

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, our Father, in this day of cynicism and doubt we remember men and women who had the courage to believe that greater and better things than we have yet done may come to pass in our day. Keep us from the temptation to believe too little and to be satisfied with half effort. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Dudley Strain, Lubbock, Texas, minister, First Christian Church.

EDITORIALS

A Stamp For The Pueblo

Reflecting the feelings of millions of Americans, the National Committee for Responsible Patriotism, a non-partisan, non-profit organization which is supported solely by contributions from the public, has asked the Post Office to issue a Pueblo commemorative stamp.

The reasons for the request, as stated by Charles W. Wiley, NCRP executive director, are "to salute the brave men of the Pueblo and to serve as a reminder of the brutal forces that would destroy freedom." He also points out that the use of such a stamp by the United States would make clear to the world that our country has nothing to apologize for in the Pueblo incident.

The NCRP coordinated the Free the Pueblo petition campaign and other non-political activities backing the government in any honorable action to obtain the crew's freedom. Support was received from throughout the nation and signatures came from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Americans in Vietnam and elsewhere.

The NCRP has sponsored numerous activities dedicated to show support for the men and women in our armed forces, respect for law, pride in our heritage and love of country. These projects have received the endorsements of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, President Richard M. Nixon, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, the governors of 41 states and numerous other outstanding public figures.

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I'm sure glad to see that Gov. Reagan is going to give orders for a "Get Tough" policy in our State Colleges.

The disruption in most of our colleges throughout the state and country is sickening. When I see pictures on T.V. and in our newspapers of the leaders of the dissident and revolutionary groups that are causing all this trouble and violence; I cannot help but wonder. Are these the future leaders of our country? I sure hope not. Fortunately the majority of our scholars who do not make the headlines are good solid American citizens who are in college to get an education.

Dr. Hayakawa is doing a terrific job at S.F. State. But his hands are tied at this time. He cannot dismiss dissident students and faculty members who are the local cause of violence and disruption.

A solution might be to set up a special college for all dissident students and faculty. Make it possible for all colleges to transfer their trouble makers to this college. Let them dissent against themselves. Let them do anything they want. Boy what a college that would be.

Of course such a college could never be. What city or community would want or tolerate such a college? Then too the powers behind all this turmoil, which is the basic cause for the disruption on our higher educational system throughout our country and the free world, would not let their agitators be congregated in one single college. It would break up their planned disruption of our higher educational system. If these revolutionaries are not weeded out of our colleges now and are left to learn the art of disrupting our school system, their next step will be our government. Are we going to wait that long before we really do something to quell this revolution? It might be too late then.

HENRY GALLE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

* Some time ago the people of Vallejo were handed a more than two million dollar library package that I for one really think in the true sense of the word is a little too rich for our blood.

But now that we have this library project in hand and in the planning stage why not go one step further? Why not devote a portion of this building to a public museum?

Vallejo pertains a most interesting past history, i.e., being the site of our early California state capitol and the home of one of the finest naval shipyards in the world.

Why not focus a little attention on these facts through the medium of our new library and museum?

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Thank you for the excellent coverage of the recent dinner-theater event jointly presented by the Solano College Drama Department and the Benicia Old Town Group.

Special credit should go to Solano College, director Charles T. McDermon, his "returning grads" and the current students in his drama classes, who not only ably filled a majority of the roles in the play but also designed and built the set, managed lights, sound, costumes, props and performed the melange of other vital but unnoticed chores that are part of a theatrical production. Parts of the musical score were composed by members of the cast.

Several of these students have hopes of careers in various phases of the entertainment field, and with the experience of this well-rounded course offered at Solano College they are currently prepared to continue toward their goals.

The concept of community theater, done by a combination of college and community forces, has operated successfully in many college towns. We wish to congratulate Solano College for its efforts to make such a project successful in Solano County.

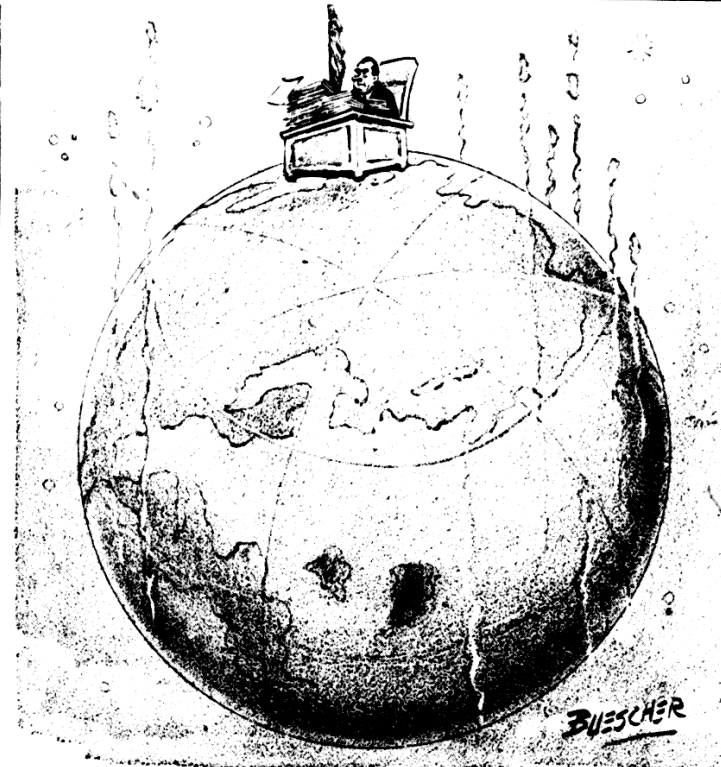
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Some of the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States seem to have it as their supreme aim to obliterate the thought of God in the making of their decisions, as also do some of the justices in other high courts of our land.

In making decisions between questions of right and wrong, true justice cannot be achieved and leave God out of the consideration! This simply cannot be done! It is an impossibility! And yet how frequently is this attempted by some of these courts, as, for instance, pertaining to questions of the right, in our public schools, to read the Bible, and to questions pertaining to the right of the labor unions, which are mostly if not completely controlled by the Communists, to enter in, and to take control of our public school and educational systems. When they have entered in, then they destroy, and seek to close down these higher institutions of learning, and all of them finally. Instead of letting these anarchists destroy all that is good and sacred, why not seek to improve our schools by the normal processes and procedures?

A noteworthy instance of this leaving God out of the consideration occurred a short while ago in Paris and France when as many as eight million Communists, members of the labor unions, and students, out of a potential of sixteen million, all Communist led and inspired, set out on their mission of destruction and did untold damage to great universities, including their libraries and works of art, etc., as well as paralyzing traffic and industry for some time and bringing great loss to the economy. This is the same thing those same and similar organizations have been



THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In reference to the current social crisis in our school system, may I have the pleasure of voicing what I hope is the opinion of the silent black majority? But first, for those who will be wondering, I am not an "Uncle Tom"—And those who know me, know that I am as much "black" as watermelon and turnip greens.

In 1954, the Supreme Court rendered a decision which outlawed racial discrimination in all schools. This decision was hailed by black people (and many whites) worldwide. This same decision made many whites, at least regionally, feel that Armageddon would soon be here. This Supreme Court decision made it unconstitutional to practice separate but "equal" school policies. Since California and a few other states had not been cognizant of their "all black" schools, the decision did not upset too many of us here.

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Are you aware of what is now taking place in the Vallejo schools? I'm sure by now you have heard of "sensitivity training," "T group training," "Human relations," "Ethnic awareness," (the latest), etc.

If so, I know what you're saying: "It isn't going to happen to my child." Have you ever bothered to find out how many teachers in the Vallejo schools have offered themselves as guinea pigs?

What happens then? Once these teachers are brainwashed, are you going to attend every one of your child's classes and sit there to find out what these brainwashed guinea pigs are teaching your kids?

I suggest you get involved now and find out what this is all about. Don't take my word for what can happen. If you don't know the meaning of the words, "generation gap," you will soon find out. If you have taught your kids individuality, free thinking and a sense of right and wrong, forget it! There are those who are ready to tell your child that what you have been teaching

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Canada At Crossroads

A reappraisal of Canada's defense policy is producing a Cabinet split over Canada's continued participation as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) just as the new Nixon administration is preparing to host the prime ministers of the alliance in Washington in April on the 20th anniversary of the organization.

The two opposing factions in Canada are represented by Postmaster General Eric Kierans, who declares Canada should pull out of NATO, and Defense Minister Leo Cadieux, who believes Canada should stick with the alliance.

Kierans questions the necessity of NATO as a continuing institution and instead of seeing it as a genuine deterrent against a genuine threat, he believes it has become "a self-justifying deterrent against a non-existent military threat." He contends NATO's existence "guarantees that of the Warsaw Pact. Each needs the other to justify its own existence—two military bureaucracies leaning on each other for reassurance."

The fallacy in Kierans' point of view is that dissolution of NATO will not automatically guarantee a similar abolition of the Warsaw Pact. By abrogating its pact to resist the spread of Soviet influence in Europe, the NATO nations only will succeed in making the Communist alliance stronger in direct proportion to the degree that NATO forces are diminished.

In view of what already has transpired in Europe, together with the Soviet Union's obvious efforts to extend its sphere of influence to the Mediterranean and Middle East, we believe Canadian Defense Minister Cadieux hit the nail on the head when he declared: "NATO provides the only effective means of ensuring that conflicts of interest and ideology in Europe are contained and resolved without resort to cataclysmic violence."

For Canada to embrace any other point of view would be folly and most certainly short-sighted for without Canadian cooperation the United States could not maintain adequate air defenses over the North American continent to safeguard Canadian security.

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What else has the City of Vallejo to offer the public? We have no public parks to speak of. A Vallejo mall was spoken of some time ago, but talk is cheap. Vallejo needs action!

In a short time we shall have an election in our city for members to our city council — why not have the candidates concentrate and grant us their views and expressions of exactly what if elected they plan to do for our city? The people want action!

For over a half century that I know of, "Our City Fathers" have continually proposed to bring industry, etc., to Vallejo and fifty years later we find ourselves with the same industries we had then — Sperry Flour Mill and our Navy Yard. Why?

We have a most promising waterfront and an access to a waterway to all parts of the seven seas — why let this waterfront lie dormant?

We hire people to come in and survey our possibilities — we hire people to bring "industry" to Vallejo but we end up exactly as we were half a century ago. It is time we got some action.

OLLIE ROSS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

United School Parents, Inc., P.O. Box 676, San Pablo, Calif., 94806 was formed by interested parents and taxpayers of the Richmond Unified School District. We have several goals. They are as follows:

- 1) To preserve the concept of Kindergarten through 6th grade in every elementary school in the district.
- 2) To insure that taxes will be used for education.
- 3) To oppose any busing program to be used for the sole purpose of racial balance in our schools.
- 4) To insure student safety and discipline in our schools and provide parent-teacher cooperation.

We have hired attorneys who are presently intervening into the Verde law suit which was brought against the School Board, alleging segregation, by the Contra Costa County Legal Services Foundation.

We feel that the Richmond Unified School District is now desegregated in that each child, regardless of race, now attends his neighborhood school. This district has also had an open enrollment plan for over two years such that any parent desiring to enroll his child in a school not in his own neighborhood may do so, with signed parental permission, in cases where racial balance would be improved.

United School Parents, Inc., is for education, not transportation.

Anyone who wishes to support us, or who would like more information may write to the above address.

MRS. SHARON PRIMESCH

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Well, Mr. and Mrs. Parent, you just continue to sit back and do nothing, as for me, I'm going to fight this thing just because these are my kids, I brought them into this world and I don't need any help from those so-called self styled psychiatrists who think all healthy minds should be made sick.

Now, a new breed of pseudo-intellectuals are out to make invalid, this decision which I (and probably many of them) looked upon as the greatest decision since the Emancipation Proclamation. I feel that this is being done by those demanding autonomous black classes, black dorms, eating facilities, teachers, etc.

True, we need to know more about our past, but, it should not dictate our future. We should insist that the schools teach about the black man's past so that all may have a chance to learn about great black men such as Oscar DePreist, first black congressman in the north, George H. White, last congressman from the south, and the many contributions made by black men to this great nation. But, must this information be taught by and for only black people? If so, why teach them about these 'greats' and not teach them to try and pattern themselves after them: Why advocate just the opposite of what these great men believed in? These men advocated total integration, political power, pride, and brotherhood, not 'all black this' and 'all black that.'

B.S.U., OK. Why not a W.S.U.? Soul food on the menu? OK, but let us include chop suey, fresh eyeball-of seal and don't forget the unleavened bread. "Black Power" is great, but I cannot succeed independent of 'White Power.' The black shoulder, flexed for the burden of responsibility, must meet with the white hand of assistance, and they must meet with patience and understanding. Otherwise, I say, it's a rotten rendezvous.

To go it alone and "all black" would be a disaster. Marcus (back to Africa) Garvey almost proved this. However, he deserves some recognition because almost fifty years ago he coined the phrase "Black is Beautiful." In his ode to the black woman, he wrote:

Black queen of beauty, you have given the world color, among other women you are royal and the fairest.

He believed in black beauty and black power, but brothers, you cannot believe in his kind of beauty or power with a blue-eyed blonde on your arm.

Mr. Roy Wilkins (NAACP) will have my full support in his fight to turn the tide away from "black separatism." The 1954 Supreme Court decision, in essence, decreed that there would be no separate schools for whites, nor separate schools for blacks, by blacks.

I do believe in social disorganization, but not when it threatens to polarize our society into two extremes, because, two ends cannot meet without some common ground in the middle. Long live the principles of Dr. King, and firm may the school board officials stand on their decisions.

F.E.G.

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I only wish I could have sent my children to college, but no, even though they were all in the upper third of the classes and all talented, I could not send them to college. I had more than I could handle paying for the home, clothes, doctor's bills and taxes. And as we are white, we received no help and really did not expect any.

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Just get that "strong will and good mind" of yours at work and think about all this.

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Believe me, you had better wake up and take a check on yourself, count your blessings and make use of all the things offered you. Taxpayers are not going to put up with this forever. We have to "earn our place in life" by the "sweat of our brows" and pay for schools, colleges and homes for people like you that really do not rate it.

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It would seem that some or many of the members of this truly august body of interpreters of the law have greatly misused their exalted position and have performed a great disservice to the American people and to all posterity. Instead of using their godgiven position as a vantage point from which to enunciate carefully weighed decisions made in the atmosphere of prayer, as in the very presence of God, seemingly they have made supreme effort to leave God out of many of their most important decisions, considering that when this had been done they had achieved the ultimate finesse in sound legal interpretation. This practice of constantly drawing succulence from the atheistic reservoirs of the court is not only to be deplored but should be replaced by Christian standards of legal interpretation, for we are a Christian country!

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

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Just before Christmas the citizens of Vallejo and especially Scouters were stunned by the tragic death of David Faraday, a boy who exemplified in his daily life and accomplishments the true meaning of the ideals of Boy Scouting. Many of us knew Dave as a member of Troop 69 where he obtained his Eagle rank, of Explorer Post 209, or as a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he obtained the scout religious award God and Country. Others of us knew him as President of the Order of the Arrow, as a counselor at Camp Silverado or as a senior at Vallejo High School. Many of us knew Dave as just a friend.

In order to perpetuate his memory a fund was started at the Boy Scout Center called the David Faraday Campership Fund. Ever so many have contributed to this fund but the principle is not sufficient whereby the interest can be used to even give a campership to a deserving boy in Dave's memory. Vallejo has never had a Boy Scout Campership fund and every year we have lots of boys who can't enjoy Camp Silverado because of the cost. Scouters know that attending scout camp is one of the essential parts of scouting.

Scouters and friends of David's let's try a little harder to build the David Faraday Campership Fund so that we can send several deserving boys to Camp Silverado each year. We all know this is something that David would be proud of and would be a lasting memorial to him.

Please send or bring your contributions to the Boy Scout Service Center at 600 Contra Costa, marked Boy Scouts of America David Faraday Fund.

E. D.

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O God, we pray that we may keep sensitive to the cries of Thy needy children. We have heard so often of hunger, want, and hopelessness that we are used to it. Our hearts get hardened and our concern sags. Keep prodding us until we do everything possible to relieve human suffering. Further and bless especially those causes which help people who can not speak for themselves. May they be able to count on us. We pray in the name of the Master Who was a friend of the friendless. Amen.

—W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas, Texas, bishop.
The United Methodist Church.

EDITORIALS

A Chance For A U.S. Coup

A curious situation appears to be developing in the Communist world that may provide a striking opportunity for American diplomacy to make Marxist aggression more difficult and at the same time reduce the chances for a nuclear war.

It revolves around a mutual fear, harbored by both Red China and the Soviet Union, that the United States might make a deal with the other, resulting in closer relations with Washington which might provide an accommodation of "socialistic" principles toward peaceful co-existence at the ideological expense of Peking or Moscow.

It is obvious Red China and Russia mistrust each other and that the schism that has developed in their respective views on attaining world Communism provides America—their chief adversary to global domination—an opportunity to exploit their differences to its own advantage.

Thus far, Russia seems to have taken the initiative in seeking a closer accord with the United States by taking an almost cordial attitude toward the new Nixon administration, by seeking U. S. cooperation in settling the Mideast crisis, by renewing overtures for a nuclear non-proliferation pact and by expressing a disposition to expand their cultural and scientific exchange programs.

Russia's motivations are not altogether altruistic for in courting U. S. favor, the Soviet Union hopes to safeguard its interests in the Middle East, retain its nuclear advantage with America and gain a measure of respectability in the capitals of the world for its invasion of Czechoslovakia.

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It is getting to the point that the public seems more interested in wildlife than two or three hundred children starving to death. Our front page shows four or five grebes with oil soaked feathers.

Did you ever try eating a grebe like a wild duck? Mud hens are more appetizing.

True, the oil companies should be made to repair all the damages to wildlife, but how can you replace ducks, mud hens and grebes after they are dead. Not to mention how many tons of fish deprived of life by such an oil slick.

We have so many things in this country that should be done to repair damages. Such as all the waste land in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio that have been stripped of their growing power by coal mines.

If the top soil that has been buried by tons of slate were scraped off in a reserve pile and replaced then it could be reserved for future parks and playgrounds in years to come.

EDWARD L. SIEMER

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With extreme concern and deep emotion I watched a portion of a news program titled "First Tuesday." Much of it was too utterly shocking.

How is it possible that we American people who call ourselves a Christian nation, claiming special blessing from a divine being . . . a God of mercy, can watch factories of death coldly dealing out torture and death to tiny helpless creatures whose only defense is their pitiful little cry that they too love life?

It is all too reminiscent of Nazi Germany. The attempt at concealment of such factories, the trains running to the remote hideways, should recall many horrible memories. Thanks to the news media we cannot use the excuse we did not know, either we concur or each must speak out against those sadists who satisfy their cruel savage nature by hiding behind the label "science." And the power behind them, the be-ribboned, be-medalled kahaki clad group in control of the Pentagon who call it "defense."

Every person should examine his conscience and either concur or do his utmost to bring such practices to a halt but none should be unconcerned.

P. R.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On Feb. 3 an article by F.E.G. was printed which proves there are some black people who are doing some deep thinking. This is the type of person I can respect.

The 1954 Supreme Court decision was won only after some hard fighting but the fighting was not physical. This was done by thinking people. Violence didn't get this for the black



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There are two things which should not happen in our state colleges. One, entrance standards should not be lowered for anyone, and, two, those who disrupt classes should not be allowed to continue in school.

Now, I will be the first to admit that some members of what are known today as minority groups have not lived and attended high school under conditions which would furnish them the background to pass an entrance examination in a state college, but lowering the standards just for them is far from being the intelligent answer. Instead, why not have a state-financed prep school in operation at all state supported colleges, days and evenings, and permit properly-screened, disadvantaged minority people to attend free of charge on their own time? This would run for one year, and then the graduates of the prep school would take the entrance examination—the same one

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I would like to answer Regina Tholmer's letter.

First of all I belong to a minority group and want to be accepted and respected. I found, Mrs. Tholmer, it is not only challenging but also rewarding to earn the love and respect of the people around me.

I too could search for revenge for my native land and people who are still slaves and live under tyranny. But nothing worthwhile was ever accomplished through hatred and self pity. I read the history of the slave trade long before the colleges were demanded to teach the black man's story.

The facts are, Mrs. Tholmer, that the African natives were first to blame as they sold to the white traders their own kind. But why look back, when it is so much more rewarding to look forward?

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In response to the letters about cruelty to animals in the January 27 edition of the Times-Herald, these are my only comments.

It is sad when a treasured pet is killed or maimed in any way, and I do not approve or partake of these acts, however, there are two sides to every story and here is mine.

We are not pet owners at present since, having small children, we do not feel there is time to care for an animal properly. Since this is our belief, why must we be content to let stray dogs and cats, licensed or not, use our properties as exercise pens, digging areas or litter baskets?

It seems to me that anyone who owns a pet should have the decency to confine it in one's own backyard or quietly suffer the consequences if the animal is injured. You write that children are not safe in such a neighborhood, but how safe are they in an area running with barking, fighting, male dogs?

How about a society for the prevention of negligent pet owners?

JUST PLAIN DISGUSTED

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Just two hours ago a friend and I left the Presidential Prayer Breakfast held this morning at Terry's Waffle Shop. I am so upset and depressed because so few people took the time to be there. I feel just as Mr. Harry Gray did the morning of Veteran's Day when he left the ceremonies downtown.

Our mayor should be given a pat on the back for such a well-planned and organized affair. I was thrilled when I heard Francesca Clemente sing "Ave Maria" and am always happy to hear our own Bill Parish perform. Tears were in my eyes when he finished singing. Those who failed to attend missed a very inspirational experience. The prayers of the three clergymen were just what I needed to hear.

It was interesting to note that there was a representation from Mare Island.

I wish to thank Mr. Curtola for the room, food and the service.

MAXINE CONSIER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Hi! J. Seward, apparently you missed my intent. I was trying to point out the fact that as long as the silent majority stayed silent and inactive, STUPID people will take over and destroy our society as it is today.

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STUPID techniques have worked

RUSSIA'S motivations for in court U. S. favor, the Soviet Union hopes to safeguard its interests in the Middle East, retain its nuclear advantage with America and gain a measure of respectability in the capitals of the world for its invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Meanwhile, Peking has not been blind to these overtures and has reacted with cries of indignation. Just a week ago, Red China, in a series of sharply worded statements, made it clear it foresees no improvement in its relations with the U. S. and the Soviet Union. Peking pictured these two powers as China's implacable enemies, said they are working in collusion and predicted their doom at the hands of revolutionary peoples.

These pronouncements assume special importance because they come at a highly sensitive moment when the Americans and the Chinese are about to resume their ambassadorial talks in Warsaw after a 13-month break, and Italy, Canada and possibly Belgium appear ready to recognize Peking.

Two reasons emerge why Peking chose this moment to reject "co-existence" with the two super-powers. One is that by a display of recalcitrance Red China hopes to impede Russia's attempts to "ally" itself with the United States. The other view is that it may be little more than one more declaration issued for domestic purposes on the eve of the long-delayed Ninth Party Congress.

The fact remains, however, that Mao Tse-tung has been known to admit privately that eventually relations with the United States must be bettered and that he himself made proposals for talks with the U. S. in Warsaw—not out of affection—but to counter-balance the squeeze which he believes the Kremlin and Washington jointly direct against him.

If Mao and Leonid Brezhnev are to be taken seriously in their avowed intentions of improving relations with the United States, their reasons are of secondary importance. What matters is that such talks seem made to order for tough, realistic American negotiations that could set the stage for an American diplomatic coup.

U. S. negotiators would have to be wary and fight over every word as the Russians and the Red Chinese would be out to get what they could while giving next to nothing. Whatever agreements are made would have to have iron-clad procedures that would provide more than Communist promises in return for American actions.

The opportunities for talks must be explored. Without them, the world will be no better off than it is. With them, there's always a possibility for something better.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On Feb. 3 an article by F.E.G. was printed which probes there are some black people who are doing some deep thinking. This is the type of person I can respect.

The 1954 Supreme Court decision was won only after some hard fighting but the fighting was not physical. This was done by thinking people. Violence didn't get this for the black people. People such as Dr. King and Roy Wilkins did the hard work and suffering. Violence by one faction brings defense by the other.

There is a black man who says he wants an all black state. If this were done, wouldn't they actually be more dependent on the white man than what they are under the conditions we live in today?

This man yells about living in the black ghettos and yet advocates an all black state. Can't the word ghetto and state be interchanged? He raves about sub-standard housing but what about Country Club Crest which was not sub-standard. Some of the Crest homes may be sub-standard now but that can be put on the shoulders of vandalism...

People like E.E.G. who are using education, pride and honest work are the ones I take my hat off to.

R.L.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I'm writing this letter in response to some of the rather gross misrepresentations of the purpose and function of what has been variously called sensitivity groups, ethnic groups, human relations groups, etc.

The purpose of these groups is to help human beings encounter each other in an honest confrontation of ideas, values, and differing viewpoints. Any endeavor which encourages people to be honest with one another, even if it is a bit disturbing at times, is to be encouraged for this is the only way bridges of understanding can be built between people.

I highly endorse such groups where students and faculty of all races and backgrounds can encounter one another overcoming the prejudice and distance between themselves.

To link these efforts up with some kind of communist plot or anti-morality movement is completely absurd. As long as we can blame the communist for our problems or raise pseudo-moralistic clouds of confusion, we can then avoid facing our own involvement and guilt in the problems which these sensitivity groups are trying to solve, or we can continue to mask our real fears of social contact and genuine friendships developing between our wonderful American racial groups.

Just because communists have discovered that they can do things through groups, which we correctly see to be destructive to human values, does not mean that we, by using group methods, have the same evil objectives. The evil of communism has been clearly revealed to all of us in what they recently did in Czechoslovakia and, historically elsewhere. They are not in charge of our efforts at ethnic awareness of human sensitivity.

In fact, I believe they would want to do all they could to stop this in America because once our racial tensions are resolved and we begin to respect each other we will have the strongest possible weapon of human trust and brotherhood to encounter their evil ways.

Hurrah! For the ethnic awareness groups, human relations seminars, and anything else that gets people, who were previously separated, talking to each other and ironing out their differences.

REVEREND JAMES O. HULIN
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

standards just for them is far from being the intelligent answer. Instead, why not have a state-financed prep school in operation at all state supported colleges, days and evenings, and permit properly-screened, disadvantaged minority people to attend free of charge on their own time? This would run for one year, and then the graduates of the prep school would take the entrance examination—the same one given to all comers. Lowering standards would in time do just that: lower all standards. Providing free prep school education is merely offering an opportunity to compete on an equal basis—and at high standards.

As for the other—deliberate disruption of classes and other organized activities on the campus—this is certainly not what the taxpayers of the State of California like to see as an end product of their tax dollar. What is needed here is a formula which describes the democratic method of holding rallies, meetings, and other peaceful methods of bringing a problem to light, and which also exactly describes and delineates the line which separates this from violent, disruptive activity. Then, all those on the wrong side of that line, and after having been proved to have been on the wrong side, would be forever booted out of any state financed college. The trustees and administrators, the taxpayers of this state, and above all, the majority of students, would all sigh a great sigh of relief.

BRUCE GODCHAUX

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Acting President Hayakawa has suddenly made a great discovery; mainly that the disruption at San Francisco State is part of a systematic plan to bring the college to a halt as a prelude to an attack on all higher education.

For 10 years or more I have been telling people that San Francisco State and Columbia University were training grounds for anarchy and Communism.

I did not learn this from any mysterious source or group. I learned it from not only reading all sources available but also from stopping to analyze what I was reading.

All the signs of these riots, disorders and arson have been evident for a long time and available to all who wanted to learn this.

Just how long the taxpaying public is going to allow their tax money to be used for dissension and overthrow is hard to say, but once they really awaken to the full impact, something is going to happen.

Colleges, universities, high schools and grade schools are set up as institutions of learning. So, what right have the students to say how they are to be run. They are there to learn not rule.

When they are able and willing to finance their education, then and only then, will they have a right to say how the schools should be run.

JOHN T. RINEHART

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We know our son is innocent and when it comes to dealing with lives the credibility of Diane K. Moore and the method used in granting her amnesty for her testimony was not considered.

The record and background of Larry Linton who is now being held for federal court action seems to have also been overlooked by the jurors and the court.

In the name of God where is justice. What will go through the minds of the jurors and the court when they think back on the type and veracity of the witnesses that they condemned these two men on.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry A. Redmon

worship was ever accomplished through hatred and self pity. I read the history of the slave trade long before the colleges were demanded to teach the black man's story.

The facts are, Mrs. Tolmer, that the African natives were first to blame as they sold to the white traders their own kind. But why look back, when it is so much more rewarding to look forward?

Why would you like to join Nero and Hitler by burning and destroying, instead of building for a better future?

If you don't care what you pass on to the next generation, you are not one bit better than the ones you blame. As far as I am concerned, I am positive that in my thoughts I belong to the majority when I say, let's correct the mistakes of the past. With the guidance and wisdom from the Almighty, let's choose the right way with good sense and honor.

A. M.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Rev. Ray M. Lawrence is a good neighbor. I once lived near him. Recently he has asked or implied, in OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE, that readers should assume some things to be true which I think will not stand the test of fact. His latest is that he would have us assume it true that: 1) the labor unions are "... mostly if not completely controlled by the communists ..."; 2) that many people are "... constantly drawing succulence (sic) from the atheistic reservoirs of the court ... (the Supreme Court) via some of its decisions that he disagrees with; 3) that "... we are a Christian country!"

If we (the U.S.) are a "Christian country" then who is responsible for the messes that we find ourselves in? Ergo, Christians must be responsible. As to the Supreme Court, there is likely as much spirituality and spiritual honesty in those gentlemen as could be squeezed out of the souls of any like number of select clergymen. As to those called ministers, pastors, preachers, etc. ... but no; some other time perhaps. To do them justice would make this letter too long.

Right now, and pertinently, I'll say that someone out of state mailed me a copy of "The Hippie Papers" and perhaps later I will tell what I think it is that scares some ministers and other good people. I advise all such to start praying double time. Pray for what? Oh, that they, especially ministers, be more relevant to reality. No need to be formal; God doesn't sit on a throne but is wherever they are, at business, in sanctuaries, in bedrooms, solitude of the privy, beneath the stars. They may be as informal as saying, "Wow God ..." if they like and start projecting telepathic thought Godward. They will be heard.

I see where Ann Landers advised some woman who has lost her fancy to wear "falsie" hippies. Which may be alright; but please God, don't let ministers start writing and preaching falsies for truths that they may have lost, do not have, or do not like.

FOY W. RAGLE
534 San Carlos Drive

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I read articles saying be kind to animals. I wish some people would be kind to humans or at least be honest. I purchased a new toaster in Napa and paid cash for it, the toaster broke, the heater does not work, the dealer and the manufacturer will not honor the warranty. So now I live in a cold and damp trailer that is not fit for a dog.

Stephen J. Lynch

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STUPID techniques have worked throughout the world, but under another name. We never call it that, but the principle is the same. Make outrageous demands, cause disruption and unrest, destroy whenever possible, and if you do it long enough, you will accomplish some if not all your goals. After all, the SMART people act like jellyfish, and cannot stand up to repel the STUPID people. So, STUPID applicants, join up before the SMART people wise up!

You say that we are in the atomic and space ages. I say that we are in the DESTROY age, and our theme is Destruction and Erosion of your society through Strikes, Terror, Riots, Outbursts, and constant Yapping! Who's to stop us? Every body talks about it, but nobody does anything about thriving STUPIDITY, how about that?

STUPID Recruiter

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I'd like to sound off about high school male physical education teachers in Vallejo ...

With the facilities the two major public high schools have, more activities could be stressed in the school curriculum. I am a major in physical education and just now realize how poorly I was taught, if at all, about P.E. in my high school days.

Not once do I remember taking any written test or physical performance test at my high school. The reason being, I guess, because there was nothing taught to be tested on. I still received straight A's though because I was an athlete. Some of the other fellows got C's and D's because their name wasn't stenciled on the right side of their trunks or they were standing on the wrong number.

I went to a school that had a wrestling room but I never wrestled, a hand ball room but I never played, parallel bars and a trampoline that I never touched, a huge set of ten-room that was off limits, a swimming pool that I used about four times in three years, and a huge football stadium that was used only by the football team. Even though I got A's, somehow I feel I was cheated.

Do some of you parents wonder how your boy can flunk his gym class? Well, because it's so dry they don't even go to it. It has nothing to offer! Nothing challenging, nothing competitive, nothing to hold the interest of the less sport-minded youngster.

Parents, ask your boy tonight what he learned in his P.E. class besides what basket to throw his dirty towel in after he showers.

AN EX-APACHE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have a solution for those who refuse to abide by the rules in their letters to the Opinions of the People.

You clearly state at the top of the Times Herald editorial and feature page that anyone in the Greater Vallejo area may send letters but that they must be 20 words or less.

Well this morning, F.E.G.'s letter contained well over 60 words. If I were you, when this happens I would print up some 20 words for free and then send a bill to the writer for all those over 20.

This way someone else might get a chance to have a letter appear in the paper.

Don't know
1968

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Lord, teach us how to pray for our enemies and those who provoke us to anger. We confess our own weaknesses. Without Thee we can do nothing. How long, O Lord, shall we pray for those who reject Thee and Thy ways? How can we express Thy mercies to those who spit our words back in our faces? Give us patience and understanding even as Thou art patient; in Jesus' name. Amen.
—Richard L. James, Miami, Fla., University Christian Church.

EDITORIALS

Investing In The Poor

Officials of 14 developing nations opened frank discussions with Western bankers and industrialists in Amsterdam yesterday on what can be done about lagging private investment in poor countries. The conference should be of vital interest to the United States which has a large, albeit declining, stake in the program.

This year, Uncle Sam is providing foreign aid in one form or another to 82 nations, according to the Editorial Research Institute which also reports that since 1947 we have furnished about \$128 billion—less than one-third of it in military aid—to rehabilitate or nurture other nations.

At its last session, Congress reduced the foreign aid program to the lowest level in its 21-year history. The foreign aid appropriation bill contained a final spending provision of \$1.75 billion for foreign economic and military assistance in fiscal 1969—or \$1,164,000,000 less than the administration requested.

The President's general advisory committee on foreign assistance and the International Private Investment Advisory Council recently advised restoring U. S. economic aid in all forms to its 1965 level of one per cent of the national income. They also recommended the creation of a semi-autonomous government corporation, run by businessmen, to lend financial assistance to American firms establishing enterprises in developing nations and insuring them against losses from expropriation and similar hazards.

During his campaign and since his election, President Richard Nixon has indicated U. S. aid programs should place more emphasis on "stimulating private enterprise" and less on "financing government enterprise" and that such programs have been "spread too far in too many directions."

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:

Reverend James Hulin deserves all the praise Vallejo has to offer. I want to thank him for his honest letter. I hope the eyes of Vallejoans have been opened and I also hope the misinformed have learned something.

R. L. writes as though black people don't deeply think. Perhaps the removal of his hat and his respect will enlighten some blacks... it sickens me. "To be a Negro in this country and to be relatively conscious is to be in a rage almost all the time." — James Baldwin. People are sicker than I thought. Just reading these various opinions prove there are more ill individuals out than in an institution.

I'm wondering just how low standards can get Mr. Godchaux. They're pretty low now. Mr. Rinehart... schools are not supposed to be prisons. If one cannot learn all the facts, one does not learn much. An irrelevant education is all one can acquire in our present system.

A.M. . . . I wish you would try to understand that equality of all should not be a challenge. The Declaration of Independence said all men are created equal. It didn't say all men were created equal after a good challenge.

REGINA THOLMER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A woman has the privilege to change her mind, so they say. Well our Mayor has sure changed her mind several times since 1963. On May 7, 1963 she stated at her first meeting as Mayor, that she did not want the Cadillac, the official car for the Mayor's use, because it was too costly to operate, etc.

The price of the Cadillac at that time was based on the insured cost of \$5,050. The new Buick Electra is the highest priced Buick made. The retail sticker price for this vehicle is approximately \$5,980 exclusive of taxes, transportation and handling charges.

Before Mrs. Douglas became Mayor of the office of Mayor was, more or less, an honorary position at a cost of \$4800 a year. From reports of the Mayor's budget for 1969, the expense of running her office is now over \$15,000 per year.

She said she did not ask for a car, that the council saw fit, after five and a half years, to provide the Mayor with some transportation that should have been provided long ago.

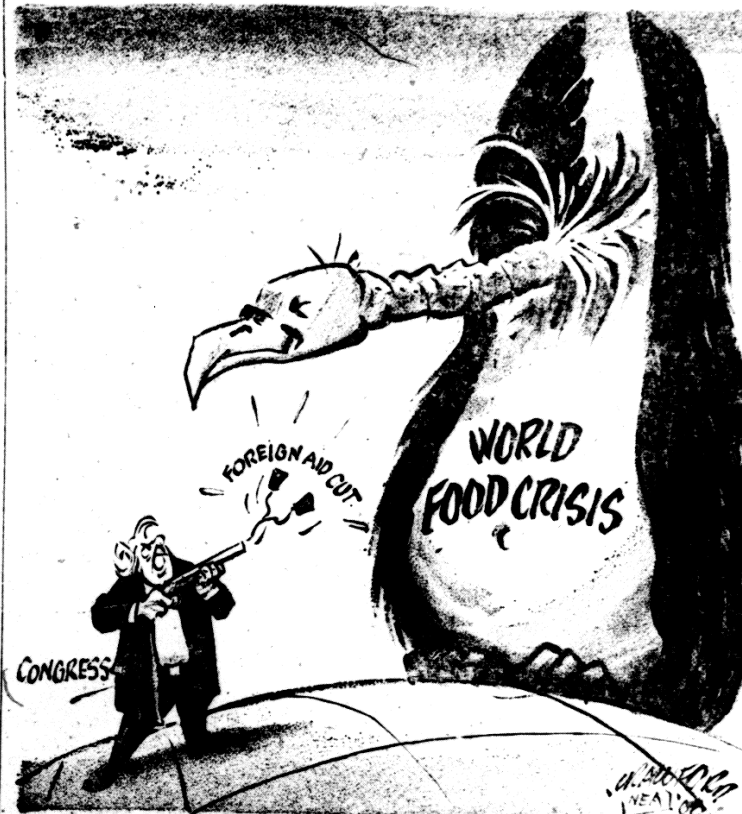
Talking about expenses, I'd like to repeat what she said when she vetoed the ordinance which would have granted the supervisory personnel of the city a 2½ per cent pay increase. Quote: "The taxpayers of Vallejo are not in a position to give presents in salary increases in the middle of the fiscal year." Unquote. Yet in the middle of the fiscal year she agreed to buy a car valued at \$5,980 with the taxpayers money.

P.A. VENTIMIGLIA

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"TAKE THAT... AND THAT"

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

HI! STUPID, I do not think you are stupid, merely misinformed, without enough knowledge of the FACTS to know what to do to save our society from the destruction it is facing today. Our society is made up of many minorities that make up the majority. Look up the word FACT in your dictionary and study it carefully. It is an interesting word.

Each minority is seeking to gain an advantage over the others in whatever manner they can, and MONEY and POWER is the prime mover.

Technology is the prime mover of social change; and Technocracy is the direction and form that society must take. Since most minorities are seeking the same objectives . . .

Security and the opportunity to live as humans can and should live. There is much to be done to save our country from the rape and ravage of private enterprise for profit, to re-invent our land, water, and air and to give

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Bruce Godchaux's letter in the Opinions of the People on Feb. 10 was so sensible that I wondered why his reasoning hadn't come to mind before. Apparently this way of thinking is much too practical for some of the advisors to our government.

Lowering standards certainly should not be our educator's stand, rather the building of educational standards. Mr. Godchaux's suggestion would most certainly fill this bill. It would let us help ourselves without infringing on other people's rights to a finer education.

I believe Mr. Godchaux's suggestion will be accepted by our minority group as the goals are high and they are for a constructive America. God and America first and always. Anyone who claims these two beliefs do not go hand in hand are very badly mistaken. If they seem not to be at this period of our growth, it is only because we have allowed laws to become obsolete and allowed ourselves to become blinded to the fact that we really

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Well, the menu for lunch at Solano College sparkled ironically with backed peas, ham hocks, and rice — the best of any "soufflé." It looks as if another one of the Black Students Union demands were met, and met quite tastily for the cafeteria workers worked half the morning preparing the fine gourmet dish.

I didn't mind the fact that the "soufflé" was being served, although I stayed with the all-American hamburger, a more subtle dish. But while I watched and ate at that cafeteria Tuesday afternoon, I didn't see one, not one, black student eating his food — the food he "worked" so diligently to obtain. Granted, I was only in the cafeteria for two hours perhaps some of the black students did eat the tasty dish before I arrived. After the "hot-dish" window of the cafeteria closed, I peeked in, unnoticed, to see how much was left. Well, as I expected, over half was left to waste.

The Black Students Union at Solano College don't know what they want. They demand only to see if their demand will be met, and if not, they have a perfect excuse to cause a little trouble.

A White Student At Solano College P.S. I'm not prejudice just because I signed, a "white" student at Solano College. I figure that if the black students can say, "Black is beautiful," then "white" deserves equal time.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The March of Dimes campaign to conquer birth defects was aided by coffee drinkers throughout Vallejo on Wednesday, January 22, by a contribution of \$238.08, proceeds from the recent "Coffee Day."

The coffee shops and restaurants who participated were: Flaky Cream Donuts, Big J's Bar-B-Q, Mexico Lindo, Tita's, Casa de Vallejo Coffee Shop, Jumpin' Bean No. 1, Jay's Broiler, Vallejo Country Club, Overpass Koffee Cup, Taie's Inn, Kresge's Coffee Shop, Terry's Waffle Shop, Kentwig Coffee Shop, The Grotto, The Big Burger, The Carousel, Hollywood Fountain, Sadie's Hof Brauhouse, Denny's Restaurant, Pluto's Hot dogs, Barbecue King, The Cactus, Italian Pizzeria, The Coffee Break and Scotty's Coffee Shop.

Also participating were London Fish & Chips, Jumpin' Bean No. 3, Hong Kong Restaurant, Jim's Fine Foods, Roma Pizzeria, Burger Chet, Ear & Run, Martin's Barbecue Inn, Golden Bubble, Vallejo Inn, Estimo's Steak House, Terry's Coffee Shop, The Steak House, Greyhound Coffee Shop, Frank's Cafe, Pat's Coffee Shop, Charlie's Place, Jolly King, Waffle Shop, The Corral, Choo Chew Stop, Capril's, Caesar's Pizza and International House of Pancakes.

I would like to personally thank the people who paid for their coffee by making a contribution in the March of Dimes canisters and to the restaurant and coffee shop owners who turned over their coffee proceeds to us to help fight birth defects.

ED SILVERIA
Coffee Day Chairman

insuring them against losses from expropriation and similar hazards.

During his campaign and since his election, President Richard Nixon has indicated U. S. aid programs should place more emphasis on "stimulating private enterprise" and less on "financing government enterprise" and that such programs have been "spread too far in too many countries in too many projects." The Amsterdam conference should provide an appropriate forum for that point of view.

The Year Of The Rooster

The Year of the Rooster arrives today. It is the Chinese lunar New Year which millions of Asians observe as Tet with a week-long festival of parades, operas, dances and feasts held throughout the world, including the Chinatowns of the United States.

The Chinese New Year's Day traditionally is peaceful and begins amid a din of fireworks, gongs, cymbals and drums. Block-long paper dragons—actually Oriental lions—caper about, blowing smoke. The devout go to religious services and then visit friends and present a red calling card. Crimson lanterns in the shape of flowers, birds and animals swing from balconies and red paper scrolls, inscribed with classic texts, decorate the home.

The Year of the Rooster is supposed to be a happy one, but Tet this year may bring sadness and death in a land where the ancient festival is universally observed. In Vietnam, Tet this year will be a period of uneasy truce in a relentless, cruel war that also involves America at a staggering cost of human life and materiel.

The reason is simple. North Vietnam and the Viet Cong consistently have taken advantage of Tet truces to resupply their forces and embark on new military offenses. Although the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front broadcast on Jan. 29 that the Communist military command would "stop all military activities" from 7 a.m. Saigon time Feb. 15 until 7 a.m. Feb. 22, the declaration is viewed with suspicion as one that will be observed more in its disregard than its compliance.

The compelling reason is the experience last year when the Viet Cong used the Tet truce to assault more than 100 cities and towns, including Saigon, in their biggest offensive of the war. Communist documents captured just two weeks ago disclose the Viet Cong has ordered guerrillas to prepare for full-scale fighting during the Tet holiday.

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P. A. VENTIMIGLIA

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I read in the paper recently where Governor Reagan had \$100 million excess in the state budget. It is fine to have an excess but I don't think he should save one penny of this money at the expense of the mental patients.

I'm an employe at Napa State Hospital and just recently they have quit buying tobacco for the mental patients. One of the reasons they gave for not buying the tobacco is that it is bad for your health to smoke also that it costs too much money.

It is very hard to explain to mentally ill persons that tobacco is bad for them, especially when they have smoked all their lives. Many of these patients don't have one cent of money coming in and they also work in many jobs and the only pay they get is the tobacco that is given them.

It is very heart-rending to see a patient save all cigarette butts and crumble them to get all of the tobacco. I don't feel like I can afford to buy all the tobacco that a patient needs who works for me. However, I do buy quite a few cigarettes for the workers of may area.

I feel like I pay enough taxes that the state should furnish tobacco for the patients. Many of these patients are between 60 and 80 years old so you can see how hard it is to discourage them to stop smoking. They get very disturbed when they can't have a smoke.

The percentage of patients that die of lung cancer is very low compared to people outside the hospital.

A CONCERNED EMPLOYEE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to quote from an article that appeared in Family Weekly, Sunday Times-Herald, Dec. 22, 1968. The article by Mr. Max Ehrlich is a perfect answer to Mr. James O. Hulin and others who seem to feel so guilty about so many things.

Mr. Ehrlich writes, "It can be argued that man is only man because there are areas of privacy he protects in his mind and soul. It is part of his dignity as a human being, a statement of his personal freedom. Totalitarian states place great stress on the proposition that their citizens keep no secrets, that they confess all. In his way, the state dehumanizes its people. We who cherish personal freedom should recognize that an act of discretion is twice blessed. It blesses him for whom it is performed and him who performs it." end quote.

As I recall, Mr. Hulin was one of the prominent citizens of Vallejo who fought so hard for the right of our children to have "Freedom to Read," smut, by condoning placement of a filthy book now on display in our libraries.

VALESKA CHANG

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We read that Mr. Reagan wants to cut income taxes for California taxpayers. The most obvious step is clearly defined when you fill out your state income tax papers. Why should we pay taxes on taxes?

Let's all write letters to our man in Sacramento. I'm surprised that all these men haven't seen this error in our tax system.

A POOR TAXPAYER

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When all is said and done we are all AMERICANS, regardless of the land of our origin, the security, opportunity and justice is here for all if we have the guts to make the change.

J. SEWARD

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Lest We Forget . . .

Within a few days, Feb. 22, the people of our 50 states will be observing the birthday of George Washington, the father of our Republic.

His words of wisdom have rung throughout our land for 200 years . . . "Why quit our own soil to stand on foreign ground?"

He wanted no foreign entanglements as he knew only to well that mistakes could and would be made by loyal and honest men which, in some instances, could prove as disastrous as intrigue with foreign treachery.

We have seen during the past several hundred years how foreign nations have coveted the attachments of our country and we sometimes unthinking Americans have granted them these attachments.

It was George Washington who spoke these words of wisdom. "Foreign influence is one of the most disastrous foes of our Republican Government."

We well note today how true were his words, "The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is in extending to them our commercial relations but to have them as little political ties as possible."

Today we are living in a world of turmoil, hate and war. Foreign menace and confusion on all sides and truly foreign blandishments and grave intrigue as well.

Is it too late for us to heed the words of wisdom of George Washington? Where are we and the world headed? Are we treading on the road of no return? Heaven forbid.

Offie Ross

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is beyond my ability to comprehend how two men can be convicted of first degree murder on the testimony of a witness who has been proven unreliable. One who repeatedly changed her story all through the trial and admitted lying in court.

Is this not considered perjury? She started off with a preposterous story that involved five people committing murder together and the story ended with two men convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to prison for life. Why are the other three exempted?

How can twelve men and women convict anyone on a story such as was told by this witness in the Ray case? Where is justice to be found? What is justice?

RUBY FERRY

would let myself without infringing on other people's rights to a finer education.

I believe Mr. Godchaux's suggestion will be accepted by our minority group as the goals are high and they are for a constructive America. God and America first and always. Anyone who claims these two beliefs do not go hand in hand are very badly mistaken. If they seem not to be at this period of our growth, it is only because we have allowed laws to become obsolete and allowed ourselves to become blinded to the fact that we really weren't embracing each other as true brothers.

Shame would most certainly arise if standards were lowered for those who are prepared for advances in their education and then receive sub-standard education because of the less prepared. We don't need second class citizens, we need first class citizens and most all of us can become prime citizens if we have prime schools.

MRS. MARTINEZ

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Now that the air is beginning to clear it is very evident to me that the last override election in our city was nothing but a "farce." How did it become such? Because the only paper in this town appears twice weekly. The editor made it clear to his readers that the Monday preceding the election there would be no Letters to the Editor concerning the override. This paper also impressed on the minds of its readers that they were not taking a stand on the issue. Then what happens on the day preceding the election? The editor of this local paper writes an article for the front page entitled "Teachers Strike Possible If Override Fails." Within the article he says, "Teachers to vote strike sanction if the override should fail." This man doesn't seem to know the difference between a "strike" and a "sanction."

Needless to say the damage was done. The paper had achieved its goal: to impress on the minds of the voters that the teachers were forcing the election with the threat of a strike. Where did he get his information? He claims to have received a phone call.

Where is the city's conscience? How can this city stand still while their local paper besmears the high principles of their teachers by printing the falsehood that they plan to strike?

70 Westwood Street
Vacaville, Calif.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I was shocked to read in this morning's paper that pom-pom girls at Vallejo High School are chosen as a team rather than an individual merit.

Cheerleaders and majorettes are required to make up and perform group routines. I was a cheerleader during junior high and high school and tried out for a cheerleading position at Penn State and later at Ohio State.

I am very familiar with such tryouts in the East and I never heard of a team (or clique) tryout. Is this a common practice in California?

If a pom-pom girl isn't versatile enough to perform with a number of other girls she isn't worth having on the school team.

Judy Hillman

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Troop 56, Post 256 Boy Scouts are celebrating their 25th Anniversary at a Court of Honor in the auditorium of Golden Miner School on Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:00 p.m. The Mother's Club cordially invites all who have ever been affiliated with this organization to join us on this occasion.

MRS. ROBERT KERR

rat's Coffee Shop, Charlie's Place, Jolly King, Waffle Shop, The Corral, Choo Chew Stop, Capri's, Caesar's Pizza and International House of Pancakes.

I would like to personally thank the people who paid for their coffee by making a contribution in the March of Dimes canisters and to the restaurant and coffee shop owners who turned over their coffee proceeds to us to help fight birth defects.

ED SILAERIA
Coffee Day Chairman

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Board of Directors,
City of Vallejo Housing Authority
At your meeting of February 4, an invitation was extended to Mr. Luis Boyar, a home builder of Los Angeles, for the purpose of presenting his plans for building homes for low-income people. Since these are the people that we, the Vallejo Community Action Housing Committee are concerned with, along with other non-profit organizations in this city, we, the Vallajeo C.A.C. Housing Committee request that people from the low-income and moderate income community be invited and notified as to the date, time and place of the meeting at which Mr. Boyar will present his housing plans, so that they, too, will get firsthand information of Mr. Boyar's plans. This request is reasonable, and is in consistence with existing Federal laws that provide for the involvement of the poor into the planning and policy-making of plans for the poor community.

We also feel that we can justify our position as representatives of the low and moderate income community. Therefore, as such, we request that we be placed on notice of the date, time and place of the meeting at which Mr. Boyar will appear; and all future meetings pertaining to low and moderate income housing in Vallejo.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

EDWARD R. BILLIE, Chairman
Vallejo Community Action Housing
Comm.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear heavenly Father, I thank Thee for this day and the opportunities it affords me to serve Thee. As I go in and out among my loved ones and friends and even strangers along the way, help me to see the human needs around me and be ready to meet them in a spirit of kindness and love. May I be more anxious to make another happy than to find happiness for myself, more concerned about another's welfare than about my own, more desirous of doing good to others than having good done to me. Only then will I come close to that spirit of the Master, Who found happiness in serving rather than being served. Amen.

—Roy H. Stetler Jr., Cheverly Md., minister, Cheverly United Methodist Church.

EDITORIALS

Dumke Faces The Issue

State College Chancellor Glenn S. Dumke probably should have said it long ago, but what he had to say last week about the need for members of the academic community to "clean their own house" and halt campus revolt or become witnesses to the destruction of their profession is sound advice.

Dumke warned the state's faculty members and school administrators that unless they bring campus turmoil to an end, their institutions, their approach to the solving of problems and their service to society will be destroyed. The alternative, he declared, will be direct control by the Legislature as indicated by the number of punitive bills that already have been introduced to achieve an environment that is the duty of a responsible school administration to maintain.

Mr. Dumke's insistence that administrators should take a hard line and "insist on peace and order" before talking to disgruntled students is tantamount to endorsement of the attitude taken by Acting President S. I. Hayakawa at beleaguered San Francisco State College who, in our estimation, has taken a courageous and admirable stand in seeking to preserve that institution against efforts of militants and racists to destroy it.

The real issue at San Francisco State, Chancellor Dumke asserted, is not creation of a black studies program but rather disruption as a goal to destroy the establishment. We agree. And the sooner these insurgents dedicated to nihilism are forcibly removed, the sooner our institutions of higher learning can resume the function for which they are created and are maintained at the taxpayers' ex-

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Once upon a time, in a fairy kingdom called Mare Island, many people worked together in happiness, joy and contentment. But, alas and alack, some of the beautiful ladies employed in various pursuits in the kingdom were magically changed from sweet-voiced secretaries, clerks and assistants to harsh-voiced harridans, shrews and outright nags. The evil spell cast upon them by some sorcerer changed the attitude of happiness and joy which heretofore had pervaded the magical kingdom to something which might be found more easily in the Lower Kingdom. Finally, these unfortunate women, through the medium of evil sorcery, sank to the abyss of womanhood. They became bossy.

But Mare Island had its very own champion, whose name was Sir Geo. W., and his wont was to vigorously attack the evil sorcery in his land. But, to the ultimate sorrow of the gentle folk at Mare Island, our champion has not been heard from in some time and it is feared that bad tidings might have befallen him. Where is our champion?

Sir Geo. W., we NEED you! Wilt thou not speak anon?

LOYAL SUBJECT

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There is a book being used in training groups throughout California which is simply called "Joy." After reading it, I must put a question mark after it for I see no reason to call such junk "Joy."

The book tells you, in so many words, to go back to the baby stage by having what I call temper tantrums in order to get your own way.

For example, if you hate your father it says to imagine your pillow as his face and beat on it until his face is only a bloody pulp. If that isn't a child's temper tantrum I don't know what is.

The book suggests you act as you please and "to hell" with how anyone else wants you to act. It actually calls this "gaining your full potential." This "Joy" brings out the animal in a man which is not desirable in civilized society.

I believe that most people are too intelligent to believe the book but there are exceptions in society who can easily be led to accept the junk. This is one of the reasons that I approve censorship of such books in public libraries. Also, this "sensitivity training" that has been going on is recommended by "Joy." This is why I believe such groups should be stopped.

Is there anyone brave enough to step out and take action against this crud?

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Police and California Highway Patrolmen are constantly on the alert at the University of California in Berkeley. In Madison, Wis., it was imperative for the governor to call out



Taught To The Tune Of The Hickory Stick!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

My Fellow Americans,

This letter is a warning. I hope you will all take heed and do something before it is too late.

The Communist takeover date is some time during 1970, only one year from now. At this time they plan to overcome all of the United States and, if their plan succeeds, it will be a living hell for us all.

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One of their methods is the sensitivity training groups which are purely Communist in nature. Another method is through drugs.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Ex-Apache:

I am writing this letter to you, and everyone who was influenced by your letter. I hope it will clear up the fallacies you have created about Vallejo High's Physical Education program. For your information, the Physical Education program is set up to keep ALL male youths interested.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Re: Marina Vista.
So we have a little bit of open space and a lovely view. What a waste . . . it must be developed . . . we must progress forward, say our city fathers. And with the lack of imagination and complete disregard for sensitive planning they follow the rest of the sheep that have tangled and prostituted for commercial gain the beauty of many of our California cities.

Our Assemblyman Dunlap has said that we in Northern California are fortunate in that we are developing at a later date than Southern California and can thus profit from their mistakes.

This hopeful outlook seems doubtful of fulfillment.

A freeway is needed to connect Interstate 680 and Sears Point Road. Of course it must go along the waterfront. Also, tentative plans are under way for a high rise building in Marina Vista. Even in San Francisco high rise buildings are not allowed on the waterfront.

Let's be a little more human and creative, city fathers. Why not a beautiful bayside park with green grass and trees, barbecue sites and playground equipment stretching from the yacht club to Tennessee and then continuing from Tennessee alongside Wilson Avenue.

Beauty has a more enduring appeal than a clogging freeway as well as less noise, smog and congestion.

MRS. SUSAN ARONAS

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Our schools cannot solve all of society's problems. But difficult as it may be, it would be far more productive to acknowledge that no institution is better suited than our schools to start us on the road toward restoration of a civilized society where the rights of the individual are maintained under democratic processes in an environment of law and order. It is in our schools where these principles are threatened. It is at our schools where they must be defended.

Mao's Pique Stops Talks

Red China's abrupt cancellation of ambassadorial discussions with the United States on the eve of the scheduled Warsaw talks may have cost the new Nixon administration an opportunity to open a broad dialogue that could have had far-reaching effects in world affairs.

The meeting was called off by Mao Tse-tung because of the alleged defection of Liao Ho-Shun, China's charge d'affaires in the Netherlands, which Red China claimed was engineered by the U. S. in collusion with the Dutch.

It would seem incredible Washington would have had a hand in any such defection or, as Peking charged, in sending Liao to Taiwan, stronghold of General Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Nationalist government and Red China's arch foe, when such actions would damage Mao's self-esteem and thus peril the Warsaw talks even before they began.

The incident is disturbingly reminiscent of the fateful U-2 reconnaissance flight by Francis Gary Powers, who was downed over Russia on May 1, 1960, during an aerial spy mission that collapsed a Big Four summit meeting in Paris and forced President Eisenhower to cancel a scheduled trip to Russia.

Eisenhower finally assumed full responsibility for the U-2 flight. Thus far, however, officials in Washington have been silent concerning the defection charges other than to express disappointment that the Warsaw talks

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There is truly a vast difference when I went to school 50 years ago. How well I recall the tune of "School Days" and the old hickory stick. Today I can understand the true wisdom of the old hickory stick.

Fifty years ago we did not have the facilities or comforts we provide the students of today. We got no hot meals at school and there were no school buses. We considered ourselves lucky to have a school to go to.

Fifty years ago we witnessed no riots, picketing, walk-outs, bombings or clashes with the police. Today, the students of our high schools, colleges and universities are offered the finest education to be found anywhere in the world.

Fifty years ago we did not enjoy the "misery" of marijuana, LSD or a dozen other drugs so common with many of our students today. But we had such great men as Edison, Whitney and the Wright Brothers to name a few. Truly our country was getting along very well.

Fifty years ago we had no beatniks, hippies, Hell's Angels, Black Panthers or a dozen other such organizations working or striving to "save the human race." I truly am of the opinion that such actions are tending to pull down our human race.

OLLIE ROSS
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to comment on the recent letter from Rev. Mulin, who comes out very strongly for group encounters, sensitivity, ethnic awareness, human relations, etc. etc. I believe that most of us are in favor of anything which helps improve relations between people in general or between the different races. Also, if someone has an emotional problem and cannot afford expensive private professional help, no doubt therapy would be a great help.

What a great many of us are opposed to is the concentrated effort being made by certain groups to force sensitivity training down the throats of captive groups such as teachers, school administrators, school children, police, etc. To participate willingly is one thing, to have it forced on one is quite another. This should not be mandatory or "sneaked in" at any level. It does not belong in the schools. As parents, many of us are opposed to it. We do not want it. And since we are supporting these schools and the teachers, we will fight it.

It would be nice if the ministers of our churches would be more concerned with their own parishes and look around to see how many of their own flock is missing since the "revival" began. Many of us feel that some of these antics and involvements have led to seriously neglect for men of the cloth. Many of us resent having our times of worship used as headquarters for whoever happens to want to depend on God. Many of us have already had and others will have until the ministers return to the church and have done with the group games and club-busting.
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The Communists are trying to corrupt our youth (I am a youth myself) by taking morals and religion away from us. Another way of rendering us helpless to their attack is by taking our firearms. If the armed forces cannot protect us then how can we protect ourselves without weapons?

Do you see the danger overshadowing us? I am afraid of the Communists for under their rule we would be no better than dogs. Please everyone, don't let the Communists win. I have a long life ahead of me and I want it to be under a free government.

AN AMERICAN
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

An Open Letter to Dr. Slaughter and the Solano County Economic Opportunity Council: I hope you will look upon this as a bit of constructive criticism to better inform those of us who come to listen but cannot vote.

First, let it be known you will begin on time and do just that.

Next, seat all voting members together in order that the public will know who they are.

Since these are only suggestions, you may or may not want to include them on the next agenda.

However, I believe if they are followed, you will be able to close the meetings earlier and we will go away more informed to our local CAC and target areas.

I believe the changes will get more people out and since many come from long distances, the beginning on time and getting out earlier will appeal to them. As you know, the more informed we are the more we can do for the program.

GOLDIE SANDOVA
Box 584, Benicia
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Hunters Hill is well named. It stands alone in its solitude and aloof from the frantic paced development beside it.

It is comforting to know that a very few minutes away is a place where you really can get away from it all. A place relatively unchanged from its original state.

Distance from the highway and color hide the many little facets of the Hill's personality. Hunters Hill is made up of many smaller billowing hills, nooks and crannies. It is an interesting hike from the road to the top as one comes upon a cluster of wildflowers or a rivulet.

The Hill unfolds its charming secrets only to those who are hunting the simplest yet most basic joys of life. It also offers the chance to explore its shrub covered rocky ridge or the final challenge of climbing its steep promontory.

Hunters Hill also has a final reward for those who make it to the summit . . . a breathtaking angle's view.

Hunters Hill will soon become part of the county park system. Well and wonderful, if it is preserved in its natural state and not "landscaped" to death until it is reduced of that very special wilderness which draws us to it.
SHEL SANDOZ ARANAS
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Every class must participate in this program. The reason two sports are alternated during six periods is to avoid student boredom.

I, too, consider myself an athlete but this fact did not guarantee an A grade for me. I have had to meet Physical Fitness requirements and participate actively in the above sports.

As for tests, all students are tested in swimming, tennis, and physical fitness. I am enrolled in sixth period P.E. class, consisting of only athletes. The reason for this is to give athletes a chance to start practice earlier, so they may have more time for homework at night.

I think Vallejo High's coaches should be commended for their creative skills. I hope I have accomplished my purpose.

Thank you,
A PRESENT APACHE
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Let it be on record that there are also a great many more of us Solanoans who would rather retain a "pay-as-you-go" policy and leave the County free of bonded indebtedness. This has worked well enough to keep the taxpayers at least somewhat free of over-burden up to now.

There have obviously been differences of opinions on contractor estimates of rehabilitation costs. But, regardless of amount of savings, make no mistake that new construction would cost the taxpayers much more than the approved rehabilitation.

Your editorial fails to acknowledge the Supervisors' inclusion for court space in the rehabilitation project cost figure. On the other hand, your cost estimates for new building, I am sure you will find upon further research (see Feasibility Study — Old Armijo Building prepared by Schachtman and Vehekonia — 1967), do not include costs for court space.

If your intention is to establish a clamor for new construction of County facilities in Vallejo, may I remind you the "County Seat" is in Fairfield.

EDNA M. KNIGHT
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I sincerely hope John L. Lee will read this. Your letter did appear in the paper, but what did it say? NOT ONE THING WORTHWHILE! I too, read F.E.G.'s letter, and it was beautiful, holy simply beautiful! My hat's off to him! He is so right! I sincerely hope the editor will publish his more letters like his.

To F.E.G. and our editor, I'd like to say, my hat is off to both of you: KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! YOU'RE BOTH ON THE RIGHT TRACK! To John L. I say, count the words in this letter; MAYBE! In over two hundred! I'd pay for an extra subscription not to have to read again something as STUPID! as I considered your letter about TWO thousand words with worthless trash.

Signat: I will offend who cares.
P.L. John, don't let the language fool you! I'm not a lawyer.
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OPINION OF THE PEOPLE:

I shall address this letter specifically to the "White Student at Solano College", whose letter appeared in the Times-Herald on February 17.

I am glad to see that some of the demands of the Black Student Union are being met; and that they are being noticed by one (if not more) of the white students at Solano College. White Student I commend you for sticking to your choice of all-American hamburger for lunch, but let others eat what they wish.

If by serving soul-food in the college cafeteria is going to make a student sit in the Student Union building two straight hours observing how many students are eating this great gourmet dish of soul-food, then by all means let the Directors of the College take note of the waste that could be brought about not only in the food but also the time involved.

As a student at Solano College, I think that I can find a lot better things to do, than waste two hours trying to observe what people are eating.

A Student At Solano College
R. L. LEWIS
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is to publicly thank the Post Office and the Larwin Plaza for the reserved parking spaces for handicapped people.

The use of these convenient parking spaces near ramps allows handicapped persons access to public buildings and shopping areas that would otherwise be inaccessible.

Many handicapped persons are able to drive their own cars, but carry mechanical aids in their cars such as wheel chairs, crutches and canes, or use braces to permit them to be pedestrians, and each step counts.

The handicapped people want to be as independent and self sufficient as possible, and you, dear public can help them to be so by not using the reserved parking spaces until it is really necessary for you to do so.

That will then allow the handicapped to park, use the mechanical aids necessary, and go about his business as independently as possible. Thank you.

ALICE LYLE, Architectural
Barriers Chairman
The Indoor Sports Club, Inc.
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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is beyond my ability to comprehend how two men can be convicted of first degree murder on the testimony of a witness who has been proven unreliable. One who repeatedly changed her story all through the trial and admitted lying in court.

Is this not considered perjury? She started off with a preposterous story that involved five people committing murder together and the story ended with two men convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to prison for life. Why are the other three exempted?

How can twelve men and women convict anyone on a story such as was told by this witness in the Bay area? Where is justice to be found? What is justice?
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