

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God, creator of all things, we thank Thee that even though we are like a tiny dot in the vast universe, we receive Thy love and mercy. We are grateful that we are not left alone to stumble down the path of life and work out our own salvation. Teach us to trust in Thee without reservations. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

—Joe Tom Tate, Worcester, Mass., president, Advent Christian General Conference.

EDITORIALS

Higher Insurance Cost

For less than half the cost of one year's fighting in Vietnam, Americans managed to kill nearly three times as many of themselves on the highways last year than have died in three years of the war.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, the bill in 1967 for nearly 17 million engagements—traffic accidents—was more than \$12.4 billion, \$100 million more than 1966 and an all-time high.

Body count of the dead was 53,000, about the same as the previous year. Casualties numbered an estimated 4,356,243, up 3.8 per cent over 1966.

Even if safer highways, safer cars and a more safety-minded public eventually help reduce or hold the line on the human toll involved in 100 million Americans driving 96 million cars one trillion miles a year, the economic cost can go nowhere but up simply because of the general rise in the price of everything else, including medical services, automobile repairs and higher wages lost.

Since the economic cost is largely paid for by insurance companies—that is, by people paying premiums to those companies—this absolutely essential fee for the privilege of driving also promises to go nowhere but up.

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As residents of Winchell Court we feel several misconstrued facts pertaining to the Child Care Center at number 133 need to be clarified.

1—The complaint made by "one" neighbor was undertaken as a result of having conferred with a number of other residents.

2—This complaint was not made concerning the destructiveness of children kept at the center, but, rather, because of the crowded traffic conditions in the court during the early morning and again in the evening, brought on partially by patrons of the center.

3—Ten houses are located on this court. Most families own and use more than one car. Two residents have three. Thus, already, we have a traffic problem aside from the additional one imposed upon us by having a Day Care Center located on a cul-de-sac, dead-end street, or however else it might be termed.

4—It is our understanding that the new ordinance proposed by the City Planning Commission will be to the advantage of operators of Day Care Centers since such places will then be legalized. Under the present law these centers are ILLEGAL in an R-1 Zone, which is the status of Winchell Court. In a city the size of Vallejo it is imperative places of business be controlled and each individual neighborhood with its particular problems be considered. We feel the planners are correct in attempting to rectify this particular situation.

5—We are not opposed to Child Care Centers. They are fine and good in the proper locations. All of us on the court love children and are concerned for their welfare. Indeed, due to the crowded conditions of our public street imposed upon us by this Child Care Center, we are concerned for the safety of our own children. We are of the opinion that our quiet court has already been changed into a business center and feel this location is not large enough for such an operation. We have felt this way for a number of years and are glad that something is finally being done to rectify the problem.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL G. HARDING

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Sem Yeta Council of Camp Fire Girls of Solano County extend the warmest thank-you to Vallejo residents, merchants, business owners, Camp Fire leaders and all those affiliated with Camp Fire, who have helped give the abundant supply of publicity for the Candy Sale. The help is deeply appreciated from those who so willingly consented and who worked so hard on the candy sale.

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MRS. IONA HANSEN
Public Relations Chairman
CATHY RAY



Did The Constitution Authorize This?

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How come men like Rap Brown, under a court order not to leave New York state, Stokely Carmichael who advocates the freeing of Huey Newton, charged with the death of a policeman, and James Forman who advocates the destruction of war factories and police stations and power plants, are not under arrest?

Forman stated (and I quote) "If Newton is not set free, the sky is the limit so far as retribution is concerned." If this is not a threat of inciting to riot, then I have never heard a threat.

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J. T.

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To the people of Vallejo: Don't think a squeaky wheel doesn't get the grease if we squeak enough.

This crime in our streets and the fear that one has of going out at night could be stopped if people would write our governor or our congressmen and senators to legislate some restrictive laws in regards to such crime as we have in Vallejo.

It is most disgusting and revolting to pick up our papers and read of what goes on every night. Now it is daytime and congratulations to the assistant manager of Penney's who identified these hoodlums. Don't blame our police as it seems they get no cooperation from the victims of these crimes and very little from our judicial system as they are taken to court.

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With reference to the teachers' strike, the governor of Florida said, "It's a sad thing to teach our children to break contract, strike, and protest." I say it is even more sad to teach our children what hypocrites we are.

We place such a high value on education, and yet the teacher's salary is not enough to support a family adequately. To protect his profession and job, a teacher almost must think more about his students than his own family. How important is the family unit?

The conditions are different in all school districts. But generally speaking classrooms are overcrowded, facilities are inadequate, supplies are too few, administration carries too much red tape, and salaries are too small.

If teachers strike, are there enough trained people to take their places? Not only is there a shortage of teachers, but also of classrooms. What can we do to encourage people to enter the profession? What is discouraging people from entering the profession?

Teaching has long been a woman's profession; and like so many other professions, it is struggling to catch up with the times. Teaching is now open to both men and women. In fact men are needed in the schools; not only as administrators, but also as classroom teachers.

But, before a man enters the profession, he must think about several things. As a father, can you afford to live in as nice a home as your students? Can you afford to continue your education? Can you save enough to put your own children through school? As a teacher and a father, are you doing all your paper work, or are you letting some of it go to spend some time with your own family?

What real value do we place on education? Is it high enough to try and better the working conditions and teaching methods? How important are our children?

Sincerely,
A CITIZEN & TEACHER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

May I take this opportunity to thank the people who called in response to the "It's Rich" column in January. We received many calls and people are still calling. On Jan. 29 we took five phonographs and 125 records to Weimar. We received a tape recorder-player that they can use with talking books. These they can get from the state. We will have more things to take up at Easter time. Thank you again.

JEAN BARSCH
Child Welfare Chairman
Salon No. 274 8-40

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A plan by two law school professors purports to eliminate the cause of most of this dissatisfaction. Under the Keeton-O'Connell "Basic Protection Plan," the question of liability would be dispensed with in most cases. As with other insurance, persons suffering loss would be paid (up to \$10,000) regardless of who was at fault in an accident, less what benefits they received from other sources.

The American Trial Lawyers Association has vigorously attacked the plan, charging among other things that it would reward the careless driver and penalize the innocent one. Conceivably, an irresponsible person with no other insurance but basic protection could cause an accident and receive payment for his injuries. The other party could receive nothing because he had hospitalization insurance, which he may have bargained for from his employer in lieu of wage increases.

The insurance industry is no less concerned about the problem than the public or the law profession.

One hundred million drivers, plus the U.S. Congress, will watch with intense interest the result of this and other voluntary attempts to update a system that has changed little since the first automobile frightened the first horse.

It Makes Sense, We Think

The news may shock both white segregationists and black separatists, but "Large Scale Integration" is the coming thing.

They may rest easy, however. Large Scale Integration is not a plan hatched at Great Society headquarters. It is, according to Aerospace Technology magazine in an issue devoted to a special report on it, "a new dimension in aerospace electronics."

It represents, evidently, some sort of breakthrough in the field of miniature electronic gizmos called Integrated Circuits. But only an electronics expert would know for sure. As one of them explains it:

"Large Scale Integration is the simultaneous realization of large area circuit chips and optimum component density for the express purpose of reducing costs by maximizing the amount of system connection done at the chip level."

On second thought, it does sound like something that only a government committee could come up with.

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Vallejo should provide for more night time activities for teen-agers. A move for the better would be to hold more dances that are open to all and to create more facilities where teenagers are welcome to just meet and communicate as a large group. These steps would be giving them more of an opportunity to become involved in good, clean recreation instead of using liquor or narcotics for a pastime. This also would aid in lowering the crime rate in Vallejo by a large margin.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I live on Woodrow Avenue in Vallejo. On Dec. 22, 1967, my pet poodle was either taken from my front yard or ran down the street too far and was picked up. Whatever the situation, one thing is certain, we miss him and we want him back.

Kleeko is a miniature male poodle, pale apricot and almost five years old. If you have him, have you noticed how finicky an eater he is, or how much he barks and howls and does he occasionally leave his signature on your favorite carpet or slightly moisten your favorite chair when he is irritated with you?

If so, what do you want with an old dog such as this? Old dogs can't be taught new tricks, remember? And, if you plan to breed him, I have his papers, not you!

To you he is just another dog, perhaps a bit of a status symbol, but to me he was a friend, a shadow, a warm spot on my feet at night. We miss him desperately because we loved him and if you have any love in you, you'll return him to his rightful master.

R. HERRON
370 Woodrow Ave.
Vallejo

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Mare Island Navy Wives Club would like to thank the many local merchants, The Times-Herald, K.N.B.A. Radio, K.V.O.N. Radio, Special Services on Mare Island, Jim Moreno, representative of Almaden Vineyards, and the many friends who came to our Spaghetti Dinner.

We would also like to thank our husbands who rolled up their shirtsleeves and helped out in the kitchen, and other jobs where needed.

Entertainment throughout the evening included a live band, The Group Therapy, an auction and fish bowl containing many prizes. The benefit award was held at 9:30 p.m. Two round trip tickets on Air California to Santa Ana were given to Mrs. Audrey Reinhold. A hair style at Monica's went to Lt. Cdr. James Haralson and an oil and lube job at S&K Chevrolet was given to Mr. V. Wolf.

CARLIN M. HORGER
President M. I.
Navy Wives Club No. 118

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Did you register for the PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY? Did you want to? Were you interested in the party's goals but perhaps a bit apprehensive of becoming involved in a new group? 187 people in Solano County did register and are now busy with activities necessary to get a new political party going. We are having an inevitable fund-raising dinner on March 16 at the Vallejo Country Club and we would like to have anyone who thinks he is interested in meeting the people of our area who ARE involved with the Peace and Freedom Party and you may be surprised to find your neighbor at the next table, and some college kids, and some teachers and some housewives — no one to be apprehensive about. I'll be happy to furnish further details.

MRS. LAUREL CLINTON
643-8172

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To the young men that answered Miss Hight's letter. What safer place than Vallejo "the All-American city" to listen to Communists speak? I challenge that question by asking another. Why allow Communists to speak at all at any of our tax supported schools? What have these butchers of millions to offer us or our children? Don't come back at us with a "war like Vietnam." If the Communists had not been the aggressor we would not be there.

The Communists have done their work well when they can glean from the mouths of our young people any attempt to condone the use of Communist propaganda on our campuses. What kind of happy medium do you seek? Our men are dying in Vietnam from weapons of which 80 per cent are supplied to the Viet Cong by Russia. Even President Johnson admitted this. Still he believes in building bridges to the enemy. There is no such thing as a happy medium in Russia. You are either Communist or shut up or be shot up. Let's just count the countries that have been taken over by force by Russia since World War II. East Germany, Cuba, Hungary, Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, part of Vietnam (now they want all of it), part of Korea (and do you dare say that we are guilty of meddling there?). Have we hijacked any Communist ships and have we imprisoned any Communist sailors?

Don't talk of these men who miss their wives in the Soviet Union like they are the salt of the earth. They are Communists dedicated to the violent overthrow of every free country, or else they would not have been allowed out from behind their Iron Curtain.

The Communists don't have a problem because they know what they are here for and are busy doing it. Miss Hight doesn't have a problem either because she knows that we better be busy trying to stop the Communists from doing their job. It's you three and more like you that have a problem because you are doing the Communists work and don't seem to realize it. I suggest that you read the book "Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover.

Sincerely yours,
VALESKA CHANG

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Each year, the Girl Scouts of Vallejo have a cookie sale to help raise money for camping programs. Many of these girls could not go to camp otherwise. Through guidance and leadership of many volunteers, our Girl Scouts of today will become better scouts and many of them future leaders in scouting as well as other organizations.

Girl Scouts will be calling on you through March 7 to take advance orders. The cookies will be delivered and the money collected March 29 through April 4.

As cookie coordinator, I hope that everyone will make a special effort to help make this the best Girl Scout cookie sale ever.

MRS. L. V. FRITH
1178 Roleen Drive
Vallejo

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Reference your front page article "in the morning edition, 1 March 1968. Two found guilty in vice conspiracy." I was left in a complete state of dismay after reading it. With all the brutal crime in Solano, especially Vallejo, with its armed robberies and burglaries, it is completely beyond my comprehension how the county can afford to pay two police officers to conduct months of investigation to catch a prostitute.

It seems to me that if the police were assigned to duties that enable them to catch the criminals that pose a threat to the general public, instead of spending all their time chasing prostitutes, the average citizen just might be able to walk the streets at night.

S.SGT. JAMES W. MILATA
Trais AFB

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In reference to Norris Palmer's article regarding the pin President Johnson is wearing in his left lapel, in your newspaper 26 Feb. '68.

This pin is far from a "temperance society badge" as Norris Palmer was informed.

This pin is the acknowledgement of the "Silver Star" awarded to Lyndon B. Johnson in the "China Burma Theater" World War II. The colors are blue, white; blue, white, red; white, blue; white, blue.

I know. I was awarded one of them.

WARD D. BURKE
M. Sgt., U.S.M.C. (Ret.)

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

No doubt a majority of Vallejo property has been re-assessed; three cheers to the Legislators and Assessors.

It's probably foolish to imagine the County, City, Recreation, Sanitation and School depts. will reduce the present tax rate.

Perhaps they are wringing their hands and wetting their lips anticipating a wind fall with the next tax returns.

It don't make sense to own a thirty-year modest home and be taxed \$350 and \$400.

One does not spend money as freely as do politicians, therefore it may be asking too much to ask them to cut a few corners and give the taxpayer a fair shake.

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JEAN BARSCH

Child Welfare Chairman
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Each case would be considered individually, which is only fair. The facts that must be considered are traffic problems, ample off the street parking and whether or not such use of property would have a detrimental impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

We feel the real problems existing are being overshadowed by misinformed persons.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT COX

MR. AND MRS. RODNEY YAEGER

WINCHELL COURT

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Secretary General U Thant's courtesy call on President Johnson yesterday served the purpose of protocol well enough, but it contributed little to an early peace in Vietnam, in all probability.

Thant is understood to have informed the President that the North Vietnamese are willing to talk about anything, even scaling down the war against South Vietnam, if only the United States first halts all bombing of North Vietnam.

The President, naturally, rejects this one-sided approach to de-escalation. That is only as it should be.

The pressure for real negotiations will come from Hanoi only after the present Viet Cong and North Vietnamese offensive operations in South Vietnam have expended their violence—and after Hanoi sees that it has not toppled the Saigon government or dislodged the American presence on the Indochina peninsula.

That time is not yet, though it may be closer than some in this country appear to believe.

RANDY SARGOTZ

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Lyndon Johnson has asked the people of our country to stop spending U.S. dollars on travel abroad, to help strengthen the economy of this country.

The average citizen cannot afford to travel abroad, so only a minority of the upper-income bracket can comply with this request.

But what of the average person, who can hardly go into any store and purchase an article of clothing or electronic equipment that isn't labeled "Made in Japan" or "Made in Korea" or "Made in Hong Kong" and even "Made in Czechoslovakia"?

Why doesn't Lyndon Johnson do something about cutting down on manufacturers who produce in foreign countries, and put an embargo on imports?

The billions of dollars that could bolster our economy if people refused to buy goods "Made in Japan," etc., would certainly seem to be more of a factor than the comparatively inconsequential amounts spent on travel abroad.

HELEN REUBEN

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We know, O God of all men, that You have not called us to be our brothers' keeper; we know, rather, that You have demanded of us that we be our brothers' brother. Forgive us for so often forgetting this. How many times we treat dogs as brothers and brothers as dogs! How often we mar the divine image in which we and our fellows have been created by denying his birthright as a person because skin is a different color or his accent different from ours! Help us this day to take at least one step toward creating a world brotherhood in our world neighborhood; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

Boy Who Won't Be Back

A boy died for you in Khe Sanh today.

You didn't know him, and he didn't know you.

But he died for you just the same.

You learned about it when the 6 o'clock newscast showed him being carried off the battlefield by his buddies.

He was going home at last—but not the way he had dreamed of going.

You watched the newscast as you ate a good, hot meal in your safe, comfortable home.

The news was pretty much as usual. The war in Vietnam . . . college kids demonstrating against changes in the draft rules, screaming and mugging for the camera . . . more teachers out on strike.

After dinner you tuned in to a program on which a comic wisecracked sourly about the way the war was going — and probably got more money for doing it than this boy in Khe Sanh had been paid all the time he was in service.

Then you went to bed, free from any fear that the house might be blown up by the enemy. The enemy is busy over in Vietnam.

But you couldn't get this boy off your mind.

You wondered if he had been frightened. Of course, he had. Who wouldn't be?

Had he hated this war as much as you hate it?

Probably more. He was IN it!

But, somehow, those boys in the thick of it over there seem to understand more clearly than many of us just why they are there, and the dreadful alternative if they weren't.

How had he felt about these characters who are defying the government, calling our leaders murderers, tearing up draft cards and pulling down the American flag?

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A Word of Praise for our Navy Reservists: These men in our Reserves are all men who have already served our Country and who stand ready to again serve when needed.

The men in our Reserves are on "Stand-By" ready to go to war at a minutes notice to help defend us.

Most are employed and they spend weekends on Mare Island in training when many of them could secure overtime by working. They are truly dedicated.

They carry an "Interim Directive" on their person to report for duty if, at any time, it is announced by air on radio or T.V. for reservists to report for active duty.

They do not have privileges to buy at the Navy Exchange as they are employed people.

The reservists uniforms are expensive and must be kept in top shape. They must have a full sea bag ready to go at a moments notice.

These men in our Naval Reserve give up weekends when they could be fishing, playing golf or getting overtime - pay because they love the Navy and our Country.

The small sum allowed these reservists is returned many times over by the work performed.

An example is the recent annual two weeks cruise from Mare Island to Long Beach by twelve men from SAM-R-12-2.

The work done there by these men saved the taxpayers several thousand dollars.

They worked on the Samuel Moore (DD747).

Many ships have been repaired or put back into commission by the reservists. The USS Walton (DE361) was done at one tenth of the Shipyard estimate. Another ship was the Sun-cock, a net tender, repaired at the same saving.

Many people who look upon cruises by reservists and weekend training as pleasures do not know the work they do and the sacrifices they make because they are patriotic, dedicated people who face reality and offer their lives in service to us.

We salute our Navy Reservists!

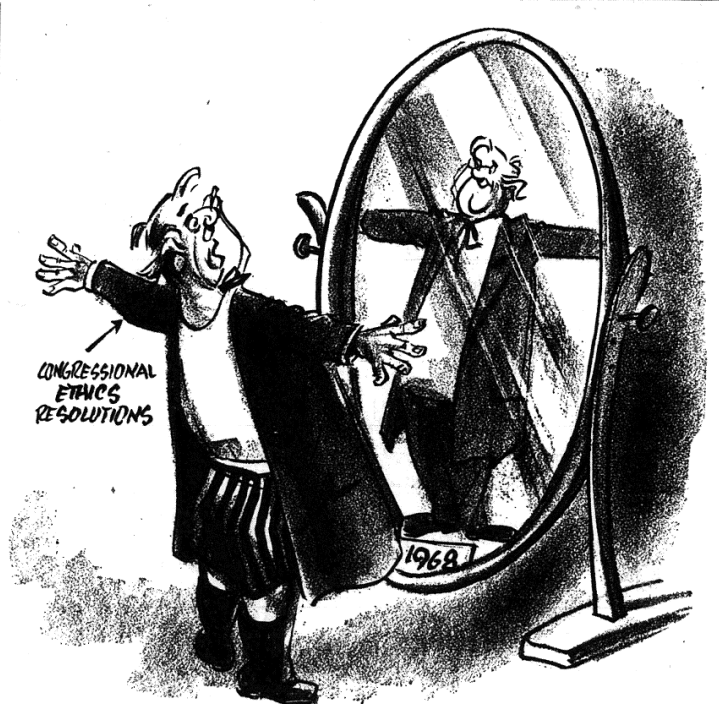
MAYOR FLORENCE E. DOUGLAS

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A few days ago some of us were talking together about the report of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders. In the course of our discussion we got around to Martin Luther King, Jr. The question was raised as to whether he was changing his tactics from non-violence to violence. According to Methodist's Christian Advocate (Feb. 22, 1968), Dr. King categorically denies a statement made by Adam Clayton Powell that he (King) was about to change his philosophy of non-violence.

King, being the realist that he is does warn however, that "If the American public is unwilling to face now the realities of the situation in which the Negro finds himself today and work towards some solutions, the inevitable alternative is racial war."

What is the reality of the situation? Dr. King listed the following: "In the past three years in Mississippi 83 civil rights workers have been killed and not a single conviction of murder has been obtained . . . 63 Negro churches have been burned to the ground and there have been no convictions for arson . . . 40 per cent of Negroes



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False Front

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Being an ardent admirer of Abraham Lincoln, and as a student being somewhat familiar with the story of his fascinating career, I would like to correct and add to a report made by a syndicated columnist which commented on Abraham Lincoln's political life. The facts are:

- He failed in business in 1831.
- Defeated for the Legislature in 1832.
- Again failed in business in 1833.
- Elected to Legislature in 1834.
- Defeated for Speaker in 1834.
- Defeated for Elector in 1840.
- Defeated for Congress in 1843.
- Elected to Congress in 1846.
- Defeated for Congress in 1848.
- Defeated for Senate in 1855.
- Defeated for Vice President.
- Defeated for Senate 1858.
- Elected President of the United States in 1860.

Obviously, this is the story of a man who, although his successes were few compared with a long record of failures, didn't stop trying. FRED G. MCCOMBS 98 Carliano Drive Vallejo

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Since the problems concerning the ball park in Hillcrest Park have not yet been resolved, as a long-time resident in this area, I would like to acquaint the new tenants with regard to it. Last year trees were uprooted and the area graded and fenced in for the ball park against the protests of both the owner of Hillcrest and many of his tenants.

Two very nice women approached me on the ball park; I politely refused. The tenants are objecting to the location of the baseball diamond — not baseball! After all, whoever heard of having a ball park in the front yard? I thought that there were ordinances which restrict recreational and commercial facilities to areas other than residential areas.

I just read some letters in the Opinion of February 19, wherein a few are complaining about Child Care Centers in residential areas. I had to laugh at that one. What about people who live near schools? I do. These kids are noisy too and, not only that, but instead of taking their school work home, they toss it in our yards on their way home. If the children in Child Care Centers are disturbing people during the day, what are older kids and adults going to do in Hillcrest Park with night games? We will have plenty of noise, too much congestion, and the usual litter which goes along with outdoor recreation where crowds gather.

May I suggest that you give this some thought, folks, before you sign any petition to retain the ball park in Hillcrest. You are the ones who are going to have to live with it. A HILLCREST TENANT

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We worry about our youths of today and try to keep them busy in good clean recreation so they will grow into fine citizens.

Baseball organizations are a wonderful part of this type of recreation.

We have two sons who have been involved in baseball since they were eight years old. Now they have advanced to Pony League and believe me this is one of the best programs for boys. It keeps them occupied and from running the streets.

Now, three members of the recreation district are proposing the tearing down of the ball diamond in Terrace Park, which has been completely prepared and financed by Pony League boys, parents, and good hearted business men of Vallejo.

It doesn't make sense to tear this field down, which has cost no one in taxes, and build another for Pony League at the taxpayers expense.

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Had he hated this war as much as you hate it?

Probably more. He was IN it!

But, somehow, those boys in the thick of it over there seem to understand more clearly than many of us just why they are there, and the dreadful alternative if they weren't.

How had he felt about these characters who are defying the government, calling our leaders murderers, tearing up draft cards and pulling down the American flag?

However he had felt, he had fought for that flag until he was killed.

It's too late now, of course, to try to thank this boy for what he did. But it's not too late to thank his buddies for what they're doing.

But how do you thank someone for facing death for you?

How do you reassure him that as long as men like him are willing to die for freedom, freedom is worth dying for — even though it be abundantly used and abused by the very ones who disdain to fight for it?

So you hope that the boys over there realize that dissent is loud and gets attention, but that gratitude is quiet and doesn't make the headlines.

You hope they know that millions upon millions of Americans are with them all the way.

You hope and pray that boy knew it as he died for us in Khe Sanh today.

Rural 'Brain Drain'

Everyone has heard of the international "brain drain" — how better opportunities in the United States are drawing professional people from other countries to work here.

Less well-publicized is another brain drain right at home, or "how ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm states after they've seen what they can do elsewhere?"

The exodus of their best-educated youth to industrialized, higher-paying areas is worrying a number of states, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Idaho, for instance, loses more than half the teachers it trains. The romantic drawing power of the West Coast is a constant problem for Midwest firms, according to a Davenport, Iowa, Chamber of Commerce official. A Dallas law firm finds that New York, Chicago and the West Coast are skimming the cream of graduates from Texas law schools.

Today it is no longer go West, young man (or woman), but go anywhere the biggest cities abound. Though this is not a new phenomenon in American history — in fact, it has been the pattern for most of this century — the trend seems to be accelerating.

It begins to take on the proportions of a No. 1 challenge to the "less-developed" states.

King, being the realist that he is does warn however, that "If the American public is unwilling to face now the realities of the situation in which the Negro finds himself today and work towards some solutions, the inevitable alternative is racial war."

What is the reality of the situation? Dr. King listed the following: "In the past three years in Mississippi 83 civil rights workers have been killed and not a single conviction of murder has been obtained. . . . 63 Negro churches have been burned to the ground and there have been no convictions for arson. . . . 40 per cent of Negroes across the United States live in substandard housing. . . . 16 per cent of the nation's Negroes are unemployed and in some cities as high as 50 per cent. . . . the average big-city school where many Negroes go is segregated, over-crowded, and devoid of quality."

There are many Negro youth today who want action now, with violence if necessary. The crucial question for each of us personally and our society in general is, are we going to work at the task of solving these pressing problems or are we going to force these militant members of Black Power to act. Our response will determine whether we have a nonviolent or violent revolution.

HAROLD C. COLEMAN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It seems as though lately all I've heard about are the crimes that are going on in Vallejo, yet no one has really been saying much about the action that is being taken to prevent these crimes.

I wonder if the public realizes the man hours put in by the Vallejo Police Department and the Vallejo Police Reserve. I'm sure most everyone has heard about the roving patrols that go on at night with the Vallejo Police Reserve Officers. These officers are not salaried as many of you may think. Sure, they have a life insurance policy and that's about all.

These men work their regular jobs and do this on their off hours. They're trying to make it so you and I can walk down the street without having to worry about getting pushed around. They protect us store proprietors who have a slight tendency to worry around close-up time. These things they do on their off hours.

You know, we citizens don't even pay for their uniforms. All of this comes out of their own pocket. Check for yourself, you'll find out it's not that cheap just to wear a badge.

These men work sometimes 8 hours at a time and still have to go to their regular job in the morning. For what? So you and I can feel a little safer in and outside our homes and businesses.

I feel that these men need a little more support from the citizens than he's getting now. As long as these Reserve Officers are doing the same job as our regular police force, why can't they get paid a little something to compensate for the time they put in for our protection. This would be only fair.

These are the men that check out our stores and shops and homes. If any of you have had any experiences concerning the Reserve Officers, then you know what I'm talking about.

Let's give these men a little moral support where it is needed, instead of taking so much for granted. It wouldn't hurt to teach a few of the kids in this town a little respect for the law along with some parents. So many of us are there to criticize, but never praise. Let's see what we can do for the Reserve Police Officer in return for the long unpaid hours he puts in for us.

A PROPRIETOR
and CITIZEN

Elected to Legislature in 1834.
Defeated for Speaker in 1838.
Defeated for Elector in 1840.
Defeated for Congress in 1843.
Elected to Congress in 1846.
Defeated for Congress in 1848.
Defeated for Senate in 1855.
Defeated for Vice President.
Defeated for Senate 1858.
Elected President of the United States in 1860.

Obviously, this is the story of a man who, although his successes were few compared with a long record of failures, didn't stop trying.

FRED G. MCCOMBS
88 Capilano Drive, Vallejo

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Offense against morality; "police brutality," a nefarious, vicious, bigoted phrase dredged up from the intellectual cesspool of indoctrination. Many people that complain about crime are the first to bellow "police brutality" when police do their duty. "The execution of law is more important than the making of them." It is the policeman's duty to enforce law. Because he knows "where law ends, tyranny begins." He also knows "The path of duty is not always the path to glory." Many police are men of courage and faith, good reason and judgement. "Even the lion has to defend himself against flies."

Police need more help to vigorously enforce the laws we already have. Police need more help than the socialistic, idealistic reforms that probably will come out of Washington. Verbal, judicial wrist slapping may deter a child but apparently does not act as a deterrent to older offenders.

Any one that shows respect for law, courts or police now days is looked upon as an utterly depraved, inhuman creature. Just what those that would substitute tyranny for law and order desired.

George Washington wrote, "Associate with men of good quality, if you value your reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company." Police do have many, many good men of good quality, if you value your reputations.

LAWRENCE W. JAKSEH

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have just read a very interesting article in today's Times-Herald written by Melvin Dykes. He states people do not visit places of interest in Vallejo.

Ever since coming to Vallejo we have tried to obtain a street map so as to find our way around. We have been unsuccessful. We even wrote to the Chamber of Commerce but did not get a reply from them.

If you can tell us where we can get a map showing the streets and places to visit, we'd like to tour the town as he suggests.

Very truly yours,
LUCILLE KEUNING

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The wife of a disabled ex-Marine and, Calif. resident is very ill with a heart condition. Her husband feels that "get well," cards would be most therapeutic. I urge your readers to send her a card or letter. She will be very happy to receive cards from anyone however, I would hope that the family of every present and ex-Marine would write. May I also add the husband is also disabled but, is able to care for his wife at home.

Her name and address is: ALICE STRAUGHAN, P. O. Box 583, Stayton, Oregon 97383.

Sincerely,
W. E. CRAWFORD,
Member, Disabled American
Veterans

reer fear because the black man is crying for a chance to live with dignity.

Let us examine our fear. Where is our responsibility to these black fellows? We have always been kind and decent people, and all of a sudden, the black movement is threatening us. We go along in the normal fashion, observing our normal routines, and all of a sudden, we have become targets for black anger. Where is our responsibility? Slavery occurred two hundred years ago. What do we have to do with that ancient injustice?

We have, in my opinion, everything to do with that criminal use of fellow human beings for economic gain. We have an inherited guilt. But let us consider the present injustices we perpetuate simply by doing nothing about them.

There are hungry black children. You, who are mothers, cannot dismiss this fact lightly. You, who are mothers, can imagine the sadness you would experience if your husband could not find a job, felt anger as a consequence of his failure (his failure?), and came home to spend his sorrow. I am a mother, and I can imagine the black mother's rage and despair as she struggles to nourish and to protect her children from racist brutalities. Can you put yourself in her place? All we need is enough imagination. With imagination, we can care.

Of course there are black hoodlums, just as there are yellow hoodlums, brown hoodlums, and white hoodlums. Of course there are some ugly and vicious blacks, just as there are ugly and vicious whites. If whites staged riots, there would be an equal number of whites raiding TV stores and markets. Who are we kidding? Ourselves?

Blacks are subject to their feelings just as we whites are. They experience, just as we do, misery, love, compassion, and anger. That anyone could sleep with the thought that a single child in our society sleeps hungry should shock us. That anyone could sleep knowing that a crippled child has no chance for critical help for three months (government machinery moves slowly) should appall us. We are all children on this earth. We are all blessed with a capacity for love. All we need to do is to give our love. And we give our love by communicating our concern for our fellow man by writing to our Congressmen, to our Senators, by calling our City officers, and most importantly, by talking our friends out of their damaging prejudices.

SUSAN PHILLIPS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We are writing in regard to the Pony League baseball field in Terrace Park. First of all, we want you to know that we are staunch supporters of baseball programs for the boys of this community and also of other youth activities.

We question the right of three people on the GVRD board of directors to undo the good works of so many people who have put in endless hours toward building this field so it would be ready for play this baseball season. It is also unjust to the business people who have supported us in fund raising projects for this purpose.

This field was built at no cost to the GVRD and as tax payers of this community we think it would be a flagrant misuse of tax monies to tear out this ballfield and restore the park to its original state just to satisfy the whims of these people. We would wonder what decisions they would wish to renege on next.

May we remind you that your responsibility is to the youths of Vallejo and not to single individuals and strongly urge that you consider all aspects of this issue before making a final decision.

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Those of us who have children (and you must agree it is the majority) know how important it is for children to have a recreational area and interested adults to work with them. Our children play in that area, and we are looking forward to enjoying the games there.

The men here who have studies to do are for the greater part required to do them at the school. Most of the information that they have to learn is confidential and as such, may not be taken out of the respective buildings at Mare Island.

I for one, am anxious to have the park stay where it is — for the sake of all who live in Vallejo — whether temporary Navy personnel or not.

MRS. ROBERT LEE SIMMONS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is actually an open letter of sympathy to the personnel of the South Vallejo Branch Library. We recently moved into the neighborhood adjacent to the library, and have spent several hours there. In the day time it is a pleasant place to go to browse and read.

But in the evening it turns into a recreation hall for all the stray children in the neighborhood. Personally, I can think of few better places for children to spend their time. A library is a fine and interesting place, and a good setting for learning — both from books and other people. But what I am complaining about is the use of the library by a few young rowdies. Talk is one thing, but shouting and running about is another. This situation cannot be controlled by the librarians, though, bless them, they try.

Just tonight I observed these things: (1) The librarian on duty was insulted repeatedly by a group of boys she asked to be quiet. When asked to leave, the boys stood about on the porch yelling insults at her. (2) The police came in twice; once, I believe, at the librarian's request, but the troublemakers had disappeared. (3) A patron told the librarian her husband would not allow their daughters to visit the library alone, for fear of the company they would encounter.

Is it fair for a few to spoil what should be a place of peace and contemplation (which there are few enough of in this world)? I don't know if anything can be done about the situation or not, but if not, again, my sympathy.

L. H.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to thank the Vallejo Fire Department for their fast service Monday night, Feb. 26.

My two month old daughter, Michelle Renee stopped breathing and thanks to their fast response to our phone call she is a well and happy baby.

I want to thank you once again for the prompt service.

Thank you.

MRS. PATRICIA WHITE
101 Newell Court

PRAYER FOR TODAY

I'm glad to be alive today. Thank You, God, for my life: the rhythm of my breathing and heartbeat, the wonder of seeing, feeling and hearing, the thrill of a new thought. Thank You, God, for family and neighbors both near and far away. All these treasures and more are crowned with the warm, love of one person for another. I'm glad You have given me life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Kenneth A. Kuntz, Indianapolis, Ind., executive chairman, division of Church Life and Work, United Christian Missionary Society.

EDITORIALS

Logical Question On Issues

Even as North and South plunged into the maelstrom of war more than a century ago, Abraham Lincoln attempted to offer reason in place of force. He proposed that the government purchase all of the nation's four million slaves for \$1,000 apiece—a total of \$4 billion.

The South, not thinking beyond the military victory it felt confident of achieving, was not interested. Nor is it certain that the North would have agreed to what in those days was a fantastic outlay.

The result, of course, was that the nation spent much more of its treasure in four years of fierce war, as well as losing 500,000 of its soldier sons—40,000 of whom, it should be remembered, were Negroes.

Today, we stand on the brink of another crisis involving the Negro in America. And again, voices of reason tell us that only an immense expenditure of money — and even more important, immense will — can avert a far costlier catastrophe.

Though the report of the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders put no price tag on its formula for averting future riots and a virtual breakdown of society, early rumors spoke of \$20 to \$25 billion.

According to a story by Scripps-Howard writer Don Kirkman last December, the commission abandoned the idea of calling for such a massive assault on riot-breeding conditions because "the country would not stand still for such a demand."

The country, however, is standing still for the spending of an even greater sum annually in the Vietnam war—a war in which many Negroes are again giving their lives for a country not their own.

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Vice Conspiracy. This was an article on the front page of your March 1 edition.

First of all, I admit I have met the woman involved and know she is a fine mother to her six-year-old son.

In your article it states that this woman and a man were found guilty on charges of vice conspiracy. It also states that there were months of intensive investigation. Since then, I found out that the months involved were more like two years of intensive investigation. And after this time they arrest one man and one woman.

After all this time I would think they could alarm themselves with crimes directly linked with our community such as thefts, vandalism, killings, shootings and racial and drug problems. But, as I stated before, after two years or months of intensive investigation involving our taxdollars they manage to arrest a total of two persons in a vice conspiracy ring.

I'm sure we all feel at times taxation is unjust but I think this helps to show us why our tax rates are so high.

U.G.K

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. J. B. Pitchford, head of special service, and Evelyn Hunter, therapist at Weimar Sanitarium, have now been delivered numerous gifts for their child patients with tuberculosis. Among articles donated by Vallejo residents have been phonographs, records, a stereo, a show and tell, a tape recorder, a portable television, and stuffed toys.

The hospital staff has expressed thanks to Barbara Hunter of the Times-Herald and News-Chronicle women's staff, and everyone who donated from Vallejo. They also are grateful to Jean Barsh, our child welfare chairman, and to Nalano Salon 274 for their kindness.

I also want to thank these wonderful people for what they did for these children at Weimar Sanitarium. Their kind deeds will give the children many hours of pleasure.

The hospital and the children were thrilled to receive these gifts, and we are still getting phone calls from Vallejo people who want to contribute "fun" items to the youngsters.

Yours very truly,

IDALENE LOOMIS
Publicity Chairman
Nalano Salon 274

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

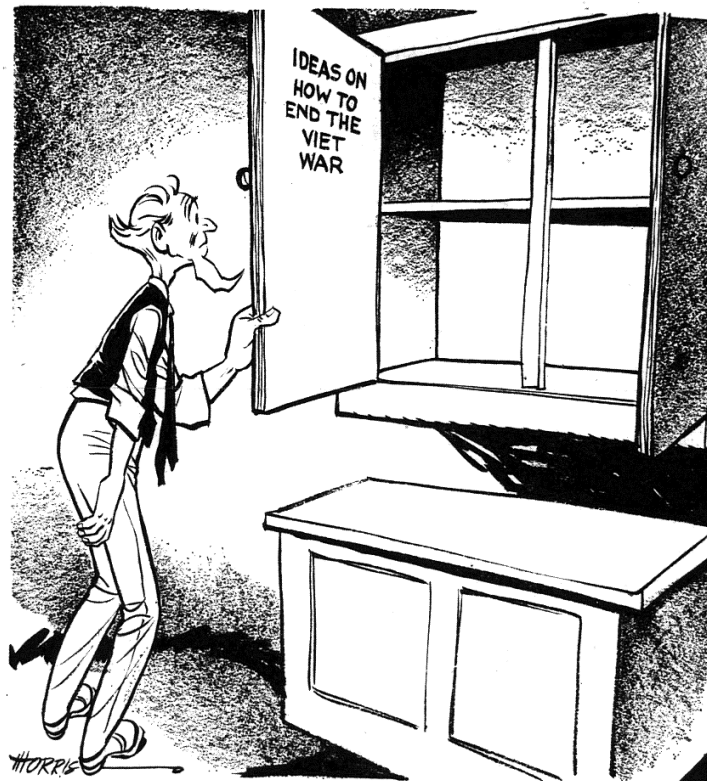
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UNCLE HUBBARD!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Public,

We the present members of the Youth Development Club, are very disturbed with the rumors and unkind remarks about our club and adviser. We would very much like to know why when the young people of Vallejo have nothing to do, you people, (the majority) say, "The young people have nothing to do, give them something to do." Now that our adviser is trying to get the young people of Vallejo together and give them something to do, many people talk about the way she is working things. Many adults are trying to tear down what she has built up, but they can't, because we, the members of the Y.D.C. are holding on, we are behind her 100 per cent.

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You parents, have got to get up and come to our meetings with your children, find out for yourself what is going on. You can't always believe what you hear, or do you listen to it? It's time you adults of the city support us teenagers and let us show you just what we are

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention: war veterans.

What are our young men doing in Vietnam? What are we doing at home? What ever it is, we're doing it all wrong.

Just like you, I used to read the headlines about draft-card burners and not read their side of the story. I told myself that they did it because they were selfish, lazy cowards and had nothing better to do.

Well, I've been gathering the facts lately:

1. There are Communist spies on our college campuses, but they are there for reasons altogether different from the dissenters. The best way to fight Communism at home is to learn about it. Salk did not create the vaccine until he learned all about polio.

2. We are the aggressors in Vietnam. We bombed a leper colony with napalm 250 miles away from the nearest military installation. Who were we defending???

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 will not dignify the enclosed by labeling it a letter or even a note. It was sent to me in the mail last week by an obviously sick person. To that person I would like to say if this is the only way you have of wishing me good luck, you may keep it for yourself.

There should be a law against such things being sent through the mail. It reads as follows:
THINK PRAYER

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and always acknowledge Him and He will light your way."

"This has been sent to you for good luck. The original copy came from the Netherlands. It has been sent around the world. You are to receive this copy. This is no joke. You will receive it in the mail. Send 20 copies to friends you think need good luck. Please do not send money, do not keep this letter. It must leave within 96 hours. Philippine Gen. W. Ian lost his life 6 days after receiving this letter. He failed to write this prayer, however, before his death he received \$7,000 he had won. Please send 20 copies of this letter, and see what happens on the 4th day."

A DISGUSTED CITIZEN

TO THE EDITOR:

The seizure by North Korea of the U.S. spy ship Pueblo has revealed to the world in a most ironic way that while the U.S. is mighty, it is not almighty. If there was a strong impulse among military-minded congressmen to react militarily to the loss of the Pueblo with its crew of 83 and electronic gear, prudence obviously exercised a restraining hand on President Johnson and his advisers. One very obvious reason is that the U.S. is bogged down in what is now a big war in Southeast Asia and has neither the trained manpower nor military equipment to fight another war on the Asian mainland.

But there is another reason for U.S. restraint, less obvious but possibly just as determining, if not more so. It is that war now with North Korea could have a devastating effect on international trade and monetary affairs. It would almost certainly wreck the administration's program for bolstering the dollar and preserving its status as an international reserve currency.

This point is rarely alluded to in news dispatches. It was discussed frankly, however, in a dispatch by Clyde H. Farnsworth from Brussels to The New York Times on Jan. 29 and published in the financial pages, where it is more or less secure from the eyes of the general reader. "In bluntest terms," wrote Farnsworth, "the Europeans (that is, bankers, financial experts, etc.) are saying that the United States cannot afford a second land war in Asia without losing the financial war in defense of the gold-exchange standard."

Here are the facts: The U.S. gold hoard has now shrunk to under \$12 billion. Foreign central banks hold \$14.4 billion of uncashed dollars, substantially more than the U.S. stock. In addition, foreign private holdings of dollars total another \$15.1 billion, and these dollars could easily wind up in central banks. Last year alone, the U.S. balance of payments deficit is estimated at nearly \$4 billion. Federal Reserve

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If we are prepared to send, as President Johnson has promised we will, whatever is necessary to prosecute a war being fought avowedly to bring freedom to a foreign darker-skinned people, are we willing and can we afford to do no less for our own dark-skinned citizens?

There is great demand for clamping down on the rioters. Is it possible that we may in the end, as we have in Vietnam, find ourselves destroying American cities in order to "save" them?

With severe new riot-control laws, beefed-up police and National Guard units and vigilante committees, are we reconciled to erecting a garrison state as the only means of preserving law and order?

Will we, while defending the integrity of a nation 12,000 miles away, do nothing to prevent the tearing of America itself asunder?

The commission minced no words. It was no Communist conspiracy, no plot of fanatics that caused the riots of the past years. They arose from an explosive mixture of generations-old, pervasive discrimination and segregation fashioned by white racism, pure and simple.

"Our nation," warns the commission, "is moving toward two societies—one black, one white—separate and unequal."

Again Lincoln calls to us:

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Are we content to watch it fall?

The Dollars You Save

Anything that individual Americans can do to help their government save a buck in these parlous times they should be told about.

Thus we pass along an appeal from the Environmental Science Services Administration.

If you should chance upon a radiosonde—a balloon-borne package of instruments that flashes back information to weathermen around the world—please return it, no matter how badly battered it may be. Just drop it off at the nearest post office, in its own postage-paid sack, for return to the National Reconditioning Center in Joliet, Ill.

Such thoughtful acts by citizens are already saving the government about \$180,000 a year, says ESSA. A new radiosonde costs about \$15 to \$30. But to recondition one costs only \$6.37, including parts, labor and overhead.

The folks at Joliet recently repaired their 400,000th radiosonde since the facility was established in 1945. That adds up to a tidy sum of money saved.

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Doesn't this sound familiar?

J.T.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A Doctor Morris of London, England has written a book, which is making thousands of dollars, and is ready to retire. Dr. Morris claims thousands of years ago we were animal "Monkeys" only we lost our fur.

The monkey is considered one of the group of animals most closely resembling man . . . BUT

What gets me, what became of the monkey's tail? There is a saying, "you can tell by their nails his or their folks hung by their tails." Guess it is no secret any more according to Dr. Morris.

So why bother with a house and the high rate of taxes. Just find a tree. Perhaps you will find Dr. Morris up in a tree somewhere counting his greenbacks "Monkey see monkey do." At least he has it made right?

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Way back in the historical days of 1536, Jacques Cartier's crew of 25 sailors died in Canada of scurvy. The Iriquois Indians suggested a medication by boiling the bark and leaves of the spruce tree. The cause of scurvy was the lack of Vitamin C.

In the 1800s, the Gold Rush days in California, the Indians became more friendly when the White man learned to speak their language.

Those were the days when in order to have brakes for the covered wagons they cut limbs off the trees and tied them behind the wagons in order to travel down a mountain side.

In this big, wide, wonderful world, if all countries could speak each others language it would be more peaceful and become more educated. There would be less chance of war or rumors of war. We were all created on this earth. Everything that God made was good.

Remember your Creator and you will prosper and be happy.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a member of the welcoming service in Vallejo I am told constantly of the wealth of material forwarded by the Chamber of Commerce office to people who write prior to moving into the Vallejo area. I know maps are available at the Chamber office and are given to people who call there.

I can only assume, therefore, that Mrs. Keuning's request for the information packet from the Chamber was lost or misdirected. Perhaps a phone call or a visit to the Chamber office might straighten out the entire matter to her satisfaction. And I know she will most certainly obtain not only the map she needs but much additional information about the City of Vallejo and its facilities as well.

EVELYN E. COOK

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You parents, have got to get up and come to our meetings with your children, find out for yourself what is going on. You can't always believe what you hear, or do you listen to it? It's time you adults of the city support us teenagers and let us show you just what we are made of. We happen to be tomorrow's adults, remember that.

The Y.D.C. is not just for the Negro population it is for each and every young person who is interested. We young people must understand that before we can get the adults interested in us, we have to first be interested in ourselves. Show some interest and pride in yourself. The meetings are usually held at the Vallejo Community Center on Amador Street, on Tuesday nights, from 7-9:30. You will usually see the announcement in Monday's and Saturday's newspaper.

If there is anything that anyone would like to know concerning the Y.D.C. please try and make it to the meetings. You can give your suggestions, and complaints, they will be listened to. Your ideas will not do the club any good at home with you. Come to the meetings.

Thank you.

MISS CONNIE WROTEN

Assistant Director
377 Pepper Drive

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"My son, Willie C. Torrence, was killed in Vietnam Feb. 10 while fighting with the U.S. Army. He was a private, first class.

Last week I took him back to Little Rock, Ark., where he was buried in Memorial Cemetery.

I want to thank all those here in Vallejo who expressed their sympathy in this most difficult time, including Mayor Douglas, the staff at Kaiser Hospital where I work, and my church, Vallejo Temple.

MARION TORRENCE

1645 Ohio St.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Traffic conditions at the intersection of Sonoma Blvd. and Nebraska St. are, to say the least, abominable. Congestion at this corner is caused largely by drivers southbound on Sonoma Blvd. making left turns into Nebraska St.

As a possible solution to alleviate this situation, the following is recommended. ELIMINATE left turns by south bound cars into Nebraska St. HOW? Several hundred yards north of Nebraska St. the railroad right of way to Mare Island crosses Sonoma Blvd. Post signs north of the RR tracks indicating left turn into Nebraska St. prohibited. Another sign would indicate or direct traffic to follow the right of way to Nebraska Street thence a left turn thus crossing Sonoma Blvd. at right angles. This procedure would eliminate the left turn lane now in existence. Control lights are already in use whenever a train crosses Sonoma Blvd. so that much of the problem is taken care of. Of course the holders of the right of way might object, but, perhaps they could be persuaded to cooperate. A similar condition exists in San Francisco on the way to Hunters Point and traffic is controlled as outlined above very satisfactorily.

G. W. TAYLOR

about draft-card burners and not read their side of the story. I told myself that they did it because they were selfish, lazy cowards and had nothing better to do.

Well, I've been gathering the facts lately:

1. There are Communist spies on our college campuses, but they are there for reasons altogether different from the dissenters. The best way to fight Communism at home is to learn about it. Salk did not create the vaccine until he learned all about polio.

2. We are the aggressors in Vietnam. We bombed a leper colony with napalm 250 miles away from the nearest military installation. Who were we defending???

3. There is a "communication curtain" between us and what really goes on with our armed forces. We have spies and troops all over the world, and our high officials try to tell us that we are gentle and innocent of any aggression.

Alright, so you went to war when it was your turn. Were you fearless and sure that you were doing the right thing, or were you just afraid to seek out the facts of the matter?

Now imagine that you are 18 years old. You are graduating from Vallejo High School this spring, and you want to go to the J. C. or college. Maybe you want to start an apprenticeship or get married. The leader of your country is shouting in your ear, "You don't want to die for ME? You must be a filthy Communist hippy!" What can you do?

I would urge young men to stand up and live. There is no valid reason to commit suicide in that manner.

The reason I opened my eyes and ears is because I can now identify with them. My husband of barely a year is patiently awaiting his draft notice. We are both so afraid we're sick. No, my husband has no more right to live than anyone else; but don't you think everyone has a right to live past his 21st birthday?

When it comes time to go, he will go because he is more afraid to stand up and be called a traitor. He is afraid to admit that he doesn't want to die.

I feel like I am watching him "walk the last mile." For you, you've already been through a war, and you're alive today to read this. Maybe my husband won't be so lucky, and I shall die.

AFRAID TO SIGN MY NAME

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am particularly concerned with one phase of our teenagers problems. In various parts of California we are having student strikes—boycotts and sit-outs at junior and senior high schools. These are accompanied by acts of violence, destruction and vandalism. When parents, relatives and friends of these students condone and often abet such actions there is something wrong with their thinking machines. The problems are many and complex, but the students should not be directly involved in them. Once they get the idea that they have a condoned grievance, they have a permanent excuse for their future failures and many may never get the education they so desperately need. Parents must say to them "You attend to your school work and we will look after the problems." Parents and the educators and administrators concerned should iron out these problems. Students should stay with their studies and school work. Whatever the problems; crowded classrooms, teachers, busing, integration, poor facilities, etc., the quality of education derived from any school is far more dependent on the attitude and desire of the student than on the teachers and facilities furnished to guide him.

ALFRED VIRAG

in a dispatch by Clyde H. Farnsworth from Brussels to the New York Times on Jan. 29 and published in the financial pages, where it is more or less secure from the eyes of the general reader. "In bluntest terms," wrote Farnsworth, "the Europeans (that is, bankers, financial experts, etc.) are saying that the United States cannot afford a second land war in Asia without losing the financial war in defense of the gold-exchange standard."

Here are the facts: The U.S. gold hoard has now shrunk to under \$12 billion. Foreign central banks hold \$14.4 billion of uncashed dollars, substantially more than the U.S. stock. In addition, foreign private holdings of dollars total another \$15.1 billion, and these dollars could easily wind up in central banks. Last year alone, the U.S. balance of payments deficit is estimated at nearly \$4 billion. Federal Reserve officials have told European central bankers, reported Farnsworth, that about one-third of this huge deficit "resulted from military spending in the Vietnam War."

Under the circumstances, it is obvious that these bankers are itching to convert substantial fractions of their swollen dollar holdings to gold. But, in view of the action President Johnson took on Jan. 1 to gain some control of the balance of payments deficit, they have elected to cooperate in protecting the dollar. However, in the event of a new war with North Korea, "all estimates for achieving equilibrium this year would be out the window."

As Farnsworth sees it, the dangers are many. A new wave of gold speculation, signs of which were seen recently, would mean more monetary gold stocks flowing into private hoards in expectation that the United States would eventually be forced to raise the price. There would be mounting pressure on European central banks, which have been cooperating with the United States to support the gold price in London, to withdraw this cooperation.

Farnsworth sees in this situation the potential of a "full-blown world financial crisis, with growing distrust for paper money and a new primacy for gold. World trade would then suffer a severe setback. There would be recessions and depressions in many lands."

LYDIA BURNHAM

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TO THE EDITOR:

Good for the teachers in Florida and teachers everywhere who have finally decided to do something in order to get decent wages!

Before anyone gets up in arms at that statement, let me explain why I made it.

First of all, I feel that a teacher could never be paid enough, no matter who much he or she received. They spend long years attaining a degree (or degrees) just so they can teach. They return to school to keep pace with changing trends in education. Just who do you think pays for all this education? The teacher, that's who.

Things have come to a sorry lot when a teacher has to strike to receive a decent wage. Yet practically every time a bond issue comes up to appropriate funds for a new school, to raise teachers' salaries or to provide something for existing schools, how many of us get out to vote? And when we do vote, how many times do we vote no, because we don't want to pay higher taxes?

We pay our engineers and scientists salaries in keeping with my training and qualifications, too? But we expect them to work at a salary far below their training. I know that I wouldn't do it. I would find me a job where they paid me in keeping with by training and qualifications. Personally I hope those teachers in Florida or teachers anywhere hold out until they receive the wages and conditions they are asking for. They deserve it and it's high time they receive the credit that is due them.

Oh, if anyone is interested, I am not a teacher and never have been.

MRS. CAROL A. EWING

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord, I ask for grace to receive and grace to give; for sharing whatever I find is worth while; for enthusiasm in undertaking every task, no matter how distasteful or dull; for eyes wide open to see the smallest human need; for ears sensitive to hear the right nuance of every word; for a thankful heart over every blessing received; for an absorbing spirit whenever shocks and hurts come my way. Lord, bless my life this day; in Christ's name. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

Sober Lesson For U.S.

Just as the Communist Tet offensive set off a fundamental re-evaluation of America's ability to fight and win a limited, guerrilla-style war, the gold crisis has dealt a stunning blow to the illusion of American economic omnipotence.

For the first time in history, American tourists in London and Paris found their travelers' checks refused. Suddenly, the mighty U.S. dollar was so much paper—for a few hours.

This, of course, can be attributed to unreasoning panic and short-sighted speculation, as can much of the gold-buying spree in the markets of Europe in past weeks. The dollar was not and is not in danger of collapse.

It is, however, under severe strain. The gold crisis, in effect, amounted to a vote of no confidence on the part of foreigners that the United States can continue the massive outlays it is making in the prosecution of the Vietnam war and still permit the domestic economy to go booming along without gravely eroding the dollar's strength as the stable rock undergirding the world's monetary system. It was, indeed, an unmistakable warning that we cannot do so.

The decision by the United States and the six Western European countries who make up the London Gold Pool to freeze their monetary gold stocks out of the reach of private speculators should effectively cool the gold fever for the time being.

Though there are doubts about how well the two-price system can work over the long run, by treating the immediate symptom it has bought a little time in which the basic causes of the malady can be attended to.

The two chief cures recommended by the fiscal physicians are not palatable. They include an immediate tax increase—at least the 10 per cent surcharge requested by President Johnson last fall and possibly more—coupled with a drastic reduction in government spending that will hit everybody's favorite project.

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:

There was once a little road, long and very narrow.

Everyone traveled this little road, cars, trucks, buses and even mule-drawn wagons, and the little road with its narrow shoulders and bumpy body never once complained. Although there were times when the little road would break out in sores and men in big trucks would come along and patch the sores and heal them, yet the little road never complained not one little bit.

Cars often crashed into one another, sometimes people were killed on the little road because of its narrow shoulders. Still the little road never complained. It runs beside a big lake, a golf course and a big fairgrounds and there's a rest stop beside the little road where sometimes the traffic is so heavy that it takes a motorist almost 30 minutes to drive a 15-minute drive.

Well, the little road is still there. People from the city travel the little road, people from the state capitol travel the little road but no one really cares for the little Chabot Road.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN L. LEE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Sometimes I wonder if the retarded child isn't the forgotten child in the community.

I hope some of you have wondered what happens to the retarded child. But how many of you have come over to 380 Contra Costa St. and looked around the day care center and the workshop? How many of you have helped by digging into your pockets and wondered how much you can give to help these children.

Does anyone in the community realize that there are no facilities whatsoever for the retarded child in the community to help or train them until they are six or seven years old? If the parents of a retarded child under the age of six want help that the child so badly needs, they have to finance it themselves.

This program on Contra Costa Street is financed almost entirely by parents and a few generous people who care. But this still isn't enough to cover expenses.

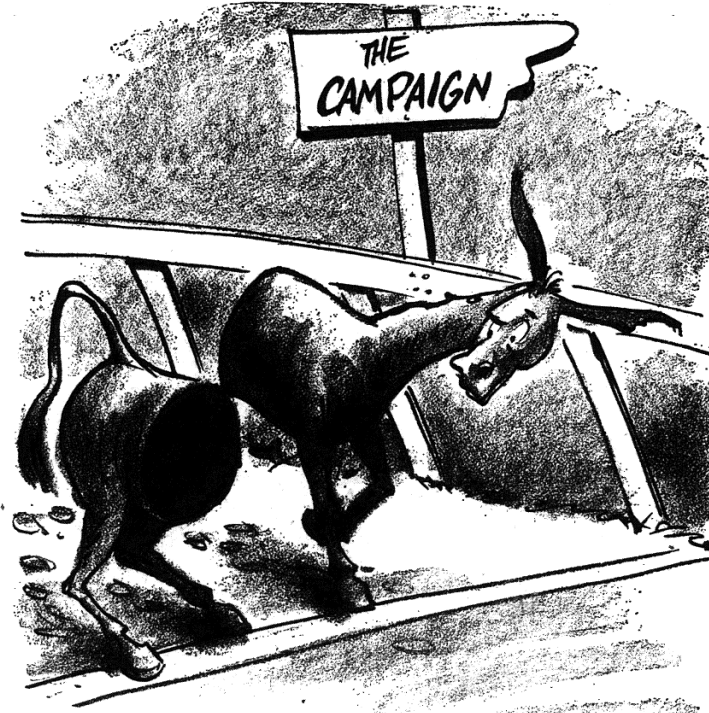
The Mental Retarded Council has started a thrift shop at 524 Tuolumne St. which is run entirely by volunteer help. We as parents of retarded children are trying to help. Won't some of you help too?

Sincerely,

PARENT OF A RETARDED CHILD

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I feel compelled to write to your column. Sunday we had a special on television about the Watts district in Los Angeles. How long will it take us Americans to wake up to these facts. We claim we want a better country, however, so many of us fail to try to change it. If Negro people are Americans and fight and die for this beautiful country of ours, how can we whites not give these people who pay taxes, and die for our country their equal rights as citizens of the United States. Talk about hypocrites! Why not look deeper into ourselves, us wonderful generous good American WHITES? We should have more understanding and compassion for these fellow Americans. Why not?? I could go



POST TIME

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We the members of the Youth Development Club and our director, Mrs. D. Barnhart were very upset at the action which was taken after our affair.

Someone tossed bottles and beer cans in front of the C.A.C. office. This has made the people at the office very upset with us. This doesn't affect those who are not in the club, but it affects us, the members of the Y.D.C. We would appreciate it if you young people would talk to your friends and not mess up things for your selves and us. Mrs. Barnhart does not have to give up her time to help us. She may have better things to do with her time.

Thank you.

MISS CONNIE WROTEN
Assistant Director
377 Pepper Drive

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Another bus had a wreck recently, a not too-uncommon occurrence. From the newspaper stories the bus had a good defense this time, the other car having crossed the dividing strip.

But how fast was the bus traveling? The driver sits high and can see oncoming cars much better than the rest of us. Was he driving defensively, as we all should, especially headed toward Nevada? The westbound traffic has its share of drivers with somewhat more booze aboard than is usual; a large percentage have had too little sleep in the past 24 or 48 hours; they are in a hurry because they have "overstayed their leave." And there are the losers who compose a great percentage. Some are working harder on their alibis than on their driving. None are in good humor. Some are downright reckless if their losses far exceed the reasonable "dues" we expect to pay Nevada.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention one and all:

Who would like to consider themselves good citizens, and especially to the party that was afraid for her husband to be drafted, and any others who may have this same fear.

This lady quoted what she called three facts which she used to guide herself by. The first one is probably half right, and the second one was dead wrong, and the third one was also only half true.

But she seemed to have missed one fact she should have learned early in life and that is: "Love of Country," "Our Country," "Our Nation," and our philosophy as Americans.

One of our early patriotic statesmen once said in an address to his fellow Americans at that time a short concise statement of fact that it seems to me applies quite as much today in our present situation. And that was, "Gentlemen, I don't know about you, but I for one would rather die for my country now regardless of how anyone feels, because it is my life, my all, my country, right or wrong, my country." End of quote.

To those of you who think we have no right in Vietnam, or anywhere else in the world should stop and think about our commitments that were not idly made to our fellow allies, when our need for allies were as desperate as anything we face today.

At the same time also remember that the "Communist World," has threatened all freedom loving people who they have termed as "capitalists," with extinction. And they have proceeded accordingly with no compunction on how it was done or by whom, and any disention among us or our allies only serves to help them to accomplish their aims a little earlier.

And tragically, China's government capitulated to them due to the indifference of its citizens, and millions of innocent people died because of it, and are still doing it.

Vietnam is only a tiny portion of this in spite of the magnitude of the military process taking there.

We must believe and trust our government and the officials we citizens have assigned the task of leading us, our country to its destiny in the future.

Remembering because we are doing the only thing we can do to defend our principles abroad and at home, we are going to make some costly mistakes in the process of defending our nation and our allies who also risk their destiny along side us.

I always found for myself that when I was afraid of something to the point that I could not sleep on it, then was the time to face it. The quicker the better, and burning your draft card is not the answer. Because that at best is the poorest sense of values you could have in any case.

You don't have to wait to be drafted, you can always enlist voluntarily. And you will find that all your fears are not nearly as bad as they seemed. To say nothing of what you gain in stature as a good citizen to your country. Both you men and women will find out for yourself that by doing what you are supposed to do, your fears will vanish with knowledge of a better

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The lesson is clear. The United States may be strong—strong enough to do just about what it wants, including the waging of a war in the jungles and cities of a nation 10,000 miles away while at the same time attempting the refurbishing of its own countryside and urban centers—but that strength cannot be employed indefinitely without the exercise of the most stringent fiscal discipline.

One way or another, we must pay for what we buy.

It is a sobering lesson to Americans who have been riding a generally buoyant tide of prosperity for at least 25 years, if the war years are included, and in almost every one of those years racking up new and higher federal deficits.

It ought to be a particularly sobering lesson to the politicians who must give an accounting to the American people this election year.

Admen Hit Bottom

They say if we wait long enough, the Russians will eventually become as crassly materialistic and conspicuously consuming as we are. That doesn't satisfy one enterprising American advertising executive.

An evident proponent of the direct hard-sell approach, James DeWolfe, president of Hockaday DeWolfe Giordano Inc., recently wrote to Leonid Zimyanin, chief editor of the newspaper Pravda. He urged the paper to adopt a new policy and accept product advertising, which would, he predicted, "heighten reader interest, expand customer markets, bring them increased production, add to national revenues and produce a higher standard of living."

After this persuasive pitch, he then requested—apparently in all seriousness—space for a full-page ad on behalf of one of his clients, who is anxious to bring "the beauty and gracious utility" of his product to the U.S.S.R. consumer market.

The product? Toilet seats—available in red, white, blue and green.

Placed in proximity to some of the official news that fills the drab columns of Pravda, such an advertisement would not be inappropriate, in an editorial sense.

As an opening into the vast, untapped Russian market, however, we entertain strong doubts that the offer will inspire a new movement within the Kremlin.

There are some things that Russia is just not ready for.

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Thank you.

MISS CONNIE WROTEN
Assistant Director
377 Pepper Drive

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Just finished reading the Times-Herald article on elementary and high school student reading ability in Solano County. It is quite astounding how so many of our children can't read. Vallejo Unified schools surely do need new reading adjustment programs, not only for the very slow readers but on all levels.

I've been very disappointed in the so little time and effort given to reading in the fourth through sixth grades. Teachers expect the children to teach themselves and that they should have the initiative to want to learn. This is well for some but what about the lazy students? Pretending to read is their major objective!

We parents try to stimulate an interest in reading at home but without access no matter how hard we try. If the teacher, who is sufficiently trained, can't interest a child to read, how can an unqualified parent?

I'm all in favor of special reading programs and longer school hours. Our children deserve every chance, let's give it to them.

MRS. V. E. WILHELM
Mare Island

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TO THE EDITOR:

President Johnson told a group of college students on a visit to the White House that, "I don't think we can avert a bad summer" in the country's big cities. His meaning appeared to be that he expects more riots, more racial unrest, more lawlessness.

It is questionable whether Mr. Johnson can stand a "bad summer" on the racial front, this being a presidential campaign year. We hope he does not underrate the degree to which the American people are fed up with mob violence in the name of race. If it happens again on a large scale, the President will be only partially responsible, but the people are never too discriminating when they seek someone to blame for conditions they know should not exist.

And rioting should not be tolerated. It should be broken up with whatever force is necessary, at whatever cost must be paid. The time is past when it could be argued with any semblance of logic that this kind of lawbreaking deserved special leniency. It has gotten beyond that. It has gotten to the place where mob action is intentional defiance of the whole fabric of society for the sole purpose of defiance—not for anything else.

Mr. Johnson has been pleading for social reforms, for welfare measures, for educational programs, for job-making projects, as a means of calming down the unruly elements. Putting aside for the sake of this discussion the question of whether such programs would be effective if fully implemented, still there is no possible question but that they would not be effective this summer, or next, or the one after that. Effective or not, what Mr. Johnson is talking about is a long-range design, one requiring a generation to show results. Are we to devote our summers to rioting meanwhile?

The President, the Congress and every other public official in America ought to begin to realize that there are two problems, not one, in connection with rioting. One is how, over a long period, to make discount less likely. The other is how to knock riots in the head right now. That's a matter solely of enforcement.

B. B. BINDLE

AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A message to Susan Phillips:

Dear Susan: Ghettos in Vallejo and elsewhere in the USA we do not have. We have an abundance of slums and rotten places where people live but no ghettos.

The ghettos came into being about 1555 and were established by Pope Paul IV to care for the Jews.

The ghettos were walled enclosures with gates and locks to separate Jews from Christians. Jews were not permitted to practice medicine among the Christians or to employ Christian mid-wives or to ride in coaches and were to be employed only in the lowest of jobs.

It was also decreed that Jews would wear a yellow hat and be marked with a large yellow star for identity. And they were locked up at night. The yellow stars and badges put them on the social level with lepers and prostitutes.

The gates of the ghettos were removed and burned in Venice, Italy in 1797 and in Rome in 1798. The ghettos were finally destroyed in Europe in 1876.

Hitler re-established them in Germany in 1940-41, along with the yellow Jew badges. And in Hungary in 1944 in order to expedite the destruction of the Jews in the overworked crematoriums.

Twenty-five or 30 years ago Vallejo did not have the people or the problems you are referring to and maybe you could enlighten the public on how all this came about in such a short time. In the meantime, don't be victimized by such propaganda as "ghettos," "racist brutalities," "police brutalities," and hanging all the blame on white people for black slavery. They shared the blame together.

The white sea captain bought his black human cargo from a black chieftain for a few barrels of rum and some gaudy baubles. The black man sold his own brother into slavery.

So get out of left field, Susan, it is crowded.

★ ★ ★ ANOTHER CITIZEN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Solano Council for Retarded Children will open a thrift store, the Gifts, Gadgets and Gimmicks Shop at 524 Tuolumne Street, Tuesday, March 19, at 10 a.m. Store proceeds will go towards the operation of the Council's Day Care Center for pre-school children and the Training Center for retarded adults located at 380 Contra Costa Street.

The shop will be open daily Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Merchandise for sale will include new articles made at the Training Center as well as used furniture, clothing and appliances.

MRS. DAVID BENTLEY

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The bus driver was passing another car. If he had waited an instant the collision with the wrong-way driver might have been avoided or missed.

It is hard to blame bus drivers because they are bedeviled by schedules. Therein lies the fault and the bus companies should be required to amend those schedules. I drive at 65-70 m.p.h. and the buses go roaring past. Try to drive reasonably on a road requiring moderate speed and in no time a bus is "tailgating" you—an awesome sight in the rearview mirror.

What is the permitted speed for buses? And when was the last time a bus was arrested in your area for speeding? (I would not put the last question to any highway patrolman with less than 10 years' service.)

Sincerely yours,
OGDEN ARMBRUSTER
Guerneville, Calif.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The following telegram was sent today, March 20, 1968, to the Governing Board Vallejo Unified School District:

I attended your meeting of March 19, 1968, as an observer. I was appalled. The spirit and meaning of the Winton Act was trampled. Negotiations with your employees was a farce. If you were negotiating why was the negotiating council not seated at the table with you? Why were offers and counter offers not evident? Why were you not considering an agreement between your representatives and the teacher representatives instead of subjecting your employees to the old tired and worn "listen and decide" employer and employee technique which went out with the high button shoes and gas lanterns? The Winton Act was designed to replace this with meaningful negotiations. It is just such abuse as this that is causing the teacher strikes sweeping the major cities across the nation. I urge you to reconsider your action and methods so as not to incite serious repercussions upon the part of your dedicated staff. The age when the king could do no wrong is dead. Let it die in Vallejo!

BILL BOUTON,
Field Representative
CTA Bay Section

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Disgusted Citizen:

I, too, received one of those letters or so-called "Think Prayers," and I feel as you do. Obviously, this person knows you and I both, but this person made a mistake. He sent mine written in his own handwriting and I immediately recognized it. I might add that this person is indeed sicker than I realized. I have no intentions of sending this bit of garbage on to anyone and my advice to this person is this: Go out and find yourself something worthwhile to do, and then you won't have time to engage yourself in such nonsense. I am a very busy person and I'm sure "Disgusted Citizen" is, too. I know who you are and let me again remind you not to send me any more garbage. My "can runneth over now." If I need prayers, I'll call my minister.

A BUSY CITIZEN

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At the same time you will have gained the status we all seek in life in our country of being considered a fully capable man or woman.

HENRY E. LLOYD

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Solano Council for retarded children wishes to express their thanks to the people of Vallejo.

Your wonderful response to our plea for usable articles for our recent rummage sale was very gratifying.

Because of you—our rummage sale was a success and we were able to make a good contribution to the maintenance of the day care center and adult workshop for the retarded here in Vallejo, at 380 Contra Costa St.

Thanks again from the council and the retarded, whom you helped, for your generosity.

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This letter is in reference to a letter that appeared in this paper March 18, written by a young woman who ended it with "Afraid to sign my name". She said she and her husband were awaiting his draft notice and she felt like he was "walking the last mile." She asked questions like "Hasn't everyone got a right to live past their 21st birthday?" And she said her husband was afraid to admit he didn't want to die.

Well, my friend, wait till you take your husband to an air base and watch him walk to a plane crowded with other men bound for Vietnam. Not one of those men want to die, but neither do they want to see their loved ones live under the iron hand of the Communist. Some of them like my husband are past their 21st birthday, but plenty of them aren't. They are afraid to die but they are man enough to stand up for something they believe in. This freedom we have and enjoy and take for granted hasn't come easy. Men have had to fight and die for it. How do you think those men at Khe San, Saigon, and the DMZ feel? Do you think they want to die? How do you think they feel when they wake up in the middle of the night to the sounds of rockets and mortars screaming overhead? How do they feel when they see their buddies laying dead from Communist attacks? How do they feel being thousands of miles away from home, from the people who love them? Neither you nor I can answer these questions, because we have never been there, never experienced some of the things they have. But I know why they are there. They are risking their lives so you and I might enjoy the freedom we have right now.

You may ask why I can say some of these things. Because I have a husband there right now. I am 18 years old and have a 2 year old daughter and it isn't easy to live alone for a year. But like many other women across the country, I am willing to sacrifice a year without my husband so my children will have the years ahead to live in this free country, and enjoy it as I have. And I am proud to sign my name!

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