camera was ever invented.

I believe lives were saved in the Watts riot because of radio and TV news coverage. Some lives were lost because they found out too late they had driven into a riot area.

LESLIE J. FAZEKAS

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Today I want to thank You, Father, for the marvelous gift that I call my skin. My mind isn't big enough to understand its wonders. I know that it protects me and shelters me even when it is injured. As I glory in the fact that my skin seals out invaders that would otherwise attack me, may I see more clearly than ever before that it isn't really mine. It's Yours, for You made it. Help me to find deeper reverence for the skin of every man I meet. I offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, Whose skin must have been brown. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

Soldiers Deserve Praise

One of the sidelight misfortunes of Vietnam is that because of it, or at least during it, many Americans seem to have misplaced their appreciation for the sacrifice of soldiers.

The brushing off of Gen. William Westmoreland is a ripe illustration. After 52 thankless months as U.S. commander in the war, the jut-jawed general has ended his assignment almost in obscurity. No preparations have been made for an elaborate reception upon his homecoming.

The general is not the only GI so treated in recent years. Hundreds of thousands of Vietnam veterans have come home to stateside apathy. But the snub of Westmoreland is especially inexcusable because of the extraordinary nature of his service. Never has an American general been under such "no-win" wraps from Washington.

Without complaint or interruption he has shouldered perhaps the most difficult burden ever given an American leader, that of directing a battle for the status quo.

His orders from the beginning were simply to contain, maintain and insure. He was told to wage peace as well as war, to be dangerous but ever diplomatic. The hope was that his distribution of measured force would wilt the enemy, hearten the allies and discourage aggression in the future.

That hope stumbled and Westmoreland inherited the blame.

It's too bad. Because the truth is Westmoreland actually succeeded in South Vietnam, not in

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Don't you think it's about time we stop wasting our taxpayers' money and put a stop to the frequent break-ins at the Vallejo schools? A rash of entries have occurred almost weekly (sometimes nightly) within the past year, even when lights burn 24 hours a day to discourage intruders.

Thousands of dollars worth of tape recorders, phonographs, televisions, typewriters, and other office and teaching equipment have been stolen and terrible vandalism has taken place. Our children are the ones most affected by this.

Why isn't there a silent burglar alarm system connected to the Police Department or even an all-night watchman guarding our schools? The cost of such systems seems tremendous, but in the long-run we would be saving money, time, effort involved in paperwork, and the messy job of cleaning up the rooms that have been vandalized.

By not acting, we of Vallejo are only encouraging these break-ins. By writing letters to the Vallejo Governing Board, 211 Valle Vista, discussions may take place concerning this problem. If we fail to act, we are only throwing our valuable tax dollars away instead of helping our children learn.

Sincerely,
A DISGUSTED CITIZEN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On June 17 your printed my views of gun laws and I thank you. Then on Sunday, June 23, your big article in the Sunday Times-Herald about the police chief's opinion made me very happy. Chief Stiltz hit an idea that has bothered me and that was about additional taxation.

About every anti-gun law that has been suggested has a tax or an unfair so-called registration fee. But none of them specified where or who was going to get the money. This is another sneaky way for the politicians to get some more money for themselves at the expense of people who enjoy a hobby and sport that is not to their liking.

Thank God that the Chief of Police made honest public statements. If the judges of our courts would uphold the policemen when they have to defend themselves there would be less crime. Also, when a man protects his home or business he should not be thought of as a criminal because he may have shot some bum who was breaking into his home or robbing his business.

On Monday, June 24, in the Opinions of the People, the Rev. Barham brought out another point to think about. These killers of President Kennedy and Senator Kennedy were under the influence of foreign ideas or domination. All indications show that the killer of Martin Luther King also may have been under foreign domination. He was caught as he was going to reboard his plane that was headed for a Communist nation.

Why should the honest American citizen be mass-punished for this type of person? It seems that maybe, underneath, the ideas of some of



IF HE'LL JUST SHAKE THOSE GUYS—

OPIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There are gun laws being enacted by the city councilmen and county supervisors all over the nation. The question I would like an answer to is this — Where do these people get the right to make laws that violate the second amendment to the constitution of the United States of America? Don't you think in order to override an amendment there has to be another amendment to repeal the older amendment? This would bring the question directly to the people.

It seems that some of our politically appointed officials think, that once they are elected, they automatically become experts on everything and put themselves above everybody else.

The by-passing of the constitution leads to registering firearms and unfair taxes. This leads to confiscation of firearms and this is a big step in the direction of Hitler's Germany; of Hungary; of Italy; etc.

RAY WILSON

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention all girls:

The Youth Development Club of Vallejo is giving an International Fashion Show and we would like all the young ladies of this city to participate in it. This is not a strictly African fashion show, it's for young ladies of every race, creed, and color. Each model will be representing some country and some nationality.

I think that it is time for us young ladies of Vallejo, California, to become famous even if it is in our own town. They say training starts at home.

If you think you will not have anything to worry about, you are wrong, we are going to have models from out of town, San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, Berkeley, Los Angeles, and any other city who wishes to participate.

The event following the fashion show will be

Mark Jefferson
46 Alabama Street
Vallejo, California

Dear Mr. Jefferson:

I have already expressed to you personally my administration for your splendid presentation of the need for Negro history in the curriculum of Solano College, at their board meeting in Fairfield on June 17th.

Many of us are also gravely concerned about this fault in our education system and wish to exert all our efforts toward its correction.

Your courage, after research and preparation, in delivering a sound argument for the inclusion of Negro history in the college was greatly appreciated by us in the audience and, hopefully, by some members of the Solano College board of education, even though unfortunate efforts were made to discourage your presentation, silence your words, and discredit your ability.

Mark Jefferson, Solano College student, you proved YOU were the EDUCATED MAN.

Respectfully,
NATHAN W. BEAUCHAMP
Teacher, Springtown Junior
High School
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is to each of you who are anxious to don the handcuffs of the ASSASSIN of Robert Kennedy or anyone else who may become an assassin in the future. The hasty enactment of such gun laws means only one thing to me and that is that a few people are going to be allowed to condemn any one that owns a gun as being as guilty or capable of committing a similar crime.

It seems that these few are willing to do anything to themselves as long as it will hurt the other fellow.

All the decisions made so far by the crying public have little constructive merit and so far none of the ideas presented have shown that they would prevent any future assassins from venting themselves on any public figure.

The gun laws in effect now are adequate for most purposes though a registration of firearms would be alright as long as the rights of the individual citizen are not infringed on to the point of condemning them just for living. Registration of firearms must be accomplished without penalizing any owner of firearms at the same time establishing a minimum fee for this purpose, and also remove this authority from the cities and counties and delegate it to the states and the federal governments, one or both.

Even so, its extremely unfair to the public at large that they should be punished for the crimes committed by the criminal.

We can't afford to be hasty about this since it infringes on our rights much more than is readily visible on the surface of the trouble caused by these incidents.

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ever diplomatic. The hope was that his distribution of measured force would wilt the enemy, hearten the allies and discourage aggression in the future.

That hope stumbled and Westmoreland inherited the blame.

It's too bad. Because the truth is Westmoreland actually succeeded in South Vietnam, not in winning surrender, for that was not his mission, but in making the nation militarily solvent, for that was in his orders. He not only crafted the most efficient U.S. fighting machine in history; he saved the Vietnamese army from collapse and gave it the beginnings of the viability it will need when the war ends and Americans come home.

In other words, the commander gave the nation backbone.

History will probably record what should already be obvious about Gen. William Westmoreland and the rest of today's forgotten soldiers, that they did their damndest, accomplished wonders and carried on with gallantry. The only rub is, they did it in a bitterly unpopular war.

The Electronic Snarl

The voice with a smile has developed an electronic snarl for those who abuse the use of credit cards—a bad habit that costs the sign-and-pay-later industry upward of \$30 million a year at a conservative estimate

At least two systems have been developed whereby credit is checked in seconds via a telephone-computer hookup. All major credit card operations are expected to be using one or the other in a matter of months.

Basically, both involve presenting a card to a cashier who places two cards of her own in a touch-tone device attached to a special telephone. One card dials the computer of the card-issuing organization; the second identifies the place of business placing the call.

The cashier then dials your credit card number and the amount of the requested charge.

The computer gives either a vocal O.K. from its taped voice, or a reason for refusing the charge—"canceled," card reported lost or stolen," or, possibly, "counterfeit."

The computer voice, not shrinking from getting involved, may even go one step farther—giving the cashier instruction on how to stall the bad card risk and call police.

People, the Rev. Barham brought to another point to think about. These killers of President Kennedy and Senator Kennedy were under the influence of foreign ideas or domination. All indications show that the killer of Martin Luther King also may have been under foreign domination. He was caught as he was going to reboard his plane that was headed for a Communist nation.

Why should the honest American citizen be mass-punished for this type of person? It seems that maybe, underneath, the ideas of some of our people in Congress have a leaning toward the Communist thinking or at least want to make the government control everything the people do.

Part of the gun laws say that people with mental illness or emotional instability may not have firearms. I agree wholeheartedly. This means that some of these people who are trying to get these gun laws will not be able to have firearms as they are going about this very emotionally.

The statement Speaker Unruh made that he would resign if this gun law he is backing didn't pass reminds me of a little baby who won't eat his oatmeal unless his teddy bear is in his high chair with him.

It is time that egotistical fatheads like Unruh get out of our government. Who made him such a complete expert on everything? I'm a registered Democrat but I have to back Governor Reagan on this gun law issue.

BOB L.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

California veterans, especially those who fought in World War II, are probably unaware that they are in danger of losing a most valuable asset—their Cal-Vet home loan opportunity afforded them by a grateful state at the close of WWII.

Bill No. SB 1129, authored by State Senator Danielson (D), Los Angeles, indeed would increase from \$15,000 to \$20,000 the maximum amount of the Cal-Vet loan—BUT at the same time it would exclude all veterans who have not exercised their loan advantages of this date!

This bill IS retroactive and Cal-Vets would become ineligible for a home loan 15 years from their last discharge.

As written, this is a vicious bill—introduced into the legislature without previous warning to the veterans and "smoked-screened" by the increase loan features.

Cal-Vet authorities who administer the program for the state are voicing opposition in the Assembly, and they point out that its defeat or at least amendment of the "15 year exclusion clause" in the bill is vital to the welfare of every California veteran.

This bill—SB 1129—has already passed the State Senate! Therefore, Cal-Vets should write their Assemblyman immediately, calling for its amendment of the 15-year clause.

It appears that the increase in the loan would greatly aid the veteran, but the "exclusion rider" exceeds the merit of the bill, and would do a tremendous injustice to those effected by its enactment.

It has long been known that real estate interests have experienced difficulty in financing the Cal-Vet loan because of its low interest rate. However, the increase from \$15,000 to \$20,000 should present some relief to this problem.

It is most important that all California veterans take the time to write his assemblyman immediately, letting him know of your desires concerning SB 1129, or be prepared for some disappointing news in the near future.

Very truly yours,
J. KEITH POPE
1250 Walker Ave., Apt. 46
Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596

would bring the question directly to the people.

It seems that some of our politically appointed officials think, that once they are elected, they automatically become experts on everything and put themselves above everybody else.

The by-passing of the constitution leads to registering firearms and unfair taxes. This leads to confiscation of firearms and this is a big step in the direction of Hitler's Germany; of Hungary; of Italy; etc.

RAY WILSON

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

After all these years have rural property owners become so immature and incompetent that they can't be trusted to know when and how to burn trash and weeds to protect the surrounding area adjacent to their property from fire? How many uncontrolled fires can be recalled along Highway 29 that was started from country folks burning trash and weeds on their own property?

I have live approximately eight years close to Highway 29, and I have witnessed several fires that were started by carelessness of an unknown source — but not by the property owners themselves. News reports of the past will verify this statement. A careless motorist who tossed a burning cigarette from his car or an unknown arsonist.

I stayed awake all night during one of these fires, ready to vacate our home at any moment. A neighbor and his son, who was our landlord, came to our rescue. They took barrels of water and gunny sacks and met the fire head-on. The fire was a block from our home. They also rescued an aged farmer and his wife and saved their home. The firemen were too busy fighting fire elsewhere to take care of this problem.

Another time we drove to Napa from American Canyon Road — this was during the last big fire we had on Highway 29. The fire could plainly be seen a long ways off on top of the hills and coming towards Highway 29. It took us thirty minutes to pick up our children and head back to Vallejo. By this time the fire was closing in on Highway 29. We could not turn back as the fire-truck was in front of us and heavy traffic behind us. By this time, heavy smoke and flames were jumping Highway 29. A LARGE BARN HAD BURNED IN THIS THIRTY MINUTE PERIOD. We passed the fire-truck but couldn't see anything and were very fortunate that we didn't have a collision with a stalled car ahead of us. The smoke and the heat from the fire was unbearable. Just as we arrived home the roads were closed. We were the last car to go through. Yes — we were scared!

My landlord and others say they have been able to burn weeds off their property for years — with a permit. But now the Fire Chief tells us — NO! The Fire Chief tells us that we have to have a can approved by the Fire Department, and burning has to be done before noon. We just can't understand how a working man can chop down weeds in a large area, bring them to a can approved by the Fire Dept., chop them up to fit in the can — and still have time and energy left to hold his job away from home.

If you will take the time to drive north on Highway 29, from Vallejo, you will find acres of dried oats and hay or weeds two to three feet tall, worse than it has ever been. This could be disastrous if a fire were to get started on this highway. Even a spark from the farm machinery could start a big fire in there now.

This new law for burning has crippled a lot of people who would otherwise have taken care of the problem long ago.

How about getting the Fire Department to do some control burning along Highway 29 now?

How about having the insurance companies investigate this matter?

FROM ONE WHO KNOWS

resenting some country and some nationality.

I think that it is time for us young ladies of Vallejo, California, to become famous even if it is in our own town. They say training starts at home.

If you think you will not have anything to worry about, you are wrong, we are going to have models from out of town, San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, Berkeley, Los Angeles, and any other city who wishes to participate.

The event following the fashion show will be a beauty contest. I don't want to be let down because I know a lot of (people) young ladies running for these different titles that the Junior Chamber of Commerce gives annually, and this is cool. Now let's see how much beauty we can get together right here in Vallejo. This contest will be open to out of town also. Let's show them the beauty we have right here at home. We have got to show the people have something to offer instead of trouble.

Young men, we will also sponsor you a fashion show and Mr. Handsome contest, okay?

Sincerely yours,
MISS CONNIE WROTEN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I wonder if we're being "taken" again? Our new 10 per cent surtax on our income tax is being justified as a curb against inflation. What a laugh! I think most consumers should realize that inflation is a result of good times where everyone is trying to improve their lots at the same time.

Everyone is trying to earn more, usually by demanding higher wages, and as a result, products cost more. Recession is just the opposite, which results when a crash of some sort arrives, and wages are dropped, or more people are paid less, and the products then cost less (or should).

The word "inflation" often has a wicked connotation, but it really isn't so bad, except to those people who cannot leap along with everyone else, such as the fixed-income, uneducated, or unskilled. But that is another problem. If you examine "inflation" you will find that you get the same service or product rendered for the same amount of work. Only the "dollar amount" changes. If you consider what inflation and other economic factors have done in the past 88 months, for the average man, how can this be bad? Are you personally gaining products at a faster rate than you could seven years ago? Of course you are!

All the tax does is take away some of your purchasing power, which results in fewer products being sold, but the prices of the products would remain the same, or even go higher, because the manufacturer has to make up the loss in sales to pay his high wages to his employees.

So, who is our President trying to fool? We are going to have inflation going up as long as our good times exist, which I hope is forever. Inflation is a natural phenomenon, and cannot be curbed or stopped by a tax of any sort. Basically, the tax is another plot to raise money from the taxpayer under a different guise, not even cleverly done.

Why aren't we just told that the government needs the money to pay its bills? Most of us realize we have to pay taxes for the essential services able to be rendered only by the government. I would prefer to be taxed that way than be told a lot of hogwash towards a false hope. How about you?

Sincerely,
KENNETH SING

states and the federal governments, one or both.

Even so, its extremely unfair to the public at large that they should be punished for the crimes committed by the criminal.

We can't afford to be hasty about this since it infringes on our rights much more than is readily visible on the surface of the trouble caused by these incidents.

Most of the creators of these ideas they come up with have little to lose by the ideas they come up with. But since we all profess to love our freedom and the many privileges we enjoy, lets start thinking and acting like such people should.

Constructive intelligent thinking should be the order in this instance, rather than stampeding in a panic due to the ignorance or designed treachery of one or more persons, that brought about this state of affairs.

We must never forget that Khrushchev predicted this very thing so if we would be real smart lets not make his predictions come true.

Let's prove that our democratic way is effective enough to overcome even this type of catastrophe.

Isn't the loss of Mr. Kennedy enough, surely we are not going to allow this jerk to make us to lose anything more on his account.

True, much may be required of us in the future and at this moment registration of guns may be one of those things, and if so, I am sure that most gun owners won't mind as long as they are not penalized in the process, by money hungry towns, cities, etc. who can see certain opportunities in the offing.

I feel this is a program for a special committee to work out, formed by perhaps two delegates from each state and they should take as much time as necessary to create an intelligent solution worthy of the justice we all desire.

One that will prevent injustices as well as provide the security we seek now and in the future.

Hoping this may be of some assistance to others interested in this problem I am sincerely yours.

HENRY E. LLOYD
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I want to thank the gentleman that came to my home and told me of the whereabouts of my little female Chihuahua answering to the name of Chee Chee. Without his help I would have never found her.

I thank him a million as now we are both happy again. I also want to thank the ones that were trying to find her as I had many telephone calls. I thank you all.

EMMA MAJORS
233 Alabama St.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear People of Vallejo, I would like your opinion about a Senior Single Social Club in Vallejo.

I don't think we should go to a smaller city in order to seek entertainment with a single group. A city as big as Vallejo should have its own.

So, let's get on the ball! Men and women, 54 and over, single and willing to join. Let's all meet at the Community Center, 225 Amador, from 7 to 10 p.m. on July 15.

Now that the weather is nice, let's plan on a picnic and have a ball. We can always charter buses. Let's reserve an evening for bingo, dancing and we can share opinions about all sorts of activities. How about it? See you all there.

LINDA STEVENS
A SINGLE VALLEJOAN

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Thou Whose grace surrounds us in every season, save us, we pray, from the dangers of summer. Keep us when the days are hot so that apathy may not destroy the discipline of our spirits. Protect us in our leisure from the sin of not caring about those who have no leisure. Grant that our slower pace may give us deeper thoughts and farther vision; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Calvin H. Reber Jr., Dayton, Ohio, professor of missions, United Theological Seminary.

EDITORIALS

Franc Proves Costly

President De Gaulle may have won a resounding political victory in France's post-strike parliamentary elections, but the national crisis loosed by the month of student and worker disorders is far from over.

The Bank of France already has had to shell out more than 20 per cent of its hoard of gold and foreign currencies and the drain on the reserves continues at a rate of some \$300 million weekly.

This is the price De Gaulle is being forced to pay to shore up the shaky franc in world money markets. The franc, until a few weeks ago among the gilt-edged world currencies, now suffers with the pound and dollar from the pressure of speculators selling it short. Instead of manipulating an international gold crisis, France now has one of its own.

France's associates—allies no longer seems quite the right word—would be less than human if they did not take some satisfaction in this turn-about.

But the French plight is no real cause for rejoicing. The economies of the entire Western world are so closely interrelated that no nation is immune from the fiscal ailments of another—a point others have been trying to get across to De Gaulle for some time.

In the long run, all of us must help pay for French recovery. Governments and the International Monetary Fund already are making funds available to support the franc. France's Common Market partners have reluctantly agreed to special protective tariffs just when all duties were to have been abolished in the six-nation economic union. The new tariffs also will have an effect on U.S. exports to France.

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Opinions Of The People

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In a recent issue of your paper there appeared the column "Capitol Report" authored by State Sen. McCarthy in which he laments the fact that the people of California, including many of his constituents, are calling quits to the age old political game of many promises, little performance and much "passing the buck" as it has been played by the Legislature for lo, these many years, particularly in the field of property tax reform.

The Senator asks "How would you like the effective rate of your income tax be more than double and to pay a sales tax of upward 15 per cent?"

The Senator knows this never will come to pass as these taxes hit everyone and no one who voted for them ever would be re-elected.

He states that the initiative to limit property taxes "create somewhat of a dilemma for legislators such as myself who have been working hard to find relief for our property taxpayers" and again he says "proponents of tax legislation fail to realize that positive and constructive proposals designed to deal with a cause rather than the effect of problems are necessary to achieve their objectives."

To me the Senator's reasoning and logic are out of balance with the facts as I see them. For instance, at the last election the people of the state voted a very generous salary raise and expense allowance to our legislators, i.e., \$16,000 a year plus \$25 per diem expense allowance and an automobile with an unlimited credit card in the mistaken belief a good salary would improve a mediocre legislative body because (a) they would be a full time legislative body free from financial problems, (b) the legislation introduced would receive a sufficient amount of study and debate on the floor and (c) the bills would proceed in an orderly manner from introduction to final passage or rejection.

That none of these advantages accrued to the taxpaying citizens of the state can be seen in the same old political juggling of the budget that has been made into a political football in this election year and just made the deadline as usual.

This is your tax money they are playing with and I must say that in my opinion neither our senator nor assemblyman have been much help to the taxpayers of our district.

I should like to remind our senator and assemblyman that much of the fuss our supervisors and assessor catch is due to their introducing and getting passed legislation that has to be paid out of county taxes such as (1) School programs (2) Welfare program regulation, implementation and personnel (3) Mental health (4) Recreation (5) The raising of salaries of elected county officials who sought re-election under the old salary schedule and whose raise in pay actually represents a breach of contract with the electorate.

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That Employment Officer Scares Us At Times

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What is happening to our world we live in? All this violence and crime is frightening and I fear what it will be like in the years to come.

I am 20 years old, a wife and mother, and I don't want my child to grow up in a world full of crime, murders and narcotics.

I don't agree with the young people of today as they are irresponsible and full of hate. And they will be our leaders some day. They yell police brutality and want the police to turn in their guns like England's law enforcement.

First, this isn't England, this is the United States of America, a large country crowded with criminals throughout. If our police officers turned in their guns what would happen? More crime and violence. I can't condone taking away the law enforcement guns. They have a duty to protect us.

If someone tries to escape they should try to capture the person or persons alive. Shoot if they have to, not to kill but to enforce the law

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:

It seems to me that it would be for the best if we outlawed all houses and homes. After all, it can be statistically shown that most accidents happen in the home and the obvious way to correct this revolting development is to do away with the places in which accidents happen.

Of course, some small voice from far in the back may be saying that this approach won't help the situation; that the best way to prevent accidents in the home is to work on the cause of the accidents.

Obviously, though, he must be wrong, because so many of our country's wise leaders are certain that the way to prevent violent crimes is to work on getting rid of our guns. And don't mistake their aim, friends, for registration of guns is merely the first of many steps.

BRUCE GODCHAUX, Vallejo

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Having been to college, and having shown above-average intelligence on my tests, I was sent to the field with the infantry. Actually I'm an artilleryman, but I might as well be a "crunchie" since I'm a forward observer and must accompany the "grunts" on their outings in the jungles, mountains and rice paddies. When the infantry people get in over their heads, I'm supposed to bail them out with artillery fire. I've been here seven months.

I'm not a very astute observer of the war, but you might appreciate the outlook of a veteran dogface. How do American soldiers treat the Vietnamese civilians? They treat them the way Americans have always treated little brown brothers. Americans here are at first repulsed by their (the Vietnamese) ugliness, their living habits, their smell—in short, their singularly disgusting peculiarity. After a few months they begin to realize that they are now just as foul smelling and unsanitary as any Vietnamese. This realization manifests itself in a kind of mass indifference to human emotions.

It begins by no longer smiling at all the cute little kids, grows with the beating of suspected VC, ripens with the destruction of a few villages, and ends with the shooting of innocent farmers.

There is no pride involved in the performance of duty. How can there be "esprit de corps" when you dig up fresh graves to determine the cause of death just for the sake of upping your company's "body count"?

To the Vietnamese people life is very cheap. They've been suffering with war for 25 years, and the deepest scars they bear are in the mind. They are ambivalent to death. So, by the same token, the "grunt" places value on the life of a Vietnamese either.

By now you might think you're reading the back page of the S.F. Chronicle. Let it suffice to say, then, that the U.S. is not being cheated by the Geneva Convention.

SERGEANT _____
U.S. Army, Vietnam

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An article in The Opinions of the People by Rev. F. Larry Barham is the full truth. America and her people are not a sick nation. We are a light to the rest of the world. America is being put to sleep by a force that is trying to take over this nation.

Our constitution has been so distorted, we have no control over our government or our courts of law. Awaken, people of America! Keep awake, alive, and alert to what is going on around us daily. Our doors have been and are opened now to a force, to a foreign sinister element, committing crime and striking at our young people—the future of our America.

Some of our blessed young people, born with good clean minds and bodies, and now called the Hippies are now drugged with dope and fear of being thrown into a war that does not belong to them to fight.

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Devaluation of the franc is a distinct possibility, although only as a last resort. The results would be felt far beyond France, possibly compelling a new devaluation of the British pound, driving other major trading nations in the same direction and greatly increasing pressure on the dollar.

France, after a period of belt-tightening, is likely to recover without such drastic action, however. And some good may yet come of its trial—a greater willingness to co-operate in establishing a more rational world monetary system.

Jets And The Jitters

What shall it profit a businessman to fly across the country in a few hours if, while wheeling and dealing on Pacific time, his nervous system is still on Eastern time—or vice versa?

"Time zone fatigue," it's called, and it's a problem that will get worse when the supersonic jets shrink transcontinental or transatlantic travel time even more.

Since man's inner "biological clock" is set for a 24-hour day, the disorientation involved in beginning the cocktails and conference cycle just when your stomach says the bacon and eggs should be coming on definitely could cause difficulties.

Some firms take the matter so seriously, in fact, that they recommend a period of adjustment of at least a full day for executives jetting from coast to coast.

Not only do we get too soon old and too late smart. In the jet age, we get too soon where we're going and too late arrive.

White Man's Diet? Ugh

A steady diet may not be such a good thing after all.

At least this is the conjecture, if not yet a conclusion, some scientists have come up with in studies of American Indians reported to the Pan American Health Organization.

The deadly effect of the white man's germs on the Western Hemisphere's native population is an old and tragic story. Not so well-known is the impact of the white man's ways, such as a settled existence and the practice of eating regularly, on constitutions unaccustomed to them.

This, it is suggested, could be the problem of the Pima Indians of Arizona's Gila River Reservation. Historically, life for the Pima's and most other tribes was a feast or famine situation dictated by the seasons and the fortunes of the hunt.

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He also talks about reforms in assessing property. It would seem he would like to see the assessor blamed for high taxes as he doesn't tell you the assessor doesn't spend a dime nor does he set the tax rates nor does he tell you that Unruh and Petris with the concurrence of the majority of the Legislature passed AB 80 which seems to be the cause of the raise in assessed valuation in the state and is something the county assessor has to live with. He also neglects to tell you that real property is the only property that is taxed at a higher rate year after year but if you had stocks or bonds you would only be taxed on the income received or the gain when sold.

Finally, the property tax limitation initiative is proposed in the interests of economy and economy begins when you learn to say no to something you want but do not actually need. It is to be hoped that this initiative will give our Legislature the moral and political courage to say no to pressure groups that want to spend our tax money. It is also to be hoped our legislators would heed the statement of Norman Vincent Peale who said "the most positive statement the world has ever known was when the colonists said no to King George."

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Since I'm not one of the poor yet, I would like to express my opinion of a woman's letter giving her opinion of welfare people.

There are some real nice landlords but some landlords take an old run down house, cover the walls with the cheapest of paint and when washed, the dirt and cracks show up. You should know cheap print washes off. And, of course, that would show up in pictures. You should expect some damage every time you rent to a new tenant. The house shows it has been lived in but the high rent you charge should take care of minor damage.

Now this house in question was moved in from another location and placed in an alley behind another one of your houses. The plumber you quoted as putting the sink back on the wall was a handyman and he did the best he could but how could he put a sink back and expect it to stay put without rebuilding the corner from where it fell.

The destruction that you have pictures of was made after this tenant had moved out and turned her key in. A bunch of boys that had been heckled by one of your tenants broke into the house and did a lot of damage. You knew of this, why didn't you add this to your opinion?

You complain of paying taxes. Did you ever think of taking the money you spent on gas driving from house to house hounding these people, the trips to the Welfare Department, trips to Claims Court, the stamps you used on letters and cards you sent these people, the money you spent on films which people are certainly not interested in looking at, it just might be enough to pay your taxes as this has been going on for nearly a year.

With the attitude you have toward these people, you can never win. You just can't hound and accuse people and be liked by anybody. You can be fair and good to people for most of these people are good and they like to be treated right.

Try this sometime, you might be surprised at the results you get.

BETH

we will see our leaders today. They yell police brutality and want the police to turn in their guns like England's law enforcement.

First, this isn't England, this is the United States of America, a large country crowded with criminals throughout. If our police officers turned in their guns what would happen? More crime and violence. I can't condone taking away the law enforcement guns. They have a duty to protect us.

If someone tries to escape they should try to capture the person or persons alive. Shoot if they have to, not to kill but to enforce the law and capture the lawbreakers.

What gives the teens, whether white or black, the right to go out and burn and loot our cities such as Richmond? They know the law and so do the kids taking dope. I fear what will happen to our future laws and politicians and I fear what the world will be like.

I only wish I would have thought more clearly before having a child as I fear what the world will be like when she's a teen.

The war in Vietnam . . . we must be there to protect our country from Communism or don't you care what happens? We need to be there and if our people are killed, it's for a worthy cause and they died for our country's freedom.

We people of the United States, both young and old, have a duty to make our country and this world a better place to live and work together for peace.

I don't think the citizens should have their guns taken away. The criminals will have them and we need them and we need them for our own protection. Our own homes aren't safe with all the murders and rapists around. Taking our guns away won't stop the criminals.

And as for registering the guns, all the country is trying to do is get more money. Can't anything be free?

S. A. R.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Several weeks ago I had the ill luck to be in the hospital with a heart ailment. They took me to Vallejo General Hospital. I have been in quite a few hospitals in my day, being a veteran of the first World War.

I can honestly say the treatment I received at the Vallejo General Hospital was the best I ever had in my life. The food was excellent; the service in every department of the highest standard; the nurses the best that ever wore a uniform. Everybody was so darn good to me I hated to leave.

PAUL WEBER
503 McLane St., Vallejo

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I came to the United States about 10 months ago as an exchange student from Cyprus. Everything was very different here than in my country. First, I thought I would be real homesick but people here treated me with great understanding and wonderful friendship and they tried their best not to let me get homesick.

I had heard lots of things about your country, but I did not know how much true or false they were. During my stay, I learned many things and now I know whether they are true or false. My stay in Vallejo has been a very enjoyable one and I had a very nice time here. It has been a wonderful experience for me.

Now that I have left Vallejo for my trip across the U.S.A. and then on to my home I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people of Vallejo for making this year for me the most enjoyable one in my life.

Sincerely,
DILEK O. TALAT
(Exchange student at Hogan
High School from Cyprus)

courts of law. Awaken, people of America! Keep awake, alive, and alert to what is going on around us daily. Our doors have been and are opened now to a force, to a foreign sinister element, committing crime and striking at our young people—the future of our America.

Some of our blessed young people, born with good clean minds and bodies, and now called the Hippies are now dragged with dope and fear of being thrown into a war that does not belong to them to fight.

The people, living in a nation with wealth America has, should never be in want. Some of her people have failed along the pathway of Life, for God helps those who help themselves. People should be trained from the cradle up to give something back to Life for what we receive.

You don't blame our government for all wrong, since, we the people are the government. So let us all be awake, alive, and alert to what is going on in our daily life and help America.

Help America be victorious in the Light of God that cannot fail.

A TRUE AMERICAN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Recently while visiting my sister Mrs. James Dodge, 231 Dwight Way, in your fair and beautiful city, I read some very wonderful editorials and comments in your paper. I am offering the following for your consideration and if it meets with your approval I'm sure you will use it.

GUEST EDITORIAL (or comments)

The sea, with its ceaseless surf and the ebb and flow of its tides has a way of bringing one close to life's realities. Last week I spent a couple of days on the beach, swimming, walking, resting, and with each change of tide I was exalted by the drastic change in the mood of the water. I observed it in all of its glory, quite shimmering serenity, then so slowly changing into a rolling pounding madness with the deafening roar of an approaching storm, which caused my mind to turn to the ebb and flow of human life and this troubled world, specifically to the madness that had rolled across our land like the mad waves of the sea, in the form of riots, assassinations and general unrest causing hatred of our fellowman, which has caught us in an under-tow from which we do not seem able to escape. This violence has brought forth many varied opinions of the cause and possible source and cure. Some say America is sick, others say that only the people are sick, others say we as a people are not to blame. God only knows for sure, but it is little wonder that one begins to doubt that mankind can very much longer endure while being caught in this mad rolling pounding surf with its great under-tow of unrest and doubt. As I walked along the beach, at my feet were scores of broken shells which reminded me of the many broken and wasted lives among us. Sometimes I would think I had found a whole shell, only to pick it up and find it marred and broken on the other side, hidden, incomplete. Is this, I wondered, the way we shall all finally become, broken shells, trying to hide our faults in the sand? No sooner than my mind asked this question, came the answer. On the sand before me lay an Angel Wing, the most delicate of the shell family, so beautifully fluted, white graduated to a pale pink, unmarred by the violent madness of the sea. It had survived and lay there in all of its innocence and splendor. I then realized that even though the life of mankind seems to hang by a delicate thread, I realized that we are still a tough mankind and with self determination and the help of God we will survive regardless of what anyone, "man or Nation," thinks about us because we are AMERICANS.

E. L. CHANDLER

they've been suffering from for 60 years, and the deepest scars they bear are in the mind. They are ambivalent to death. So, by the same token, the "grunt" places value on the life of a Vietnamese either.

By now you might think you're reading the back page of the S.F. Chronicle. Let it suffice to say, then, that the U.S. is not being cheated by the Geneva Convention.

SERGEANT _____
U.S. Army, Vietnam

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I don't really know how busing goes as far as transferring of the students go, but it is a matter with which I am highly interested in. It seems to me that there is a problem and there has got to be an answer for it; this is concerning the Flodsen School area.

I have talked to some of the parents who have children going to this school, and they don't want to be the only parents to have their children going to another school when other students can just as easily be bused to Flodsen school. Actually, I don't think Flodsen should have been closed, it should be rebuilt, along with Sienna Vista, instead of adding portable classrooms.

I think that the parents of the Flodsen school area who are really interested in their child's welfare, should get together and discuss this problem. They should get together and work out a reasonable plan and have a spokesman submit it to the Vallejo Unified School Board, and let them know that they mean business.

My younger brother goes to Flodsen and I would like to know what is being done in the way of transferring him to another school. I feel that if other students can not be transferred to Flodsen, he should not be transferred to another school. He has been nigged back and forth to different schools every since he has started school. I intend to look into the matter along with my mother and find out what is going on.

I really don't think Lakeside Manor's children should have taken out of Flodsen for many reasons, here are a few of them: (1) The school is convenient for the children and their parents, (2) the community needs a school in their area, (3) the school population is small and not overcrowded, and (4) it is important racially if a child is taken out of his environment and placed into an entirely different one.

From the way the parents in other communities act, they say in so many words that our children are not good enough to go to school with their children.

When I was going to elementary school, I went to three different schools. From the kindergarten to the first I went to Olympic; second I went to what is now an addition to the Solano College; third through half of the fifth grade I went to Olympic again; second half of the fifth through sixth I went to Dan Mini, and then to Junior High; you see I never got adjusted to one school.

I don't think those children should have to go through that. Flodsen should stay open.

There are about twenty elementary schools in Vallejo, I don't see why the population could not be distributed equally. I want to see something happen, and not just to Lakeside Manor, everywhere in Vallejo. If my brother has to move, why don't they.

Regardless of what school a child goes to he still ends up in the same Junior High and then the same high school. They will all be back together again. At this time they will be able to roll with the punches he will be able to comprehend his environment.

Sincerely yours,
MISS CORNIE WROTON
Hogan High Student

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord, I have a garden. It needs better care. It started out well but it's a little woe-begone now. I planted good seed and watered it for awhile. Now it needs Your attention. Help me to keep the weeds out. Make the flowers bloom with fragrance and beauty. Lord, I have a garden. I know it's hidden within me, but, Lord, help me to make it known through word and action in the life of today; in Christ's name. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

Halter On Dr. Spock

"A child, like an adult, knows when he is getting away with too much naughtiness or rudeness even when his mother is trying to close her eyes to it. He feels guilty inside. He would like to be stopped. But if he isn't corrected, he's likely to behave worse and worse. It's as if he were saying, 'How bad do I have to be before somebody stops me?'"

—From "Baby and Child Care,"
by Benjamin Spock, M.D.

Dr. Spock, of course, is not a child, nor does he feel at all guilty inside for behaving "naughtily" — for having encouraged resistance to the draft. Entirely the contrary; the highest personal moral motives impelled him to do what he did.

Nor is society in the position of parent to Dr. Spock. Yet there is a parallel between the situation described above by the famed baby doctor and the situation society found itself in because of his opposition to the war in Vietnam.

America, the wails of the way-out liberals notwithstanding, still tolerates a grate deal of dissent — perhaps more than it ever has in history. Because it does, Spock and his associates had to deliberately court a confrontation with authority and had to go to extreme lengths before the government could be prodded into indicting them on a charge of "conspiring to counsel young men to evade the draft."

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If I see correctly, the small column in the upper right hand corner of the Opinions of the People page clearly states that "letters must be confined to 200 words or less."

Now apparently somebody can't read or they just refuse to abide by rules. Upon checking some of the letters in this morning's "Opinions of the People," I find that there are more than 300 words in some of the letters. As well as I like to read, even I get bored with some of the long, long letters.

If you will note in listening to a conversation, or reading short stories, it is not how much one says that counts, but what they say. I am sure there are thousands of people out in newspaperland who have something to say, but don't get the chance.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN L. LEE
129 Simonton St.
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The tragic assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has unleashed a concentrated barrage of misleading publicity in favor of strict controls on firearms. This campaign, fostered and promulgated by those who would seize the opportunity of the moment in order to further their own ends, seeks to foist upon an unsuspecting and aroused public a law that would through its operation, sound the death knell for shooting sports and eventually disarm the American public. We are being conditioned to believe that there is a direct causal connection between the availability of firearms and criminal activity in this country, a premise not proven after five years of congressional hearings and public debates, but which is now being stated as fact.

The best studies ever made on firearms and crime, started seven years ago in the research department at Pennsylvania State University, and now completed, derived data mostly from FBI statistics and this complete statistical report offsets the partial statistics and half-truths that stream from the anti-gun clique, mostly at government expense.

When studied in context this research shows there is no significant difference in crime rates between states that have firearms licensing laws and those that do not. It also reveals that, in general, as the proportion of the population possessing firearms goes down, crime rates go up. The total statistics show that fewer people with guns do not mean less crime. All types of guns were involved in only 3.4 per cent of the serious crime in the United States in 1966. Rifles and shotguns were involved in less than one-half per cent (.005).

Therefore, if we could abolish firearms and assuming that criminals would not find illegal sources of firearms, this would not solve the remaining 96.6 per cent of serious crime. The highest per-capita murder rate in history was during Caesar's time when there were no firearms. Firearms controls, restrictions and even registration are not the panacea to the crime problem and the public is being done a disservice by those who try to make them think so.

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DREAM CASTLE UPON THE SANDS

television with little regard for all the facts and all the truth is creating the demand for legislation directed at the law-abiding citizen. The laws they are demanding are not directed against those who assault our wives and family or rob us of our possessions.

The laws they are clamoring for are directed against us and our neighbors, Americans (I'm proud to be one) who have done no more than possess a gun for their legal and lawful use in pursuit of their sport, or for the defense of their family in a time when we have all witnessed a complete breakdown of law and order. We are the providers of the victims for the criminals. We are the ones who suffer from leniency shown criminals by the courts. We are the ones who suffer from the hands of multiple offenders dumped back into our society with no regard for our safety.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It was reported in eye magazine in an article concerning the new houseboat trend that Alan Watts, who is internationally known for his books and lectures on philosophy and psychology of religion, is owner of a house boat named the Vallejo.

Why on earth would an English author of some 17 books and a lecturer on the subjects of Eastern philosophy, Zen Buddhism, comparative religion, and human identity have a boat called the "Vallejo"? Perhaps for the same reason that Shirley Temple Black calls her Black Labrador retriever "Whitey."

Seeking an answer, I looked up Vallejo in my '61 American Educator encyclopedia and found only one Vallejo:

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

When I read your Editorial Sunday July 14 and, since I have been reading Victor Riesel's guest column articles, it gave me an urge to write again. In the first paragraph of Nelson Rockefeller's column, in answer to his young son's question — Why did the dinosaur die out? — His answer — "He couldn't learn to change." That answer sums up our country's problems. In the past one hundred years at least 40 per cent of the people now living have witnessed more change than all the rest of change in human history. It has not worked because the human nature of our people wanted to keep the antique with the modern. Oil and water do not mix well.

Hubert H. Humphrey's list of priorities: First: rioting. Second: firearms. Third: drugs. Fourth: Councils of Civil Peace to be created. Fifth: A hard look at the effects of television on our children. If his solutions were food there wouldn't be enough for one good meal.

The first needs of a human are food, housing and clothing. When you take the profit out of the five priorities listed above they will automatically disappear, no laws required. Technocracy has had the solution for a good many years. To be very brief it would be something in this order: Give every citizen a purchasing power that would have meaning, not transferable or subject to loss. Two: housing that will be engineered for living, not architecture to keep up with the Joneses or get ahead of the Smiths. Three: Recreation areas will be built into the multi-unit housing complexes. The recreation sequence will be an important functional sequence because of the amount of leisure time available to all. Fourth: will be the transition from political to function sequence system, then America will regain the RESPECT of the rest of the world and let them chart their own course—with our help if requested, and reasonable.

J. SEWARD

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

One can read so much about the young folks nowadays and there is so much publicity about the destruction and wrong, it seems.

We know that there must be many instances to the contrary but sad as it may be they seldom get into the news. It was heartwarming to me the other day to have an opportunity to witness just such a good deed.

We operate the Roller Skating Rink in Fairfield. On Monday, July 8 we sponsored a private party for the retarded children from Vanden and Gomer schools.

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As Federal Judge Francis Ford stated at the time of sentencing Spock and his three co-defendants, they had been found guilty of "what amount to rebellion against the law. It is important that the laws be enforced for the protection of each of us. I believe that lawlessness cannot be tolerated. Where the law and order stops, anarchy begins."

That is what the trial and conviction of Dr. Spock was all about. It had nothing to do with the suppression of free speech or the crushing of opposition to government policy.

There is no doubt that Dr. Spock is convinced of the immorality of the Vietnam war and the evil of a law that requires young men to fight in it. He could go on decrying the war and the law for as long as the war lasted and no one would question his right to do so.

He chose, however, the tactic of outright violation of the law in order to dramatize his beliefs and to arouse the consciences of those Americans who aren't sure or who perhaps don't care.

In that, he has failed. Another generation may vindicate him and hail him as a hero. Or it may very well decide that the course he advocated would have led to even greater evils than those he denounced.

Whatever the event, the doctor today stands convicted of breaking the law and has no choice but to take his medicine.

No Limit To VC Horror

Buried in a recent dispatch from Vietnam was the report that "Viet Cong guerrillas sprayed a nausea-type gas around a government outpost in the Mekong Delta . . . South Vietnamese soldiers, four of them vomiting blood and many others nauseated, beat off the attack . . ."

It will be interesting to see what reaction, if any, those who have decried our use of defoliation chemicals, tear gas and napalm have to this development. Come to think of it, little has been said about our use of chemical weapons in the war since it was revealed the VC have been using flame throwers, which they seem to find especially useful in wiping out communities of innocent villagers.

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It had the highest larceny rate, twenty-third in murder, eighth in aggravated assault, thirteenth in forcible rapes and tenth in auto theft. This all happened in spite of the fact that New York has ultra-restrictive powers under the Sullivan Law. There are no data which would suggest that the Sullivan Law has reduced crime rates in either New York State or New York City. Contention that the law has been effective as a crime control measure rests on pure speculation; the weight of evidence rests on the opposite, i.e. that the law has not been effective, yet this is the "model" law President Johnson asked this state to adopt and a senator in Washington who has introduced a total registration bill cites the Sullivan Law as a factor in reducing crime. He gives partial statistics.

A recent congressional study disclosed that 80 per cent of those who use guns in homicide crimes had criminal records; that the gun killer has an average of 6 prior arrests before his first murder, 27 of them for serious offenses; and that 60 per cent of the gun-killers has been arrested for a crime of violence before the murder indictment. These facts are being presented as further evidence for strict gun control; but if they do not indict the present court and penal structure for failure to punish, rehabilitate or separate from useful society those who would destroy, I misinterpret the data.

We have always been told that the greatest deterrent to crime is the prospect of quick apprehension and quick and certain punishment if convicted. Yet with the tight rules of evidence that must be followed today; with our clogged criminal courts, and with all appeal avenues which are available to convicted criminals, it can, and often does, take years from the time the crime is committed to put the person responsible behind bars as punishment for his crime. It should be obvious that if quick and proper punishment cannot be meted out to those who use guns for criminal purposes, no gun law will stop the increasing misuse of firearms.

What is needed most urgently are tougher and more rigidly and quickly enforced laws dealing with the use of firearms for criminal purposes. The danger of enacting comprehensive and far-reaching legislation in a period of domestic turmoil is not the answer and any gun law that hampers the honest citizen is potentially dangerous and to be avoided.

Crime in California is now being used as an excuse for another tax on the majority of the people of this state in A.E. 2090 by Assemblyman Winfield A. Shoemaker, D-Santa Barbara, which provides that a maximum tax (for a starter), or license fee of \$15 for every three years be assessed the owner of one or more guns. The only thing this will accomplish is another tax tap on the honest law-abiding citizen and the formation of another government bureaucracy to handle the licensing and collection of the tax. Mass hysteria — being fanned to a flaming peak by press, radio and

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CAPTAIN CHAS. E. BOOMHOWER
(Retired)

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

If the press is to be of any relevance and service to its community, then objectivity and truth must remain its goals. Last Sunday's editorial about Gen. Westmoreland, United States policy, and our men in Vietnam stumbled awkwardly short of both of these aims.

It was stated that Gen. Westmoreland's mission was to wage war as well as peace. It was expressed also that due to his efforts, a viable government and strengthened country will be left in his wake. Moreover, it was pronounced a shame that he and other returning GIs would not receive public acclaim upon arriving home. To all of this I would recommend a brief uncovering of some MINOR facts that were overlooked.

MINOR FACT No. 1: You cannot tear a country apart and build it at the same time. The Vietnamese know as long as both sides talk of "winning" they will be the only losers.

MINOR FACT No. 2: Napalm is not conducive to building a country, nor has it proven healthy for men, women, or children. Esteem and prestige cannot be "won" through violence.

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There will be no ticker-tape parades for the General and none for the troops. And if there are no shouts of "job well done!" to those who return, then it just might be because the job was not and is not being done well at all.

I will be more than happy to answer any questions addressed to me as best I can and will provide sources for those intelligent few who care to start to find a way out of this nonsense and bloodshed.

DENNIS P. HOELL
1937 Merchant St.
Crockett, Calif.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I enjoy reading your publications. They are generally moderate and fair. There is one objectionable feature to your paper, however. That is your political cartoonist Mr. Morris, or is it Morris? His views on race, law and order, and foreign policy are straight out of the John Birch Society's bible. I am very disturbed that an otherwise enlightened paper would retain the services of this jingoistic, racist cartoonist.

Sincerely,
DEAN A. WIEGARDT

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I found this very interesting and thought you might too.

Some may be interested to know, also, that Vallejo has made national recognition. The latest issue of Leatherneck ("Magazine of the Marines") shows a picture of Vallejo in 1910 with large groups of Marines marching eastward on Georgia St.

Do you know why?

DENNIS MCGRAW

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I read with interest the editorial by Roger Cunningham (in the Teen Pages) relative to gun control law. However, I believe that young people should be exposed to fact as well as opinion. Here are some facts.

All members of NRA are not "stonily" opposed to gun control. Responsible people are not opposed to good law. Most NRA members are responsible. Creating a law is not enough. 57,000 people were killed in this country during 1967 in or by motor vehicles. Almost every case involved an infraction of some traffic or safety law.

The term "right to bear arms" appears in the U.S. Constitution and in articles and editorials. It is an unfortunate term and misconstrued by many. Privilege would be more appropriate. There are presently many laws and ordinances regulating "gun toting."

There is no relationship between gun control law and violence as portrayed by the movie and television industries and presented as entertainment. The escaped convict shows up with a gun he has broken a dozen laws to obtain. He breaks more laws using it. So much for law.

Responsible people abide by the law whether the law meets with their approval or not. Irresponsible and criminal elements ignore the law. Lack of good law is less of a problem than lack of effective enforcement. This last fact has to do with the problem of enforcement. First the law breaker has to be caught. Secondly he has to be penalized so heavily that it will take all the fight out of him and scare the pants off anyone else with similar tendencies. For some reason our society seems unwilling to follow through. Just getting a law on the books is not enough. The forces of law and order have to be numerous, dedicated, skilled, tough and expensive.

Question — not fact. Are we willing to pay? And be tough?

BILL TURNER

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I don't know his name and I may never see him again but I shall never forget him. It is so refreshing to know that there is still a lot of good left in this old world yet and I had to pass this little bit on. He shall surely be rewarded somewhere, somehow for the kindness and interest that was shown for these youngsters who were perfect strangers to him. Don't you agree with me?

Sincerely,
MRS. EARL REDMAN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

The Vallejo Parent Nursery School would like to thank its members and friends who helped make our entry in the 4th of July parade such a success.

The school also would like to offer special thanks to the teenagers from Day Camp who helped. It was a wonderful experience for those of us who worked with them. They worked hard and asked nothing in return.

The school has found many good friends over the years and hope to continue to do so.

Those of us who participated in the parade found it a rewarding experience and, of course, the children were delighted.

VALERIE COOPER
President, Vallejo Parent
Nursery School

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

With all the talk of gun legislation in the news, each citizen has a duty to aid these laws in getting through Congress.

My brother, age 14, owns a gun and I finally convinced him to register his gun. He called the police department and the policeman told him it wasn't necessary because there was no law saying you had to yet. If the police force does not encourage the public to be sensible about gun care who is?

Yes, the law is not in effect yet. But when a concerned citizen wants to do what he can, the police force must give all encouragement it can. Thank you.

DIANE THEIOL
197 Edgemont

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Single People of Vallejo:
You have done it again. Congratulations for the wonderful response you have given the "Club Singleton" on July 15. A great number of people attended the get-acquainted meeting. There was music, chatter and laughter. A true friendship spirit that ended with refreshments.

On July 29 there will be election of officers tag dancing and refreshments. You guys and gals that missed the 15th are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the 29th. How about trading a TV program for a few hours of entertainment for a change?

Don't forget July 29 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Community Center, 225 Amador St.

Sincerely yours,
L.S.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Make us grateful, our heavenly Father, for the gift of this day—a day Thou hast made. May nothing so overwhelm us that we become fearful, but with a childlike trust in Thy goodness and love may we walk through the hours of this day with a steady step. Cheer us by memories of Thy faithfulness in days gone by; encourage us by Thy promises for the future. Forgive, we pray, that in which we have failed Thee and keep us in Thy love; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—Winfield Burggraaff, N.Y.C., director of editorial services, Reformed Church in America.

EDITORIALS

U.S. Role In Squabble

The situation in Czechoslovakia is as fraught with uncertainties for the Russians as it is for the Czechoslovakians. For both countries, much is at stake. For both, wrong moves or precipitate overreactions could set events in motion that could make the Hungarian Revolution look like a minor disagreement between friends.

There is no chance at this juncture, however, that the Soviets will resort to armed force to bring their maverick satellite back into a closer orbit—not unless the Czechs are rash enough to try to hurry the departure of lingering Red Army units at the point of bayonet or proceed too quickly and too far with their program of "democratization."

But the Czechs have too much to lose to push the issue to a military showdown they could not hope to survive, either with their lives or with whatever gains toward freedom they have already made.

Czechoslovakia, 1968, is not Hungary, 1956. The Hungarian Revolution was a popular uprising not only against Russian overlordship but against communism itself. So far, though it has the enthusiastic support of the people, what is happening in Czechoslovakia is a palace reformation within the party, not against it.

Yet Russia's vital interests are also at stake. Should "democratization" get out of hand, should it begin leading to real democracy with the creation of a multiparty system, should Czechoslovakia begin turning its face toward the West, Russia would be left with a gaping hole in the string of buffer states protecting its western boundary—a hole through which not only troops but ideas could march.

Not only that, but the breach would undoubtedly

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I would like to have the following inserted in your "Opinions of the People" column. I request that my name not be used.

Maybe some reader or State Legislator can answer some of the following:

Why isn't there a law passed to make it mandatory that all the costs of a recall election be paid by the recall committee and the signers? Gov. Reagan won the election by over one million votes and only 780,000 signatures are needed for a recall election. That doesn't figure out. It's taking the committee a long time to collect the signatures and all they have to do is get the Democrats signatures that voted against him. I wasn't able to vote the last time but add one more vote for Reagan next election.

Why aren't there classes in simple arithmetic for state officials? As seen on TV news, an official receives a petition with over 600,000 signatures endorsing his bill on gun control. He then says that the majority of the state wants his bill passed. A few of the Democrats' pet projects have been sliced so they have to get the money some way or other. Incidentally, I have two revolvers which I registered with my local police department and it did not cost me a penny. Done for my own protection.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It has been a long time, and I've received many calls as to why I've been inactive and lax in my articles to the Opinion of the People Column. When I resigned as Chairman of the Beautification Commission, I felt I should forget about participating in civic affairs, but I still receive and read the Vallejo Times-Herald and Evening News-Chronicle, and keep in touch with what's going on in Vallejo—a place that is near and dear to my heart; for the past 45 years I was a resident of the city.

I feel I have to take exception to the remarks made by the mayor regarding Mr. Bobotek. I need not repeat what was printed in the papers, but I have to speak out in defense of Mr. Bobotek (Planning director of the City of Vallejo). What the Mayor said about the rising costs of the Planning Department and salary of Mr. Bobotek is a matter of record, and was approved by City Council. If the Council thought Mr. Bobotek was undeserving of the salary he is receiving, and that the Planning Department was overstaffed, I am sure that more no votes would have been cast.

People who live in glass houses should not throw stones. The Mayor objects to Mr. Bobotek's salary, but she fails to mention the skyrocketing costs of her own office. When Mrs. Douglas first took office she was given an allowance of \$400 per month. Now she is getting \$600 per month not to mention the additional expense of a \$4,000 car and everything it takes to run it. And to think she campaigned against a car at one time. Also it should be pointed out that Mrs. Douglas now has a confidential secretary who costs the City almost a \$100 per month more than the other secretary. And then there's the new carpeting for her office. To think that Mayor Douglas objects to the \$780



First, You Distract Their Attention . . .

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Dennis P. Hoell, Dean A. Wiegardt (concerning your opinion on Morris), Sgt. —, U.S. Army and Dennis McGraw; congratulations to you for your perceptive and interesting observations and comments. Keep up the good work.

Dennis, could the 1910 Marine bit have had anything to do with Nicaragua?

JOHN CLUTE
424 Pomona Ave., Vallejo

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

For the sake of my digestive system, do me a favor and please refrain from printing any news about former Governor Wallace in your morning paper.

You see I usually read my morning paper along with my breakfast and I find after reading about the former governor, which I might add is every week, that it is more than my stomach can take and it upsets my digestive tract and fouls up my entire day.

Now I know there is far more important news other than Wallace and all it takes is a little effort in seeking it out. I am now paying \$2.75 per month for my paper and when I open it up to read I do not expect to find a lot of garbage about some ill-minded politician dirtying up my clean mind.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Your analysis of the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco, of this date, was very interesting. A year HAS made a lot of difference.

I shall not, as you hopefully suggest someone may, attempt to explain it. But I do have a suggestion: When I first came to the area, over 3 years ago, we heard continued reference to the, "Hate Ashbury District." At least, that's the way it sounded.

Now, I am not suggesting that this is the least bit responsible for "Hell's Angels," but we might get a much better feeling about the whole thing if we simply renamed the district, "LOVE-Ashbury."

I sincerely trust that Mr. Haight will not feel slighted. We can name a Park or something, after him; something that has not become so tainted.

Sincerely yours,
C. JACK QUIGLEY,
Minister First Church of
Religious Science

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dean Wiegardt's letter calling Mr. Morris a racist cartoonist calls for a protest.

A "racist" or "Uncle Tom" tag (depending on your color) can be hung on for the silliest reasons but since when is it "John Birchy" to support law and order?

The only cartoon I can remember that might be called racist (by stretching the imagination) is the one depicting two black men—one building, the other destroying. Explain why that is racist.

This newspaper publishes divergent articles every day. Sunday's article on the "Human Relations Laboratory" and "The New Racism" by Jenkin L. Jones are good examples. If I agreed with everything printed, it would be time to change newspapers.

Recently this newspaper had an article about Negro soldiers in Vietnam. One was glad he was black because the Viet Cong passed out leaflets saying they would spare black soldiers because it wasn't their war. Another claimed that more Negroes than whites were being killed. When such paradoxical statements appear in the same article, one can only keep an open mind.

Police harassment does not give anyone the right to kill. A young boy shot by an officer in a chase, or a couple of young policemen killed in the act of handling out a traffic citation are as horrifying to me as the killing of a senator or civil rights leader.

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Do you qualify, Mr. Wiegardt?
Sincerely,

MARY J. JANCOSKI

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To Beth:
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Yet Russia's vital interests are at stake. Should "democratization" get out of hand, should it begin leading to real democracy with the creation of a multiparty system, should Czechoslovakia begin turning its face toward the West, Russia would be left with a gaping hole in the string of buffer states protecting its western boundary—a hole through which not only troops but ideas could march.

Not only that, but the breach would undoubtedly widen to include Romania, which is restive in its own right and is giving moral support to the Czechs, and go on from there.

Nothing is more certain than that self-determination and democracy will one day come to the nations of Eastern Europe. Time and the tide of human affairs are on the side of those who love freedom.

The United States can do two things to hasten that day—keep its nose out of the Czecho-Russian squabble, and continue pursuing every avenue that can lead to detente with Russia.

For the more that tensions and suspicions are relaxed between the United States and the U.S.S.R., the less reason the Russian bear will have to unsheath her claws when one of her cubs wanders away.

A Lot Of 'Governments'

How many governments do Americans live under? Most people, thinking of the federal, state and city or village governments would answer three. Others, remembering counties and townships, would say four or five.

The fact is, it takes seven "governments" to administer the affairs of the United States and they add up to more than 80,000 separate units, reports Commerce Clearing House.

In addition to the federal, state, county, township and municipal governments, there are school districts and special governing units, such as highway and housing authorities. The grand total is 81,299 and is broken down as follows:

Federal—one; state—50; county—3,049; municipal—18,048; township—17,105; school district—21,782; special district—21,264.

Local governments, excluding school districts, increased from 56,508 to 59,466 in the last five years. This was due to almost 3,000 more special districts being formed to meet a wide range of programs, such as soil conservation, water supply, public housing, fire protection, etc.

Nevertheless, increasing population and the growing complexity of society have actually resulted in an over-all decline in the number of governments. Consolidation has trimmed the number of school districts by more than 28,000 in the past 10 years.

Largely because of this, the present 80,000-plus "governments" is well below the 91,237 tallied in 1962 and the 102,392 recorded in 1957.

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Mr. Bobotek is a professional planner and his record proves it. The people of Vallejo are fortunate, and should be thankful, in having a man of his caliber as Planning Director. I'll never forget the cooperation and invaluable help he gave the Beautification Commission and the other commissions of the Community Development Council. The record will prove he was directly responsible for a \$35,000 landscaping grant in addition to getting Vallejo certified by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. I could go on and on to mention how valuable Mr. Bobotek is to our city but space will not permit.

Keep up the good work, Walter; in my book you are tops. And don't pay any attention to what has been said about you and your Department. Criticism is probably personal jealousy.

P. A. VENTIMIGLIA

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In a recent eight-day period New York City, located in a state that has had strict gun laws for years, was the scene of murdering in the street which took three lives.

Which again shows that gun control does not work any better than prohibition did to stop the flow of liquor. New York for years has had a higher murder rate than any other state.

We have a certain group of people in this country working hard for gun control and these same people would like to control these United States. They are a minority group, not Negro, that are in on campus riots, protest groups, draft card burning and law defying statements on TV stations.

The U.S. government estimated 6,900 killed by guns in a year, not all murders, but no mention of how many were killed with other instruments or strangled which would increase greatly under strict gun control. This was proved by the report from Manila, P.I., that in 1966 more people were killed with knives than with guns. They have gun controls there.

Also in this country, 45,000 to 50,000 people are killed in auto accidents. Just how many of these people were murdered by drunken drivers?

Would they, these same people who want strict gun laws, want to be registered as drunken drivers or as people who drink to excess and are likely to drive under these conditions? If Dr. King, John and Robert Kennedy were killed by cars driven by drunks, would there have been any laws demanded to eliminate future such accidents?

Our own lawmakers in Sacramento voted down a bill to clamp down on people suspected of being under the influence of liquor while driving, but some of these same people want to infringe on the people that have no intention or desire to harm anyone with a gun but would be subjected to controls.

The person that wants to be a criminal will just laugh at a gun law, the same as they would laugh at any other law and killing will go on just the same whether it is with firearms, knives or rock throwing. It seems to be an animal instinct in some people.

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A TAXPAYER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Mr. Wiegandot:
You seem to have the mistaken idea that only Liberals deserve to be read in the mass media.

Conservatives feel that their viewpoint is as valid and moral (maybe a little more so) as anyone else's.

We all want the best for our country and our people, I assume. We just have different ideas of the way to achieve these goals.

I find Mr. Morris' cartoons both entertaining and timely. He usually hits the nail right on the head.

I won't sign my name or address because I do not care to risk my home being fire bombed, as your group is wont to do to people who disagree with you.

Sincerely,

L. T.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. Wyman Riley: Your very interesting article — Laughter Hides The Faces of Fear — brings up the question of, what are the reasons and solutions for these problems?

Have you ever driven through some of the newer suburban housing units? They are pleasant looking, beautiful lawns, cook-out area in the back, etc. But where have you seen one of these units with a gym, hobby shops, playgrounds where the young animals can work off that excess energy that must be worked off somehow? A small junk yard with a hobby shop for the future engineer to work out some of his ideas? I have yet to find such a place.

Modern homes are really nice — no more carrying in the coal or wood, cleaning the ashes from the stoves, pumping and carrying water, the Monday morning wash, cleaning and filling the oil lamps, etc., those were just family chores accepted as responsibilities, but how they kept a family together, and helped work off some of the excess energy of the young.

Technocracy has worked out those problems and abhors the cheap housing projects that is being forced upon the American people.

Technology has done away with the ten and twelve hour day, six and seven day week for the head of the family. What is being done to get Genie back into Aladdin's lamp? Technology is with us and we cannot go back to the GOOD OLD DAYS. So what to do about it? Bring our social mechanism up to date with our technology. Simple.

All political parties promise only reforms of society within the frame of the price system based on humanitarian concepts, wish fulfillment and human desires. None of these meet the demands of technology.

If we keep our young busy with, to them, interesting things to do we will not have to use laughter to hide faces of fear.

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I think the public has had a full education on what the former governor stands for, so let us get on to new business . . . the business of praising those who really deserve praise.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN L. LEE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

In reference to your June 21 reprint of the San Diego Dispatch's editorial of June 7, 1968, I appreciate your publishing it. It should give many people something to think about.

I agree with Mr. Homan's views with one exception. This deterioration and degeneration started long before the Dallas incident. It dates back at least to the era when child psychologists started to advocate the raising of uninhibited children. For the last decade the mania for individual rights has been sweeping responsibility under the rug.

The Supreme Court rulings of the last two decades have made a travesty of our democracy. Our legal profession has not helped the situation either. The bulk of the criminal lawyers time is spent on beating their client's "raps" and, by any means possible.

Although our Constitution states that a "man is innocent until he is proven guilty, it does not say that a guilty individual is innocent because of a technical or clerical error. Case after case is drawn out for months and, I firmly believe, simply to provide opportunities for errors and subsequent appeals.

More recently the various news media have gone all out to publicize the actions of irresponsible radicals and student protest groups. They send representatives to press conferences or meetings called by individuals who can't draw 200 people to their affairs. Half of those attending are casual passersby, the curious and the news media. The resulting stories make headlines and too often unsavory characters receive undue publicity. Whatever they advocate is given a degree of blessing or credence.

Television networks have turned ex-disc jockeys loose on "talk" programs. They naturally thrive on controversial issues. These so-called moderators quickly take positions on many issues, then, although they champion the right of individuals to express their personal views, they make short shrift of those callers who disagree with them. They also express their own political views to a more or less captive audience. Any rebuttal is pretty much under their control.

By and large we have the best local police department in the world yet the news media continually berates them. I believe more police officers are being shot than criminals. If our news media served the public just half as well as our police departments do, we would have a lot less crime and a lot less trouble.

ALFRED VIRAG

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But to clear misstatements, "minor damage" (after 2 1/2 months tenancy) amounted to \$80. The "alley" location of house consists of 6,000 square feet (required outside city limit) with driveway past the front house. The "handyman" was a licensed plumber. The sink was on a wall, not in the corner.

We have no knowledge of tenants "turning in keys" to us. (They might have been left in the house if not lost before.) It requires more than stamp and gas money to pay \$415 in taxes. The bunch of boys, unknown to us, were in the house only a few minutes, according to our very fine tenants in the front house. One even came back and apologized for his actions to above tenants. (Ask the boys why they were heckled.)

Of the four welfare tenants we now have had, only one would we rent to again. So 75 per cent is too much!

Since you did not sign your name, I will sign mine.

Never Again
DORIS RICH

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I, too, am thoroughly fed up with C. H. Morrie's petty attacks. Not only are his "Cartoons" conceived in the worst possible taste, but they are executed with a crudity that can only reflect the poor taste of the paper that uses them. His cartoons have always been bad, but recently they have become extremely offensive. Mr. Morrie seems to be gripped in the throes of right-wing radicalism. That this paper would print such tripe is appalling. Surely you could subscribe to the services of another artist. Mr. Morrie once drew a cartoon strip, also carried in the morning paper, which was called the Family Castle. It, too, reflected the views of one simplistic and uninformed, but perhaps Mr. Morrie should have stayed with that, instead of attempting to force his views on others by hogging a 5'x5' square of space on the editorial page.

Sincerely,
JULIE STRATTON

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I sit and wonder. I wonder about the people who cry poverty, and yet destroy the possessions of many, such as homes, clothing and the very food that feeds them. I wonder about the people who cry for peace and yet they protest in a way that will destroy not only property but lives. I wonder most of all about the people who say nothing; who pretend it doesn't happen or that it is the only way that it can happen.

I wonder how long it will take the people of our society to realize that the tactics being used in the moves mentioned above have already happened in other countries that were free.

It looks to me like there are a lot of other people here who wonder too. Could it be that you are one of these? If so it is my hope that you will be like me and change wondering into doing. Doing something about righting the wrongs. So the movements mentioned above can no longer exist. For I am sure if you take a good look you will see that to continue to wonder and wait will make it too late.

THE HAWK