

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Heavenly Father, as wise men of old were led by a star to the new-born Son of God, so lead us during these tempestuous times to kneel at His blessed feet. We would have the mind of Christ, the Spirit of Christ and the love of Christ as we move among our fellow men today. Guide us, guard us, bless and keep us, we pray in His holy name. Amen.  
—Dale Oldham, Eustis, Fla., former executive director, Christian Brotherhood Hour.

**EDITORIALS**

**Failure Spurs Efforts**

The California Constitutional Revision Commission, undaunted by the defeat of Proposition 1 by the electorate in the Nov. 5 general election, is pushing ahead with its chores. Such dedication is refreshing.

Ironically, the setback which the projected three-stage revision of California's State Constitution received at the election, may yet prove to be a boon.

In 1966, through approval of Proposition No. 1-A, California voters revised approximately one-third of the State Constitution, and the hard working Constitutional Revision Commission under the able leadership of Judge Bruce Sumner this year had submitted the second revision package.

The voters, in turning down the second package, probably were motivated by a series of factors. The measure was largely non-controversial, as basically it was a modernization and rewriting of outmoded sections dealing largely with education and public utilities.

If there was a particularly controversial section of the proposed Proposition No. 1 it probably was one governing the selection of a State Superintendent of Public Instruction, although other arguments were advanced, as well.

It is almost a certainty that Judge Sumner's commission will evaluate those sections proposed for revision which were found objectionable and in their own careful, workmanlike way, remove the points of argument which stirred the voters to opposition. Successful revision of the entire State Constitution is too critical not to proceed.

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

How does a race of people take pride in being prejudiced? How is pride derived from theft and abuse? Perhaps the pride which a white man possesses is merely a front, an escape route.

I am sick and tired of being told to take what is given and thank the great white god for it. Just what has the white man given black people?

In reply to Robert A. Miller's letter of Dec. 30, 1968, I would like to ask what have you done for black people? As long as there are white people with opinions such as yours, there will be "a state of political disorder," or anarchy. Politics has no business in a school system. You people are afraid of yourselves. During the process of dehumanization you learned something that literally scared the hell out of you. You learned that you were enslaving yourselves because you found that you were actually dependent upon "black power."

Your letter seemed to relate you to one of those racists who believes black people should still be in chains. May I ask you something else? If the great white man hadn't stolen this beautiful land from the Indians and used degrading tactics to bring black men to this land to build your world into "America the beautiful" what would you have now?

In this all American city we are blessed with people like Valeska Chang. Mrs. Chang is for everything down, against anything up. Mrs. Chang is out to oppress a minority group — black people. I do hope she realizes she, too, is a member of a minority group. Mrs. Chang is against any type of seminar programs, claims it is communistically inclined. If a person is living a lie, knows it and refuses to accept it, then I agree, seminar sessions should not be held. But if one has no fear of self and can take the truth, I think these sessions are wonderful.

J.E.S. from Vallejo doesn't want anyone to forget that "if" the demonstrating students were in a Communist country, they would have been shot. You're good at commenting on other people's silly statements, how would you classify yours? The statement in itself was true, the implication psychopathic. If I were to shoot you for wanting to keep your people together, I'd be as absurd as your implied statement.

What are you people so afraid of? Who threw missiles and set fires at the college? Did you see it or are you the insecure type who believes all you hear and haven't the courage to see for yourself?

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REGINA THOLMER



**CLUES ALL OVER THE PLACE!**

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Through the passing of the "Saginaw Ordinance," so-called, in Michigan recently, the State of Michigan is thereby giving notice to its people that the State has "preempted," or taken over the field of law making as it pertains to the indecent, the obscene — to pornography. This "shuts off all debate" so to speak and says, in effect, "Go ahead, pornography. The evil ones have it. Shut up, you fine, decent, Christian people, if you are saying things in support of some form of control over the filthy stuff that is permitted by some of our libraries." This is a sample of the nature of the battle that is to be waged between the indecent, the obscene against decency, the pure, the wholesome in our libraries and communities! So it often happens that right is upon the scaffold and wrong upon the throne, and that wrong is given the preeminence by virtue of the "preeminence" of the state, and so many evil forces lending their stamp of approval to the wrong that has been done! But, dear wholesome, and Christian citizens of our state and great country we are not to give up, for the battle, which is

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The mass destruction of kittens at the county pound is for a moment at a pause, however, it is sure to be resumed soon after the next mating season.

Could it be that you may have unknowingly contributed to their pitiless end? Yes, pet owners who do not have their animals spayed, if it is not their wish to have more kittens or dogs, are doing just that. I feel it is most inhumane to permit a female cat or dog to have several litters and not keep any of the offspring. Would it not be better to prevent pregnancy? Or in the event of birth to have the kittens destroyed IMMEDIATELY before they enjoy life.

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J.E.S. is so busy looking at all sides of the college issues (or is it perhaps only his side) that he neglects any concern for factual accuracy. A quick glance through my University of California catalogue indicates that other "decendants of foreign birth" seem to be pretty well taken care of. I find courses in French, German, Spanish, Polish, Italian, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian but none in Swahili, Yoruba, Hausa, Ibo or Ruwanda, although more people speak each of these languages than do some of the European tongues that are taught. And I have eaten enough spaghetti, sauerkraut and chow mein in college cafeterias to attest to the fact that other ethnic groups are getting their "soul food".

J.E.S. states "Students demonstrating like this in a Communist country would have been shot, don't forget." I seem to recall that Czech students recently staged a massive protest demonstration without the slightest bloodshed. Yes, students were shot down in Mexico, but that very act casts doubt on the assertion that Mexico is a democratic country. Your evident pleasure at this final solution to violence, J.E.S., makes me wonder if you really want to live in a democratic society.

Robert H. Clinton

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

With Christmas behind us and with all of the tinsel and glitter disposed of, there is one tiny obligation that many of us have overlooked.

Do you remember receiving a couple of Christmas greeting cards that were a little bit bigger than the average card to which was attached an extra 6-cent postage and was hand-stamped "postage due"? Most everyone receives a couple of these each holiday season.

These postage due fees are paid by the mail carrier before he leaves the post office and he must collect the amount due from the addressee. In many cases, the addressee is away from home when the mailman calls and the letter is left without collecting the 6-cents due.

This is a paltry sum to most of us but if a carrier has a couple of dozen of these that he doesn't collect then he is out six-bits or so.

Why not give this some thought and surprise your mailman by reimbursing him.

I neither work for the post office nor have any relatives or neighbors who do.

The average postal worker, though, is the most dedicated, overworked and underpaid of all of our civil servants.

Respectfully,  
G.G.

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Should this prove to be the case, there would be little likelihood of the public not being totally alerted to what was involved in the revision package when next brought to the ballot, for there are sections yet to be dealt with of extremely sensitive nature which will command public attention.

Whether the Commission which Judge Sumner heads would feel that submitting all of the remaining unrevised sections of the constitution would be too large a bite for the public to accept at one time remains to be seen.

The advantage in so doing would be that any such proposal certainly wouldn't suffer the fate of that submitted this year—apathy in too many quarters. For it is a fact that whether this year's proposed constitutional revision deserved approval or rejection it attracted far too little attention in relation to the significance of the project.

The Commission has done an excellent job to date and has not met with a legislature sympathetic to its goals. Hopefully the efforts will be crowned with total success at the next election.

## New Canada Train

Canada is proving it. Trains CAN be better than ever.

The Turbotrain — a streamlined dream with everything for passenger comfort from cars that are not filthy museum pieces to stewardesses, air conditioning and FOOD—has gone into service between Toronto and Montreal. A rocket on rails, the Turbotrain clicks off the 335 miles between the Dominion's two greatest cities in a minute short of four hours.

The projected American superfast train for the Washington-New York corridor continues to encounter delay after delay. But someday, before we all forget that a trip by train can be a pleasure rather than a 20-century version of purgatory, it just may, if not get off the ground, at least begin moving along it.

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

The recent strike of the non-professional workers at the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals reveals a deficiency in its set-up. If you visited the hospital during the strike, didn't you observe how few R.N.'s. are there? And some of the registered nurses may have been called in only during the strike. Some areas were completely shut down because there isn't a single R.N. employed. We pay for properly trained professional services which apparently are lacking. This seems to be a fault of the system. The Forbes magazine, March 15, 1968 gives this information on Kaiser Plan: The doctors who join the group, "their salary range from \$18,000 to \$24,000 a year. After three years, they become partners. This not only entitles them to a raise of \$1,500 a year, it gives them a share of the profits." Does not this "share of the profits" tend to cutting down on qualified personnel and to cheapening of the medical profession? Why are there so few R.N.S? The doctors have their diplomas and credentials posted in their offices. Should not those who execute the doctor's orders, administer medicines etc. be all equally qualified and properly trained? We who are paying for the plan have nothing to say as to its professional standards for we are not "partners." Isn't it a bit strange?

A Member of Kaiser Plan

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Perhaps now, with the recent tragedy of two teenagers losing their lives, Vallejo will wake up and do something for a gathering place teenagers can afford to go to.

Just space enough for a juke box, tables and chairs and a soft drink canteen would be ample. A pool table and portable TV set would be great, but not a necessity.

Teenagers want to congregate, and there's no excuse why a place can't be well-run in a town this size for our youth.

I'm sure enough parents are interested to donate their time to help supervise, as good rules and supervision would be necessary.

As of now, the only place for kids to go is the theatre (those who can afford the ridiculous prices — there are no student rates); and the low caliber pictures shown are degrading anyway.

School dances are few and far between and a meeting place to go after the games would be welcomed.

A membership could be formed so that those who abuse any privileges could have their membership revoked.

Something could be worked out if someone would just start the ball rolling. So "ALL AMERICAN CITY" wake up before another tragedy strikes. The kids need our help now.

"Willing to help"

you meet, decent, christian people, if you are saying things in support of some form of control over the filthy stuff that is permitted by some of our libraries." This is a sample of the nature of the battle that is to be waged between the indecent, the obscene against decency, the pure, the wholesome in our libraries and communities! So it often happens that right is upon the scaffold and wrong upon the throne, and that wrong is given the preeminence by virtue of the "preeminence" of their state, and so many evil forces lending their stamp of approval to the wrong that has been done! But, dear wholesome, and Christian citizens of our state and great country we are not to give up, for the battle, which is as longlasting as time itself, is not yet over: The last word has not yet been spoken, unless, assuredly, it has been previously so stated in God's wonderful Word, through which it has been revealed to us that we will have victory!

Shakespeare said: "Low aim is crime!" Therefore, it must be said in all good logic and mathematical certainty and accuracy, that the nefarious business of protecting the filthy and indecent smut books including the one of special (evil) mention, is CRIME, and should be so treated if possible. One function of Government is to protect its citizens from violence and from censorship, while another function is to protect its citizens from other obvious forms of vicious evil! The question is, in this practical world, when will the ideal world be realized? The answer of course is, when people in general accept Christ and His way!

REV. RAY M. LAWRENCE,  
Member of the  
Mayor's Committee For Decency

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I see in today's Times-Herald that some cartoonist named Morris considers that the settlement of the Pueblo problem was "cheap at the price." While I do not wish to detract from the exultation of the nation that 83 valiant Americans have been recovered from limbo, in varying degrees of fitness, I must voice my disgust at the idea that the price was cheap. Considering that our national honor was written into that "worthless confession," I would say that it was that honor that was peddled cheaply. It is a sad commentary on honor when a nation of our status (we make the power of ancient Rome appear by comparison to be sniveling servility) must become party to a deliberate international lie merely at the insistence of a fifteenth rate puppet regime ruling over an area probably smaller than several of our counties. I imagine the population of several of our major cities would more than equal the entire population of North Korea. We probably have more students enrolled in several of our larger universities than the total strength of the standing armed forces of North Korea.

I am sure that when US naval vessels were pirated off the Barbary Coast a few generations ago, and US servicemen and citizens imprisoned, if the then administration had reacted as did our present one, we would have long since ceased to exist as an independent nation. . . . While I join with the nation in welcoming the Pueblo crew back from Korea (I came home from Korea, once, without scars or mistreatment), I join the ranks of those who can't help but feel a great shame, a great loss of national pride and honor, at the way we actually invited those monkeys to fling their offal in our collective face. I am not ashamed of our national Flag, I am proud that its colors shine so brightly through the muck that we have permitted to be smeared on it.

D W King, Vacaville

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For whatever reason you choose to grant yourself the privilege of the company and loyalty of a pet, it must comply with the basic concept of HUMANENESS for all LIVING things. I therefore, implore pet owners to seriously consider having their animals spayed before the next season to avoid this disgraceful slaughter.

P.S.

One will find that the cost of food rises as pregnancy progresses and surprisingly enough, spayed cats with some exceptions have also proven to be good mice catchers. And moreover, I am sure, that the absence of their nocturnal lovesongs will be appreciated by many of us.

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

For many years people have attempted to deprive the hunter of his rights. Many people say that hunters are mean and coldblooded killers that really get a kick out of killing. To prove my point I recieved in the mail the other day a letter intitled "Hi! Handsome Hunting Man." This letter was filled with anti-hunting propaganda. It stated that all hunters are cold-blooded sadists and that the hunter gets a pleasure out of killing the poor defenseless deer. It also stated that we will shoot at anything, even does. (Female deer)

Well, I know I speak for many hunters when I say that I am fed up with all this propaganda about hunters. I'm tired of being called killer and sadist. Not once in my years of hunting have I ever come across a hunter foaming at the mouth just itching to kill a deer. There's many hunters that have been hunting for many years and never even seen a deer. They don't go home stark mad and start swearing.

Most of the hunters will tell you that just getting out in the free open world is a victory alone. Sure they would like to shoot a buck, but if they don't they will tell you that at least they were victorious by coming out and living in the beautiful open woods.

Now there are some people that call themselves hunters that go out each year and just shoot at anything that moves. These people give the hunters a bad name.

People are also saying that it is a sin to kill deer. They say that we don't need the meat. But the people that always complain about us hunters never realize where that big thick steak that they're about to put in their mouth is coming from and how it was killed!

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I am speaking mostly to social workers because I am aware how difficult it must be for you at times. But remember you are supposed to be trained for such situations when they occur but a widowed or divorced mother is not.

Respectfully Yours,  
John L. Lee

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have just read your wonderful editorial page item on the American prayers for the three brave Americans who will venture into space within counted hours. Indeed, Americans here and elsewhere will beg for their safe return along with you folk on the mainland.

But, I just wanted to add one thought in writing you.

The article said, 'Let us remember their names—

Borman.  
Lovell.  
Anders.  
Sir, I prefer to pray for them in this order:  
Anders.  
Borman.  
Lovell.

Don't you agree that the acronym resulting, speaks better for our national hopes, dreams and prayers for those wonderful guys.

COL. BOB SUNDE, USAF  
C.O. 2nd Aerial Port Group  
Republic of Vietnam  
(Vacaville Bay)

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I'm very sad and -disappointed this Christmas season and the reason for my sadness is our forgotten animal friends residing at the pound. . . .

I went by Christmas Eve and saw only one car at the pound waiting to adopt an animal. Last year on Christmas Eve there were at least 14.

Please, if you're looking for a pet, visit the pound and save a life. Even though Christmas is over let's make 1969 a glowing and humane year for our friends with the wistful faces who are just begging to be loved.

A Reader

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you and your courteous employees our grateful thanks and appreciation for the kindness you have shown the North Bay Nitecaps in the publicity given us this past year. There has never been an item omitted from the copies rendered. In fact, it is reworded in a more comprehensive manner.

We are interested in the physically handicapped and retarded youngsters in Vallejo and thank you again in your behalf.

Seasons Greetings and continued success in the New Year.

North Bay Nitecaps

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Lord, we confess that in the past year we have often failed Thee, but never did we doubt Thy presence. So we know that Thou wilt be with us in the new year as Thou hast been with us in the past. Since Thou art our Shepherd, we know that when we wander from Thy way, Thou wilt lead us back to the still waters. Give us the courage and the fortitude to walk, following Thee in paths of righteousness, and even in the shadow of death to have no fear; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Roy H. Stetler, Harrisburg, Pa., former publishing agent, E.U.B. Church.

EDITORIALS

Our Economic Outlook

Whatever pressing problems may face the new Nixon administration when it assumes power, the prospect of a deteriorating economy and possible business recession is not one of them.

Both the Editorial Research Department of the Congressional Quarterly and the Research Institute of America predict a prospering economy for the country after the new President enters office, although inflation will continue as a factor to be considered.

The Research Institute quotes Dr. Walter Heller, chief economic advisor to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, as indicating an anticipated \$10 billion increase in the Gross National Product during the fourth quarter of this year now seems likely to more closely approximate \$18 billion. At the same time, Dr. Henry Wallich of Yale, a member of President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisors, went on to estimate that 1969 would bring a GNP perhaps as high as \$930 billion, or nearly 8 per cent greater than in 1968.

"Within this setting," Dr. Wallich says, "I think unemployment will remain quite low, but interest rates will probably have to remain high in order to make some headway in fighting inflation."

Just how the new President may act to combat the inflationary spiral without stifling economic growth still remains a moot point, although sources close to Nixon have indicated he may repeal or at least reduce the Johnson administration's 10 per cent Vietnam surtax, slated to expire next June 30, or even be willing to take slightly more unemployment to help...

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which has been said of the recent action of the Vacaville Teachers Association in requesting that the Board of Trustees apply all funds from a proposed 95-cent override to improve the quality of education, rather than to raise the salary of the teacher.

Teachers all across the country are a notoriously under-paid lot, as a rule, and I have no reason to believe that the Vacaville teachers are in the minority on that subject. Neither do I have any quarrel with the teachers on the qualifications they possess and the diligence with which they pursue their calling. I only wish to speculate a little on the type of improvement we have been led by experience to expect from the Board.

First, they will probably purchase several hundred new football uniforms to store in their storerooms along with the several hundred I have been informed are already in storage there. Then, in order to round out the sporting program, several thousands of dollars worth of other miscellaneous sports equipment such as footballs, basketballs, wrestling mats, etc. etc. Then of course there are the expenses involved in public relations, publicity, transportation of teams to other wisely vested districts for competition. There must be a sufficient number of coaches, assistant coaches, referees, officials, advisors, and what-not; drums of gasoline, overtime for bus drivers, maintenance of busses, fantastic electricity bills for lighting for night games — you take it from there. I have not researched the district's expenditures, however, I doubt I am the only person who could possibly imagine some more beneficial program.

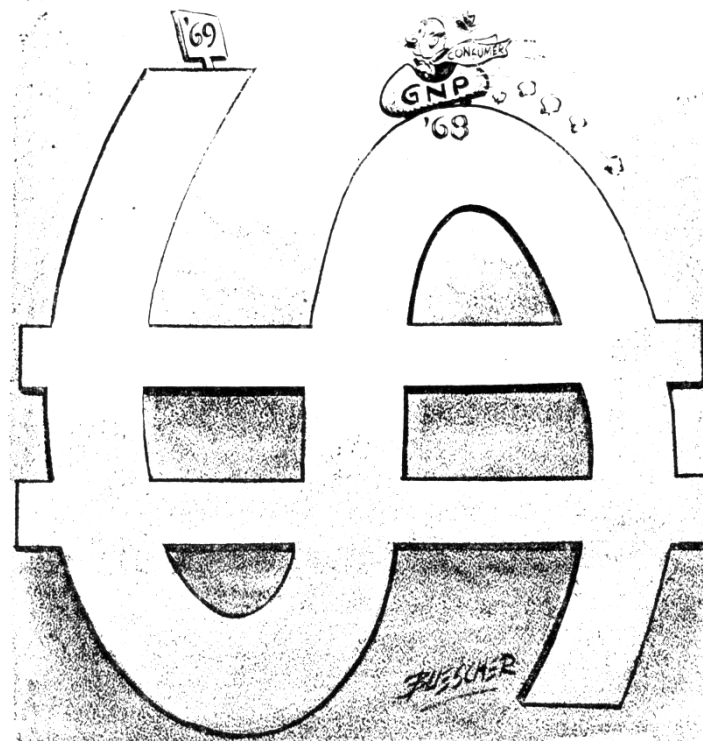
A varsity football club consists of some 50 to 60 seniors, juniors, an occasional sophomore or frosh, and a battery of coaches, assistants, etc. Aside from these few, little good is realized from the season beyond a chance to yell, compete for homecoming queen, sell popcorn and coffee, and compute the gate revenue to be applied against the expense. The vast majority of students don't know there is a football season, except on games night. But, then, all of us who live within the sound of the P.A. horns know about the games on game night — even when we try to get some sleep, or get in and out of our driveways.

I wonder how many new books, chairs, desks, sophisticated training aids, yes, even more teachers, could be financed in lieu of sports. How many new classrooms have been kicked between the goalposts? Popped into the baskets? Had their shoulders pinned? How many reference books have broken the 10-second 100? Why can't my grad of the class of 66 discuss the US War of Secession as fluently as he can run through offensive strategy? Can he recognize communism as quickly as he can a feint play? I think not.

D. W. KING, Vacaville

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

SMART is a new association. The initials...



THE THRILLER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am mad. I am sick tired, disgusted ashamed that our schools in Vallejo can be burned, clothes burned, classes disrupted and students and faculty threatened.

I am a taxpayer, some times they hurt. I am darn tired paying taxes for schools that bums can destroy and we have to re-build. I strictly object. They will be in school until they are forty years old, who do nothing except yell. I want this I want that. Everything has to be what they want or else we will...

To Heck with you, not on my taxes you won't. Who keeps your pockets lined with money?

If you would work as hard at non violence to get what you wanted you few would get somewhere.

I think it is time the normal, decent, hard-working, tax paying Vallejo citizen does something about this.

What are you of Vallejo going to do? I'll tell you what many I know and our family are doing.

We will move out of California. The state...

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa must be retained at San Francisco State. His policies and the policies of our State College trustees must be enforced and the force must be intensified if necessary.

It is my firm belief that San Francisco State is a very big step being taken by Communist inspired revolutionaries to take over our whole national educational system. This must be stopped, not only at San Francisco State but anywhere the situation arises. Honor reasonable, lawful requests of students but never unreasonable, unlawful demands.

I will never support bond issues or tax increases for an educational system which does not take action to rid itself of revolutionaries whose intent is the overthrow of our democratic form of government. For will I ever support the re-election or election of any public servant who does not act to rid our campuses of this revolutionary element.

Concerned Citizen

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It would seem to me that foster parents should have a wealth of valuable experiences and information to share with prospective foster parents and those who already make their homes available to foster children.

Living with and through problems is the best education and sharing solutions to problems seems a worthy pastime.

With this thought in mind, I invite interested persons to call 644-6359 regarding the formation of a foster parent club that could meet on a regular basis to exchange ideas. It also should prove a very enjoyable occasion for those who have so much in common.

A Foster Parent

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Now that the gun laws have been passed and are now in effect I can now come to the conclusion that was stated before such laws were passed. The only people that these laws affect are the legal gun owners. The law is one that is more nuisance than sensible and causing a lot of record keeping by store owners and it naturally means a raise in all the prices of ammunition, etc., for the legal gun owners.

People that really are going to use guns in robberies and possibly riots are going to get them and the ammunition the same as before, by stealing them. Look what happened at A.G.E.

There are realistic gun laws in this nation and especially in California that are good and make sense. Only our district attorneys and the judges won't use them. The Sen. Milton Marks bill passed in 1968 is one of the best. These laws would put people behind bars for long terms just for the use or threatened use of a firearm in the commission of another crime. A man could get a year in jail for robbing a store and then an additional five years for the use or threatened use of a gun, but our weak kneed district attorneys and judges don't do this. Why don't they?

R.L.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I'm in accord with a letter in the "Opinions of the People" column today.

The letter stated that Vallejo should provide a place for our young people to gather and enjoy themselves. I say Amen. Vallejo's dragging its feet by not providing a place of this nature. I would go a step further and say Vallejo should also provide a place for our elders to get together and do their thing.

On numerous occasions I have opened my doors to young people to have parties and there has never been an incident of bad tact shown among these young people as the group sets their own rules concerning no foul language etc.

I can truly say I have never regretted allowing the young people to hold their parties in my home.

Respectfully Yours,

Just how the new President may act to combat the inflationary spiral without stifling economic growth still remains a moot point, although sources close to Nixon have indicated he may repeal or at least reduce the Johnson administration's 10 per cent Vietnam surtax, slated to expire next June 30, or even be willing to take slightly more unemployment to halt inflation.

Meanwhile, Maurice H. Stans, Secretary of Commerce-designate, has offered a compromise plan on the surtax by proposing to halve it to 5 per cent for another year and then abolishing it completely. He feels this would provide a continued check on inflationary pressures in the second half of 1969 while providing some tax reduction as promised by Nixon in the election campaign.

What all this adds up to is this: The nation is assured of a stable, resilient economy throughout the forthcoming year and any downturn will be anticipated and met by the new administration to maintain our unprecedented 94 months of prosperity intact with fine tuning. Nobody could ask for more.

## An Emerging Majority

The recent leadership battles in Congress have provided the first tentative measure of the relative strength of the Conservative and Progressive forces in each party. It would be folly, however, to stretch the significance of the caucus decisions on leadership posts beyond the issues and personalities involved.

It would appear that in the Senate, a bipartisan coalition of Progressives has improved its prospects for control and virtually assures a friendly hearing to liberal legislation. This potential was strengthened when Sen. Edward M. Kennedy defeated Sen. Russell B. Long for Democratic Whip and Sen. Hugh D. Scott won the same post in the Republican party from Sen. Roman L. Hruska.

Observers believe the fact that the two parties' No. 2 Senate men will not come from states carried by George Wallace and Richard Nixon, but from states which Hubert Humphrey won will serve as a prod to progressive legislation.

The situation in the House must be viewed quite differently. Ideological issues were of lesser importance in the leadership fights there and, on the surface, there was little to encourage the Progressives. Against this background, the bid by Rep. Morris K. Udall to unseat Speaker John W. McCormack at best can be taken as a minimum measure of young Liberal Democratic dissent from the status quo.

reference books have had on my grad school 100? Why can't my grad school class of 66 discuss the US War of Secession as fluently as he can run through offensive strategy? Can he recognize communism as quickly as he can a feint play? I think not.

D. W. KING,  
Vacaville

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

SMART is a new organization. The initials stand for Silent Majority Against Revolutionary Tactics. Right now, SMART's issue is San Francisco State College and these are the demands SMART is making:

1. Keep school open!
2. Permanent removal of George Murray from a teaching position on the San Francisco State College campus.
3. Suspension to any students arrested on S.F. State's campus in November or December, 1968.

4. Permanent expulsion of any students arrested in January, 1969, and thereafter (for disruptive activities). These slots can be allotted to the special admissions program.

5. We recommend due process, but request the leniency philosophy be abandoned regarding persons arrested for violence: students or non-students.

6. Maintain the qualification standards of San Francisco State College.

7. All courses to students at San Francisco State College shall be open to any student desiring to take that course, regardless of his color.

8. Investigation of any students, non-students, or faculty member who advocates violence on the campus.

9. Demand a return of salary for any member of the faculty who strikes when school is in session (nobody else gets paid while they strike!).

10. Give not only faculty and students a say in the Administration of S.F. State, but also members of the community, i.e., the taxpayers.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- a) Send a telegram or letter to President S. I. Hayakawa, Governor Reagan, and Mayor Alioto commending their stands on this issue.
- b) If you are a student, be sure to vote in the S.F. State recall election.
- c) If you are a student, attend classes when they are in session.

Submitted by Mrs. Helen Parker

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Speaking as a member of "The Great Silent Majority." In our city we elect a council to govern us. In our county we elect a board of supervisors. In our state we elect a legislature and a governor. In our great nation, we elect a congress and a president. Contrary to the current ideas being presented and fostered by the television version of the news media, we cannot legally enforce our own laws. The power for enforcement is vested in the executive branches of government. Therefore all that is necessary to have domestic tranquility is for our various branches of government to live up to their oaths of office. Let them back up the police forces, sheriff departments, marshals, state police forces, national guard, et al. Our (The Great Silent Majority) part in this is to live as law abiding citizens. If we become unhappy with the performance of any of our officials we can: (1) peacefully petition; (2) recall; (3) seek impeachment; OR—failing the foregoing, put up with them and vote them out of office at the first opportunity. THINK ABOUT IT.

W. B. SIMMONS

if you would work as hard as not violence to get what you wanted you few would get somewhere.

I think it is time the normal, decent, hard-working, tax paying Vallejo citizen does something about this.

What are you of Vallejo going to do?

I'll tell you what many I know and our family are doing.

We will move out of California. The state can have you—We are sick of your violent nutty actions.

Then who will keep you? You may have to get out and work. Who will line your pockets then? Not me. I'm going where taxes are not used for \$40,000 worth to burn up.

So keep it.

SICK OF YOU  
TAXPAYER

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We the orphaned children of the late Mrs. Jennie Tindall who died Dec. 14 would like to express our thanks to everyone that has donated through clubs and organizations and also those who gave personal donations and gifts.

We could never express our thanks the way we would like to, and to express the same warmth through thanks that was expressed through your generous gifts and donations.

It is impossible to remember all the names and organizations who responded to our need so please forgive us if you do not find your name on our "special thanks" list.

A special thanks to the Wiggins Funeral Home and Mr. Knapp, the John Davidson PTA and principal, the Beverly Hills PTA, The Salvation Army, an unidentified women's bowling league, the SYCA's of the Baptist Church and the Rev. Taylor, the pastor of a Vallejo Catholic Church, Kresge's manager, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Twedt, the newspapers, Mrs. Whaley and Mrs. Holt for their personal involvement, Mrs. Darlene Barnhardt, members of the Com. Sub Group Training Department, Mare Island and G. E. Wougan; American Legion Auxiliary 104, members and pastor of the Vallejo Revival Center, Mr. Webb, a neighbor.

To one and all a very prosperous and happiest of new years. God be with you and bless you all.

The Tindall Children

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I am directing this letter to the lady who sent in the article on the mass destruction of kittens.

I am wondering if she has recently priced the cost of an operation by a veterinarian to have animals spayed. I called several animal hospitals in Vallejo and the prices varied from \$20 before their "first season" to \$35 after.

I have had three cats in the past three years. One of them disappeared and the other two were found dead on the hill behind our house; shot by someone who evidently liked a moving target.

When this sort of thing happens it makes a person think twice about spending that kind of money to have their animals spayed. And I am sure the operation would not have kept them from roaming the hillside occasionally.

I am sure, however, that if a reasonable price was set for this operation, many more people would have their animals spayed and avoid the disgraceful slaughter of unwanted litters of kittens and puppies.

V. Whitworth

I will never support a bond issue or tax increases for an educational system which does not take action to rid itself of revolutionaries whose intent is the overthrow of our democratic form of government. Nor will I ever support the re-election or election of any public servant who does not act to rid our campuses of this revolutionary element.

Concerned Citizen

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I receive \$82 a month as a 40 per cent service connected disabled veteran. My step-mother, in another state, receives \$80 a month old age pension. Regardless of what the press may report, millions of people in the United States go to bed hungry, are sick and can't afford adequate medical care. The president has asked the people to hold the line on wage raises. In the other part of this United States the Congress has voted to double the President's salary from \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year. This is in addition to \$40,000 non taxable and \$50,000 taxable income. Mr. Nixon only recently gave \$170,000 for one of his houses. This is no reflection against Mr. Nixon but rather against a system. Suggest the voters ascertain who voted for this raise and voice their opposition. Mr. Nixon is entitled to a 4 per cent to 5 per cent raise like anyone else but not a 100 per cent raise. He doesn't even have to pay for a commute car.

DISGUSTED TAXPAYER

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Nigerian Peace Corps returnee, Jules Burstien, writes:

Biafra embodies all human paradox, irrationality and perversity. Biafra is man declaring himself confused and helpless to do a simple thing like giving milk to a baby. Biafra is fate laughing at man's pettiness, and vanity, while the stench of dead bodies mounts.

These painful words are added reason to be thankful for Vallejo's response to "CCD for Biafra." However small our help in comparison to the need, we did concretely express care, not despair, over the simple milk-giving task... a task not so simple when it concerns three million starving children.

Although the campaign has done well financially, the real success was the social conscienceness aroused in our children. If only a few more people have been made constructively aware of man's inhumanity to man, then congratulations go to teachers, parents and students in religious education. St. Vincent's high school and other co-operation groups.

With Mr. Burstien I protest the diplomatic paralysis of the United Nations; I, too, want massive international aid to replace inadequate Joint Church relief. But in this frustration, my own hope for man's future is bolstered by the spontaneous and simple generosity I witnessed in the past month.

Sincerely,  
Sister Dianne Marie Shiner, SSS  
CCD Coordinator

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It's Girl Scout Cookie time again! This year, Scouts will be out to take orders for cookies January 17 through January 25. The cookies will be delivered February 28 through March 8. The cookies this year will be furnished by Burry Biscuit Company and are much better than the cookies we had last year. I think you will like them.

Help our Scouts shine in '69 — Buy Girl Scout Cookies.

MRS. L. V. FRITH,  
Cookie Coordinator

On numerous occasions I have opened my doors to young people to have parties and there has never been an incident of bad tact shown among these young people as the group sets their own rules concerning no foul language etc.

I can truly say I have never regretted allowing the young people to hold their parties in my home.

Respectfully Yours,

John L. Lee

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I should like to pay tribute to a good friend, a generous, kind, unassuming common man, with a most uncommon mind, Leslie Bryant. He was a great man, but not one whom the world, our world, considers great. He was a man of true dedication, to his profession as a teacher in the local Vallejo High School and Solano College, he gave freely of his time and his inventive mind, for a firm basis of knowledge for his students. He was a dedicated, devoted and determined father. He put three boys through college at a time when the teacher's salary allowed one to eke out a living. He loved the simple life, the country, locally near St. Helena, where he was born. He was a builder. He was a man who built his own house. He was a builder of justice and fair play, always, in local school issues, in personal relationships. He was beautiful. His sense of humor was beautiful, too. We shall not see his like, again.

Mrs. Ben Bowen, 3511 Georgia St.

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Throughout the turmoil taking place on the campuses of our colleges and universities, there has been an insistent cry from our so-called liberals for a meeting of the minds to settle all difficulties. This would be an excellent suggestion if the situation was similar to a union strike, where negotiating committees are formed with representatives from labor and management. But, unfortunately, such is not the case with the rioting mobs presently threatening the very existence of our educational system.

For the outsiders who travel from campus to campus starting all this trouble over trivial issues are most certainly not seeking to negotiate, or find a solution to any problem concerning any of the students. Their job, and avowed purpose, is to create turmoil, and keep it going, in order to strike a crippling blow to America by closing our schools. They will know that the average citizen cannot afford to send his children to private schools and colleges, and that such a blow to our public education will weaken the entire nation, making it much easier prey for those who would like to take over the reins.

The people who seek to talk things over with such revolutionaries are the same ones who believe in the Bridges to Russia claptrap, and feel that we should leave everything to the Communist-dominated United Nations. You don't talk to revolutionaries. You tell them what your rules are, and take action against them when they break them.

GEORGE MALSBARY

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Many people are starving in Biafra today. I think something should be done to prevent this.

I read recently where the Catholics have been sending donations like medical equipment, from the Bay Area to Biafra.

Why can't more organizations help these people in need?

BARBARA CORCHERO

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

O Lord, give us peace in our cities and in the world; but deliver us from a sterile peace where all of life is at rest. Give us peace expressed in the tension of being and doing Thy will, where all men of good will reflect Thy presence, where each man seeks to serve his fellow man, and no man is poor or in want; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

**EDITORIALS**

**Hail To The Chief!**

For Richard M. Nixon, today marks the climax of a political career that has given him a sense of personal achievement and to the nation a new leader in whose decisions and policies America's hopes and aspirations largely will rest for the next four years.

When Mr. Nixon is sworn in as the 37th President of the United States this morning, the first entry on a new page in American history will be written. What is recorded there thereafter well may shape the destiny of our nation and have a profound effect on the future course of global events.

We wish him well in his new administration. We believe he has the temperament, ability and experience to perform his awesome duties as President with wisdom, confidence and determination in a manner that will reflect credit upon himself and dignity to the nation. He deserves the best wishes and support of all of us.

Mr. Nixon is assuming the highest office in the land under conditions that cannot be described as favorable. He not only faces grievous conditions at home and abroad but also for the first time since the last six Eisenhower years, Mr. Nixon will serve as a President who must deal with a Congress controlled by the opposition party—a political division that raises some possibility of legislative stalemate.

Whether much will be accomplished under the new administration largely will depend on the degree of cooperation between the Democratic leadership in Congress and the new Republican President. It is certain the programs and proposals of the incoming Nixon administration, which will take some months to formulate, will set the tone of Congressional debates and actions in 1969.

Both the new President and the new Congress will be confronted with the continuing war in Vietnam, the Middle East crisis, growing tensions in Southeast Asia, Europe

**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**

Recently a young girl was killed on Lake Herman Road. Her death was a great loss to all who knew her. It was as if someone had left an empty space in our lives. A space that can never be filled by anyone else because there was only one Betty Lou. There was only one who could radiate such a bright glow as she did; only one could have such a warm personality and such overflowing happiness. She had a big enough heart for everybody.

Because there was only one Betty Lou and because we loved her, some Hogan students have started a scholarship in her honor. We would like to be able to raise \$1,000 but we need your help. Please send your contributions to the Betty Lou Jensen Memorial Art Scholarship in care of Hogan Senior High School. It is our hope that you people of Vallejo will honor Betty Lou in this way.

ALICE DAUGHTRY

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE**

Once again a "thank you" is in order to the newspaper for publishing my articles and to all the wonderful people who donate clothing and many useful items to our Thrift Store for the Retarded.

It is with the help of these donations that we are able to operate the store successfully. At the present time we are in need of good wearable childrens' clothing, nick-nacks and furniture.

Items may be brought to our store at 725 Marin St. or call 642-2017 after 4:30 p.m.

Thank You,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE  
THRIFT STORE

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Your editorial on Jan. 9 concerning the President's raise was one of the most outrageous things I've ever read.

Since when is it good government to grant a person a raise before he reports on the job. I think the whole thing is an outrage and a contempt on the taxpayers dignity. I grant you that the President-elect is due for a raise, but first let him do as everyone else, prove that he is worthy of that raise.

I would be willing to wait 20 years if at the end of that 20 years I could get a raise of \$100,000. You speak of the executives of big corporations, well this is a horse of another color.

You are speaking of corporations, I am speaking of taxpayers.

Respectfully Yours  
JOHN L. LEE

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**A BRAND NEW PAGE**

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

As stated in the article "12 million in the U.S. Can't Afford Food" which appeared in the Jan. 10 Times-Herald, an estimated six million persons are lacking funds for an adequate daily diet are not helped by government food assistance programs.

Why not look for a different approach instead of handouts?

There are still many proud Americans who will not ask for charity nor accept welfare. Take a proud woman who works for \$2,400 a year with one child. With two exemptions she would pay \$114 income tax. Her counterpart on welfare, receiving the same amount of money or more, would not pay any income tax. So why work?

To remedy this, tax exemptions should be raised to at least \$1,200 for the first three of four exemptions at least. Then this working woman would have \$114 more per year to spend on food.

Also, there should be some basic foods put on the market at a reduced cost. Grain and dairy products could be the basic foods. Milk is now held up to over \$1 per gallon by the "Fair Foods Law." Fair to whom? Certainly not to the children of those too poor to afford it. If all milk was put on an open market without state controlled prices, it would drop to less than 50 cents a gallon. If need be, the

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

There is no old tale about a camel who wanted to come into the tent, but only asked to be allowed to put his nose under the canvas. When this was permitted it was found there was no way to keep him from coming all the way in. So it is with many things in life including zoning.

There are filling stations and a bank on Tennessee street near Tuolumne. Tennessee street is zoned Commercial (CIP) up to and including the bank. There is a house used as an insurance office that is zoned R 2 next to the bank. The rest of Tennessee street out to the Highway is zoned Residential (R1) and these four blocks contain lovely well kept homes.

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Some time in the future, it may be that Tennessee street will need to be zoned dif-

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Letters who have been in Vallejo less than four years must be puzzled by the number of variances that are permitted. Our zoning ordinances probably seem ridiculous to them. They have no idea of how hard the members of the Planning Commission have tried to prevent the strip zoning on Tennessee Street through many years.

Some students of urban development can see at a glance that the hybrid business establishments — where a make-believe store has been attached to the front of a house — show that the growth of business along the street from west to east is not healthy economic growth.

At this time it is hoped that the City Council will agree with the Planning Commissioners and deny every petition for any variance whatever that might extend commercial development toward the east.

Retail business on Tennessee street suffers from the daily load of traffic consequently some merchants pay for one or two hours in which customers find it difficult to come in and shop.

Definitely the street is not good for retail business.

Widening of the street was necessary because it is part of the State Highway system. Now that young trees have been planted, and the utilities are underground we have a beautiful entrance to our city.

Let us keep it that way.

Yours truly,  
ALETHE BERRY

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Mrs. Helen Parker, "Sick of You" Taxpayer, Concerned Citizen and George Malsbary:

To all of you I would like to say thank you for taking the time to submit your commentaries to "Opinions of the People" on Jan. 13 and letting me know that all are not blind to the injustice being done to our school systems and simultaneously to the taxpayers of California.

I feel the issues confronting us . . . the unreasonable demands being made, the destruction, rioting and violence . . . are not the demands of an underprivileged minority seeking superiority as they might believe but, instead, are Communistically controlled puppets being used to try to undermine our national educational system and, if not stopped, will go on to try to overpower our government.

The only way we can prevent this from happening is believing that it is happening and to control it now.

BARBARA COPPO

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

I do not have facts about the situation on the campuses but who needs facts, the Establishments do not but, then they have force.

Of course some things look like big facts to my little mind; like on one hand we have our science and technology, sending men to the moon, and on the other hand our institutions that we look to for leadership still clogging along in their good old horse and buggy fashion. All of which might be all right except

Whether each will be accomplished under the new administration largely will depend on the degree of cooperation between the Democratic leadership in Congress and the new Republican President. It is certain the programs and proposals of the incoming Nixon administration, which will take some months to formulate, will set the tone of Congressional debates and actions in 1969.

Both the new President and the new Congress will be confronted with the continuing war in Vietnam, the Middle East crisis, growing tensions in Southeast Asia, Europe and the Mediterranean, persistent inflation at home and stubborn problems of poverty, crime, civil unrest and urban blight. On all these issues, the Nixon administration's recommendations greatly will influence the tenor and direction of Congressional action.

It is our opinion, however, that the success of Mr. Nixon's new administration basically will be determined by his ability to govern—a concept that frequently is confused with something more nearly akin to the ability to rule. In this narrow, superficial sense, governing simply has come to mean putting down civil disorder as distinct from creating a situation in which it is less likely to occur.

To the extent that President Johnson's ability to govern diminished in the past year, it did not do so because he had lost the power to quell disorder but because he had lost the confidence of substantial groups within the Democratic Party. Where the people's interests were in conflict—black against white, middle-income against poor, and so on—he lost the consent of each to move in the direction of the other.

What is relevant here is Mr. Nixon's prospect of governing well. It revolves around the general question of confidence and consent. If he is to govern in any broad and beneficial sense of that term, he now must persuade large population blocks, especially those with which he found little rapport during his campaign, that his administration represents their interests.

His first steps thus far to establish contact and communication with those who can help him with the problems of our cities have been commendable. They presage good beginnings—but only beginnings. In no way do they relieve him of his obligation to reach out to those parts of the public whose confidence he must have if he is to govern well.

Mr. Nixon's election plurality was small and his mandate partial. He has it in his power, however, to minimize the chance that the calm which may attend his first days in office does not necessarily precede another storm.

Respectfully,  
JOHN L. LEE

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We are the fortunate ones in not getting an education so that we can run the world by the same tactics that we are using, assuming that our allowances keep coming in. Our long range goal is to destroy everything so we will have a new society where everyone can and will be a parasite. That way, we won't ever have to work and be responsible for anything except self-destruction.

Now, if there was only a place to go where we could show that anarchy and absolute STUPIDITY can exist but they won't let us into Baja, California because the lizards are more intelligent and less generous than our parents.

Thank you television for exposing us to the public all the time for without you, we would be ignored and no one could care less. Thank you AFT for showing us the relative position of your brains and curse you Dr. Hayakawa for being the only real stumbling block to our STUPID way of life.

STUPID Pupil, alias BUMTOBEE

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Solano Junior College Students:  
We have come to the point at which the actions of the militant students of Solano JC can not be tolerated any more. These militant students, because of their behavior, are here not to gain an education but are here to disrupt the academic process at Solano JC.

Their basic demands are very unreasonable and do not conform with the educational function of the college. The recent burning of parts of the college buildings is one of their actions which no good citizen of Solano County can tolerate.

These militant students are the anarchist type and they ferment trouble and turmoil in the peaceful administration of the college. It is about time you the silent majority students of Solano JC organize a group to oppose the militant and extremist students who are disrupting the classes. Do not just stand by the side line and be silent without expressing your peaceful views. You are involved and have a right to attend classes without any interruptions.

Your board of trustees and your college president need your help to back them up to bring peace to Solano JC. Do not let these militant students trample your personal and school rights. Your right to attend classes in college in a peaceful atmosphere.

Let us be firm and check these agitators and anarchists before our entire college is completely burned down. You, the majority students of Solano JC, should act now to counteract the actions of this militant group before you lose your freedom to pursue an education peacefully without any threats or disruptions from these militant students of Solano JC.

Yours truly,  
J. C.

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The government holds up the price of butter so high that most people have switched to margarine. The government buys up tons of excess butter, stores it until it becomes rancid and then sells it to foreign countries for 10 cents on the dollar. We are the richest nation on earth yet most of our people feel they cannot afford butter. The irony of it is that through taxes we pay for butter but eat margarine.

If we could buy milk for 15 cents a quart, bread for 15 cents a loaf and other grain and dairy products proportionately lower, it would get more food to the poor . . . including the proud poor. It also would be of great value to the borderline poor that must operate on a strict food budget. The savings on low cost basic foods would let them spend more on meat and potatoes.

HENRY GALLE

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I'm 70 years old and this is the first time I've been in a hospital since 1918. I confess, I was pretty scared!

However, the doctors, nurses, aides, the candy stripe ladies and girls and the entire staff were so wonderful it made my stay so much more bearable. No wonder Vallejo is building a new hospital for such a wonderful staff. They deserve the best here at Vallejo General.

I also am grateful to Lillian Walsh, Liz Leary and Kenny Armstrong of the County Employees Association; to John O'Hara from the Solano Blind Club and Helene Allen of the Napa County Committee on Aging for their kindness in organizing a "get well card shower."

As the flu is on, no visitors are allowed and the cards, letters and flowers each day sure made the time pass more quickly.

Sincerely  
JACK VINCENT

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I reply to the individual who inquired why there were no other organizations helping in Biafra. May I say that there are others helping the people of Biafra.

The United Council of Churches, in cooperation with Caritas and the Red Cross, has been airlifting food and medical supplies from the island of Sao Tome.

Before there was anyone else working in Biafra, The Salvation Army and a Catholic Sister were serving tons of food to the starving people of Biafra. Salvation Army workers and nurses are kept constantly busy in Biafra.

I'm sure that there are others who are quietly and lovingly giving of themselves for those in need in Biafra.

Thank God that whenever there is a need, love finds a way and people work together to meet that need.

Mrs. Essie Lescano

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Some time in the future, it may be that Tennessee street will need to be zoned differently. BUT the time is NOT NOW. Tuolumne and Amador and other areas near by have not developed to their capacity. These areas are more conducive to commercial enterprises that depend on people patronizing them since they are away from the traffic. These side streets are already zoned for business and should be developed before additional creeping blight is allowed to spoil these lovely homes on Tennessee street. Even if it is only 64 square feet of sign space (CIP) in an R 2 zone at this time.

The Mayor and City Councilmen should sincerely consider such and encroachment on this zoning. This request should be denied.

Thank you for permitting me to express my opinion.

VTY

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Miss Regina Tholmer is undoubtedly very unhappy being a member of the minority race. I feel sorry for her because those who choose to destroy rather than build have been successful in using this unhappiness. I would like to answer her. Since I will not be able to confine myself to two hundred words and express myself intelligently, may I beg the indulgence of our newspaper and ask that my letter be printed.

No one of sound mind expects any one race, or any one person, to take pride in being the subject of prejudice. However, one must earn friendship and love by giving, not by taking or demanding. So it would seem that you wouldn't be so sick of taking what "Great White Father" gives you if you would try to earn it by the sweat of thy brow.

People like Mr. Miller with opinions about dirty unkept law breakers are not the instigators of a "state of political disorder" or "anarchy." But rather, it is the kind of thing that you condone in your ignorance because you accept what you are goaded into believing as fact. This country was going a long way in dealing with prejudices until dedicated militant advocates of destruction began all over sowing seeds of hatred, opening up old wounds so to speak. At this point I'd like to quote something Archie Moore said not so long ago. "The devil is at work in America, and it is up to us to drive him out. Snipers and looters, white or black, deserve no mercy, and those who set fellow American upon each other deserve no mercy. I've spent too much of my life building what I've got to see it put to the torch just to satisfy some ancient hatred of the grandson of a man who beat my grandfather."

As for me, I am not out to oppress any group of people. I am not against anything that will make this country grow and prosper or the people in it. But I am unalterably opposed to Group Criticism Seminars because these seminars are Communist inspired and are meant to destroy, not help, human relations.

VALESKA CHANG  
Vallejo, California

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BARBARA COPPO

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I do not have facts about the situation on the campuses but who needs facts, the Establishments do not but, then they have force.

Of course some things look like big facts to my little mind; like on one hand we have our science and technology, sending men to the moon, and on the other hand our institutions that we look to for leadership still clopping along in their good old horse and buggy fashion. All of which might be all right except for those who are left out and want in. Now!

We wonder what our country is coming to when we see the softies, the tension ridden and the Rebels, History had a name for the Rebels, Pioneers, but of course today we have a different name for those who are willing to go out on their own and fight for their chance to become whatever they can.

But, maybe they don't have a cause, perhaps they just enjoy tear-gas, billy clubs, jail and even a chance of being maimed or killed.

As long as we still have those who are willing to fight for their right to become whatever they can then perhaps our country isn't too bad off after all and it gives us hope that the days may be numbered for some of our other incongruities.

Mrs. Wilmetia Southworth

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Nalano Salon 74, Eight et Forty, would like to thank Miss Marion Devlin, Mrs. Barbara Hunter, and the paper itself for the publicity and picture for our trip to Weimar Sanitarium.

The trip was a great success, and would not have been without this, and especially Mrs. Hunter's interest.

We would also like to thank those people of Vallejo, Benicia and other surrounding towns for their generosity in helping to fill Santa's sleigh for tubercular children at the Weimar Medical Center.

"Thank you's" are being sent from Weimar to those whose names we had. If anyone was missed, please accept our apologies and know that the children at Weimar are having lots of fun and pleasure from your generosity.

Thank you again for your kindness.

MRS. WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL  
Publicity chairman  
Nalano Salon

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I received the following letter written by a young Marine on Jan. 7.

Hi Mrs. Wheeler,  
"Today I received your letter and it was really nice to hear from you again. I sure hope those idiots in Paris end this horror show soon. This is my ninth night on guard duty which I'll be on until early March.

The monsoons are really hitting us now as the last three night I spent walking in the wind and pouring rain. After about one hour in the rain, you are completely soaked and have these shakes and chills the rest of the night.

"There is currently a lot of fierce fighting going on in the Da Nang area. The skyline with all the artillery flashes reminds me of a lighting storm back home in Boston, Mass. I guess I do not have to tell you the thoughts that go through your mind walking 40 yards away from 'No Man's Land.'"

I wish they would arrange those tables in Paris, end the war, and bring our boys back home.

Mrs. E. A. Wheeler

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Lord, I've lived a long time and amounted to so little. I've never asked to be great, but I do want my life to count in some measurable way. Help me to make my life worth living for someone this day, if only to reach another with a word of love or encouragement or kindness to show that I really care; in Christ's name. Amen.

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

**EDITORIALS**

**Vigilance Is Needed**

In a state which already has established a long record of political firsts and political controversies, California is assured of becoming deeply involved in another precedent-breaking imbroglio during the 1969 legislative session. And it promises to be a dandy.

The subject will be regional government, specifically for the San Francisco Bay Area where successful accomplishment of a regional government would be a first but certainly won't be imposed without controversy and a hot legislative fight.

The subject will get a full airing, however, when the lawmakers consider recommendations on the issue stemming from a major study by the Joint Legislative Committee on Bay Area Regional Organization. Headed by Assemblyman John T. Knox of Richmond, the committee already has released its proposals and has announced it will introduce a measure calling for what it labels a limited regional government for the nine Bay Area counties.

The battle lines on this controversial subject already are drawn with Solano County unalterably opposed to mandatory inclusion in any form of regional organization with taxing, bonding and condemnation powers which could subordinate local interests to the whims of the more populous Bay Region counties by application of the "one-man, one-vote" rule.

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**Opinions Of The People**

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

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

I do not want to appear to be the type of individual who cannot permit ignorance to overpower me, nor do I want to appear childish in my continuance of writing letters to the paper. I did not confine my previous letter to 200 words merely because 200 words were not sufficient for stressing my point.

To Mrs. Chang and anyone else who feels I am "undoubtedly very unhappy being a member of a minority group," I would like to laugh in their faces I would like to request that she keep her pity for those who are in desperate need of it. A person is a minor entwined in a major only if that person feels no self-worth. I am not a member of a minority group. There is nothing minor about black people.

People of sound minds and empty wills are as worthless as people with strong wills and empty minds. Mrs. Chang has just proven that some white people have extremely empty minds. If the white race had given love and friendship when first encountered with black people, they would not endure the hell they endure now. There would be no need for taking or demanding. Rights would automatically be possessed by all. I do not understand what makes you people feel that black people must earn their equality by the sweat of their brows.

My beliefs are factual to me, I could care less what they are to Mrs. Chang. If a person does not believe in himself, there is no need for that person.

Seeds of hatred were planted so deeply that it is now impossible to keep the fruit trees fruitless. Archie Moore is a prime example of someone who has been brain washed. Tell me, Mrs. Chang, are you proud of the feet your forefathers "beat" mine? If you are, or even if you do not particularly care, the pity you so generously bestowed upon me in your letter has found in its bestower the person who desperately needs it.

Black people work. They, too, pay taxes. If the world burns down, it's no big thing. Someone or something will survive to keep it going.

REGINA THOLMER

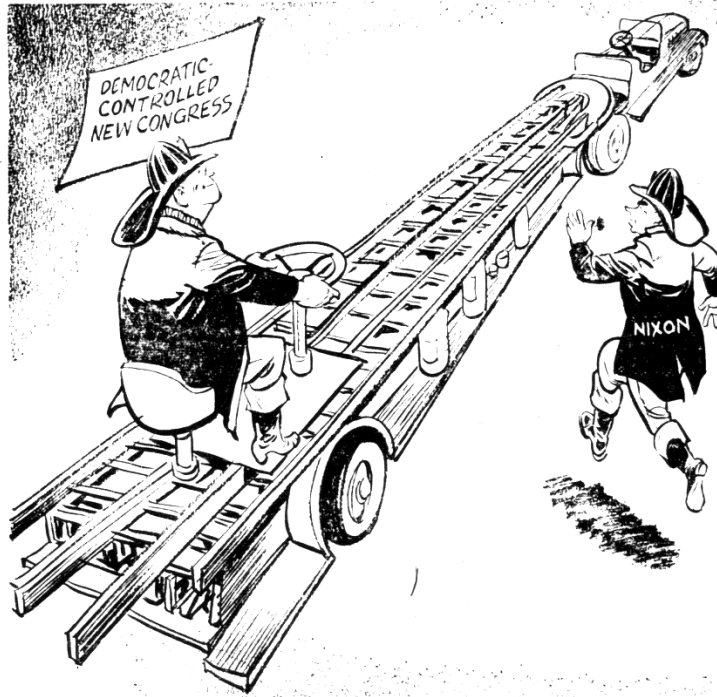
**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Dear STUPID Pupil: Your article in Opinions of the People indicates that you have no respect for yourself and are not fit for yourself to know. Do you really mean what you write? Do you know and understand the conditions of the era in which you live?

I will take excerpts from: Congressional record, Oct. 10, 1968, P.S. 12399—

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MORRIS

IF WE DON'T GET TEAMWORK —

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Notice to all thrifty minded shoppers. The Solano Council for Retarded Children and Adults Thrift Store is having a sale on all clothing, shoes and books. The items will be half price or less and many other useful articles will be reduced in price during the sale which starts 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 and runs through Feb. 4.

We also have a hospital bed complete with rails and a reasonable offer will be accepted. Our reasonably priced items include two pair of ski shoes, a set of skis and one new pair of ice skates.

My heartfelt thanks to all the people who have donated to our store. The sale will enable us to replace current offerings with different articles of clothing and furniture.

Please help us by continuing to support our store by your donations of clothing, furniture and other useful household articles.

THRIFT STORE CHAIRMAN

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This is in answer to Mrs. V. Whitworth letter of Jan. 13, 1969.

I share your sorrow over the loss of your 3 cats. It is very sad that in this day and age we still have individuals who use defenseless animals as targets. One would think we have not outlived our primitive need to kill for survival. Evidently man is not yet really master of all he surveys.

What has become of us that we feel no responsibility for the welfare of animals? We cannot and must ignore acts of cruelty and destruction, be it directed at animals or humans.

We must take action by either preventing maltreatment of animals or reporting any incidents of cruelty to the SPCA. It is our obligation and duty to offer this protection and service to our pets.

As to the problem of the high cost of spaying pets, I can gladly inform you that an organization will soon be formed to help people to pay half or more of the spaying fees. For further information please call Fairfield 425-1590 or write to Mrs. M. Aranita, 265 Cornelia St. Fairfield.

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE**

Time has come again for the Camp Fire Girls to come knocking on your door and asking you to buy their mints and peanut brittle. Besides selling you quality chocolate mints or peanut brittle, the Camp Fire Girl will be earning part or all of her summer camping fee for Camp Gold Hollow, and she will also benefit in group activities and earn individual felt honors.

Your support in buying Camp Fire mints and peanut brittle will be very much appreciated by the Camp Fire Girls and The Sem Yeta Council. The kick-off date for the candy sale will be January 29 and it will continue until February 17.

LEONARD CHASE  
Candy Sales Chairman

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE**

A Vallejo family needs help! The family is Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grunduig and their three children, of 305 Rio Del Mar. Mrs. Betty Grunduig who is 35 years old, became ill last summer. Since July she has been in and out of the hospital. In November she was rushed to the hospital with pneumonia, and soon learned of her kidney ailment. She was allowed to come home for the holidays, to be with her family.

Betty is back in the UC Hospital now awaiting a kidney transplant. The transplant will take place on Jan. 30. Betty's sister Ann Popovich is donating one of her kidneys to Mrs. Grunduig.

The previous medical bills and the medical bills to come are just more than the Grunduig family can handle alone.

Betty and Fred have lived in Vallejo for about 10 years. Fred is a pneumatic tools operator on Mare Island. And David is in the seventh grade, Denise in the sixth grade, and Norma is in the fifth grade. Betty has been very active in the community. She has been connected with the P.T.A., and a block parent for 3 years, Donaldson Way School noontime supervisor, Den Mother for Cub Scouts, Blue Bird leader, president of Camp Fire for 1 year. And has done her share of collecting for charity organizations.

Now she and her family need help! Any donations will be greatly appreciated! You may send donations or bring them to the Grunduig home, 302, Rio Del Mar, or to Mrs. Bill Foust 22 Flamingo Ct. of Vallejo.

Thank you very much!  
A Concerned neighbor

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Thus, it appears the concept of a regional government for the entire Bay Area has a number of built-in defects that will prevent any plan to establish a form of super-government inconsistent with the best interests of its smaller component units from gaining easy acceptance. It is destined to meet a hard, determined fight from those counties, like Solano, who cannot completely identify themselves with the entire Bay Area and have no desire to inherit its problems at the expense of determining their own destinies.

Among the many functions of the proposed new level of government is so-called regional planning, planning in the sense of giving regional direction to the use of land in the area—the key to the agency's political future.

Control of land use ultimately means control of the area's economic destiny. Thus far, this has been a political power of prime importance to the local level of government and a power which won't be surrendered upon just casual consideration—particularly when this authority is to be bolstered by the power of eminent domain and the right to impose taxes as well as issue bonds.

Introduction of the Knox committee's findings to the legislative arena well may open the door to another first for California, but it isn't likely that the lawmakers in Sacramento and the people of the nine Bay Area counties will move through it at too fast a pace.

As Assemblyman Dunlap observed at a legislative workshop held in Fairfield on Dec. 19, implementation of the Knox committee recommendations still is a long way from final legislation and shifting forces in the Legislature can be expected to produce changes that materially could affect the final form of any regional organization that apparently will be created.

In the interim, however, Solano County cannot afford to be lulled into a sense of false security because of temporary inaction on the legislative level. We must be constantly alert to every move and parliamentary procedure that may occur and be prepared to counteract them effectively. We have come too far to lose the battle through complacency and desultory tactics at times when positive action is needed.

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It is now anticipated that within 9 years, three-fourths of all persons working in industry will be directly or indirectly producing products that have not yet been invented.

End of quote.  
To maintain the technology in North American and civilization itself we MUST HAVE ORDER. Are you contributing your share to maintain that order? Our price system and political system have served out their useful period in history. Today our country is at a cross road — it is either SCIENCE OR POLITICS and we Americans must choose. Man has existed with essentially the same social concepts for centuries. Technological change is demanding a change in concepts and the rate of change is not going to allow much more time.

TECHNOCRACY has the blueprints for the change required, drawn up by scientists not connected with politics.

Get fit for yourself to know.  
J. SEWARD

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I see in the newspapers where the bumps and just plain gutless wonders caused trouble at the presidential inauguration. They had Viet Cong flags and burned U.S. flags. At one time, this could have gotten those persons shot on the spot. Now, our weak-kneed judges say they are not doing any damage.

Let these same cowards go to their ideal countries such as North Vietnam, Russia or Cuba and burn their flags in a public demonstration and see how long they would live.

This bunch of babies say there should be no draft and then chant Communist slogans. I say send them to Russia. Military training in the Soviet Union now begins at age of 10. School boys are organized into squads, detachments and battalions. Under adult commanders they practice maneuvers, firing, the use of gas masks and other military skills. Soviet children from 10 to 15 belong to the pioneer organization. Older boys get more sophisticated military training the last two years before being drafted at 18. The Kremlin decreed this in 1967 when they also reduced the draft age one year.

The defense minister, Marshal Andrei Grechko, explained that the Soviet Union was "taking all steps necessary to strengthen its defenses."

If our cowards don't want to take their turn and help this country then let them go wave their silly flags in North Vietnam or maybe China. I think they would make good targets for the Viet Cong. They could at least go to some other country so that our taxes could be used for the better people.

R. L.  
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OPINIONS OF THE OPEOPLE:

The Portuguese lodge, Vallejo Council 81, SPRSI, wishes to thank the Times-Herald and News-Chronicle, Marion Devlin and Barbara Hunter for the cooperation extended to us during the past year.

MRS. FLORA DA SILVA  
Publicity Chairman

or ski shoes, a set of skis and one new pair of ice skates.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

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It seems that the South Vietnamese government is taking its own sweet time in getting down to business. These meetings are not just for fun and games. A few delegates seem to think that if they are a few days late it won't make much difference. But it does make a difference; a difference of several hundred lives.

If the talks were held in Vietnam where the screams of wounded, blinded and dying men could be heard perhaps the delegates wouldn't argue about such insignificant things as the size or shape of the table.

Peace is the issue, the only issue. If they could only hear the pain of the dying maybe they could find it in their hearts to put an end to this nightmare.

If someone doesn't stop this maiming and killing soon, God help the world.

MRS. JOYCE SHADY

★ ★ ★  
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is a known fact that there is a law against cruelty to animals. However, some people do not obey the law.

Over in Southeast Vallejo there is a once beautiful all black cat named Bam Bam. Her pals are a couple of German Shepherd puppies about four months old and very playful.

Bam Bam is declawed and treasured by her owner as she was the pet of his deceased mother.

Not long ago someone knocked Bam Bam's eye out of its socket. And just lately she had to have additional medical care requiring 20 stitches on the side of her head, a \$14 medical bill this time.

Before Bam Bam arrived, a pedigree black cat that resembled a monkey and acted like one was poisoned.

Something should be done about this case before anything else happens to Bam Bam. How any one could be so cruel as to harm and torture dumb animals? These people need their head examined. Children are not safe in such a neighborhood.

NICKIE  
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This date, Jan. 20, 1969, the be-spectacled, gray-haired giant from Texas leaves his post. For him, a cry of "well done." He brought to life the fable of the "Goose That Lays Golden Eggs."

The goose in this case was all the organizations that were formed by the federal government. These organizations should be able to lay their benefits upon the poor, underprivileged and discriminated people of our country.

I think it sad that these people couldn't wait for the golden eggs and impatiently cooked the goose.

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MARION ARANITA

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am constantly amazed to hear people saying college courses in Black History and Literature as well as other Afro-American studies are for the benefit of the Blacks. It seems to me that teaching history as it really happened will in time be of benefit to all of us. The sooner white people lose their illusions about themselves as well as about members of minority groups, the sooner we can communicate more honestly and healthily.

People who have never read the literary works of Negro authors have deprived themselves of an exciting and enriching experience. I believe we need to change the content of history and literature courses throughout the entire school system, including the elementary and secondary grades for the benefit and survival of our democracy and of justice for all of us. We need courage to face the stark facts of reality and to change them.

RUTH B. BARBOSE

★ ★ ★  
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

How long must thousands of birds be slaughtered before we get rid of the deadly pyracantha bushes in the median strips of our highways?

If you don't know what this means, drive toward the Carquinez Bridge today and observe the many little bodies of birds that have been lured into traffic by this attractive bait.

The solution is simple . . . either dig out existing bushes or cut off the blossoms and let the highway department plant oleanders instead.

CONCERNED

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Troop 12 and Post 212 of the Boy Scouts of America wish to thank all who helped to make our recent paper drive successful. Proceeds will be used for our snow trip to Lake Tahoe and other scouting activities.

TROOP 12  
POST 212

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I believe we should live within the law.  
I believe we should respect people and their property.

I believe we should respect authority.  
I believe authority should not be abused.  
I believe authority should be guided by sound judgment.

I believe that, 19x\$175x 1 month of suspended sentence x two years of probation does not equal a very minor incident over the use of a typewriter.

ROBERT MACHIN  
Student of S.C.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Readers,  
Let us all join together and on every letter we write, put "Pray for Peace" on the lower left hand corner of the envelope.

Sincerely,  
MRS. F. E. HILL

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An end to the arms race is needed in the Middle East and the limited resources of the area applied to upgrading living standards and other constructive ends. Unfortunately, past history indicates the futility of such hopes in the absence of Big Power involvement, or a real U.N. peace-keeping force.

Remember, the Arab-Israeli population ratio is some 40 to one. Your suggestion of a total arms embargo by the U.S. and U.S.S.R. is to invite total destruction of Israel because it is the latter's effective use of modern military equipment that has allowed it to defend itself three times against its 40-fold larger opponent. Israel may win innumerable battles without any assurance of gaining its objective of a just and lasting peace, while the Arabs have only to win once to gain their objective of erasing Israel from the map.

Instead of an arms embargo the real territorial guarantees, mutual defense treaties and the like by the big powers might bring peace to the area, allow injustices on both sides to be corrected and help the two antagonists to live together. Bringing about such cooperative big power action may be wishful thinking, but no more so than a cooperative arms embargo as you suggest.

I do not wish to debate the Beirut airport incident . . . but how should one murder, one-wounding and 50 attempted murders be weighed against an increment of 11 airplanes destroyed?

DR. HAROLD JAFFEE

★ ★ ★  
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Your basic essential for any education of your young people which will serve them in future life is discipline. This means respect for authority, and in this case the authority in each class must be the teacher. The liberal, socialist-oriented characters who have been ruining our school system with their so-called "experimental" classes have taught the student to disrespect any authority, encouraging juvenile delinquency and ignoring the academic subjects required for any semblance of an education. The result? Thousands of graduates who cannot read or write, who have no respect for the laws of the land, and who firmly believe that the world owes them a living.

And the final result, of course, will be a complete breakdown of our entire social structure, our nation as an entity. The shortage of school funds throughout California at the present time is no accident. Adults, who well know that there is no "easy way" school system which will teach their children respect for their elders, as well as the three R's. And this does not mean classes in lampmaking, dramatics, creative arts, etc. for children who are unable to read.

It is no wonder the young people do not have respect for such teachers; they do not deserve the respect of anyone. For it is the presence of these phony psychologists on the staff which nullifies the work of the earnest, teaching profession. They must be weeded out and fired, as they would be by any responsible employer outside the school system. The welfare of the children is far more important than the tenure of these freeloaders.

GEORGE MALSBARY