

PRAYER FOR TODAY

We thank Thee, O God, for the days of youth, especially for today's young people. Keep the light in their eyes, and steel in their blood. Grant firmness of foot as they travel along life's busy road. Grant them the joy of achievement and the deep satisfaction that comes when they seek earnestly to do Thy will. May they have a warm place in the hearts of little children and of older people. Crown their years with Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

Misguided Student Power

Now it is student power, which has manifested itself in recent days in:

—Hartford, where some 200 students took over the administration building at Trinity College for 32 hours, until the college agreed to give increased scholarship aid to Negro students.

—Boston, where 300 Negro students barricaded themselves inside a building at Boston University, until the administration answered a list of demands, including more scholarships and more Negro students.

—New York, where another couple hundred students at Columbia University seized control of two buildings, held three officials virtual prisoners for 24 hours, vandalized the office of the president and forced an almost complete shutdown of the entire university as they demanded that work be halted on a gymnasium in nearby Morningside Park, that the university end its association with the Institute for Defense Analysis, a government "think tank," and that amnesty be given all participants in the demonstrations.

Although Negro students and Negro aims figured prominently in these three examples, the current wave of militant student protest is not necessarily either Negro-inspired or Negro-oriented. Racial injustice or deprivation just happens to be one of many things wrong with the world which a minority of students have taken upon themselves to correct—right now, and with violence, if necessary.

It is exhilarating to be young and to know that right is on one's side. It is exciting to slash across the slow and frustrating channels of orderly dissent and reform which a democratic society has laboriously erected and to achieve one's ends with direct action. It is a heady experience to see the "establishment," rotten to the core as it is, tremble and retreat.

The essence of this new attitude was ex-

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Warning to employees who think they have on the job accident protection:

In November, 1964 while working on my job in Fairfield, I damaged a spinal fusion performed in 1961 that was pronounced a success by a specialist in San Francisco and thought I was cured of my back problems.

June 19, 1967, while working on the same job, I hurt my back in the same area of the fusion which caused me to be hospitalized and receive treatments many times since then.

For some reason unknown to me, another back specialist, my local doctor and State Compensation Insurance Co. of California was told by a doctor in San Francisco that my back was well and I could return to work and assume full duties on my job last January.

Since then I have been denied any compensation money and worse than all, medical benefits. Other doctors state I definitely need surgery to repair the damaged fusion and to halt advancing osteo-arthritis in that area. A hearing filed in March with the Workman's Compensation Appeal Board won't be until June 19, 1968.

On the basis that the doctor in San Francisco stated I could work, State Compensation and my attorney told me to apply for Unemployment Insurance. I did, received one check and then was disqualified and told to refund the first check.

I went back to State Compensation and showed them the medical report of the specialist who said I was "temporarily totally disabled and needed surgery before I could possibly work again." I was again turned down and told "now the fight begins."

I applied for Social Security Disability benefits last December and was told May 1 that I might receive benefits in four to six weeks.

Now comes the real farce! I applied for welfare recently in Vallejo and Dr. Lopez certified me unable to work. Then a case worker told me I couldn't qualify because my car was valued over \$250 and that I would have to dispose of it first. This would leave me with a car that would necessitate money for repairs and would not be dependable transportation my local doctor for frequent injections of Demoral for my back pain. I would have to use the money left from the sale of my car and welfare says then I might receive \$113 a month. Forty-five dollars of that to go for rent. If condemned housing in Suisun rents for \$65 to \$75, what could I possibly rent for \$45. This is utterly ridiculous!

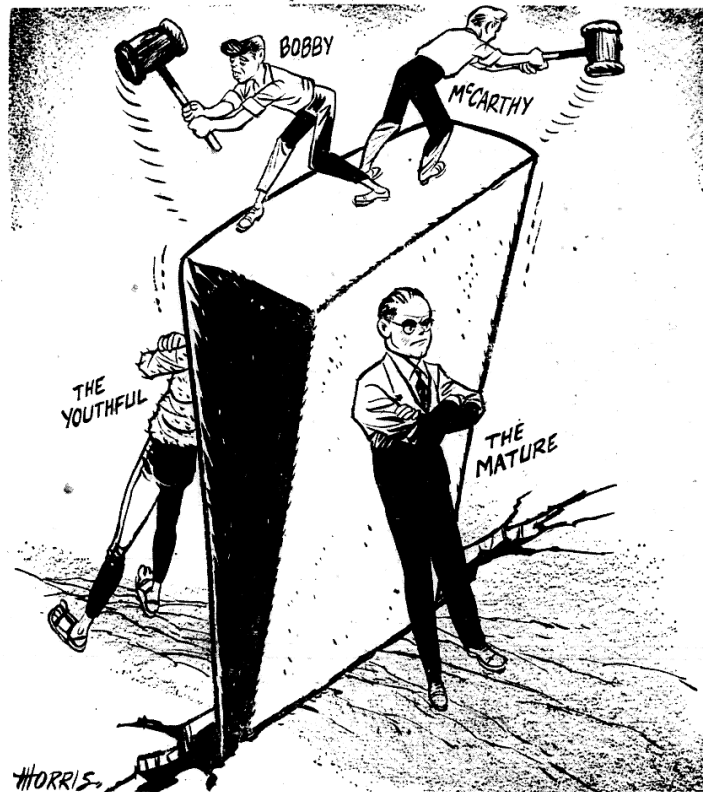
I freely admit I told welfare I would steal for rent and food before I did this and I mean it!

My doctor recently told me that I could by June 19 be a drug addict from the Demoral injections. I've even considered suicide to get away from the entire disgusting and painful situation.

Where is the protection for the employee when hurt on the job when he is rousted around like this. What is he supposed to live on before it is finally resolved?

Wake up California legislators and provide quicker aid to employees who get hurt on the job.

State Welfare Director Montgomery state May 3 in Times-Herald that "families with \$10,000 income would qualify for benefits."



ISN'T THE IDEA TO UNIFY?

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Everytime I pick up a newspaper or turn on the radio I read or hear about police brutality. I think it is really something when a group of people get together for the sole purpose of breaking the law and then are offended when the law steps in and reprimands them for this behavior. Recently I read where these law-breakers were demanding a public apology from our police department. For what I would like to know? Who's going to apologize to our policemen who were shot and beat up? I think it's about time we started backing our police department instead of criticizing them for doing their duty. If I were breaking the law I would expect to be taken in hand for it. I say, if you don't want to be punished, then don't sin.

Signed,
**A CITIZEN ON THE SIDE
OF LAW AND ORDER**

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Society is . . . Communication through cultural events. Last night's Junior Symphony Concert at Breuner's provided this splendid op-

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As one of those who served at the last senior all night party, I feel I must give my impression of this party.

I think being among these wonderful kids, serving their sandwiches, mopping up spilled cake, tending several "over jubilant" celebrants, and being in association with other parents and receiving an understanding of this Kiwanis project, was one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had.

I have never seen so much food provided, as much tolerance for loud music, or as much cooperation, patience, true interest and concern for another's pleasure as demonstrated by the Kiwanians and their ladies.

MRS. KERN WRIGHT

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

For my first letter to this column, I am appealing for the return of a little white dog, with big ears, wearing a blue collar. I advertised for 2 days in the last column but have had no

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I recently noted that the Board of Supervisors failed to allot the \$33,000 requested by the Office of Economic Opportunity. This was the money needed to replace federal funds siphoned off to support our over-involvement in Vietnam.

In my opinion, this negative action of the Board of Supervisors was wrong and should be corrected. I fully realize that there is not enough money available for the Board to do all the things it might be desirable to do. But in this case, the proper question should not have been "Can we afford to do it?" but rather "Can we afford NOT to do it?" And it would have been a small but positive step that we, the "white, middle-class majority" so severely indicted in the recent riot commission reports, could have taken to show our local support for our own OEO program.

It was heartening to note, however, that at least one of the supervisors — Ellis Godfrey of Fairfield — had the courage to stand up and be counted in favor of granting the money, even though he was over-riden. I am proud that he is my representative on the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,
JIM MUELLER
2213 Santa Fe Court
Fairfield, Calif.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

With the exception of those from the Argosy Magazine article, to which I shall presently refer, all the figures I have used for my calculations I have obtained from the Vallejo Times-Herald, the Vallejo News-Chronicle and/or the San Francisco Chronicle; the figures were presented as being from U. S. Department of Defense news releases.

I shall begin by setting forth a few brief quotes from an article in the January, 1967 Argosy, entitled "Thunderchiefs Under Wraps" by Frank Harvey, which deals with Thailand-based U. S. F-105 Thunderchiefs carrying out air strikes over N. Vietnam and covers the period between 7 Feb., 1965 and 29 June, 1966 — or roughly 16 months:

"F-105s are shot down at an average of one per day. On 'black days,' six Chiefs can succumb to the most deadly flak defenses in history."

"... the F-105 Thunderchief..." is "... shot down so often that the official name has been changed to 'Thunder Thud.' Nobody denies that the Chief is getting clobbered with sickening regularity... it's true they are shot down in increasing numbers, but any other fighter bomber in the world would be shot down in that hellish flak in as great or greater numbers."

I have not been aware of any Dept. of Defense or other information made public since that time which indicates any improvement in this situation. But I am aware the U.S. D.O.D. has stated that:

—Sixty per cent of sorties flown over N. Vietnam originate in Thailand;

—During the first 32 months beginning on 7 Feb., 1965, from all bases and carriers involved, a total of 200,000 sorties were flown over the D.R.V.

Now, 200,000 sorties in 32 mos. is an average

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O great God, how those who know and love You praise Your glorious name and the mighty wonders of Your creation! Astronomers look through their telescopes and sweep the skies as they probe into space but never see all Your great works. Physicists probe the world of the very small with electronic microscopes but have no means to focus completely upon You. But, wonder of wonders, with no instrument but love I can look into the life of my neighbor or into my own heart and see You clearly. Give me clear eyes and a stout heart. I pray. May each glimpse of Your goodness make me better; through the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

'First Team' In Talks

It would be difficult to choose two abler and more competent men than W. Averell Harriman and Cyrus R. Vance to act as this nation's representatives at the Vietnam talks in Paris.

To print their complete biographies and do justice to their accomplishments and services to the United States would take an entire editorial page. But at least a brief summary can be attempted.

Harriman, 76, ambassador-at-large in the Johnson administration, former governor of New York and one-time presidential hopeful, has been associated with the government in various roles for some four decades, beginning with advisory posts in Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

FDR named him ambassador to the Soviet Union in 1941; he was then ambassador to Britain and subsequently secretary of commerce, European director of the Marshall Plan, President Truman's special adviser in the Korean War and special envoy to General MacArthur. President Kennedy named him ambassador-at-large, then assistant and later undersecretary of state. In 1963, Harriman negotiated the nuclear test ban treaty with Russia.

Vance, 51, came to Washington in 1957 as a special counsel for Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson's Senate Preparedness Investigating Committee. Kennedy appointed him general counsel in the Pentagon, then secretary of the Army, then deputy

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You and Gibson Publications won't need the reader's survey to inform you that these columns, Letters to the Editor, are most popular. What the telephone is to Ira Blue on radio, this page does for your paper. To prove my point, I would like to tell you about "THE SPARMEN." They are young members of the 18-piece Dance Band of Hogan High School, directed by Mr. Frank Bigoski. They have been working since January on a Special Dance that is to be a Benefit Fund Dance, the proceeds to be used for additional Hogan Band instruments. What "Bonnie and Clyde" did for the gangster era, The Sparmen do for Music of the 30's and 40's. Remember the Big Band music of Glenn Miller that was as enjoyable to listen to and sit out a dance by? Here it is again, especially if your dancing isn't what it used to be. Better yet, if you think you're a younger edition of Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers, you'll enjoy all the fine sounds these talented young musicians have on deck to provide very danceable music, indeed. The date is next Saturday, May 18, Hogan Cafeteria from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets are available through The Sparmen or at the door at \$3 donation per couple. If you want to come and count heads, you may have some idea how many people read this column.

Sincerely,
MRS. BEN BOWEN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To our City Fathers and the Mayor: Inasmuch as our city councilmen, (they who drive about this city with blinders on) are always so reluctant to take a decisive step in regard to garbage collection, I feel compelled to state my views.

Mr. Tasca states in this morning's paper "people automatically think garbage collectors or the city manager are going to come into their homes and tell them what to do." How ridiculous can one get! People, intelligent people, that is, do not automatically think as Mr. Tasca so fears. To me, garbage collection (let's not call it compulsory, that word sets up a mental block) merely means that a service is provided by our city taxes, to collect garbage from all the homes and business establishments within our city in the usual manner. That is, we put our garbage in our own cans and the trash is collected — all of it.

Many cities have this system — one in particular where we once lived has citywide collection twice a week — and includes all yard trash and cuttings. Real property taxes were lower in that city — so please don't say the cost is prohibitive.

I object, vigorously and vehemently, to the present system. It offends my senses every time I drive around this city and see the bundles of garbage in the gutters. Why should we pay so much to have just one can of trash picked up once a week — while our neighbor lets his go for a whole month — all the while breeding rats and flies? I'm sure that a system, such as the one described above, would meet with the approval of most of the responsible home owners.

So think about it, you who are basking in the



MADE TO ORDER!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have heard there are groups of neighborhood fathers who have made children in broken homes their project. When there is only a mother at home this group helps in fatherly ways. I have very little information as to exactly what they do.

If anyone could tell me about their project, I would be very grateful. I would like to know the purpose and types of help involved, so if you know about these groups would you write this paper, to this feature, and tell me what information is available or where it can be obtained.

INTERESTED

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A headline in the Times-Herald reads: Modern Captain Bligh Casts Crewman Adrift

Wrong again, it was Capt. Bligh who was set adrift by his own crewmen. Sure he took some of his pets with him, but it was he who was set adrift. He did not set anyone adrift. Which is about as good a time as any to remind our readers that:

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The lead editorial in last Friday's Times-Herald indicated that Rep. Robert L. Leggett has no opposition from the Republican Party because he is doing such a good job for this district.

Not so! He has no opposition from the Republicans because he is acting so much like one they can't find a better candidate to support.

Leggett has consistently attacked President Johnson's policies in Vietnam and many domestic issues including the War on Poverty. He has surrounded himself with Republican assistants.

Leggett further angered me by privately supporting Bobby Kennedy even before President Johnson pulled out of the race. He wasted no time in jumping on the Kennedy bandwagon when the announcement finally came; he was the first Congressman to call the wire services and announced "after careful consideration" he was for Kennedy.

Bobby Leggett, who needs you?

TIM BOWEN

Opinions of the People:

In the USA we have over 22 million of the Negro race, also known as black power. Enough to form another state. Why not add another state? It may be the best way to solve a lot of problems.

The colored race may be a lot happier and could even prosper more. Run their own schools as they wish and do as they want to do. This is just one suggestion which would allow the colored race to stand up for their rights, to live and let live and help one another.

Z.Y.

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

One of the least attractive qualities of the majority of today's student "rebels," as exemplified by the comparative handful who brought Columbia University to a standstill, is that they are cry-babies.

They seek "confrontation," which is the currently favored catch-phrase for violence, yet they cry "brutality" when their violence provokes the inevitable counter-violence.

At Columbia, for example, a group of several hundred students and non-student supporters physically occupied five university buildings, vandalizing them in several instances and bringing classes to a halt for a week. Finally, the university administration, its patience exhausted, called upon the police to remove the trespassers. This the police did to the accompaniment of cracked heads and barked skins for trespassers unwilling to leave quietly.

At this point, some 60 student leaders called for a strike against further classes, declaring in part:

"We find the current brutality beyond comprehension."

Most individuals who believe that a person is responsible for his own voluntary acts would find it completely comprehensible. The student rebels chose to deal violently with the university, and the university, after a lengthy attempt to deal with the rebels non-violently, took the only course open to it; it resorted to violence to retrieve what was rightfully its own: control of its physical plant.

At Columbia, the violence was regrettable, as violence is always regrettable, but it was hardly "beyond comprehension." Only the unthinking and the irresponsible—the cry-babies—could fail to comprehend it.

TOM AUSTIN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

WHAT THE DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING MEANS TO ME

Let me first relate to you how in these past days, my life has been radically changed, by the death of this great man of peace.

I could speak no words, and I could barely think any thoughts, except those that related to Dr. King. My first thoughts were of apprehension towards some of our white brothers. I wanted only to see black faces. For the next two days I observed, I watched, and I waited; I observed the apathy among a great many of my black brothers, I watched them carry on in their usual manner, I waited wondering what to do—how do I mourn this man? What way is there that I can show my respect? In my anxiety I turned to the being that the Doctor

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Thou hast spoken to us, O God, through the sounds and the silences of nature. We have witnessed Thy power in the lightning paths and the voiceless flight of worlds. But this was not enough; we waited the clearer voice of Thy Son, whom Thou didst send. Yet still we need a further message—Thy Spirit speaking to us anew, our God, in this trommented time; and give us courage to follow Thy call; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—Lon Woodrum, Hastings, Mich., minister,
First E.U.B. Church.

EDITORIALS

Electoral College Debate

Nearly everyone who has written on the subject for the last 180 years or so has called for doing away with or drastically altering the Electoral College method of choosing the nation's president.

The criticism has been especially vigorous this year because of the possibility that the third-party candidacy of former Alabama Gov. George Wallace could throw the election into the House of Representatives. The wheeling and dealing that might accompany that eventuality gives some people nightmares.

There are 538 electoral votes, which is the total of the representatives and senators of the 50 states, plus three for the District of Columbia. When John Q. Public votes in November, he votes not for the presidential and vice presidential candidates of the party of his choice but for a slate of electors. The elected electors in turn meet in their respective state capitals in December and are morally—but not legally—bound to vote for the candidates they represented on the ballot.

The Constitution provides that when no candidate receives a majority (270) of the electoral votes, the House of Representatives must choose the president from the top three candidates, with each state's delegation casting one vote. (Senators vote as individuals for one of the top two vice presidential candidates.)

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The State Highway Department and its contractors move millions of yards of earth every year, and this activity takes place in every type of ground.

For more than one hundred years prospectors with pick and shovel turned over relatively small amounts of overburden to uncover the rich mineral resources of the West.

Do any of your readers know of a commercial mine being discovered by the construction of a road? We read of mineral outcroppings found during a search for a runaway burro; of silver in an unknown form detected only after ore had been used in building a cooking fire when the residual ash had a strange appearance. People have dug or drilled for water and hit oil or gas.

But why no mine named "The Little Highway 80?"

HARD ROCK SLEIN
A 1949er

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

In reply to J.L. letter in this morning's paper (May 6) to Opinions of the People.

First of all, I want to ask J. L. to re-examine his thoughts for a moment and see if he is able to do some clear thinking because according to what I read, his thinking and way of looking at things is at the dangerous stage. What I'm trying to say is, you are sicker than you realize and before you know it, men in white suits carrying butterfly nets will be chasing you.

From where I sit, I cannot conceive anyone blackmailing or threatening anyone to get a bill passed when they know no result will come forth. This, Mr. or Miss J. L., is nile and senile thinking on your part and on the part of all who think like you.

You speak of the Negro who thinks he is the only one who is oppressed or ignored. Now I put it to you J.L., I know of a lot of Negroes who do not feel oppressed or ignored. I am of the colored race and I surely don't feel either way. I feel proud, clean and happy inside and I'm just one. There are a lot more in the Negro race like me.

You speak on why don't the colored people try changing their attitude toward law and order. My dear fellow or mam, apparently you haven't lived long or you hate facing facts.

You went on to say we need statesmen and not politicians. My dear fellow, we need neither. What we need is to go back to God and ask him to teach us to learn to live among one another with a pure heart and not a tissue paper heart.

So J. L., for the sake of your own sanity, go back and do some research on your heart.

Respectfully Yours,
JOHN L. LEE

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UN-BIASED POSITION!

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Occupant's letter appearing in your column May 13th is complaining because our mailmen no longer have to walk when delivering mail, is a joke. Many still do walk a good part of their route. Occupant wants to go back to the old "shanks mare" way. I'd be willing to wager that the writer of that letter never walks anywhere and probably has kids riding school buses at the tax payers expense.

Our Vallejo bus system suffers because of lack of business, and tax payers suffer from the high school taxes. I've seen school buses unloading no more than six children at Steffan Manor School, and there are probably many others doing the same throughout the city.

Why don't they eliminate school busses, except rural districts, and let the kids who are too lazy to walk a mile to school buy student rate "commute tickets" to use during school days on the Vallejo bus system?

Don't tell me that the kids are too young or it's too far! Back in the so called "shanks mare" days we all walked to school, regardless

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On May 9, 1968, an article appeared in the Vallejo News-Chronicle stating that the pay raise for government and military was to be cancelled because the budget had to be cut. This will include the postal workers. This act of changing a law that was passed last year for pay raises for government employees is a fine example of this administration's inability to make laws and look ahead in the future of the needs of its people and employees. This is a time when every union is striking for pay raises. The Police Department, garbage companies, and all other public servants already have or are threatening to strike. When I went to work for the Post Office, I signed a statement forbidding me to strike or demand. Why should we be different from any other public servant? The U.S. Post Office is a very important function of everyday life. Business relies on the Post Office for its livelihood. Here are a few examples of what a strike by the Post Office could do to the people, business, and government as well, even though we are public servants of the people and

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Last Thursday night my husband and I attended the school board meeting at Fairview School. We went there in the hope of hearing some intelligent discussion on whether intermediate schools were good or bad for our children. We came away disappointed, angry, and a little sick over what actually took place.

There was a capacity crowd. There was clapping and booing. There was a two-hour procession of emotional speakers whose only qualifications seemed to be the volume of their voices. Then the school board took a quick vote and eliminated Crystal School from the plan.

For the benefit of those who were not present, let me tell you the opinions expressed: 1. Our children will be killed on the railroad tracks in school buses. 2. Our ladies will be afraid to attend PTA meetings and will have no place to park their cars. 3. It's inconvenient to have children bused away from home. 4. There is a condemned building at Crystal School. 5. Our children will be "uninspired" when they look out the windows. 6. The streets of Suisun are unsafe. 7. We are turning out "good citizens" now, so why change at all.

First may I point out that some of our children walk across Airbase Parkway to school. Some of them walk deserted country roads and some walk from Suisun to Armijo High. There is an element of danger for every child who leaves his home. But no one suggested we lick them in their bedrooms till they are 21.

For our PTA ladies, why not check with some of the present members and see how they protect themselves. For parking space, did anyone try to park their car in front of Fairview Thursday night?

There is no question of bussing or not bussing. We have bused for several years now and will continue to do so regardless of which plan is adopted.

There is no condemned building at Crystal. When you say "condemned," you mean a building which has been declared unsafe for occupancy. At the present time there are three buildings in the Joint Unified School District which come under the Fields Act. This act covers buildings constructed before 1933, and has to do with earthquakes. There is one of these buildings at Crystal. There is also one at Suisun Valley School, and the old Armijo High School building. The Suisun Valley building houses several classrooms, the cafeteria and kitchen. The Armijo building houses some of our school administrative offices and also the High School Continuation Program (about 50 students, I am told).

As for our children being uninspired, I think it's an insult to our children to even comment on that.

If the streets of Suisun are unsafe, this is a problem for local law enforcement, not the school board.

The last question is the most interesting to me. If e're so good now, why change? Because we are not that good! (The disagreement was not over the merits of the intermediate school plan.)

If we base our judgment of good education on the newest buildings, in the "best" locations,

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The Electoral College is not lacking for defenders, however, who argue that is not the unmitigated evil its opponents say it is.

For one thing, it has spared the United States from the divisive and paralyzing bane of splinter parties. The electoral system gives the candidate with the most popular votes ALL of a state's electoral votes, even if his popular majority was one. (It also gives the more populous states a deservedly greater weight in the election than the less populous.)

This winner-take-all system, because it maximizes the victory of the winner in a close election, has undoubtedly served to reconcile the voters whose candidate lost.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy had a popular majority of a mere 118,000 out of 68 million popular votes, but in electoral votes he defeated Richard Nixon by 303 to 219. There have been 14 other presidents, including Abraham Lincoln, who did not receive a majority of the popular vote, yet who won decisively in the Electoral College.

Even if the president were elected by direct popular vote, there would still be the possibility, whenever there were more than two candidates, of no one receiving a majority.

The Electoral College is not ideal by any means. Yet, except for two or three elections, it has served the nation well.

Economic Fish Power

Many of America's problems obviously stem from our great and growing size alone. But smallness is not necessarily a guarantee of social serenity.

Consider tiny Iceland, with a population of a mere 196,000.

So dependent is that country on the fishing industry that a drop in the price of fish and fish products on the world market has caused a recession there. The recession forced the government to revoke a law requiring that wages and salaries be adjusted to the cost of living.

This in turn provoked the Icelandic Federation of Labor to call a general strike to demand that a scheduled 5 per cent pay rise be granted anyway. And the strike has forced short-handed hospitals to accept only acute cases, threatens to close the schools for lack of custodial help and has brought about milk and gasoline rationing.

New York doesn't seem such a bad place after all.

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Newcomers and visitors are invited to sit in on any meeting.

DAE — 648-0176

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A Times-Herald editorial recently said, "A young minister stepped up and led in a moment of prayer." This was said in reference to the Little League opening festivities which once again took place on Sunday morning in competition with the worship services of most of the churches of Vallejo. At that same moment that young minister stepped up to pray at the ball park ministers were stepping up to the pulpits to deliver God's word to the people.

Just one question which I wish someone would answer, "Why, just why, Sunday morning?" Even the big leaguers have enough respect for the churches to wait until Sunday afternoon to begin their games.

There is simply nothing right about it when two very worthy functions like Little League and Church Service are placed in competition with the other. Could it be that those in charge forget that there are churches, many churches in fact, who do not have their services at an early hour? Gentlemen, why can't these activities be held on Saturday?

One more point of comment concerning community conflict. Long before there were civic organizations, long before P. T. A. was conceived, most churches traditionally have held mid-week prayer services on Wednesday evening. Why is it that booster club meetings are held on Wednesday evenings . . . why do schools always have their open house on Wednesday evenings . . . and now even the police department had its open house on Wednesday evening. Would these well-meaning people have us close church house doors for their "open houses"?

I want to attend all these functions; most of the people among whom I serve are civic-minded, but it is time for those in charge of such functions to make it possible. If I am made to choose between two worthy functions, I am always going to choose the church, for the Bible is still true when it says, "Judgment must begin at the house of God." It is time that we stop making the church play second fiddle to everything else.

BILL H. LEWIS
Pastor Castlewood Baptist Church

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I wonder why parents let their kids race up and down the street all day on those noisy Honda's every time they are out of school bothering all the neighbors. It looks like they could find something better for their kids: to do. They could give them some work to do, and keep them off the street.

As far as I am concerned they are only disturbing the peace. While congress is passing law's, I wonder why they don't pass a law to stop the loud noise on motorcycles and Honda's. That would be the best law they could pass. I also think they should pass a law to stop the sonic booms.

M. C.

Our Vallejo bus system suffers because of lack of system, and tax payers suffer from the high school taxes. I've seen school busses unloading no more than six children at Steffan Manor School, and there are probably many others doing the same throughout the city.

Why don't they eliminate school busses, except rural districts, and let the kids who are too lazy to walk a mile to school buy student rate "commute tickets" to use during school days on the Vallejo bus system?

Don't tell me that the kids are too young or it's too far! Back in the so called "shanks mare" days we all walked to school, regardless of age, and sometimes more than a mile!

MRS. P. L. WOODBURY

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Re Mrs. Gertrude Ryan's letter appearing May 13th.

I believe that the Times-Herald should print the names of minor children, along with their parents names, who have been involved in car thefts, robberies, breakins, malicious mischief, etc. Perhaps then, parents would begin to take charge of their responsibilities in raising their children. The only name that should be withheld is the victim of rape.

Our police force is under manned and under paid and anything that would help keep down the crime rate in Vallejo should be backed by every citizen, parent or not.

READER

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is the day of kalidoscopic confusion in politics; claims and counter claims, promises on the platter of panacea and the mcdslingers with shot guns. Only a deeply disturbed nation could spawn this polyglot crew. It was exactly 100 years ago, 1868, that our political climate had comparable chaos. By strange coincidence there was another Johnson in the White House. His name was Andrew and he came within one vote of expulsion and disgrace by a hostile congress.

Dr. Felix Morley, Pulitzer Prize Winning College President and chronicler of this event comments that "Before Lincoln was struck down he had made clear his policy towards the defeated confederacy. Since the North had fought primarily to deny the asserted right of secession, it was reasonable to conclude that the defeated southern states had never legally left the Union. On this assumption their rights as States should be restored and military government terminated as quickly as possible. President Andrew Johnson, himself a Southerner who had opposed secession, supported this magnanimous attitude. It was anathema to the "Radical" Republicans who at the close of the war firmly controlled both Houses of Congress. They wanted permanent humiliation for the fallen foe — —."

Extremism and irresponsible statements were commonplace during this period of psychological strain. Republican Senator Edmond G. Ross became the moral giant of his time and was eventually selected by the then Senator John F. Kennedy as one of the political heroes whose story he told in his "Profiles in Courage".

Like Ross, the quality of statesmanship is apparent today in the person of Thomas H. Kuchel. He has kept his "cool" when others are engaging in vindictive diatribes and suggesting easy answers to complex problems. He is as mature and honorable as is his position in the U. S. Senate. His image is embraced by our National Republican leaders and he is thought unbeatable by his traditional political antagonists. In 16 years in the U. S. Senate he has not broken his oath to represent all of the people.

DR. E. C. KINGSBURY JR.

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One last suggestion, let's invite the seventh and eighth graders from Crysta to sit on the stage and watch us. Because, make no mistake parents of Fairfield; this small group of children is the rope being used in our tug-of-war. So let's at least have the courage to tell them, as well as our own, how very little faith and trust we have in them and how very badly we have failed as parents.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK BALOGH
NO. 1/2 VALLEY ACRES
SUISUN, CALIF.

In closing, take a look at the service you get from your Post Office for six cents and then say you are not getting a fair shake for your money. We have the right to live comfortably the same as the next person. A strike could do a lot of harm and in this day and age who needs it? But it could happen.

DISGUSTED POSTAL
EMPLOYEE

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In answer to ZY:
Despite the fact that I tried very hard, it is impossible for me to ignore your absurd proposal of Monday, May 13, 1968.

It is my estimation that perhaps you and others like you with similar racist attitudes would be happier if YOU were not permitted the challenge of trying to live effectively with people who are not the same color as you are. It is very unfortunate that your statement preceded the most eloquent one made by Gregory Howard, who is more than likely much younger than you are, but is by far more superior in his philosophy.

I am in charge of many young children. My most sincere hope is that none of these children will be contaminated with the asinine attitude toward black people that you evidently possess.

HOWIE DE LANE

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Disgruntled Home Owner: We heartily agree with you about the garage collections being taken over by the city and two collections a week. We have neighbors who bury theirs. Heaven only knows what they do with the cans and bottles that must collect on their premises.

Furthermore we believe that incinerators in residential areas should be outlawed. We are literally surrounded by them. As of right now one of the neighbors has been burning yard clippings for two hours and isn't finished yet. Another one burns his garbage. Our patio area, including furniture and roof is covered with soot at least once a week, that must be hosed off. Another neighbor burns in an old discarded garbage can, and sometimes has a fire smoldering all through the night, less than two feet from a fence and shrubbery. It's a miracle a fire hasn't started. Two neighbors called the fire department about this. They come out but he continues to burn!

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I write, in hope that the County Board of Supervisors seriously reconsider and okay the funds (\$33,000) asked by the Office of Economic Opportunity. I ask the supervisors to look at the "poverty centers" throughout the county. Is it too hard to try and help these people economically less fortunate?

The entire community and county occupants should go to the meetings of the supervisors and pressure them into granting the OEO the needed funds. (United, registered voters CAN change a person's mind, if, he wishes to be re-elected.)

Mrs. Mina Lumbaugh was quoted as saying, "The idea behind OEO is to finance, revolution in the streets." How ignorant some people are of fact! It was printed in the Koerner Report on Riots that employing the unemployed is the answer to revolution in the cities. (Maybe Mrs. Lumbaugh has trouble reading.)

If the funds asked for by Mrs. Virginia Greer for the OEO are denied, it would be concrete proof of our society, getting "sick."

BENNY "IKE" ISSAAC or
Interested at 17

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There are those in this community and this nation whose selfish and psychotic needs are being served by keeping this stupid racial turmoil going. I wonder when the general public is going to wake up.

Disgristfully,
JAMES M. PRICE Jr.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Our organization has a need for an apartment size gas stove, we have been able to furnish other items required. Anyone who might have a stove and would like to give to one less fortunate we would appreciate a call.

HOY C. PACK, Director
Seventh-day Adventist Welfare
Servies, 642-2624 — 642-1879

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, Who art the source of all goodness, help me to walk this day in the light of Thy good works, that I may know what is worth doing and faithfully go about doing it. Help me to so live that others shall know where I stand in my loyalty to Thee and Thy will. Help me to be the means by which someone crossing my path today shall be led into a closer walk with Thee, as humbly I acknowledge Thy Spirit's leading in all ways; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Roy H. Stetler Jr., Cheverly, Md., minister, Cheverly Community E.U.B. Church.

EDITORIALS

Youth Can Win Suffrage

Americans have always had a great fear of extending the suffrage to any massive bloc of supposedly incompetent or unqualified citizens.

The Founding Fathers took great pains in writing the federal and state constitutions to insure that the control of government did not fall into the hands of the "demos" — the populace.

Profound doubts were expressed at the time of the Civil War about the wisdom of immediately enfranchising millions of uneducated slaves.

It took generations of pressure and agitation before the nation decided to take the fateful step of allowing women to vote.

The Republic did not suffer from any of these great enlargements of the franchise.

The abolition of property requirements by the states did not turn their governments over to the mob.

Ex-slaves, who voted unrestrictedly during Reconstruction, used their suddenly acquired power responsibly (until the South's counter-revolution took it away from them).

And if the feminine touch did not replace the smoke-filled rooms with the fresh air of pristine morality, as many thought it would, it has certainly not harmed politics.

On the contrary, history has shown that it is only when a group is unreasonably or unjustly discriminated against in the matter of citizenship rights that the stability of the commonwealth is in jeopardy. When the discrimination is removed, a group ceases being an element of upheaval, and rather than remaining as a special-interest bloc, it is absorbed by new-found membership in all the other blocs that have traditionally constituted the American body politics — the farm vote, the city vote, the labor vote, etc.

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Opinions Of The People

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Within a few days the Legislature in Sacramento will have a committee consider AB1475 which is a bill on compulsory fluoridation of drinking water.

It seems to me that for this matter to be decided in the Legislature rather than to submit it to the voters, is a violation of constitutional rights.

The purity of our drinking water is a very personal concern of everyone. Unlike chlorine, which is added to the water to kill bacteria, fluoride is added to perform a task of medication, whether a person needs it or wants it.

The medical profession is divided in its opinion as to the results that fluoride added to the drinking water will accomplish. Those who are in favor of it, admit that it will only helpfully benefit children, and that it is of no value to adults.

When one considers how little of the water that each household uses for drinking only, it does not seem practical to fluoride 100 per cent of the water. The largest amount of each consumer's water is used for washing clothes, watering lawns, operating plumbing fixtures and general cleaning.

If it is conceded that fluorides benefit children only, why not add it to the drinking fixtures in school buildings?

Fluorides can be obtained in tablet form and it is also added to toothpaste.

Another alarming part of the present bill (AB1475) under consideration is the use in the bill of the words, "other substances." This clearly opens the door for further violation of constitutional rights, if someone at a later date determines that some other substance would be beneficial if added to the water. It seems to me that our drinking water should be clean and not have other things added to it.

It is surprising that some communities that once had fluoridation, have now voted it out. This further indicates that this matter should be decided by the voters on a referendum rather than by the legislators. If you feel as I do on this subject, would you kindly write to your representative in Sacramento and let him know, too? It could very well help decide the issue. The representative in this area is The Honorable John Dunlap. Those on the committee that will consider AB1475 are: Honorable Gordon W. Duffy, chairman; Honorable J. K. McDonald, vice-chairman; Honorable Frederick James Bear, Honorable Yvonne Brathwaite (Mrs.), Honorable March K. Fong (Mrs.), Honorable Don Mulford, Honorable Kent Stacey.

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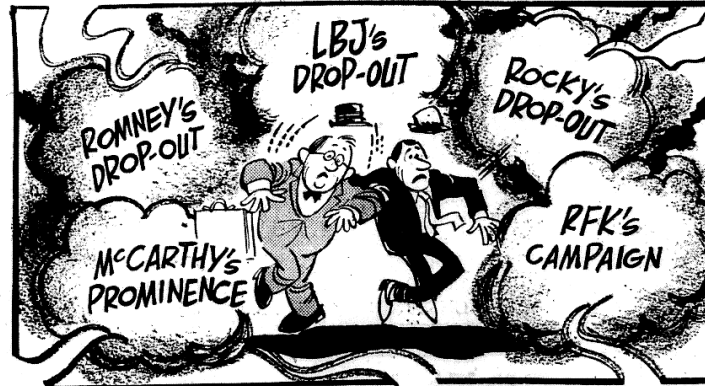
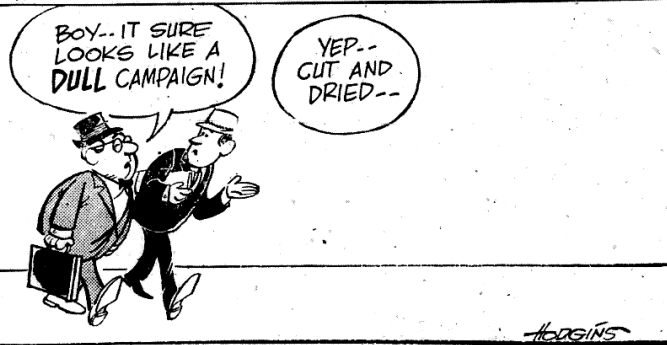
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REMEMBER WHEN PEOPLE WERE SAYING--



THE PICTURE CHANGES

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It seems that a strange new breed of politician has entered the presidential race.

At this opportune moment when racial tension is at fever pitch, when fear of insurrection looms big in every voter's mind, when riots, sit-ins, and burnings are sweeping our campuses and deans and college professors are barricaded in their offices, Senator Robert Kennedy is quoted as saying to the students at Kansas State University, "If our colleges do not breed men who riot, who rebel who attack . . . then there is something wrong with our colleges."

Has Kennedy considered what may be the end result of fostering this spirit of rebellion?

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In your Editorial page Saturday, May 4, 1968, there are six articles of interest to all of your readers. Only one is of any significant use — it was the Oroville Dam, completed after 40 years of effort. I bring this up because it shows the speed with which our politics solve our problems.

The other items are even more urgent. Which brings up the point that we are in an era of confusion and frustration. How we come out of this era depends on how many of our citizens are willing to take a little time to learn what caused it to come about and what to do about it. If we (the citizens) do not do this then we can expect chaos to follow.

The social trend as we have it now was not determined by parliamentary decision or by democratic processes, nor is it occurring with the consent of the people. The same factor that is deciding all major social trends on this continent — technology — has dictated the passing away of the family farm. With the passing of the family farm our whole way of life has

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Please! Vallejoans, search your hearts, and if you earnestly believe in Jesus Christ and the words he has put down before us . . . Read all of this and then take some action!

Jesus says, "Love thy neighbor," and in so many words, if you have plenty, share with those that have nothing.

These few words, as do many passages from our Holy Bible, speak out for our neighbors, our brothers and sisters of God. This means all human beings, regardless of race, color and religion.

To love thy neighbor is to love God.

To witness this love in one's own heart and in God's eyes, one can share with those neighbors that are less fortunate than we.

It makes no difference for what reason misfortune fell on these our brothers and sisters.

It is our purpose, or should I say "duty" to put faith and love for Jesus in the hearts of these unfortunates.

Starvation is evident here in Vallejo. I was shocked and ashamed to read the article in Sunday's Times-Herald (May 19) about the poverty problem in Vallejo.

These people, men, women and especially children, need help before it is too late for all of us.

Now is the time to do it. Clothing, furniture, bedding, toys and wholesome food is needed by so very many. But most of all when one thinks enough to show compassion for another in his time of dire need, I believe this will help him most of all.

I personally telephoned Robert Granger, welfare director, at his home Sunday after reading said article. I asked him if I could have the address of one of these families so that I might try to do something for them whatever it might be. Mr. Granger was appreciative and explained to me that there are thousands here in Vallejo that needed assistance beyond what welfare is capable of doing.

The "poor People's" march has started and maybe soon something else will be accomplished.

But, in the meantime, what about the widow or woman whose husband has deserted her with several small children that have no supper tonight!

If this touches your heart and you would like to try to do something regardless of how limited it might be, I'm sure Mr. Granger and Mrs. Beck at the Welfare Dept., 644-1133, will do what they can. I intend to do it myself."

A CONCERNED VALLEJOAN

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Saturday night May 18 my husband and I attended the dance for adults only in the Hogan High School cafeteria. The "Sparmen" played music of the thirties and forties. The dance band was excellent, and the music reminiscent of the days when the patrons at the dance were young.

My hat off to the director Frank P. Bigoski Jr. His selection of the tunes was very appropriate, and the "Sparmen" played until one a.m.

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The question now before the Republic is whether to lower the voting age to 18. A longtime loser in Congress, the idea appears to have a real chance in this session, in spite of — or perhaps because of — the political activism that has been causing so much turmoil on American campuses in recent years.

Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield claims that 44 senators have already endorsed the proposed constitutional amendment. Debate on the Senate floor is expected soon.

A number of arguments are advanced in support of votes for 18-year-olds. Probably the one most frequently voiced is that if they are old enough to fight and die for their country, they are old enough to have a say in running it. Today's young people, we are told, are more mature and intelligent than previous generations. Georgia and Kentucky, which have given the vote to 18-year-olds, are offered as proof that fears about irresponsible "youthocracy" are unfounded.

But all the arguments, either for or against suffrage for 18-year-olds, may be beside the point.

For once again history teaches us that whenever any group, united by class, race, sex or whatever, determinedly goes after the same rights enjoyed by the rest of the population, it eventually gets them.

Voting for 18-year-olds may fail again in Congress. If so, it will be chiefly because America's young people, who currently seem to be preoccupied in using their muscle on college administrators, have not yet realized that this is something they can have, if they really want it.

Explorers' Work Complete

After 500 years of the Age of Exploration, the words "Terra Incognita" have been removed from the last remaining area on earth untrod by man.

The exploration of Antarctica has now been virtually completed as a result of an 815-mile traverse across the white continent by a nine-man party of scientists from the United States, Belgium and Norway.

"Our journey marked the culmination of a three-year onslaught on the last large unexplored region of Antarctica," reports Norman Peddie, a U.S. Department of Commerce geophysicist and leader of the expedition.

"There are now no major areas which have not been explored, although many of the details remain to be filled in."

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Xuan Thuy, chief North Vietnam delegate to the peace talks in Paris is the other smiling murderer. Tom Hollingsworth was a member of the U.S. Army Special Forces, known as the Green Berets. He spent forty nine months in Laos and Vietnam as an advisor. He wrote a book about what went on over there in the villages the Communists wanted to take over. The book is called "Behind the Scenes in Vietnam." On page five of his book Mr. Hollingsworth says, "One of the most effective techniques for taking over a village is to pick up a baby about a year old by the feet and slam its head against a tree killing the child. These are the men(?) that kiss babies and smile at them for newspaper pictures.

Nikita Khrushchev said in 1955, "If anyone thinks that our smiles mean the abandonment of the teachings of Marx, Engels and Lenin, he is deceiving himself cruelly. Those who expect this to happen might just as well wait for a shrimp to learn how to whistle."

VALESKA CHANG

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This morning in my Vallejo Times-Herald I read an article entitled "Clean-up Beautiful Month Proclaimed." Is this clean up month really a serious program? I am a new resident of Vallejo and am appalled at the mess along Sonoma Boulevard near my home.

We bought in a lovely tract called California Meadows where all our neighbors take great pride in their homes. We have spent much time and effort and money in improving and landscaping our property for our own enjoyment and the pleasure of others but WHY isn't something being done about cleaning up this end of Sonoma Boulevard?

We've seen great strides taken in beautifying the downtown Marina and feel very proud to show it off to visiting friends and neighbors but when we given directions for locating our tract we have a standing joke that all one has to do is find the dilapidated outhouses on Sonoma Boulevard and then they'll find California Meadows directly opposite.

We love this city, the climate and our neighborhood but feel so ashamed of the eyesore near such a lovely home area. Could you find time to answer my question? I'm sure it would give me a much easier feeling to know that some plans are being made to clean up all the dilapidated buildings, discarded refrigerators and trash that are clearly visible for all to see as they enter Vallejo from Napa.

Thank you,
MRS. ROBERT WILKINSON

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EDITH PETERSON
Burlingame

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The falling apart at the seams of authority in the events transpiring at our colleges and universities continue and the administrators seem to be in doubt as to how to deal with the situation. These problems, having nothing whatever to do with civil rights, are purely cases of illegal acts.

If by force and usurpation students occupy a facility or building, they are guilty of an action against the people. The hardest lessons to learn or teach is that you cannot emasculate or trample on a freedom to gain your aims. In doing so, you negate and forfeit that same freedom.

Action is in need of implementation by our collegiate and university officials to deal promptly and effectively with these crimes, for they are crimes.

If eternal vigilance is the price of democracy" then, by thunder, where else better than in our educational institutions is adherence to this principle more cogent.

Our administrators must be adamant in their actions when dealing with flagrant violations of law and ethics. There is only one answer to this; arrest and incarceration. To hedge or vacillate is to undermine our concepts of democracy, allowing a few to unlawfully dictate to the majority and this is an utter contradiction of democracy.

MATTHEW SILVERMAN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

IN MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND

It isn't often in this day and age that one is fortunate enough to have known a person who was a constant source of inspiration. One who continually exemplified a consistent Christ-like life and attitude. One who though physically handicapped, never used this as a source of "self pity", who was so completely joyful and delightful that you completely forgot, or never thought of him as being handicapped.

My family and I feel that we have been extremely blessed in having known, Br. Morris Moore. He was friend in the deepest sense, a wonderful neighbor, a faithful and devoted husband and father, and a faithful, and active member of the Berea SDA Church. And one of the most remarkable persons that we have ever met. We of Vallejo have experienced a great loss! But we are blessed to have known him personally, have many wonderful memories, and are "much better people for having known him. May God be ever near to his family in this sad hour.

MARY A. MILLER & FAMILY

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A recent survey in the United States revealed that approximately 30,000,000 Americans are living in a condition of slow starvation, (Called malnutrition). Poverty can only be solved when a society can produce enough of the essential materials for every member of its family.

The North American continent has that capacity. The only thing that holds us back is that we insist on maintaining an outmoded social operation that was founded on scarcity, and can only operate under those conditions. Technocracy, Inc., has had the answer for the past 35 years. It is yours to learn and understand if you are willing to take the time. Technocrats are not Utopians. They have nothing to sell, they want nothing for themselves except to live and enjoy the fruits of North America's bountiful technological success along with their countrymen. They KNOW that the questions of money for increased government services, jobs, recreation areas, housing, hippies, drugs, crime, minority vengeance, lieterbugs, and etc., are not going to be solved by our present social setup.

I heard and saw Irving Berlin on TV last night sing his song, America, the Beautiful, with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the background singing along with him. I am not ashamed to say that there were tears in my eyes and a hope in my heart that we will be able to keep it that way for them.

J. SEWARD
523 Wilson

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Solano Council for Retarded Children's Thrift Shop, located at 524 Tolumne St. is losing its lease at its present location in the very near future and has not found a new location yet.

Due to this fact we would like to announce that we are having a BIG RUMMAGE SALE at the old Karl Shoe Store corner of Georgia street, and Sonoma Boulevard, Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to liquidate the merchandise in the present store.

The needs of the retarded children in our community are many and unfortunately at this present time we are operating in the red. Therefore there are fund raising events taking place soon, such as our ROUND-UP WESTERN DANCE May 29 at Post 550, 20 Admiral Callaghan Lane from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., the public is invited.

Please help us again as you have in the past.
Thank you,

MRS. BRENDA BULLEY
Rummage Sale Chairman

it might be, I'm sure Mr. Granger and Mrs. Beck at the Welfare Dept., 644-1133, will do what they can. I intend to do it myself."

A CONCERNED VALLEJOAN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Saturday night May 18 my husband and I attended the dance for adults only in the Hogan High School cafeteria. The "Spartan played music of the thirties and forties. The dance band was excellent, and the music reminiscent of the days when the patrons at the dance were young.

My hat off to the director Frank P. Bigoski Jr. His selection of the tunes was very appropriate, and the "Spartan" played until one a.m.

The cafeteria was cleverly decorated, and the tables around the dance floor provided a cozy atmosphere.

Everyone seemed to have a good time, and I for one am looking forward to another such dance.

VALLEJOAN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Camp Fire Office Staff takes this opportunity to thank everyone for the blue chip stamps, which were used for a new coffee pot. Thank you very much.

The Horizon Club also wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped and attended the Ham Dinner at Dan Foley Park on May 6; the club hopes everyone enjoyed the food and the Art Exhibit from the Horizon Club Conference.

CATHY RAY

Public Relations Aide

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Is sex education in school a good idea? Modern advertising has over emphasized sex to where it apparently advocates sexual promiscuity is necessary to attain a higher standard of living. An undeodorized oster may become an obstacle to romance unless you use brand X etc.

It must be very difficult for teenagers to have a healthy attitude towards sex and marriage when the daily junk programs on TV and other entertaining medias emphasis sex as a weapon of materialism.

Girls should be taught their moral responsibility to act properly and not cause boys to exaggerate their attitudes. Boys, of all wild beasts, are the most difficult to manage. Boys should be taught that girls are only one of nature's agreeable blunders and should be treated with great respect, courtesy, honor and esteem.

Sex education should be expanded to include population control instruction in all public schools. Beginning with the first grade and becoming required in junior and senior high school. Similar to swimming and driver education.

Sex education may not act as a deterrent to venereal disease or promiscuity but perhaps out of this education the basic human problem, over-population, will be attacked and conquered. Ways may be found to have continued economic growth without population growth.

L. W. JAKSCH
106 Cima Dr.

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A request has been sent into Channel 7 for a program for widows on the "Dating Game." Why not? There are millions of widows who have no way to contact the opposite sex and we need a break. Hope this request is granted.

So look your best and be ready to go for the time of your life. It takes love to make the world go round.

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