

PRAYER FOR TODAY

PRAYER FOR TODAY—Mon., June 3.
Great God of wisdom, Who fills the universe with newness of life, may Your children recognize Your continuing renewal activities. We are so grateful for those moments of "birth from above" when each of us, like Nicodemus, becomes aware of the meaning of life for our pilgrimage here. Help us to rejoice again and again that we have become aware of Your love and the beginning steps we may follow to move into ever-expanding opportunities in life with You. And help us, we pray, to care deeply for all men, women, and children everywhere in genuine Christlikeness. Amen.

—Gertrude Little, Anderson, Ind., professor of Christian education, Anderson College.

EDITORIALS

Irked Cop Cops Out

When constabulary duty's to be done, The policeman's lot is an unhappy one!

Pirates of Penzance, Act II

Lt. Raymond Schreiner was so unhappy with his lot that he resigned after 16 years on the Bayonne, N.J., police force. His reason for quitting? "Lack of respect for policemen," he said.

Trying to enforce the law within a growing number of often unrealistic ground rules also played a part in Schreiner's decision. "Who ever heard of an army having to bow to the very people they are being paid to control?", he wanted to know.

Police work is about the only occupation, aside from the military, that offers little prestige, lousy hours, low pay and an occasional chance to get one's head blown off.

Schreiner performed his job for 16 years under these conditions. To him, it was all part of being a cop. But 16 years of being considered by some a freeloader at the public trough, of being called "flatfoot" and "fuzz" by jeering young punks and of having his intelligence and legitimacy questioned by drunken drivers and wife beaters finally became too much.

Schreiner's resignation points up one often overlooked fact—cops are human, even as you and I. Most are good, some are bad. Most are honest, some are crooked. Some are brave, most overcome their fears in moments of peril and some are cowards.

A policeman sees a side of life that the public seldom, if ever, sees. He works in a world of child beaters, drunks, prostitutes, dope pushers and murderers. On any given day he may be called upon to take a report from a sobbing young rape victim, tell a recent bride that her young husband has been killed in an auto accident, drive the charred body of an infant taken from a burned-

Opinions Of The People

Anyone in the Greater Vallejo Area is privileged to send letters to "Opinions of the People," an open forum of public opinion. Opinions in this column, however, do not necessarily represent the policy of the publisher. Letters must be confined to 200 words or less and addressed to The Editor, Times-Herald. You must sign your name and address, but your name will not be published if you make such a request.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am deeply concerned about a part of the Election Code in the State of California (perhaps this is the same in other states, too), that permits the Governor, or "leader" of a specific major party, to prohibit any opposition to his "undeclared" candidacy for nomination to the office of President of the United States.

I had been looking forward to the June primary so that I could write in the name of Nelson Rockefeller as my personal choice to become the president.

When I received my sample ballot last week I discovered there was no space left below the name of the "favorite son" candidate for write-in. When I questioned the County Clerk I was told that we cannot write anyone's name in opposition to the name now on the ballot. Also, that if we who might have the desire to vote for someone else, decide to write a name in some other blank space on the ballot, indicating it is for our choice of president, the entire ballot will be voided!

I only hope that our elected officials in Sacramento will some day work toward cleaning up some of these obsolete and unjust methods of electing our president. I hope too that the Congress of the United States will get enough courage to make changes that will allow the citizens to vote for the man they want. Let the majority of the people make the decision!

Thank you for listening.
Sincerely yours,
ELEANOR SHEPHERD
1606 Main Street, Napa, Calif. 94558
* * *

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The verdict is in. The revelation of the debasement of the 14 and 15-year-olds in today's Times-Herald is evidence enough for a crushing indictment of marijuana or any starter drug.

If a 13-year-old girl can be started on drugs and be introduced to prostitution and burglary in the complete ignorance of her parents, then it is time for, not society, but you and I to awaken from the chimera that it is safe for our children to go about their pursuits unchaperoned.

A debauched 14-year-old boy who made it big . . . a pusher of drugs, a seducer, a pimp, one who although in his early adolescence is in the hardened I couldn't care less attitude.

We parents, everyone of us, are to blame for the appalling an shocking state of affairs we have to contend with. If we wished it not to be we would be where we are needed. Where? At the PTA meetings, council meetings, voting booths and everywhere else backing up the ideas and actions we believe in, leaving to the legislation only the effective wording necessary to enact into law.

Must these needless tragedies be enacted tenfold plus before we see our desertion of our trust and obligations. How it has led us to the brink of a depraved society of which our children are active members. Let us who can see with reason, rise up and do battle against this monstrous lie that marijuana is harmless.

Expel out of public office any educator or any other public official who advocates the use of or is a user of marijuana. He and she are the ones who are the more evil than the pushers for they



OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

With the spotlight on children graduating, and "Childrens Day" programs in our churches, during the next few weeks I think the following entitled "Children Learn What They Live" is so very appropriate. I clipped the article from the May-June California Cosmetology Association Bulletin Volume 6 No. 3.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

- If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame, He learns to be guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.
- If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, American Party member or an independent, should the impending loss of our Republic form of government transpire, your loss will be total. If in business, church, educational, sports or social circles you have a close friend whose conduct is leading to the probable destruction of our Republic, it is your duty to do whatever you can, great or small, to defeat your friend's purposes. He may thereafter make you a better friend. You owe it to yourself, your family, your associates and our Republic to actively oppose communism and help preserve our Republic. You may at the same time strive to improve the functions of our government as fully as you can.

Constructively,
H. L. HUNT
Dallas, Texas

* * *

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We, Mare Island Navy Yard Unit 550, American Legion Auxiliary wish to express our sincere thanks to Mayor Florence E. Douglas

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On May 24, NBC aired "The Big Little World of Roman Vishniac." Hopefully everyone who saw it was awed, startled, amazed and most importantly made to reflect on his or her attitude toward all life.

We as human beings must realize we have a common bond with our fellow human beings. A common bond called by various terms, all of them so interrelated, so closely interwoven they are inseparable. Spirit, intelligence, sanity, reason, compassion, dignity and infinitum.

I am, you are, he is at once a Caucasian, Negro, Malayan, Mongol or any race definition thought of or unthought of.

How beautiful life is, or perhaps better stated, how beautiful life could be were it not for such despicable, such regressive ideas as other races are "different," or inferior, or lacking in moral values, or that "we'd better get them before they get us," etcetera, etcetera.

We fall victims to the "is of predication." We judge the behavior of the worst of a group or race to be indicative of the whole.

Tolerance is a negative word . . . a dirty word. Who are we to tolerate anyone? This to imply those "other people" don't meet our standards but we'll grudgingly allow them to exist but someplace else.

The vibrant, pulsating bit of protoplasm called man has many members and they all belong to just one race . . . the race of man all inclusive. A race, to quote Roman Vishniac, that "has the power to either create or destroy God." Where is He created or destroyed? In the heart of man. Not the physical heart of man, obviously, for that perishes as it must in nature's mysterious scheme of things, but in the never perishing, eternal spiritual heart of you, me, him and her.

There is only one food required to nourish this spiritual heart . . . hope! As long as hope exists, so will man.

The antonym of hope is despair. Despair is a cancer that ceaselessly attempts to eat alive, to consume the heart of man.

Despair is fed in turn by ignorance and bigotry; avarice and unbridled lust; by intolerance and disdain of human dignity. Consciously or sub-consciously there are those who breed, who cultivate and nurture these cancers.

I look at my fellow men and I'm made to realize that they are me and I am them.

We are one in spirit for to me there is no "color" or "race" in our spiritual bond. To hell with our skin color! Measured against the eons of time in which our spirit lives, these few quickly spent years of physical existence are as grains of sand thrown on a beach.

Let us live these few years looking one another squarely in the heart. Not in the eye for the eye of man can "see" things that don't really exist; can "read" things inaccurately. But the heart of man has room only for hope and love that the spirit, the soul of us all may flourish and prosper, and expand to encompass a peace so vast that a million universes could not equal it.

WILLIAM H. SCHLUETER

* * *

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Overlooked fact—cops are human, even as you and I. Most are good, some are bad. Most are honest, some are crooked. Some are brave, most overcome their fears in moments of peril and some are cowards.

A policeman sees a side of life that the public seldom, if ever, sees. He works in a world of child beaters, drunks, prostitutes, dope pushers and murderers. On any given day he may be called upon to take a report from a sobbing young rape victim, tell a recent bride that her young husband has been killed in an auto accident, drive the charred body of an infant taken from a burned-out home to the morgue or walk into a dark alley after an armed man who has just robbed the corner grocer of \$3.

Occasionally someone—the pregnant woman he rushes to the hospital, the little old lady he helps across the street or the motorist whose disabled car he helps to start—says thanks. Most, however, take his services for granted.

No one can blame Schreiner for hanging up his badge. The job is demanding and sometimes risky, and the rewards are few. It is to be hoped, however, that his action will not trigger a trend. Cops, besides being human, are necessary — especially good ones.

Vote 'Yes' On Prop. 2

Proposition 2, a \$65 million state construction bond issue to provide urgently needed state assistance to California public junior colleges for site acquisition, construction and equipment, is on the June 4 ballot.

This bond issue is necessary because Higher Education Bond Act funds earmarked for junior college construction have been exhausted.

Over 80 per cent of all freshmen and sophomore students attending college in California are enrolled in a junior college. At the present time, 521,695 students are attending junior colleges in the state. The enrollment undoubtedly will double by 1975.

Proposition 2 is the out-growth of the Junior College Construction Program Bond Act of 1968 which passed unanimously in both houses of the Legislature and was signed by Governor Reagan on August 30, 1967. It is a continuation of the concept of state support for junior college construction as outlined in the master plan for higher education of 1960.

In 1962 and again in 1964, voters approved bonds earmarking state funds for junior college construction. However this \$70 has run out and property owners are faced with the prospect of paying for expanded junior college facilities to handle the influx in the next 10 years — IF the bonds fail to pass.

The bond act will require local junior college districts to submit a 10-year capital construction plan to the state. In order for junior colleges to receive state funds, construction projects must be approved at the state level, with individual junior colleges providing matching funds for projects approved.

we would be where we are needed. Here at the PTA meetings, council meetings, voting booths and everywhere else backing up the ideas and actions we believe in, leaving to the legislation only the effective wording necessary to enact into law.

Must these needless tragedies be enacted tenfold plus before we see our desertion of our trust and obligations. How it has led us to the brink of a depraved society of which our children are active members. Let us who can see with reason, rise up and do battle against this monstrous lie that marijuana is harmless.

Expel out of public office any educator or any other public official who advocates the use of or is a user of marijuana. He and she are the ones who are the more evil than the pushers for they see not the inequity and condone its insidiousness.

The tocsin is tolling, grasp firmly and retain control of the structure of our society! We must wake up before the many hundreds and thousands we know not of become uncontrollable users of the viler drugs. Before your child becomes one of these potters, rear up and destroy this ugly threat.

If we love our children we owe it to ourselves. If we love our children we certainly owe it to them.

MATTHEW SILVERMAN

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We the Youth Group of Harmony Chapter 39 Order of the Eastern Star, wish to take this opportunity to let other young adults, know of our wonderful youth fraternity. The Eastern Star is a religious organization and it exists for no selfish purpose. It means more to us than our association in the fraternity. Our group is built upon principle and inculcates the lesson of duty. We are concerned with the things that make character, that ennoble individual lives and through them the community in which we live.

What a privilege is ours in these days of world chaos to be able to utter these magic words—Thank God, for the sisters of Harmony Chapter 39 and our parents, for building a wonderful structure for all to see, a structure whose foundation is laid on sterling qualities and the highest ideals. The sisters of Harmony Chapter helped to reflect their beauty by their beneficence: their purpose to make their youth group better by better living themselves; make their high and holy teaching the rule and guide for our conduct.

So we will try at all times to exemplify the true meaning of fraternity by putting our souls into every handclasp, greet each other with a smile and enjoy life's sunshine together, for they who sow courtesy reap friendship and they who plant kindness gather love.

Harmony Chapter 39
Order of Eastern Star
Youth Group
AVIS DAUGHERTY
Financial Secretary

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"Memorial Day — 1968." Truly not a day I love to spend in a hospital, but it is indeed a most beautiful and gratifying day to sincerely thank the many, many friends for their lovely cards, flowers and presents sent me from Vallejo and all Solano County.

I would indeed be most happy to answer each letter and card that I have received, but in the true sense, I find myself unable to do so lying pinned down on my back and my leg strapped up in the air.

So, sincerely thanking you most appreciatively for all the courtesies granted me, I am

Most Sincerely
Ollie Ross
Barton Memorial Hospital,
South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

- If a child lives with criticism, He learns to learn with criticism.
- If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame, He learns to be guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.
- If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world.

Thank you
ALMA L. BALES

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Quote from front page of Sunday, May 26, Times-Herald: "Blasts At Welfare Ease No Poverty." On Page 4 the heading of the same article reads: "Exorbitant Rents Force Severe Budget Hardships."

Quoting again, "Families on welfare also are forced into inferior, deteriorating housing where they pay exorbitant rents because the majority of landlords don't want welfare tenants." How can the landlord know if the tenant is on welfare as the Welfare Department now states that federal and state law prohibits them from giving out information as to who receives welfare aid. Why the secrets?

Pictures of the remains of two pieces of property which two of our known welfare tenants vacated (both by persuasive suggestion) will be shown to anyone interested in looking before they are sent to Mr. Spencer Williams.

In one case, the welfare tenants inhabited the property just 2½ months and in both cases there is a judgement for rent owing. Damages, with the exception of eight broken windows, broken screen door and window screens and door bell pulled out of wall, were not included, for if all damages had been included the total would have exceeded the Small Claims Court maximum. And the exorbitant rents were \$80 for two-bedroom house and \$95 for a three-bedroom house. Both houses have hardwood floors, tile in bath and kitchen and stove.

To date, one of our known of three welfare tenants that we have had was an excellent tenant, but she had not been on welfare long and no doubt is off from welfare now.

But two out of three, or 66% per cent, is too much of a risk for us to take in keeping a roof over someone's head free, part time, plus damages.

Why do welfare tenants, and damaged, littered and dirty property so often coincide. Is it just a coincidence?

The only way landlords will make the money that non-landlords think they make is to write a book and it won't be based on fiction.

DORIS RICH

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is not too surprising that Mr. Kilby could be so confident when he recently told a group that if they didn't like his policies they could vote him out of office. If the usual election ratio holds true (amount of money spent on advertising correlates highly with the number of votes received) he will be a "shoo-in."

This merely points out on a local level what can and has happened on a national scale; and what is one standard most of us use when we vote.

KEITH E. VINCENT, M.D.

can, great or small, to defeat your friend's purposes. He may thereafter make you a better friend. You owe it to yourself, your family, your associates and our Republic to actively oppose communism and help preserve our Republic. You may at the same time strive to improve the functions of our government as fully as you can.

Constructively,
H. L. HUNT
Dallas, Texas

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We, Mare Island Navy Yard Unit 550, American Legion Auxiliary wish to express our sincere thanks to Mayor Florence E. Douglas and the City Council for granting us the privilege of selling the American Legion Red Poppies in the Vallejo area; to the Times-Herald and Evening Chronicle for the publicity for our Poppy campaign; and we wish to thank the people of Vallejo for their generosity during our annual Poppy sales. Their contributions will reimburse the veterans for their labor in making the poppies and the remainder will be spent for rehabilitation and welfare to veterans and their families.

MRS. GRACE MOREY,
President
MRS. GERTRUDE COLLINS
Poppy Chairman
MRS. MAVIS FOURNIER
Publicity Chairman

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Every effort must be made to obtain peace in our troubled world, but at the same time we must be ever alert to the threat which communism poses, and recognize that the aim of the Communist leaders is to bring the world under eventual Communist domination.

In a speech which Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt, assistant commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, recently gave at the Manlius Military School, near Syracuse, he quoted from a document written by Lin Piao, vice chairman of the Chinese Central Communist Party, in which he had stated, "Just as communism in China succeeded by capturing the countryside and then encircling and defeating the cities, so the global Communist movement will ultimately succeed first by capturing Asia, Africa, and Latin America, thereby encircling North America and Western Europe, and then by finally and decisively defeating the United States and its western allies."

President John F. Kennedy recognized what the consequences would be if Vietnam were to come under Communist control. The December 8, 1967 edition of Time magazine reported, "Two months before his death, John F. Kennedy was asked if he doubted the validity of the theory that a defeat in Vietnam would imperil the rest of Southeast Asia. 'No,' he replied, 'I believe it. I think that the struggle is close enough. China is so large, looms so high just beyond the frontiers, that if South Vietnam went, it would not only give them an improved geographic position for guerrilla assault on Malaya, but would also give the impression that the wave of the future in Southeast Asia was China and the Communists.'"

ALICE HANCHETT

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We wish to thank the manager of the Merchants Association at Larwin Plaza for allowing us to have a bake sale at Larwin Plaza shopping center recently; also a "thank you" to all the kind people who made a purchase.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY
SOCIETY OF THE FIRST
CHURCH OF GOD

"color" or "race" in our spiritual bond. To hell with our skin color! Measured against the eons of time in which our spirit lives, these few quickly spent years of physical existence are as grains of sand thrown on a beach.

Let us live these few years looking one another squarely in the heart. Not in the eye for the eye of man can "see" things that don't really exist; can "read" things inaccurately. But the heart of man has room only for hope and love that the spirit, the soul of us all may flourish and prosper, and expand to encompass a peace so vast that a million universes could not equal it.

WILLIAM H. SCHLUETER

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Edwin B. "Doc" Pierce will be honored at dinner on June 6th by hundreds of friends when he receives the "BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS" from the Exchange Club of Vallejo.

The "BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS" is presented in tribute to citizens for unselfish devotion to youth and civic betterment.

"Doc" Pierce certainly has given unselfishly of money and time in the field of Scouting. Many boys during the past 39 years are better and more successful leaders of today because of "Doc's" guiding hand.

The affair will be held at Dan Foley Cultural Center at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6th.

Those who wish to be present at "Doc" Pierce's dinner should get their tickets before Tuesday June 4th to be sure of reservations. Tickets are available at the Boy Scout Office, Wells Fargo Bank, Raymonds Mens Wear, George Fenton Insurance Office and any member of the Exchange and Kiwanis Clubs.

DR. CHESTER HILLYARD,
CHAIRMAN
Book of Golden Deeds Committee

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

At a neighborhood forum of residents of the communities within the boundaries of Tennessee on the north, Maryland on the south, Mare Island Blvd. on the west and Monterey on the east, a good start was made. The Workable Program Commission explained to us that problems of the community can be solved if we, the residents, show our interest and willingness to act.

The number of residents present were enough to get the ball rolling, but to keep it rolling we must have your support.

The problems of the aged, the low income families, our littered areas, home loan opportunities, a day care health center, programs to make our youth aware of their importance to their communities, and any problems you know of that we may not can be discussed on this sounding board.

If we can outline and plan our attack on our problems, we will be supplied with funds to help us get rid of them.

Your neighbors are looking forward to seeing you and hearing your problems at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 5 in the Vallejo Unified School District board office, 211 Valle Vista Ave.

MATTHEW SILVERMAN

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Anyone who has seen or knows the whereabouts of a tiny, tan, female part Chihuahua-Pomeranian dog, answering to the name of Chee, please consider this appeal.

She is on special food because of a continuous illness. The lady that owns Chee misses her very much as she was her constant companion.

The little dog disappeared from the owner's back yard and she is just sick over losing it. If you have any information concerning the dog, please contact Emma Majors, 333 Alabama St., 643-3488.

A FRIEND

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, Thou hast taught us to come to Thee. We belong to Thee, and our days find meaning in Thy presence. Only as we seek to do Thy will do we find joy and fulfillment. But we cannot obey Thee unless we love Thee. Purify our affections and direct our motives. Save us from littleness and from self-centeredness, from fear and from the sense of failure. Speak to us again of Thy love for us. Tell us again that we are Thine. Remind us of Thy promises and reconfirm the faith within us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas, Texas, bishop, the Methodist Church.

EDITORIALS

GIs Paying Heavy Price

Pick up any newspaper anywhere in the country and the headlines are depressingly similar:

"GIs Dying at Record Rate During Peace Talks" — "We Will Talk and Fight Both, LBJ Warns" — "Marines, N. Viets in Fierce Battle" —

More American soliders were killed in the week immediately preceding and the week coinciding with the start of the Paris talks than in any previous two-week period in the war — more than 1,100, bringing total U.S. battle deaths to over 23,000.

Some Americans may have been able to dismiss the war from their minds, now that U.S. and North Vietnamese representatives are actually meeting with each other. But not the parents and wives of men killed in those two weeks, or being killed this week, or may be killed in weeks to come.

"Many Americans have been misled into placing too high a value on Vietnam peace talks and expecting 'too much too soon,'" a group of prominent citizens warned recently. The group included, besides numerous religious, educational and business leaders, former President Dwight Eisenhower, former Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, James B. Conant, Gen. Omar Bradley and Gen. Lucius Clay.

"There is unmistakable evidence that Ho Chi Minh thinks of negotiations as another way to fight a war—in effect, as another weapons system," they said.

The history of the tortuous negotiations that took place in the midst of the Korean War is classic proof of the truth of this statement.

Opinions Of The People

Anyone in the Greater Vallejo Area is privileged to send letters to "Opinions of the People," an open forum of public opinion. Opinions in this column, however, do not necessarily represent the policy of the publisher. Letters must be confined to 200 words or less and addressed to The Editor, Times-Herald. You must sign your name and address, but your name will not be published if you make such a request.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To whom this may concern:

I am writing this to those of you who are in the same state of mind as I am. I am really shocked and hurt at the shooting and killing of Mr. Robert Kennedy. I know that it was very shocking and heart breaking to the majority of the people. I think that it is time for us all to sit down and search our hearts.

It is stated in the Bible that God will take the good men and women first.

We are left here to bear the burdens of this world.

As we get wiser and richer we seem to lose faith in God until something tragic happens to us. Do you really think education is the answer to our problem? This is a question you will have to answer for your own selves. What has happened to the old way of settling problems? Why can't people turn to God instead of violence?

It is time to get ourselves together and ask God for his forgiveness. I am not speaking of just saying, "God forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors." I mean really ask what is needed within your hearts and really mean it.

We have gone too long feeling that the things which we have accomplished were done by us. It was not and it never will be.

It is time we stopped looking down on those who can't make the goals which the more fortunate people have made and try to help them reach these goals. God didn't put us here to take life, he just gave us the power to put it here.

I am speaking to everyone and asking them to try to get themselves together and help one another to strive to make a better world to live in. I don't want to walk on the streets and feel that it is not free and safe. Please get together and make the best of life and stop taking it away.

Sincerely yours,

CONSTANCE JANICE WRITEN
377 Pepper Drive, Vallejo

P.S. I hope I have not offended anyone, because I was not trying to do so, just in case I have, there is a lot of truth in what I have just said.

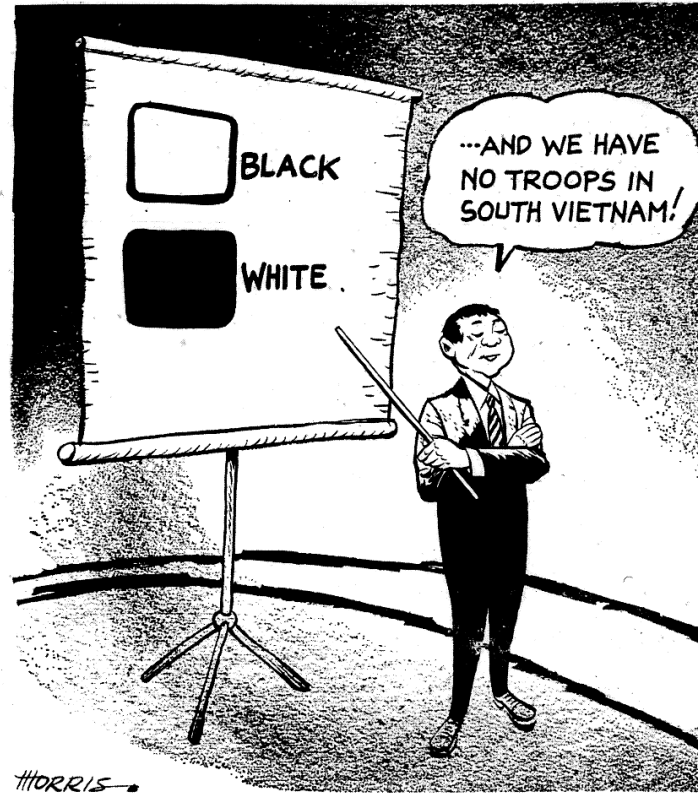
Thank you.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I feel compelled to reply to L. W. Jaksch who wrote a somewhat disappointed letter about sex education and planned parenthood. I found it difficult to ascertain whether L.W. was for or against it, but what did come through loud and clear was that she (I assume this is a woman) dislikes men as she refers to them as "wild beasts, the most difficult to manage."

In addition, she has an extremely low opinion of herself as a woman as she refers to girls as one of "nature's agreeable blunders." Any adult who evaluates God's handiwork in such a negative and distorted narration should perhaps air her view to a qualified counselor or



ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On this week after Memorial Day, I would like to state a plea for sanity.

Mr. Ollie Ross has many friends and relatives, and all of them were shocked and sad to read that he wound up in a hospital; including me, although I had never heard his name before. We all heaved a sigh of relief that he was not a statistic in the coroner's report; but approximately 600 others were.

Nothing but blind greed prompts human beings to take to the highways on four-day weekends. On these occasions, a phenomenon called a "day off" occurs. Rather than to take time off in April, May, August or some other time; we lick our lips, grasp the wheel, and hit the road. Are eight lousy hours of play so important to you that you are willing to risk your life and those of your family?

I am not yet a parent; but I am a daughter, wife, sister, or friend to others. I don't want to spend my next Memorial Day placing flowers on anyone's grave, and I would rather stay home on that day than to put people I love through the grief of doing the same for me. Most of you who read this will scoff at me.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy are dead but freedom is not. Their voices have been stifled but ours have not. Their fight is over, ours still before us.

Do we allow freedom's banner that fell from their lifeless hands to lie in the dirt or will we pick it up and go on?

Do we cluck our tongues, shake our heads, and mumble, "what a dirty shame," or will we grit our teeth, step over their fallen forms, and together march to meet the enemies of peace?

Will we choose to remain ignorant and unaware of what is transpiring or have we finally had our heads jerked from the sand? Will we continue to pretend that "all is well" or will we move to restore America to the spirit in which it was created?

Don't look to your neighbor for the answers. Don't wait for him. There has been too much waiting for the other guy; too much thinking that "one man can't do anything. We're a nation of 200,000,000 individuals — 200,000,000 'one guys.'" We can do anything we please if we cared enough.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"Profiles In Courage," written by the late president John F. Kennedy, could very well have been dedicated to the courageous Kennedy family.

This family, more than any other nationally known family, has suffered more at both the hand of fate and the hand of man.

When faced with disaster or tragedy we turn to the Almighty God and we seek answers to the question, "Why?"

Why was Senator Kennedy shot? Was the assailant demented? Was there a sinister conspiracy? Is our country sick?

We seek a solution and while doing so we feel a guilt complex since we are responsible citizens. Now, more than ever, we must unite into a sensible society. We must face up to realities. We must exercise the same courage the affected Kennedy family has demonstrated. To do otherwise would be an insult to their courage.

The unwritten last chapter of "Profiles In Courage" should be simply titled "The Kennedy Family."

Sincerely,
CESTER D. STONE
Vacaville, Calif.
★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am deeply concerned about our country spending billions of dollars to try and get to the moon, when so many needy people in the U.S. are deeply concerned for employment, decent housing, and the right to live in a bounteous country where they have to live in ghettos, slums and filth.

Who cares whether we get to the moon? We want to live peaceful lives here on earth.

If there is no water on the moon, how are you going to live there? No air, who wants to live there? Why waste money just exploiting so we can beat the Russians there, when we have problems here, in good U.S.A. that need attention first.

As far as the moon, 186,000 miles from here, I have a theory as to where it came from. Three years from now, when they bring samples back and compare them with the basalt of the Pacific Ocean, I believe they will find that it is same volcanic ash as in Pacific depths.

My theory is when God created the earth, it was one ball of molten red hot lava, with all the hot metals, 24 varieties red hot. He had to have something to bring on the tides, to create the winds, to create the moisture, for living plants, creatures, and human beings, for which he gave a soul.

He knew, that for man to live, the earth had to have air, oxygen, water and vegetation for humans to eat. So, he created the moon, by letting one of the planets come so close to earth that it pulled a big portion out of the Pacific side, and placed it out in space 186,000 miles from earth. After the planet's speed lost its gravity, the moon lost the gravitation of the large planet, and stayed 186,000 miles from earth. The earth in its cooling process, brought

and business leaders, former President Dwight Eisenhower, former Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, James B. Conant, Gen. Omar Bradley and Gen. Lucius Clay.

"There is unmistakable evidence that Ho Chi Minh thinks of negotiations as another way to fight a war—in effect, as another weapons system," they said.

The history of the tortuous negotiations that took place in the midst of the Korean War is classic proof of the truth of this statement.

Eventually, however, the Red Chinese realized that pressure on the battlefield was gaining them nothing at the bargaining table and got down to serious discussion about an armistice. It has not yet dawned on the North Vietnamese that we, no more than they, are not about to give up in Paris that which we have not lost, and do not intend to lose, in the paddies and jungles of South Vietnam.

Thus the insanity continues and the discouraging headlines and heart-breaking casualties repeat themselves week after week.

If there has been no progress in Paris so far, how much can there be as long as one side refuses to agree to the first step toward peace, a mutual scaling down of military activity—indeed, refuses even to admit that a single one of its soldiers is on the soil of South Vietnam?

Those who protested so much against America's involvement in the war are strangely silent now. Those who complained of America's inhumanity are amazingly blind to Hanoi's brutal step-up of the fighting.

This is not to suggest that the war protesters, whether in this country or abroad, should associate themselves for an instant with America's "guilt" or grant that there might be the slightest good thing to say in favor of America's position.

But if they sincerely desire peace, nothing is stopping them from making this desire plain to Hanoi. They never hesitated to convey their moral support in the past.

Long-Standing Insanity

A game called "Instant Insanity" is reportedly breaking sales records. It consists merely of four plastic blocks which, when arranged correctly, have four different colors showing on each side.

It's called "Instant Insanity" because the odds on assembling the blocks in proper order by chance are 41,000 to one.

Americans are already having trouble enough figuring out how to arrange society so that two different colors can live side by side in harmony. It is to be hoped, however, that the odds against the solution to this problem are somewhat smaller.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I feel compelled to reply to L. W. Jaksch who wrote a somewhat disappointed letter about sex education and planned parenthood. I found it difficult to ascertain whether L.W. was for or against it, but what did come through loud and clear was that she (I assume this is a woman) dislikes men as she refers to them as "wild beasts, the most difficult to manage."

In addition, she has an extremely low opinion of herself as a woman as she refers to girls as one of "nature's agreeable blunders." Any adult who evaluates God's handiwork in such a negative and distorted narration should perhaps air her view to a qualified counselor or clergyman who could help her discover the joy and contentment in the knowledge that she is most uniquely and wonderfully made. It is indeed sad that any man, woman or child should view themselves as a hapless blunder of circumstances.

Education for our young people and oldsters too would be an asset certainly for those who cannot engage in an intelligent free exchange in their home or church.

Facts in their proper perspective could be studied and freely discussed where one could develop a feeling of worth. Our young men must not feel they are some kind of wild and difficult to manage beast but rather God's supreme creation. And woman is surely not nature's blunder but one perfectly and intentionally designed to compliment her counterpart man.

These together carry out God's plan of procreation, mindful of their responsibility to manage intelligently all that God has given them, including the size of their family.

Amen

MRS. LYNN BUSHEY
1816 Fairfield Ave.,
Fairfield.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Now that the turmoil of the election is over, attention again will go to the imbroglio of Vietnam.

As a VFW and American Legion member, I feel as many other members who ask, "Where do we go from here." Are we playing games in Vietnam? Either fight the war or get out and stop wasting lives and money. If we are going to fight, let us fight to win.

Today's generations of fighting men are better than any that the United States has ever produced. Let them do the job the way they have been trained to do it.

I am convinced this would save lives in the long run. Let us win or stop the waste altogether.

Some people may call us war mongers. However, we like to say that we are proud to be Americans. We have shed too much blood and lost too many lives to quit in our effort.

We cannot submit ourselves to communism. We do not consider ourselves flower power hippies or other asinine factions. We must go out and fight the war as we did in WWI and WWII. We know the sacrifice and price for victory.

So let's support our boys in Viet Nam. Write your congressman and let your voice be heard. Let the government know how we stand. Let no one misjudge what is taking place in Paris and Hanoi.

American forces are fighting for the survival of American freedom as much as for the independence of the people of the world.

Communists from North Viet Nam, Moscow and Peking have made it clear that the big target in Viet Nam is not the conquest of that country. The big target is to break the will of America to resist Communist aggression everywhere.

PATSY SINARDI

approximately 600 were.

Nothing but blind greed prompts human beings to take to the highways on four-day weekends. On these occasions, a phenomenon called a "day off" occurs. Rather than to take time off in April, May, August or some other time; we lick our lips, grasp the wheel, and hit the road. Are eight lousy hours of play so important to you that you are willing to risk your life and those of your family?

I am not yet a parent; but I am a daughter, wife, sister, or friend to others. I don't want to spend my next Memorial Day placing flowers on anyone's grave, and I would rather stay home on that day than to put people I love through the grief of doing the same for me.

Most of you who read this will scoff at me, and you'll be out on July Fourth. Just do me a favor—if you must risk suicide, go alone; don't risk murder, too. I'd rather grieve for a widow or orphan than a family fatality.

JANET WATSON

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am deeply puzzled by the apparent lack of concern over the recent, and also the past acts of vandalism of the schools in the Vallejo, Fairfield and Travis AFB areas. By lack of concern I imply that nothing constructive has been done to prevent these outrageous acts. A possible solution would be the use of watchmen in each school. Surely the cost would be less than the tremendous costs of reconstruction. See the items in the evening News-Chronicle of June 3rd of two separate acts of vandalism at Sierra Vista and Loma Vista schools; three separate acts at Travis AFB schools, and one act of attempted arson at Elmer Cave Elementary School. The placing of watchmen in our schools would not only be a deterrent to crime itself, but also, an aid in the field of unemployment by the hiring of workers. Let's hear from boards of education, school officials or any other interested parties on this idea.

MSGT. RALPH W. JENSEN
203 Armstrong
Travis AFB, Calif.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Well I guess I'm one of Mrs. Rich's former trashy welfare tenants and I write the word welfare very strongly since we're considered the lowest form of human beings.

They say they take a chance on renting to welfare people. The poor people also take a chance on the people they rent from such as landlords who seem to think they have the right to pry into your personal affairs. Some go as far as going to the Welfare Department trying to learn how much money we draw, where from and also the whereabouts of the absent husband and a few other minor details.

After all, we have our rights to our privacy the same as anyone else. They have the right to raise high rents on welfare people such as they failed to inform my social worker they had done to me when they complained about the back rent. It's quite a jump from \$95 to \$110 per month. They failed to check the house before I moved in so naturally I took all the blame for any damages.

People say why doesn't she go to work and help support her kids so she goes to work. Next we hear she's never home and that her kids are roaming the streets and running wild. A mother can't be in two places at once.

My sympathy goes to Mrs. Rich. She has a big job as someone seems to have given her the right to sit in judgment of all the poor welfare people. Believe me, there are an awful lot of us poor people in this mixed up world and a big percentage are the poor welfare kids.

It's a shame there are so many of us but as they say, you have to take the poor with the rich or something like that.

ONE OF THE POOR

Do we cluck our tongues, shake our heads, and mumble, "what a dirty shame," or will we grit our teeth, step over their fallen forms, and together march to meet the enemies of peace?

Will we choose to remain ignorant and unaware of what is transpiring or have we finally had our heads jerked from the sand? Will we continue to pretend that "all is well" or will we move to restore America to the spirit in which it was created?

Don't look to your neighbor for the answers. Don't wait for him. There has been too much waiting for the other guy; too much thinking that "one man can't do anything. We're a nation of 200,000,000 individuals — 200,000,000 "one guys." We can do anything we please if we cared enough.

We've fallen into a national lethargic slump. Do we care enough to send a letter or two to Sacramento or Washington, D. C., to find out the voting and attendance records of our representatives in order we might decide if they've "really" been doing the job we want them to do?

Do we care enough to write them concerning legislation they must vote on and inform them of what we want them to do?

Do we care enough to let our police know that we appreciate the stinking, dirty, thankless job we've given them to do?

Do we care enough about the unfed, unclothed, and unloved of this richest nation on earth to feed, clothe, and love them?

No, by God, we "don't" care enough and the fact becomes painfully obvious that unless we bestir ourselves to care, to give a damn; that unless we overcome the social inertia that blinded our eyes, closed our ears, and numbed our senses, then all the great men of this nation's history are fools. We'll have made a mockery of their once stirring, inspiring words and deeds.

We'll have sounded the death knell of a nation whose potential is unequaled on the face of the globe.

We must consider what we once had; what we may yet have.

But we can't have a unified country, a safe country if we turn our backs on the issues vital to the welfare of our nation.

They must be faced, they must be solved and there is only one way to do this . . . You and I must become "personally" involved.

WILLIAM H. SCHLUETER

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We are completely and totally fed up with the lackadaisical attitude the City of Vallejo has shown towards our plight.

Our home borders a drainage ditch, excuse me, I believe it's called Austin Creek. The house and the ditch have been neighbors for 14 years. We have campaigned for most of that time to have this dangerous, infested eyesore taken care of.

The earth is giving way beneath the fence bordering the ditch. The Sanitation Board finally responded last week by moving part of the fence in approximately two feet. There went two more feet of our property. Notice I said part of our fence. The other part is still hanging.

What does one have to do to get this ugly, stinking mess taken care of? We have tried everything to gain recognition of our problem short of staging a sit-in or a demonstration. That may be next!

We could move, but why should we have to? In every other way, we love our home and our neighborhood.

I now publicly invite all the City Council members and the Sanitation Board trustees to come to my home and see for themselves what we're trying to make them see. Does anyone think they will really show up?

MRS. ROBERT BLOCK
950 Sherwood

My theory is when God created the earth, it was one ball of molten red hot lava, with all the hot metals, 24 varieties red hot. He had to have something to bring on the tides, to create the winds, to create the moisture, for living plants, creatures, and human beings, for which he gave a soul.

He knew, that for man to live, the earth had to have air, oxygen, water and vegetation for humans to eat. So, he created the moon, by letting one of the planets come so close to earth that it pulled a big portion out of the Pacific side, and placed it out in space 186,000 miles from earth. After the planet's speed lost its gravity, the moon lost the gravitation of the large planet, and stayed 186,000 miles from earth. The earth in its cooling process, brought humidity, created water, the earth crust got larger. Try to place North and South America onto the west shore of Africa and Europe on your globe and you will see what I mean; the earth's crust has expanded 10 to 15 times in size, what it originally was. Two-thirds water on the face of the globe. All because the cooling of earth created the water, wind and tides. Then vegetation. And then God took the clay of the earth, and breathed into it a soul. And made man! Thank God.

Most sincerely yours,
EDWARD L. SIEMER
264 San Marino Ave.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is with great sadness and grief that I speak of another tragedy which has brought shame, anguish and another scar upon the American people. On the victorious night of June 4, an assassin's bullet struck and killed Senator Robert Kennedy.

People say that our society is sick. I regret to say that I can only agree with such a statement. Is it rational for such a civilized people to witness for a third time the fatal shooting of a man whose just ways have cost him his life? It is true that it takes only one man to commit the crime directly, but this one act reflects disgrace and humiliation upon the American society, which ironically enough professes freedom and tranquility. We ask ourselves now, why such a good man with Christian beliefs toward all people could possibly be murdered because of his sincere desire to help and create harmony among all men. It is beginning to look as if a man cannot even work with and for the people without being punished for it.

Must the Kennedy family once again suffer another loss? We ask ourselves why. It seems almost unfair for such a good family to have to bear another heart-breaking burden. Some people ask God to answer to this question, though without hearing a direct response from Him, like the Kennedy family entrust a more certain and enduring faith that what He did was right. I heard one person say today that because the American people did not appreciate Senator Kennedy for all the work he had done, God permitted this crime to happen rather than see him suffer on earth. We must believe, we must keep faith that the Almighty God did what He knew would benefit both the world and Senator Kennedy. It is not easy to accept this for an answer, especially for the Kennedy family, the grief that they are enduring might, with the kindness of God, lessen within their hearts.

To conclude, I would like to quote from Cardinal Cushing a statement that he made about the death of Senator Robert Kennedy, "Why, why, why, must this happen to the Kennedy family once again? I have been with them more in sorrow than in happiness. No one will ever know why, but to this day no one knows why Jesus said in his final moments on the cross, 'Father, Father, why hast thou forsaken me.'"

BILL QUENTO

PRAYER FOR TODAY

What a world we have made for our youth, O Lord of life. Thou hast created goodness and love, but we have fashioned a world of evil and hatred. We pray today for all youths who are being graduated from school into life outside the campus. Help them hold fast their idealism, their social concern, their desire for brotherhood and peace. Let them help me to recover my lost idealism; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

NLRB - Impartial Or Not?

Until that promised day when the lion lies down with the lamb and dogs no longer chase cats, somebody is apparently going to have to referee the continual power struggle between employer and employe, management and labor.

That somebody is the National Labor Relation Board, which was constituted by Congress and whose five members are appointed to five-year terms by the President.

But what happens when the referee gets out of line?

The Ervin Senate Subcommittee on Separation of Powers is conducting a series of hearings on the NLRB to determine whether the board exceeds its authority, as many critics charge.

In announcing the hearings on March 26, Sen. Sam J. Ervin, D-N.C., chairman of the subcommittee, rescribed the NLRB as the most severely impugned of all government agencies.

"The Supreme Court and every Circuit Court of Appeals, former board members and employes, dissenters on board decisions, labor and management, members of Congress, the academic community — all have criticized the board, not only for making mistakes, which it is authorized to do, but also for making decisions contrary to the policy and rules announced by Congress — which the board definitely is not authorized to do."

The question is whether the NLRB has become, in fact, a legislative body, interpreting the labor laws to suit its own concepts, instead of being the impartial, quasi-judicial administrative body it is supposed to be.

Among those documenting charges that the NLRB has, over the past half-dozen years at least, developed a definitely pro-union, anti-management bias, is the Labor Law Study Committee, a group representing some 35 national trade associations and hundreds of companies of all sizes.

The committee contends that the NLRB has consistently flouted the law and the intent of Con-

Opinions Of The People

Anyone in the Greater Vallejo Area is privileged to send letters to "Opinions of the People," an open forum of public opinion. Opinions in this column, however, do not necessarily represent the policy of the publisher. Letters must be confined to 200 words or less and addressed to The Editor, Times-Herald. You must sign your name and address, but your name will not be published if you make such a request.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Once again the hand of fate reached into the family of the Kennedys and snatched a victim. Naturally the public reacted in shocked dismay because some of them felt it was the thing to do at the time. Not remembering the snide remarks some of us made from time to time about the late senator with some even saying they hated the man. When you ask them why, they failed to come up with an answer . . . they just hated him.

Well for me, I admired the man, not because he was a Kennedy but because of what he stood for, a warm heart for all the people. We all know there will never be another Robert Frances Kennedy, but let us pray that someday, somewhere, someone will come close.

My heart is very heavy at the present time, not for the sake of the late senator, but for the sake of the wife and the small children he left behind. Long live the Kennedys and God bless them all.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN L. LEE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It was a wonderful experience to observe the American style of living in Vallejo. At the end of my stay I would like to thank everyone for his contributions toward letting my greatest wish come true, to make friends of another nation.

Mr. Dean, the president of the American Field Service program, Miss Moss, the counselor of AFS-club, Miss Bertellotti as well as my teachers helped me with their advice to make this exchange-year a successful one. The many friendships, I could gain and the warmth, I found in the "Warn-family," who practically adopted me as their daughter for this year, made me very rich.

With the feeling to owe so much, I shall never be able to make up for, I want to say "Danke schoen" (thank you).

Sincerely,
MARIA I. BORSAL, Vallejo Senior High Exchange student from Austria.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Wilson Park Little League Mothers Club wishes to express their appreciation to the many people who helped us make our recent "Get Acquainted Dance" successful. Our special thanks go to the American Legion Post 550 for the use of their hall, the Vallejo Merchants who so generously donated door prizes, to those who made money contributions, Mr. Robert Rohan and his band for the music and the Vallejo Times-Herald for its help with the publicity.

Those of us associated with Wilson Park and the boys who will benefit by the equipment purchased, thank each and everyone of those who helped in any way to make our dance successful.

ROSEMARY CAMP
President,
Mothers Club

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

First of all, I would like to say to little Connie Wroten, "thank you." We have too few your



YOUTH POWER . . . IF USED!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Does the hope of America waver on the death of the late Robert F. Kennedy? The hope of the United States of America does not waver on the death of the late senator, but it does waver or depend on what the American people do with the ideals, the spirit, and the inspiration expressed by Robert Kennedy throughout his campaign and his life.

The death of Robert Kennedy is another example of belated justice. It takes a death at a busy intersection to provide the stop light. The people of the United States can only ask themselves, why? If there is no more meaning in the life of Robert F. Kennedy, let there be meaning in his death; provide the stop light for violence before the intersection of life causes another accident.

DAVE GOFORTH

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention all Teenagers: School is now out. It is time for us to make the adults feel bad and look bad also. It is not us who are screaming about the "Long Hot Summer"; it is the adults. What are we going to

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I just finished reading your editorial on Old Glory (Times-Herald, June 9). Thank you. Our country needs more "Old Fashioned Patriotism." If Americans are patriotic enough to fly Old Glory on national holidays, why don't they show it, by flying her every day! Our servicemen in Vietnam are fighting every day for freedom, not just on national holidays. I take these words from the American Legion's "Operation Show Your Colors" — "Americans are serving the cause of freedom in Vietnam. I wear (and fly) my country's flag to show that I support their efforts." What better way to pay homage to our husbands, sons, brothers, fathers who have died fighting rather than live without freedom? Not only our servicemen in Vietnam, but to all our servicemen who have given their lives? What better way to show our servicemen everywhere that we are behind them? Show them you are proud of them and proud of our country. I cannot aptly express on paper, the thoughts running through my mind but I am proud of my American heritage, are You? Fly Old Glory on Flag Day and every day thereafter. "And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To the lady who called: I am really confused and I don't understand the reason you called. The things which you said over the telephone were the same things which were in my article, especially what you said about the rich and the wise losing faith in God. Would you please contact me and let me know if you agree with my article or not. This letter is to anyone else who wishes to contact me also, either in person or by telephone. Phone number, 644-3740; address, 377 Pepper Drive, Vallejo, Calif.

Sincerely yours,
MISS CONSTANCE J. WROTEN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Patsy Sinardi: I have only one question to ask you: What is your draft status? JOHN CLUTE, 424 Pomona Ave., Vallejo, Calif. 94590

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

AN ANSWER TO THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA
During this period of mourning for the late Senator Kennedy, the radio, television, and press keep asking "Why?"; and they counter with — "There is a sickness among us." Perhaps a large part of the blame goes to the communications media, and to the Americans who sit on their idle behinds in front of their television sets and radios. Their time is spent in a morbid curiosity in the reports of riot, murder and violence.
I have not seen a father (who is supposed to be the head of his household) turn off a program that he did not wish his children to see.
Is there a mother in this country who will write and boycott the products of sponsors that back violent programs? Does just one woman have the guts to "Tell him why and REFUSE to buy?"

If these people were hit in the pocketbooks, you would soon see a change in programming, and eventually a change in our youth.
Does every newspaper HAVE to go into minute detail on every murder that is reported? Is there one publication that would tell a theater showing underground movies, "Take your ad elsewhere. We do not believe it to be in the public interest?" I do not know of one.
Soon after Senator Kennedy's death I overheard a man on a downtown street telling his friend — "I didn't get to see the killing on color TV. I hear there was a lot of blood. Oh well, at last the kids got to see it."
If every parent monitored the programs in their home, and the smut and expose magazines were not bought; they could not long exist.
It is time to build anew, instead of lapsing into a hysterical mourning that will be forgotten when the victim is buried and we are subjected to reports of the next round of violence.
I call upon the public to start treating this "Sickness" now. What finer tribute could be paid to our fallen leaders?
JOANNA K. CUNNING
Petaluma, Calif.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Time marches on. At this day and age people live longer lives. At the present time, we

policy and rules announced by Congress — which the board definitely is not authorized to do."

The question is whether the NLRB has become, in fact, a legislative body, interpreting the labor laws to suit its own concepts, instead of being the impartial, quasi-judicial administrative body it is supposed to be.

Among those documenting charges that the NLRB has, over the past half-dozen years at least, developed a definitely pro-union, anti-management bias, is the Labor Law Study Committee, a group representing some 35 national trade associations and hundreds of companies of all sizes.

The committee contends that the NLRB has consistently flouted the law and the intent of Congress in many decisions heavily weighted in favor of the big unions and against employers.

Testifying before the Senate subcommittee recently, New York University law professor Sylvester Petro cited one instance where the NLRB forced a company to recognize a union despite a secret-ballot vote by employees in which the union was defeated.

Other abuses the Labor Law Study Committee charges against the NLRB are that it has restricted the rights of employers to free speech, condoned union-imposed production quotas and coercion of employees during strikes and in representation elections, dis-regarded fraud and gross misrepresentations on the part of unions and rewarded strikers for flagrant misconduct by forcing employers to reinstate them with back pay.

The big, big news of the past month has overshadowed these continuing Senate hearings, even though, from the standpoint of future labor legislation, they may be the most important since Congress enacted the Taft-Hartley Law in 1947.

Spray-Can Mine Field

Man's ingenuity in devising ways to blow himself up is apparently endless. Latest development is a "Liquid Land Mine" using Astrolite, the most powerful known explosive.

In a recent test, a two-ton truck was completely destroyed by just eight pounds of the liquid. Poured directly onto a dirt road, the stuff soaks into the first few inches of earth, giving tremendous upheaval power. Although the land mine was fired remotely in the test, a pressure-sensitive fuse can be used that will react to the weight of a passing vehicle.

Other virtues of the liquid are that it remains detonable for up to four days, even in the rain, but eventually deactivates itself, making dangerous minefield clearance unnecessary. Once applied, it cannot be detected by standard mine-detection equipment.

Liquid Land Mine can be simply poured from canteenlike containers, says its maker, Explosives Corporation of America, or sprayed from trucks or helicopters.

What next-handly aerosol can for home and garden use?

Special thanks go to the American Legion Post 550 for the use of their hall, the Vallejo Merchants who so generously donated door prizes, to those who made money contributions, Mr. Robert Rohan and his band for the music and the Vallejo Times-Herald for its help with the publicity.

Those of us associated with Wilson Park and the boys who will benefit by the equipment purchased, thank each and everyone of those who helped in any way to make our dance successful.

ROSEMARY CAMP
President,
Mothers Club

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

First of all, I would like to say to little Connie Wroten, "thank you." We have too few your age who will express their feelings in the manner you have. Not because they can't, but because of a fear of not being heard. We have many people like this.

I would like the readers of this paper to know what my 16 and 17-year-old children had to say when they were told by their father that Senator Kennedy had been shot. The oldest said, "Oh, my Lord!"; the youngest said, "What is the world coming to?" My heart was filled with sadness and thankfulness: sadness because of the weakness of man; thankfulness because of the strength of man, thank God.

I would also like to pass on the inspiring words of some of my friends:

1) "What am I going to do with myself?"—the Rev. K. E. Popleton, former pastor of the Second Baptist Church.

2) "Who am I now?"—the Rev. George, pastor of the Second Baptist Church.

(The third is not inspiring but concerns what seems to be happening in the world today.)

3) "This life is mine to live as I please." — a friend.

But is our life to be lived as we please with no thoughts of others feeling; the knowledge we have, to be kept to ourselves without exposing it to others; our ability to encourage others to not be used?

Certainly we are all here for a purpose, not to just enjoy the riches of the land, and then leave without giving some kind of contribution to this world of ours if we can. Even the tiniest contribution could help.

MRS. FREDDIE BLAIR
106 Hollywood, Vallejo

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It seems to me that we are going into a period of restricting everything a person does or owns.

There is a great move on at this time to restrict ownership of firearms. This is a Constitutional right. There are other rights that people are claiming but those same people want to take rights from the rest of the people.

These politicians and other cry babies are wanting honest people to give their guns away. What the hell good is going to come of honest people to just give their guns away? A person who wants to use a gun for illegal matters is not going to turn his gun in.

Mayor Aloto of San Francisco made a statement that anybody who turned his gun in did not need to worry about the serial numbers being checked. In other words he is saying that everybody that has a gun now is a crook. How many guns does Mayor Aloto own and how many has he given to the police to destroy or confiscate for their own use?

I am not a member of the American Rifle Association but I am thinking I should join and help fight people like Mayor Aloto.

Butcher knives have killed many people so why not outlaw butcher knives, the same with rope.

BOB L.

The death of Robert Kennedy is another example of belated justice. It takes a death at a busy intersection to provide the stop light. The people of the United States can only ask themselves, why? If there is no more meaning in the life of Robert F. Kennedy, let there be meaning in his death; provide the stop light for violence before the intersection of life causes another accident.

DAVE GOFORTH

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention all Teenagers:

School is now out. It is time for us to make the adults feel bad and look bad also. It is not us who are screaming about the "Long Hot Summer" it is the adults. What are we going to do to stop them from talking? Are we going to get out there and riot and fight each other so that we will have a police record for the rest of our lives? I am not, I am going to find a job, even if it is just for training, experience for the future job opportunities and reference? This is something we all have got to think about.

Why get out and hurt ourselves for something and someone who will turn their backs on us and say, "Those darn teenagers just don't know what to do with their time, why don't they get them a job."

Come on, let us get ourselves together and show the adults that we can make our decisions and our own minds and not let them stray us away from our goals.

Even though I am a Negro, I am not speaking just to the Negro population, I am speaking to every teenager in Vallejo, and anywhere this article might reach. Think!

Sincerely yours,
Miss CONSTANCE J. WROTEN
644-3740

I am not speaking of all adults, I am speaking of those who think there might be a "long hot summer."

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

But for the shocking tragedy the night following his sensational primary victories in California and South Dakota, Senator Robert F. Kennedy was the probable nominee of his party for President. I feel the Democratic Party should nominate for President either able Senator Edward M. Kennedy or Sargent Shriver, Jr., U. S. Ambassador to France, both stalwarts throughout the 1960 John F. Kennedy campaign and subsequently in service to the nation. The electorate should be given the opportunity to show their approval of the personalities and practices of the Kennedy family. For Vice President the convention should choose a proven vote-getter such as Illinois Governor Otto Kerner, Iowa Governor Harold E. Hughes or U. S. Senator Stephen M. Young of Ohio, all in important areas. My announced support of President John F. Kennedy in the 1960 election campaign may have been the deciding factor in Illinois and Missouri, where my relatives have been well-known Republicans for 90 years.

Both major parties owe to the American people and the democratic processes to offer the electorate good choices for President and Vice President. For the Republican Presidential nomination, former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who has won 5 elective offices and lost 2, would be a strong nominee and for Vice President Ohio Governor J. A. Rhodes or House Republican leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan could serve their party nobly.

Constructively,
H. L. HUNT
Dallas, Texas

for freedom, not just on national holidays. I take these words from the American Legion's "Operation Show Your Colors" — "Americans are serving the cause of freedom in Vietnam. I wear (and fly) my country's flag to show that I support their efforts." What better way to pay homage to our husbands, sons, brothers, fathers who have died fighting rather than live without freedom? Not only our servicemen in Vietnam, but to all our servicemen who have given their lives? What better way to show our servicemen everywhere that we are behind them? Show them you are proud of them and proud of our country. I cannot aptly express on paper, the thoughts running through my mind but I am proud of my American heritage, are You? Fly Old Glory on Flag Day and every day thereafter. "And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

BETTY J. MORCAN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I say shame on the newspapers and news media in general for the most heartless display of personal bereavement by the Kennedy family and others for the whole world to see.

I was shocked to see on the front page of our local newspaper a picture of a wife placing a farewell kiss to her husband; a namesake showing sorrow for the passing of his father; a brother praying in what should be private communion with his Creator. I also saw a camera zooming in with widening lens to capture a tear flowing from a woman's eye, as she was too emotion-choked to say anything else.

How tasteless have some people become? Is the news media that desperate to attract the attention of the public? How heartless can the public be to accept such nonsense? What is it that draws people to want to observe the most intimate portions of other people's lives?

It has been said that public figures relinquish some of their rights to privacy, and "the public wants to know." If in truth "the public wants to know" that much, then this IS a sick society, and it deserves all the self-damnation that seems to be so prevalent.

The situation is sad enough and felt by all without adding another sickening procedure to satisfy sadistic and ghoulish minds. I for one say leave the intimate emotions and actions private, as they should be, and stop exploiting such matters for any reason whatever.

Sincerely,
KENNETH SING

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Since the assassination of Robert Kennedy I have heard many people say that life must go on. This is true but I think that many of us don't stop our life for a minute in a tragedy like this. It is mandatory that we put our problems aside and consider, as a nation, what our part in the future of this nation is to be.

The individual is lost in a mass of numbers and statistics in this machine age; this is a main cause for the indifference in our country. One feels that his actions will not affect anyone, much less a nation. We have fallen to the extreme of apathy and it would seem that one day we might wake up to the fact that our nation needs help. What do we do . . . our guideline seems to be, "Let the other guy do it." Well, the other guy has done it too many times and we have lost John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy.

What this country needs desperately is not tougher gun laws or protection for our presidential candidate . . . but love.

If we do not find ourselves capable of loving then I think the image William Butler Yeats speaks of in "The Second Coming" has truly found its hour to be born.

ANNE TIGAN
216 Howard

his friend — "I didn't get to see the killing on color TV. I hear there was a lot of blood. Oh well, at least the kids got to see it."

If every parent monitored the programs in their home, and the smut and expose magazines were not bought; they could not long exist.

It is time to build anew, instead of lapsing into a hysterical mourning that will be forgotten when the victim is buried and we are subjected to reports of the next round of violence.

I call upon the public to start treating this "Sickness" now. What finer tribute could be paid to our fallen leaders?

JOANNA K. CUNNING
Petaling, Calif.

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Time marches on. At this day and age people live longer lives. At the present time, no one really grows old thanks to science.

Proper food is most essential and love. It is a heart-breaking situation how many elderly people die of loneliness. Forgotten poor souls who struggled through life to give loving care but left stranded . . . both fathers and mothers.

Respect all elderly people and give them a helping hand.

One thing for sure, none of us can escape taxes or the grave or old age. If you live right you will share your bread with others and prosper.

XYZ

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a little, red, female chihuahua answering to the name of "Chee Chee" who disappeared Memorial Day, please contact Emma Majors, 333 Alabama St., Vallejo, or call 643-3488. The dog is Mrs. Majors' constant companion, and Mrs. Majors is worried very much because her dog requires a special diet due to sickness.

Thanks to the people who are helping to find her. A reward will be given if the dog is found.

A FRIEND

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Well I guess I'm one of Mrs. Rich's former trashy welfare tenants and I write the word welfare very strongly since we're considered the lowest form of human beings.

They say they take a chance on renting to welfare people. The poor people also take a chance on the people they rent from such as landlords who seem to think they have the right to pry into your personal affairs. Some go as far as going to the Welfare Department trying to learn how much money we draw, where from and also the whereabouts of the absent husband and a few other minor details.

After all, we have our rights to our privacy the same as anyone else. They have the right to raise high rents on welfare people such as they failed to inform my social worker they had done to me when they complained about the back rent. It's quite a jump from \$5 to \$110 per month. They failed to check the house before I moved in so naturally I took all the blame for any damages.

People say why doesn't she go to work and help support her kids so she goes to work. Next we hear she's never home and that her kids are roaming the streets and running wild. A mother can't be in two places at once.

My sympathy goes to Mrs. Rich. She has a big job as someone seems to have given her the right to sit in judgment on all the poor welfare people. Believe me, there are an awful lot of us poor people in this mixed up world and a big percentage are the poor welfare kids.

It's a shame there are so many of us but as they say, you have to take the poor with the rich or something like that.

ONE OF THE POOR

PRAYER FOR TODAY

I'm glad you didn't put us into a changeless world, O God, if it weren't for the winters, our springs wouldn't be nearly so glorious. As I contemplate the wonder of change in the natural world, help me to look inside myself. Guard me against hasty change for the sake of change—but, oh preserve me as from the plague against the disease of being unwilling to make creative changes in my outlook, attitudes, habits, worship, and whole way of life; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

Pollution 'Rains' On City

There's an almost pathological shrillness to many of the voices crying out that "America is a sick society."

To say that America is sick because a madman or a conspirator can perform an assassination repugnant to the millions of our people is itself a symptom of mental malaise.

In marked contrast to this morbidity is the statement of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy thanking thousands who sent condolences to him and his parents upon the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"This is not the first tragedy that has affected my parents or the members of my family, and we pray it is the last," said Teddy Kennedy. "But on each instance, in spite of a world of cruelty, we have been much more impressed with the compassion, with the love and the warmth of the human heart, than we have over any other emotion."

It is not the inability of society to protect its leaders against random or schemed brutality that sets the tone of that society. It is the ability of a society to hold steadfastly to its worthy values, to strive for human betterment with courage and determination despite the risks from extremists, to carry on its political activities with gallantry and faith — it is those things which set the tone of a society, not the illness or evil of the madman or the criminal.

Certainly America is not a perfect society today. It may never be. But where on this globe would one go to find something better?

To Africa, where the harsh hand of colonialism has given way to the brutal feuding of military factions?

To Red China, where Chairman Mao's brand of communism enslaves millions to preserve a tottering equilibrium of dictatorial power?

To the great subcontinent of India, where leaders sniff a rosebud to drown the stench of starvation and overpopulation?

Opinions Of The People

Anyone in the Greater Vallejo Area is privileged to send letters to "Opinions of the People," an open forum of public opinion. Opinions in this column, however, do not necessarily represent the policy of the publisher. Letters must be confined to 200 words or less and addressed to The Editor, Times-Herald. You must sign your name and address, but your name will not be published if you make such a request.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"What's it all about?" "Is America sick?" These are the questions we ask each other when one tragic assassination follows another.

"No apparent conspiracy," is the reply given to each outright murder. And yet, a single thread weaves them all together.

If you were a conspirator, would you be so careless as to leave an obvious (or even inobvious) link to expose your purpose? Would one assassin logically be associated with another? Would your henchmen have open dealings to associate them with your purpose? If you were truly clever, you wouldn't allow this to happen.

A review of the assassination craze of the past five years leaves me with some uncomfortable thoughts which I think are worth sharing. Men have been slain with diverse political thinking—John F. Kennedy, a president of the United States; Malcolm X, a black power advocate; George Lincoln Rockwell, an American Nazi; Martin Luther King, who preached the equality of men; and Robert Kennedy, a presidential aspirant who was loved by some, opposed by others, but respected by most.

What is the common denominator? Each brutal death left the American people demoralized. Whether you, as an individual, believed these men to be right or wrong; you, as an American, felt despair that such a thing could happen. The most successful assassinations were those that left the most people confused, heartbroken, and spiritually groping.

And what was the net result? America tried to purge itself of its guilt. In the wake of the deaths of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Robert Kennedy, legislation immediately was passed through Congress in memory of these men. In each case, these bills had been hashed, and reshaped, but never passed. However, the ensuing deaths insured their passage. John Kennedy left us the war on poverty; Martin Luther King, another civil rights bill; and Robert Kennedy, the gun control act. Please note that these bills never would have passed a sane, conscientious Congress, but grief and the desire to do something—anything—brought about this legislation.

Our next question might very well be, "Who wanted these results?" And, in all honesty, we must answer, "None other than our Communist foes."

For the so-called war on poverty legislation proceeded to institute the Communist philosophy, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need."

The civil rights acts have failed to make us brothers, but rather have instituted doubt and distrust between the races, and have forced judgment of one race against another; the ideal division of our country desired only by our enemies.

And the most recent gun control act will prove its falsity. For the criminal will find a gun, or a knife, or a bomb, and the innocent will be left defenseless. The would-be killer will know the capability of his weapon, and will also know that fewer and fewer are in a position to oppose him.

Our path has been detoured. In our despair, we have said, "Take our wealth, take our lives,



FRIGHTENING!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"GUN LEGISLATION IS NOT THE ANSWER"

I wonder who Mayor Joseph L. Alioto and the rest of the advocates of total civilian disarmament think they are kidding. Who really stands to profit by a massive surrender of guns, or by a overly strict gun legislation? You know as well as I that only the decent, honest citizens would respond to such a stupid request that the San Francisco mayor has made. Does anyone think for a moment that hoodlums, burglars, gangsters and the like will really march down to the police station and turn in their guns? Surely they will! Like so much baloney, they will!

Will all the Sirhans, Oswalds, Booths and any other assassins, real or unreal, turn in their guns? Will the Mafia? Will the Cosa Nostra? Will the Black Panthers? If Cuban authorities had asked Castro to turn in his guns while he was a guerrilla, would he have complied? Or would Mao Tse-tung in China? Can the mayor or anyone guarantee that all of these mentioned above will turn in their guns and never procure more?

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Sunday, as a family, we attended Vallejo's memorial service for Senator Robert Kennedy. We were deeply moved and would like to thank all those who made this ceremony possible.

The words spoken had great meaning. (Too bad this paper did not publish some of the remarks made by Rev. Morris, Rabbi Horowitz, etc.)

We have had three senseless assassinations: John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and now Senator Robert Kennedy. We ask ourselves why. We grieve, then in a few days or a week we continue on just as we did before.

This time, let each and everyone of us do some soul-searching. If we had respect, etc., for these men when they lived, how much more should we honor their memory every day of our lives by living and practicing the lessons they taught! Let their deaths be a spiritual rebirth for each of us. A good start was this interfaith service making one wonder if in tragedy we can unite, why not such services to honor our God and ask his assistance to maintain

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Now I've heard everything. Turn in your guns and leave your family unprotected. Let the gangsters, burglars and foreigners keep theirs.

I can brain a person with one swing of a golf club. Yet it took three shots to kill both of the Kennedys. So you golfers turn in your clubs as a felonious weapon. Sounds stupid, doesn't it?

I have registered my guns with the sheriff and police department for over twenty-five years, and I'll be damned if I'll give up over a thousand dollars without a fight, just to satisfy a few egotistical scissor bills who are seeking publicity and want their names in the paper. (90 per cent of them don't know what they are talking about anyway.) "Hooray For Reagan." I might even vote for him.

Here's a good solution. After obtaining a permit from local authorities, a person should be compelled to sign the following statement when attempting to purchase any firearm.

"I am a citizen of the United States, (and have proof), over 21 years old, of sound mind, not a drug addict, not a habitual drunkard, not a fugitive from justice, or under indictment, have never been convicted of a crime of violence and have obtained local and/or state (as required) permits to purchase firearms or ammunition.

JESSE JAMES

Any person not willing to sign such a statement should not be allowed to own a gun or have one in his possession.

Here is something else:

Every one applying for a hunting permit should be required to pass a very rigid examination before issuance.

A person is required to pass a test to drive a car, yet a gun is as dangerous as a car.

Following is an example! Several years ago a man was killed when his dog stepped on the trigger of a loaded rifle in the back of the car. Yet the son who was with him at the time was arrested the very next year for having a loaded gun in his car. He still can get a hunting license. (no questions asked.) It's nuts like this we can do now.

I've been hunting and owned guns for over fifty years, and I or anyone in my party has ever had liquor in the car or camp, or ever had a loaded gun fired accidentally or a shooting accident. Sure, I've been called a wet blanket or a drip, but I'm still alive. I've never fired a gun unless I knew exactly what I was shooting at and everything ahead was clear. I've never wounded a deer for I don't shoot until I'm sure of a clean kill, (never more than 150 yards, and I shoot an 30-06 with a 190 grain bullet.

It is said that a 30-30 killed more game than any other caliber, but there has also been more wounded game got away to die, sometimes many days later. I have found several dead and wounded deer, and each time I have found a 30-30 slug. If it hits a bone, it stops. I saved a guys life one time that had shot a bear three times with a 30-30. The bear was mad and in the process of tearing him to pieces. I hit the bear behind the ear with my 30-06. The guy's

today. It may never be. But where on this globe would one go to find something better?

To Africa, where the harsh hand of colonialism has given way to the brutal feuding of military factions?

To Red China, where Chairman Mao's brand of communism enslaves millions to preserve a tottering equilibrium of dictatorial power?

To the great subcontinent of India, where leaders sniff a rosebud to drown the stench of starvation and overpopulation?

To Russia, where an elite of technocrats and militarists maintains itself by glorifying guns above butter on a scale never before witnessed on this globe?

To Britain, thrown back upon the tiny home island, its social fabric shabby from the abrasions of war, depression and disillusionment?

To France, once hailed as "every civilized man's second home," now ripped by civil strife and held together only by the glue of Charles de Gaulle's magnificent egotism?

The list could be extended much longer but never to produce an alternative preferable to the United States. That is not to say that we may be complacent at our faults and failures. But it IS to say that we must not be morbidly obsessed by them.

Defeatism has never been any part of the American character. It did not press back the wilderness across a continent; it did not build the cities; it did not build the freest, fairest society in the world; it did not reach out its hand over and over again to aid the weak and oppressed of many lands.

America's strength transcends its weaknesses. And admitting the need to correct those weaknesses — even though the pace at times be slow — enables this nation to go forward to its destiny of enlightened world leadership.

America Is Not Sick

Those sudden bursts of wind that sweep around a corner, advantageous as they are to the practice of girl-watching, are attracting the disapproving eye of science.

Engineers at Sweden's Aeronautical Research Institute in Stockholm have been putting scale models of urban areas in wind tunnels to study air pollution and ground-level turbulence, reports Engineering News-Record.

The wind tunnels reveal that when wind strikes a tall building, some of it is deflected downward, creating erratic gusts and swirls near the ground and, frequently, carrying with it smoky air from above. The Swedes have found that this condition can be avoided by changing setback designs for building and relocating chimneys.

Girl watchers needn't lose heart, however. The experts say that so many other factors are involved — the political and economic complications of city planning, established real estate patterns, etc. — that ground-level turbulence will be with us for a long time to come.

owners, but rather have instituted doubt and distrust between the races, and have forced judgment of one race against another; the ideal division of our country desired only by our enemies.

And the most recent gun control act will prove its falsity. For the criminal will find a gun, or a knife, or a bomb, and the innocent will be left defenseless. The would-be killer will know the capability of his weapon, and will also know that fewer and fewer are in a position to oppose him.

Our path has been detoured. In our despair, we have said, "Take our wealth, take our freedom of choice, take our right to bear arms. Give us freedom from responsibility." And if we do not soon see the pattern, we will get just that.

Have the tenets that George Orwell promised us in "1984" come before their time? "War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery, Ignorance is Strength."

The peace we seek is now seen as a war between classes and races, not only between nations.

Our freedom has taken the form of complete abdication of responsibility. The freedom from . . . all shaping of our own destiny; the freedom to . . . relax and enjoy "big brother's" bounty. But, the price is slavery.

Our leaders tell us that our strength now lies in keeping the truth hidden. Do you want to know the background of Sirhan Sirhan? You must not, for our strength lies in keeping it a secret. Do you want to know what is in the entombed documents of the Warren Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy? You must not, for no one in our lifetime must know. That is our strength.

"What's it all about?" It's about our burial as a nation promised by Nikita Khrushchev not too long ago. "Is America sick?" In a way. It has sleeping sickness, and must soon be cured or it may prove to be fatal.

AN OBSERVER OF HISTORY

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE: TO THE LADY WHO WANTS THE CITY TO TAKE CARE OF THE DITCH:

Surely this ditch in the rear of your lot is also a bother to your neighbors? And neighborhood groups are getting together to discuss neighborhood problems but maybe you have missed the notices in your Times-Herald?

But if this ditch bothers you only and you failed to see it when you bought your house or failed to notice that it might become a problem, why then, perhaps you and your neighbors could form a share-the-work-cost-party — so take another "look." Dirt is only matter out of place! Think how good you'll feel when you get the job done—however, you and you and you agree it should be done.

A NEIGHBOR (who bought a house in a city with sewers—but ours has a cesspool.)

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In reading John F. Dumlup, Assemblyman, Fifth District, on gun laws, I take exception to his statement "a hunter would be inconvenienced. He would have to submit to a longer waiting period to buy or sell a gun."

In my experience, a hunter plans all year for the few weeks or months of a year in which to do his hunting. He can also plan on purchasing new guns or selling old ones during the non-hunting months.

The gun lobby is about the worst thing to read about in our newspapers today and it's about time the legislators remember the voters do have a choice if they use it at the polls.

HELEN STRUNK
Travis AFB

★ ★ ★

gangsters and the like will really march down to the police station and turn in their guns? Surely they will! Like so much baloney, they will!

Will all the Sirhans, Oswalds, Booths and any other assassins, real or unreal, turn in their guns? Will the Mafia? Will the Cosa Nostra? Will the Black Panthers? If Cuban authorities had asked Castro to turn in his guns while he was a guerrilla, would he have complied? Or would Mao Tse-tung-in China? Can the mayor or anyone guarantee that all of these mentioned above will turn in their guns and never procure more?

If you have by now come to the same conclusion that I have, then ask yourself who will profit if decent citizens turn in their guns? You know the answer. We will be playing right into the hands of the enemy of this country. Communism. History proclaims before any dictator took control of a country the first thing he did was to disarm the citizens. In Poland, in Germany, in Czechoslovakia, and in Russia. But as long as the people were armed there were take-overs.

Our homes and persons will be wide open to attack from any source if we give up our constitutional right to bear arms. Law enforcement agencies should be grateful that there are decent citizens who possess firearms for the protection of their homes and loved ones. The policeman need never worry about the law-abiding person who owns a gun, yet these are the very ones who are being asked to surrender them.

Our forefathers placed that certain clause in our constitution so that we would be able to form a citizen's militia and discourage any would-be dictator from taking over, we have not outgrown this safety feature.

Both Kennedys were murdered by men who were under the influence of foreign powers. If we knew the truth, probably Martin Luther King was also. Let's not permit anyone to sell us on the idea that we as a people are sick. Why blame 200 million people for the actions of a few. Do we now believe in mass punishment? Let us demand the punishment of lawbreakers, not law respecters. The Bible says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34. The Mosaic Law was not given for the law-abiding, but for the lawless. Let us not be pushed or shamed into a collective guilt complex.

REV. F. LARRY BARHAM

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As the result of the June 4 primary election, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy emerged as the winning Democratic candidate and, had he lived, would have represented 172 of California's Democratic delegation votes. We find out now that the delegation will still bear his name, but will remain "uncommitted" until the August Democratic national convention.

As it stands, we now have both the Lynch and Kennedy delegations "uncommitted" and subject to professional political bartering which, in my opinion, does not necessarily represent the will of the majority of the Democratic voters in the state.

In view of the recent tragic circumstances, which significantly changes the leadership involved, it is my opinion that each available Democratic candidate make himself known, be placed on a new ballot, and let the popular vote by Californians decide specifically as to the representation at the convention. I, for one, do not care to see such a large block of delegation votes "uncommitted." They should carry with them the true sentiments and clear directions of the majority of persons that they represent.

Let's get the ball rolling on this issue. The convention is just around the corner!

Sincerely,
A CONCERNED CITIZEN

John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and now Senator Robert Kennedy. We ask ourselves why. We grieve, then in a few days or a week we continue on just as we did before.

This time, let each and everyone of us do some soul-searching. If we had respect, etc., for these men when they lived, how much more should we honor their memory every day of our lives by living and practicing the lessons they taught! Let their deaths be a spiritual rebirth for each of us. A good start was this inter-faith service making one wonder if in tragedy we can unite, why not such services to honor our God and ask his assistance in everyday problems?

Of one thing we are sure: from their place in heaven all three of our martyrs were viewing our actions in approval with the feeling that all they worked for on earth may not be in vain.

As we lingered with the refrains of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" still echoing through the church, we were proud to be Americans and, above all, Christians.

The Bower family
211 Stanford Dr., Vallejo

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Your political cartoon in today's paper is ostentatious and offensive. Mr. Morris, the artist has illustrated a stern, self-righteous looking man — the personification of World Opinion — looking down on a sheepish and shamed Uncle Sam. The caption reads: "How Can We Explain It?" (The Kennedy shooting).

The explanation is quite clear to anyone who is willing to view the assassination of Senator Kennedy on the basis of the eye-witness evidence. The senator, a popular leader in our country, was shot at the peak of his career by a foreigner—a Jordanian. This bit of evidence is being obscured and in its place is the self-imposed guilt feelings of some Americans determined to deface themselves and their country, and accept the blame for this tragedy—if not in fact in fancy and this country is tending to be more fanciful than rational these days.

Is it not a paradox that a foreigner such as the accused chose to live in American society rather than in his own beloved homeland. What motives kept him away from his country and influenced him to reside in a country currently regarded as "sick?" "How Can He Explain It?"

Had an American, residing in a foreign country, shot and killed one of its leaders, you can be certain that the foreign press (as well as our own self-demanding press) would have cried "Ugly American," and other damnations against the United States. There would be no soul searching nor self-negation on the parts of our world neighbors.

I resent the portrait of American injustices and despair that the shame-makers are inflicting on the thinking of the people. A country must be self-critical if it is to progress beneficially, but in this country, self-criticism is becoming self-castration with resulting loss of pride and trust in the positive accomplishments and virtues of the United States.

The press should not lump all circumstances of violence and tragedy under one cause — ambiguously called a "sick" America. Even in the case of contrary evidence the press continues to build a case for relationship in a chain of events not necessarily related. By generalizing one loses clarity and the means for finding solutions.

The press has a responsibility to the nation to be rational and equitable in its evaluation and criticism of the nation; to encourage cooperation and understanding and support, and not merely to breed and feed shame in consequence hatred.

Sincerely,
MRS. L. S. SEVERANCE JR.

I'm sure of a clean kill, (never more than 150 yards, and I shoot an '30-06 with a 190 grain bullet.

It is said that a 30-30 killed more game than any other caliber, but there has also been more wounded game got away to die, sometimes many days later. I have found several dead and wounded deer, and each time I have found a 30-30 slug. If it hits a bone, it stops. I saved a guy's life one time that had shot a bear three times with a 30-30. The bear was mad and in the process of tearing him to pieces. I hit the bear behind the ear with my 30-06. The guy's kid now has a bear rug in his room.

So you people who love guns and the great outdoors, register your guns, and when you go afield or in the mountains or forest, act like sane human beings, lay off the booze, keep a clean camp, report any violations to the ranger, warden or sheriff and see how much more fun you'll have.

JESSE JAMES

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. John Clute of 424 Pomona Ave. asked me what my draft status is.

Well John, if you read my letter of June 10 in the "Opinions of the People" you will note that I am a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and also the American Legion. I received an honorable discharge in the American Army with the Military Merit Citation and Purple Heart.

Does that answer your question? Now Mr. Clute, how about your draft status?

PATSY SINARDI

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A reward will be given for information leading to the apprehension of the person who hit-and-run, May 3, at about 11 p.m. at the curb at 733 York St.

The car which did the damage was two-toned, light green and white (or beige) and an older model, perhaps a Chrysler. A witness said the hood of the trunk of the hit-and-run car was beat and standing up in the air and we found part of the bumper and red glass from the tail light.

Telephone 632-2146.

D. M. RICH

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On July 1, the Vallejo Roller Rink will close its doors to the public.

Having managed the rink for the past nine years, I would like to say goodbye and to thank the many children and adults who made it possible.

With the interest of the community first and always in mind, Vallejo Roller Rink has much to be proud of.

One of the first colleges to add roller skating to its classes was Solano Junior College for students to get credits.

Roller skating for the mentally retarded was received with great satisfaction by the children and young people of the Vista schools. My sincerest best wishes to the teachers and chaperones for their untiring efforts in behalf of these youngsters.

To the Girl Scouts, Brownies, Camp Fire Girls, 4-H Club, Cubs, Scouts, Blue Birds and church groups—farewell to all, and good luck.

MICHAEL WILKINS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Tops Exponders have started a pre-teen group to help children between nine and 17 years lose excess poundage. We work on the group therapy system. If you have a child with a weight problem maybe we can help.

We meet in the Community Center on Amador Street at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday. Information can be obtained by calling 644-3585.