

PRAYER FOR TODAY

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

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

EDITORIALS

The Senator Speaks Up

Despite opposition from Contra Costa County, the State Lands Commission intends to offer 280 acres of tide and submerged lands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta area for additional oil and gas drilling.

The decision properly has been questioned by newly elected Sen. John A. Nejedly, R., Walnut Creek, who said the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors is "seriously concerned" about the danger potential of the proposed lease as it applies to this area.

He also expressed fear that without strict controls, oil leaks such as the one in the Santa Barbara Channel could occur and damage the delta and surrounding peat lands as well as destroy our inland waterways, wildlife sanctuaries and sport fishing grounds that have made the Solano-Contra Costa area an industrial complex and a recreation paradise.

We wholeheartedly agree with Senator Nejedly's concern. We believe the Santa Barbara disaster forcefully has demonstrated that in spite of all normal precautions an oil leak can occur, causing irreparable damage to marine life and the natural environment of what once was an unspoiled recreation area. Our area must be adequately protected against a similar occurrence.

Houston I. Flournoy, Lands Commission chairman, says the State Division of Lands and other agencies have undertaken a review of drilling regulations to determine if they are strict enough and has assured Senator Nejedly that a lease would be awarded only after the commission is satisfied with drilling-safety precautions.

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Opinions Of The People

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE: PARENTS WHERE ARE YOU?

The Vallejo School District has come to the conclusion that we as parents have neglected to teach our children the correct issues of SEX, so they are planning to take over the job for us. At this time there are five committees of teachers, P.T.A. representatives, several members of the Citizens Master Plan committee and "THREE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS." I said "STUDENTS," deciding the future of sex education in our school system.

We already have a certain amount of sex education in our school that I personally feel is enough. But these people feel it is not. It now begins with our children in the sixth grade and they feel it should start with our kindergarten age.

I don't know about your child, but my youngest son started to school when he was only four years old. At the time he was good just learning to face the change of leaving the nest for a few hours, but now they want to begin feeding their minds with LIFE reproduction along with their three R's. I am wondering which will catch the child's imagination the quickest. Do you realize how fast our children will grasp the ways of life at this early age of learning? Is there anything wrong with just letting them be little children for a little while? And what about the values that a parent places in their life, whose values will they develop with? The ones you have placed or a teacher's who has gone by the book?

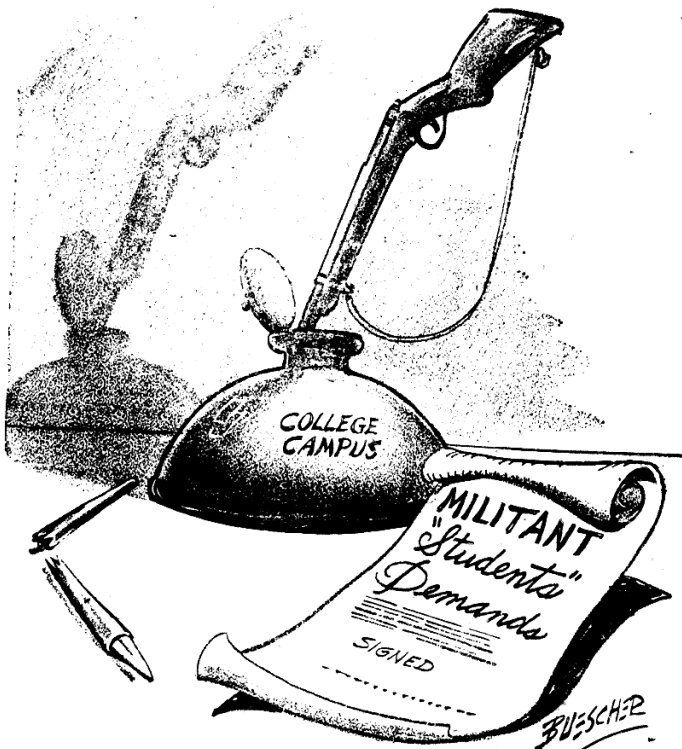
Other communities around us are fighting this corruption with all their might. Some areas have accepted this new system and now are suffering the results of increased venereal diseases and have children who are educated in (not moral values) contraceptions. Do we want that here? Now is the time to be heard, not after the curriculum has been placed into our schools, so SPEAK UP. Our neighbors of Winters have refused this and many other communities have had their fill of it. These are your children, are you going to sit there and allow this corruption to come in. NOT ME. I have had it with the way our society has taken advantage of my meekness. I SHALL BE SILENT NO MORE.

JOYCE ANDERSON

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Wednesday night's Youth Arts Program, a combined talent effort of our young people was especially rewarding and productive. The Youth Symphony is once again a living entity. The dance of the hours was spirited fun and games. The Minnesingers are obvious musical crowd pleasers under the deft direction of Dean Friedrich. Importantly on display is the multi-faceted art work of talented young Vallejoans which deserves more than honorable mention. What the visual arts can do to help solve some of the deep problems of our young people goes unrecognized by the majority of Vallejoans.

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TAKEOVER?

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The middle income families who bear the real burden of the high cost of welfare programs must surely deplore the recent Supreme Court ruling of dispensing with residence requirements within a state.

It is highly unjust and unfair to force upon the working, responsible contributors to a creative society the care of thousands from across the nation who will flock to the State of California because of higher welfare checks and better climate.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This letter is to comment on another letter signed C.L.A. which appeared in last Monday's (April 28) Opinions of the People section.

The general idea of the letter was more or less, "I'm a taxpayer and I don't want Black Panthers spreading their dirty communistic propaganda on the Solano College campus." The author also wanted the sale of the Black Panther newspapers on campus ended.

True, some of the Solano College student body are Black Panthers. There are also Republicans, Democrats, Protestants, Catholics and Jews there, too. And just who are you to say who may or may not pursue a college education?

As for the sale of "The Black Panther" in the campus bookstore, I feel that by the time a person is in college he has the right to read anything he wants.

Now, let's examine the statement about not wanting that "dirty Communist propaganda" on the Solano College campus. It seems to me that if you're so dead set against free speech, and the free press, then you ought to take a closer look at your own values before you start screaming "Communist."

GEORGE SAMPSON JR.
Solano College Student

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I will direct this letter to C.L.A. and all like-minded individuals. The information contained in the "Black Panther" newspaper is worth more to Black Students than the deceitful history books or American literature books they are given. The "dirty, communistic propaganda" you so readily detest appears in every government book you pick up. You live in a society full of propaganda. How much complaining have you done? If you're so anti-Black Panthers, so openly opposed that you find it quite necessary to cry out to the public, why didn't you sign your name to what you believe in?

Does it hurt your soul so deeply to know that the younger black children are learning about themselves? It hurts me to know that it took so long to teach them.

Who pays the highest taxes when they purchase a home outside of a ghetto? You know damn well it isn't the white middle-class people. Are you one of the alleged two who purchase soul-food at the Solano College cafeteria? If not, why not? You're aiding in the taxpayers waste, dearie.

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Unjustified Censure

Assemblyman John Burton D., San Francisco, has taken a Sunday punch at S. I. Hayakawa, acting president of San Francisco State College, by inferring the internationally known semanticist contributed to the campus disorders by his authoritarian stand against student militants.

We believe Mr. Burton's criticism is unjustified for it was Mr. Hayakawa who not only succeeded in keeping the school open when his two predecessors failed but he also persevered in his determination that the forces of anarchy would not destroy the proud institution. The fact that calm has been restored to the campus is a tribute to his courage in the face of intimidation, violence and abuse.

Mr. Hayakawa is the first of a new breed of school administrators who, by his performance at San Francisco State, has demonstrated that the major cure for campus trouble is the restoration of administrative authority. Where turmoil continues to exist — particularly in the Midwest, the South and among Ivy League schools — administrative failure to act promptly and decisively has been at fault.

By his statements, Mr. Burton seems to condone the do-little actions of Hayakawa's predecessors in putting down the campus insurrectionists, conveniently forgetting that the increased destruction and strife occurred only when the present administrator acted to protect the rights of the majority of students. Blaming Hayakawa's efforts to restore order for the increased student violence is like holding a car owner responsible for the theft of his auto because he failed to lock the vehicle. The outrages were committed by the militants, not President Hayakawa.

Surely, a college president cannot be censured for honoring his trust according to law and tradition when by doing nothing or capitulating completely to unreasonable demands, the result would have been even more disastrous. It is for this reason, if no other, that President Hayakawa must stand vindicated.

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We live in a—let's face it—increasingly complex, anonymous society wherein conformity hems in individuality in a sterile corner. This is what many of our young people are objecting to, and revolting about. Through a new emphasis on or in the visual arts, this problem could be greatly alleviated. Art is the perfect antidote for the overdose of conformity we are subjected to. It provides an outlet — a socially useful way of not conforming. Art is one of man's oldest instinctive activities. As such, anyone can non conform and feel good about it.

Children in economically deprived homes have an especial need for self expression. Instead of destroying schools, they could decorate them. After all, isn't this what the current black struggle is all about? They are seeking to develop a sense of personal worth, a sense of uniqueness that our society has previously denied them.

So here's to art—it's everyone's birthright!

MRS. BEN BOWEN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This article is to inform the people of Country Club Crest and also the city of Vallejo, of the reaction of the members of the Church of Christ, which meets at 2235 Griffin Drive, to an article which appeared in the Black Panther paper of March 16, 1969. The heading of this article reads as follows: VALLEJO CHURCH REJECTS BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN.

Notice the headline reads that the church rejects breakfast for children but anyone who READ the article could readily see that unfair charges were put against our minister, Mr. Leroy McGrue.

We, the members of the Church of Christ, want it made clear that whenever Mr. McGrue is confronted with matters of this nature he puts them before a select board of directors of the church. This board makes the decision based on the will of the majority of the members. This is exactly what happened in this case.

Two representatives of the Black Panther Party met with the business directors of the church and discussed the matter of using the church building as a headquarters for serving and preparing breakfasts for children. The representatives were thus informed that there are no facilities for cooking and serving food properly on the premises. They were also informed that such action is against the will of the members.

The members of the Church of Christ do not feel that it is wrong for the Black Panthers or any other organization to give food to those children who are in need but do feel that it is the job of the parents of these children to take the responsibility of feeding their children morning.

Accompanying the article in the Panther Paper was a cartoon that has been interpreted as a threat on Mr. McGrue's life.

We feel that the story told in the Panther Paper is a misrepresentation and a misinterpretation of truth. We feel that the charges brought against Mr. McGrue are false, rude and as a reaction we have taken offense.

Members of Church of Christ
2235 Griffin Dr.

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Those who believed in living it up and gave no thought to the future who now find themselves either old or handicapped can live quite comfortably at the expense of the responsible person who hesitated buying a new appliance until he was certain he could pay for it.

Perhaps our Governor is very limited in what he can do but we all should let him know we appreciate his efforts.

Thank You,

P. R.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On April 14 the Vallejo City Council adopted a severely amended version of the Uniform Plumbing Code which will raise the cost of new plumbing installations. Vallejo is a member of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials who deal in codes and continually upgrade them by tests. As products are developed they are made known through trade journals so that they can be used on an interim basis and this is being done all over, but not in Vallejo. Building officials have constantly ignored new products and installation techniques. They and the plumbing contractors operating within Vallejo have some deluded idea that the harder it is to install and the higher the cost the better it is.

Much has been said about consumer protection which really has no basis in fact, for the Uniform Plumbing Code has 159 pages of protective covenants. The adopted code with various sections and installation charts amended will cost the people untold monies under the guise of "we are protecting the public."

Vallejo has been used as a bellwether by other communities, but many of them have taken it upon themselves to go ahead with their code changes because of the slowness of Vallejo to act. This is the first time since 1961 that even one change has been made in the local code.

I have been a plumbing contractor for 20 years and I find it hard to believe that Vallejo officials keep taking the same uninformed stand they do on the adoption of new codes and I think it is time the citizenry knew the facts about such unintelligent thinking.

CLIFFORD ERWIN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I read in the Opinions of the People column where some children kicked a little dog tied to a porch and the little dog bled to death from a ruptured spleen and liver.

I had two Chihuahua puppies killed the same way. The dog I have now is fenced in completely but some boys in the neighborhood throw rocks and tease him all the time. I've told their parents about them and they try to keep them in place but parents can't watch the children all the time.

I don't know what else I can do to protect my pets. I've lived here 10 years and try to get along with everyone.

IVA WETMORE

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For reproduction we have biology classes and a few years ago a new class was offered called "Marriage and Family." To put an emphasis on sex to the extent that "Time of Your Life" and other such so called "Family Life" programs do, can do more harm than good.

The California State Educational Committee did ask for a discontinuing of such committees and planning as we are doing until after the legislature has acted on the pending resolutions. I feel our school district should do this.

I do not feel that Vallejo's schools are as far behind in this area as some would make out. Perhaps we are ahead and could suggest, that other schools learn from us and follow a more wholesome program.

I would like to see interested parents at the next school board meeting at 7:30 p.m. on May 6. Parents are having enough trouble these days when even toothpaste is sold by "sex appeal" trying to keep our children's minds occupied in a pure manner without having the schools inserting a yearly sex emphasis class from grades K to 12.

Our fourth, fifth and sixth graders do not need to know the how and why in descriptive language as in "Time of Your Life" of sexual intercourse. As Melvin Anchell, M.D., said, "The program advises the child in the fifth and sixth grades to wait until they are married before engaging in sexual intercourse (after pictures have been shown and skill explained). It may be just as well give the same children guns and a cache of ammunition with the admonition not to use them."

Intimate questions should be answered by the parents and the church.

Mother of three,
GLADYS J. BOTTROFF

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

With all of the TV programs, tons of newspaper and Ann Landers, how could a young woman make the mistake of accepting an invitation from a stranger in a bar and leave her own car to go for "a little ride?"—with him, yet?

But it does happen. An attractive girl has no business to go to a bar alone, for one thing.

A gentleman and/or family man doesn't go to a bar to pick up a date, and a young woman whose pride and standards are on the same level as his will not be found there alone—either.

A man (not quite a gentleman) who wants company for the evening has an inclination assume that he will find a young woman whose ideas are like his. He dislikes a tease and has little use for a tramp but—

A man who would be a gentleman under some conditions, expects a young woman to know the difference between one invitation and another. If she misunderstands his "double talk" and mistakes his proposition for a friendly invitation (with no consequences), she is playing with fire and can get burned.

In other words a young attractive woman who wants a little excitement, and wants to be popular had better stay at home and be lonesome unless she wants to "skate on thin ice" and risk playing with fire.

S.P. (Some People)

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Now I would like to thank those who donated what they could. It was deeply appreciated. I would especially like to thank publicly Mrs. Kolarik for her donation of \$800 which completely paid the bill from the funeral home. Now we only have \$200 left to pay for the bill at the cemetery.

Again may I say thank you in the only way I can and may God richly bless you.

THE TINDALL FAMILY

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This note is a sincere thank you to the three young men who stopped to help us March 23 on the highway near Benicia. The youths, Criterion Club members, made a special effort to help us when we had trouble.

MRS. EDWYN HORGAN
Redwood City

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mrs. Florence Metz, of 438 Rio Del Mar, has donated the United States flag that was flown aboard the destroyer USS Cassin, a ship that was lost at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, to Mare Island Chapter 11 of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association.

This flag is oil soaked and has bullet holes in it. It was recovered by her husband and saved. Words of thanks and gratitude cannot express our feelings in receiving this flag.

The City of Vallejo should be proud to know that this city is one of very few in these United States to have a flag from a ship lost at Pearl Harbor. And we have Mrs. Metz, a Navy widow, to thank for this.

ROBERT J. KRAUSS,
Chapter 11 president

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On behalf of the Easter Seal Society and the crippled children and adults it serves, sincere thanks for the help your newspaper gave in support of our 1969 Easter Seal Campaign:

The fund appeal, successful on all counts, instills renewed hope to the 165 physically disabled persons who annually depend on our Society for care. Be assured that the contributions you helped to encourage will be utilized well.

Mrs. Mina Macknight
President

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There is so much talk about all the bad things that are going on that I wish to express just a few words on some of the good things such as our policemen, our firemen and also good neighbors.

I am thankful to all of them.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

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

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

EDITORIALS

Nixon's Supreme Court

The time for President Nixon to name a new Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court draws near. The present Chief Justice, Earl Warren, will stay on until the end of the present term, set for June 9.

But in the even course of events, Mr. Nixon most certainly will be required to nominate three other members to the High Bench. Hugo L. Black, the oldest sitting Justice, was 83 last Feb. 27. Justice William O. Douglas, 70, wears an electric heart pacer and Justice M. Harlan, who will be 70 on May 20, has impaired vision.

Thus, it appears likely the President will be able to name a critical number of new Justices—a situation which well may place him in a position to shape the court by the men he appoints.

We believe the President should exercise his appointive powers judiciously by nominating jurists with established notions of judicial review that are not inclined to the Ivory Tower improvisations and the usurpation of the legislative process that has characterized the Warren Court.

What the Supreme Court needs are men who stand for law and order to arrest the trend of the liberal, activist Warren Court decisions that have weakened the forces of peace against the forces of crime and who recognize our system of government implies that not only the High Court but Congress and the states as well must have some part in saying what the Constitution means.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Many centuries ago we were given Ten Commands (not orders) to live by. They were, also, not laws. Have we forgotten how to live by them?

In the past few decades scientists have learned some of the LAWS of nature and the universe. These have been used by industry and business for profits, but not for the good of all the people. Consequently we are living in a land where nature's balance has been disrupted and the TEN COMMANDS forgotten or ignored.

We are now living in a STATE OF CONFUSION with the majority of our citizens hoping and expecting their politicians to maintain a status quo that has served its purpose and is no longer operable. An impossible task for them.

Today we are facing difficulties with our schools and its students. We need more schools and teachers with smaller classes capable of teaching the elementary students the things they need to know before they go to schools of higher learning. But those schools and teachers cost MONEY, the root of our problem and the cause of our confusion. We have the material for the buildings, the men to construct them and the teachers to teach in them.

We must now learn to live by the laws of nature as well as the TEN COMMANDS. With technology we are now producing more than we can consume of the things that are necessary and much of the things that not so necessary, without the long hours of back-breaking labor of the past.

If you want a stable society where everyone can live by the TEN COMMANDS with no excuse then it is up to you to inform yourself on how this technology must be controlled.

TECHNOCRACY INC. has had this information available to you for 35 years. It took 15 years of study and work for a group of scientists, engineers, economists and other technologists to prepare these plans.

J. SEWARD
523 Wilson

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Opponents of the Vacaville override election, May 20, will tell you they feel the bill for education is too high, so it might be of interest to compare a few costs.

The annual cost to house an inmate at San Quentin Prison is from \$1,800 to \$2000, with a slightly higher price tag for inmates at the California Medical Facility, because of the psychiatric care.

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Then there's the cost, eventually, in taxes to support welfare programs for educationally deprived adults who are the result of the



THAT OLD PANMUNJOM TECHNIQUE!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To George Sampson Jr:

Yes, Mr. Sampson, it's well known that some of the students attending Solano JC are members of the Black Panther Party and they have every right to be there as long as they are students. If others have no honest business there, why do they hang around?

As for the Panther paper, all I can say about it is that it's plain garbage. Too many guns and too much foul language, especially calling people "pigs." It does nothing toward trust between the black and white.

Free speech and values? Yes, I do believe in free speech if the speech is a good example. As for my values, judge for yourself. I served my country for more than 20 years that took me through 3 1/2 wars. Yes, I have values and principals and they clash with people that want to destroy my flag and what it represents, not to mention all the lies lost

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A little over four months ago, two of our youths of Vallejo were shot to death. The person who did such an act has not yet been apprehended. One of these, Betty Lou Jensen was a member and a Past Royal Princess of Pri Ma Vera Council 32, Pythian Sunshine Girls. Just six days before her death, Betty Lou acted as an installing officer for the new officers of the council.

The members of the group Betty Lou belonged to and the art students of Hogan High School started an Art Scholarship Fund. Today this fund is nearing the \$500 mark. Additional \$500 must be earned before this scholarship in memory of Betty Lou Jensen can be awarded.

The Knights of Pythias, Washington Lodge No. 7, Pythian Sisters, Washington Temple 88 and Ada Temple 52 together with the Pri Ma Vera Council 32, Pythian Sunshine Girls are

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The letters from the two "students" in May 5th "Opinions" are typical of the "know nothing" militant breed who are in school not to learn, but to create turmoil and wreak havoc. Both were critical that someone had voiced opposition to the sale of Black Panther material on Solano College Campus, and compared the Panthers to Communists. Like it or lump it, freedom of speech is guaranteed not only to stupid, militant students. It is also guaranteed to "white middle-class taxpayers." We had better begin to stand up for it or we will find ourselves looking down the business end of a machine gun in our own living room. Everyone should know what these Black Panthers stand for.

These "students" stated that not only Panthers but Republicans, Catholics, Jews, etc., attend Solano. But these people do not incite riots in the streets, guns on campus, violent overthrow of the American Gov't, anarchy, and slaughter of any opposition. Not unless they are Black Panthers, that is. If this is not Communism it will do until a better name comes along.

Indeed, by the time one is college age one should read anything one chooses. However, if one's taste runs to filth, trash, garbage and subversive journalism, one should do this reading on one's own time. It is amazing that so much filth can be raked together to compile a weekly garbage sheet. It does not belong on a tax supported campus. Our elected officials and board members are not doing their duties.

If the American tax-payer is to be "freedom of speeched" to death let us not be discriminatory about it. The Ku Klux Klan should have reading material on campus, also. One organization is no more racist and radical than the other.

W.A.S.P.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

With the rising cost of educating a child causing so much argument lately, people have overlooked an exceedingly simple solution that would at least stem the tide: put the administrators in the classroom. These educational bureaucrats draw huge salaries and are sort of a self-perpetuating fraternity. For the life of me I can't see what they do that can't be done just as well—or better—by teachers.

The chief function of a school is to educate. This is the responsibility of the classroom teacher. On the other hand, the administrators are supposed to see that the school functions smoothly and that the teachers are fully supported in their efforts to keep a classroom atmosphere that is reasonably conducive to learning. With few exceptions, however, these educational bureaucrats fail miserably on both counts. If a business were run as loosely and ineffectually as the average school, it would be bankrupt in no time at all.

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Before his term in the White House is over, fate will permit President Nixon to accomplish by executive appointment what Congress has been unable to do through legislation; namely, curb the Supreme Court by controlling its membership rather than lessening its authority by legislative action.

Let us hope he uses his opportunity to give the Supreme Court the common sense and direction to become a tribunal that will restrict itself to the function of interpretation and divest itself of its inclination to legislate by edict.

A Suspicious Peace Plan

The peace plan advanced by the Viet Cong last week as a basis for the settlement of the Vietnam war obviously is another attempt by the Communists to win at the Paris talks what they have failed to achieve on the battlefield.

Basically, the plan calls for a provisional coalition government to take over between the establishment of peace and a general election. The temporary government would be made up of all political trends and would serve until an election is held to choose a constituent assembly that would form a coalition government based on the outcome of the election.

An integral part of the plan is a demand for the total withdrawal of U.S. forces, arms and bases while the question of the Vietnamese armed forces in South Vietnam—and that presumably means North Vietnamese troops as well—would be resolved by the Vietnamese themselves.

The whole scheme is a neat package that would provide Hanoi a power base by which it at least could infiltrate the present Saigon government through the election process and later expand its control by force of arms if necessary, unhindered because of the unilateral withdrawal of American troops.

It is obvious the Viet Cong has sufficient guerrilla terrorists in South Vietnam to gain substantial representation in its proposed coalition government by intimidation. Thus, Hanoi would be provided a foundation on which to gain control of South Vietnam.

The Saigon-Washington negotiators at the Paris peace conference would do well to view the Viet Cong proposal with undisguised suspicion. It's a carrot loaded with dynamite.

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Then there's the cost, eventually, in taxes to support welfare programs for educationally deprived adults who are the result of the gradual disintegration of educational programs.

And how does the cost of entertainment, liquor, cigarettes and other luxury items stack up with the increase of educational taxes?

It seems to get down to a sense of values and what's more important, doesn't it?

Tax override opponents justify their stand by saying that the burden has to be lifted from the property owners. As a property owner, I would be the first to agree.

However, children should not be deprived of the best education they can receive because some think the cost is too high.

It is a fact that an average of 23 inmates are graduated from elementary school classes each year at CMF and that approximately one-third of the present inmates have tested out below eighth grade levels.

It is also a fact that records may be picked, at random, from the institution files and these will show that most inmates have had a disordered life, on the outside, and poor school records, particularly in their adolescent years.

Is the price, of quality education, too high to pay?

MRS. ROBERT SKINNER

To Miss Tholmer:

If you think the Panther paper is teaching the younger generation to call a policeman a pig, you're right. Maybe we should start another paper and call the Black Panthers "Coons." There are only two people who eat "Soul" food at the college and I can prove it. Actually, soul food is nothing but good old southern cooking.

I agree with you about great black Americans. They should have much more recognition for their services to mankind, but don't blame all white people for those mistakes.

The ghetto . . . I don't think you really know what a ghetto is. Maybe my life was easier than yours, I don't know. We had no floor in our home, no toilet, water, electricity and most of the time, no food. Somehow we managed even though my father was blind. How about your past?

I, too, am a student at Solano. For you to know who I am could do me a lot of harm.

If you want the truth about black Americans and the good they have done, demand the truth be printed in history books. Remember, the Panther paper lies to you, too.

CLA

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I wish to extend my deepest gratitude for your outstanding support and interest in our schools. The outstanding publicity given to us during Public Schools' Week is appreciated.

Your insight into the problems surrounding articulation, continuity, and development of curriculum was of the highest professional caliber.

We are most appreciative of your efforts insofar as our district is concerned.

ROSE FENTON
General Elementary Consultant
Vallejo Unified School District

Free speech and values? Yes, I do believe in free speech if the speech fits a good example. As for my values, judge for yourself. I served my country for more than 20 years that took me through 3½ wars. Yes, I have values and principals and they clash with people that want to destroy my flag and what it represents, not to mention all the lievs lost (both black and white) to preserve it.

C.L.A.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am writing this letter to appeal to you to help us keep the Sex Education and Family Life Series out of our schools. The Vallejo School Board seems determined to put this in our schools at any cost. They have committees now working out details to sell this program to the people of Vallejo. The committees are setting up such topics as "Intercourse," "Birth," and even are having one chapter on "Contraceptives."

I have seen the Teacher's Textbook and the things that are in it I believe would come under the state laws of Pornography. The material I now have could put me in jail if I tried to mail them. The teacher's manual or Guide for the 4, 5 and 6th grade describes in detail SEXUAL INTERCOURSE. It teaches no morals. It is presented as a man and a woman, NOT a married couple. Please read page 20 of the teacher's manual.

Lessons for the Kindergarten thru the 3rd grade teaches boys and girls masturbation. Read Page 30-31 of Lesson 13. In Lesson 14 and Page 34 the manual says "SEX is an important and strong feeling, but it is easily controlled. THIS IS A LIE. Many adults cannot control their feelings and this is why our divorce courts are overflowing, illegitimacy is a major problem, and we cannot expect our children to control their feelings. Many young people of our country are destroying their lives and future happiness with an obsession of SEX.

I am not a Bircher and I resent being so labeled by those who think they are the only people in America that has the backbone to protest this "invasion of privacy" in our home.

MARTHA LAY

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am not primarily concerned with names but I am deeply concerned with the following issues:

1. I do not want un-Americanism taught in our schools.
2. I do not want hatred for policemen taught in our schools.
3. I do not want disrespect for womanhood and motherhood taught in our schools.
4. I do not want disrespect for parents taught in our schools.
5. I do not want immoral sex practices taught in our schools.
6. I do not want hatred for Caucasians taught in our schools.
7. I do not want insurrection and violence taught in our schools.
8. I do not feel that a minority group of human animals should have the right to teach animalism to human children.

I feel that the Americans doing the job should be heard from and not the social leaches spending their money. I still feel that the taxpayer has the intelligence to say how his money should be spent.

DAVID C. ELSDON

belonged to and the art students of Hogan High School started an Art Scholarship Fund. Today this fund is nearing the \$500 mark. Additional \$500 must be earned before this scholarship in memory of Berry Lou Jensen can be awarded.

The Knights of Pythias, Washington Lodge No. 7, Pythian Sisters, Washington Temple 88 and Ada Temple 52 together with the Pri Ma Vera Council 32, Pythian Sunshine Girls are holding a card party at their hall, 2618 Sonoma Blvd. on Friday, May 23 in order to raise more money for this scholarship. Donation of \$1.25 is being asked which is good for three door prizes whether in attendance or not. Additional fifty prizes will be awarded for those who attend. Refreshments will be served by the Pythian group.

Reservations are being taken by any members of the Pythian membership or by calling Ethel Fell, 642-1747, Mildred Richards 642-9683 or Carolyn Rockwell 643-5747. Cards of your choice will be played. Make your reservations or reserve your tables as soon as possible. Donations will be appreciated. All money derived this event will be turned over to Hogan High School for this scholarship.

CAROLYN ROCKWELL
Royal Advisor of Pri Ma Vera
Council 32

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I received a pornographic letter in the mail which upset me greatly. It is hard to believe the Supreme Court of our country would pass a bill making it legal to mail this unsolicited filth to decent minded citizens.

The post office informed me there was nothing they can do, but did offer to send me a form to send back to the company saying I wanted my name taken off their mailing list.

I plan to send the filthy stuff right on to the Supreme Court who made it possible for me to receive it. I hope every person who received one of these sex brochures will do likewise.

There are some 50,000 clubwomen in the USA. They alone could change things for the better in this country if they put their mind to the task. It's true that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

It is time to clean out of our courts all who uphold crime and pornography. Let us not go down as did Sodom and Gomorrah and the Roman Empire.

I am a great-grandmother who is greatly concerned about the country our children will inherit.

GRANNY

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Hogan Senior High School Principal, Mr. Lee Y. Dean, is being honored for his thirty-eight years' service with Vallejo schools with a Recognition and Retirement Reception on Sunday afternoon, May 18, from two until five o'clock in the Hogan Senior High School cafeteria, Georgia and Rosewood Sts., Vallejo.

All friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dean are cordially invited to come and greet them; reminisce a bit and wish them well in the retirement years; and share some refreshments.

It is hoped that the many people he has worked with in school and community affairs, as well as former students, and friends from other communities will join with the Hogan Senior High faculty and Parent Teacher Association in making this a memorable occasion for the Deans.

MRS. EDITH LEE
General Chairman and Hogan
PTA president

group Betty Lou Arnold and that the teachers are ruiy supported in their efforts to keep a classroom atmosphere that is reasonably conducive to learning. With few exceptions, however, these educational bureaucrats fall miserably on both counts. If a business were run as loosely and ineffectually as the average school, it would be bankrupt in no time at all.

THE ADMINISTRATORS can spout off educational gibberish by the mile. If they were put in the classroom, they would be forced to start speaking English for a change. They would even have to work for a living.

Meanwhile, committees of teachers — working on a rotating basis — could handle the duties now being mishandled or unhandled by the "pros."

MRS. AL PICKERING

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am writing to inform the public of a very dangerous bill which was passed in 1967, and if not repealed by our representatives in Sacramento, will allow the homeowners to be taxed right out of their homes. This law denies us our right to vote on school override taxes.

I would like to quote from a letter I received from Assemblyman Floyd L. Wakefield. "If we can't restore the rights of the people to vote on local school tax overrides, the taxpaying public could very well be taxed out of existence under the present law by 1971. I believe we have only two choices:

1. Repeat this law before 1971.
2. Make sure we put responsible people on the school boards. To be safe we will need to do both. We must take care of this school board membership at the local level for it can't all be done up here in Sacramento. I think this matter should be widely publicized lest the tax override bankrupt the tax paying "public."

There are two bills designed to do this now in the Assembly Education Committee, which has killed other such bills. One is S.B. 35 authored by Senator John G. Shmitz, the other is A.B. 5 authored by Assemblyman Robert H. Burke . . .

ADA J. MARTIN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Permissive administrators . . . along with addlebrained and/or radical teachers . . . are the major cause of the disgraceful upheaval in and around our colleges and universities (and now, high schools). Straighten out the former and the latter will take care of itself!

ED ARNOLD

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There is a continual reference to the "fact" that the university disorders are being carried out by a dissident minority of the students and faculty. If this is so, then why acquiesce to their demands or play into their hands by mishandling the situations they create without trying to involve the silent majority?

Since "self-determination" is the "in" thing to this day and age, why don't the involved universities put the demands forward as a referendum to be voted on by the students and faculty, which should also remove the direct influence of the so-called outsiders (non-students and non-faculty).

I have enough faith in the students and faculty, as a group, at the university level to veto the undesirable demands and to acknowledge the demands that are needed.

Most people, I believe, would find majority rule more palatable than the anarchistic as well as the vandalistic methods being used. Anarchy has yet to produce as fair and just a system as the American system, even with its obvious imperfections.

FRANK W. RUSSELL

PRAYER FOR TODAY

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

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

EDITORIALS

A Matter Of Concern

There may have been other periods in American history when violence was more prevalent than it is today, but surely there never has been a time when it was so much in the forefront of public discussion and concern.

The increasingly frequent episodes of violence on the nation's campuses already has alienated a substantial segment of an entire generation of young people from their elders while the civil rights and student protest movements have taught us that all too readily a point can be reached where violence becomes an end in itself

Meanwhile, violence on the streets in our cities continues to increase at an alarming rate. Each year the FBI reports rises in the number of crimes of violence of all types. Yet the nation continues to ignore the contributing factor of the all too easy accessibility of lethal weapons.

Similarly, capital punishment virtually has disappeared in the United States while the pendulum of the law has swung too far in the direction of protecting the rights of the accused lawbreakers so that criminal elements are encouraged to pursue their lawlessness with impunity.

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I'd like to say "hats off" to the small group of young people who opposed the march led by those minister's wives. I am very much in favor of sex education in our schools and apparently some of our young people are too.

Whoever led this group should go out and round up parents who are in favor of sex education. I'd be glad to join you. I feel that our school board should know that a lot of parents are behind them.

If parents would take time out to be real parents and teach their children things they should know, a sex program of any kind would not be necessary in our schools. But if the parents won't and the schools don't, then who will?

I have children in Vallejo schools and although I have taught my children sex at home, I see nothing wrong with the way the schools handle it. I only wish that they taught things like that when I was in school.

As far as those two minister's wives are concerned, I think they'd better get a few facts straightened out with themselves and let our school board and teachers run our schools. I'll slam the door in their face if they come knocking on my door with all that tripe.

Just sign me 100 per cent for sex education and let's hear from some more people, young and old.

100 Per Cent For

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The concern of PTA has always been the welfare of the child and strengthening of the family unit. The PTA believes that the arts and sciences of home and family living are best taught by the family. For various reasons, not every family is able to do this. The school is the only public agency that reaches most children over a long period of time, and is in a position to reinforce the home training and to impart scientific information and wholesome attitudes. Therefore, the California PTA supports family life education in the schools.

In 1967 the following resolution was adopted: "Be it resolved that the California Congress of Parents and Teachers recommends that programs in Family Life Education, including sex education, be made part of the school curriculum, . . . and that local associations, councils, and districts be encouraged to work closely with local school districts to establish such programs."

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I just read the front page of the paper and was angered by the article concerning the Mother's March to object to the sex education program.

Mothers and fathers should have been marching, but years ago to PTA and other parents and teacher combined organizations. I have been to the PTA of a large grade school and could count the people there on my 10 fingers. The only time there is any attendance of any size is when the parents go to take children who are performing and then they get up and walk out as soon as that child comes off the stage.

The meeting of the PTA is usually held only one night each month. Couldn't parents spare one night out of 30 to go and discuss things? This sex education thing wasn't pulled out of the suggestion box yesterday and sprung on the kids today. It has been in the making for years.

No, parents can't go to the meetings and talk to the teachers and administrators. They haven't time. They say, "Let them run the school. That's what we pay them for." But let them make a decision about something that is

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The Secretary of the Navy has announced that the "Pueblo Affair" is finished. An Admiral states in an interview that it is not finished. As a concerned citizen I wish to state the following: If my Country feels it to be necessary to conduct spying and espionage anywhere in this world (or space) sincerely hope my Country will use either paid volunteers or mechanical spies or both. Except for necessary military intelligence work I do not feel that uniformed members of our armed forces should be called upon for spy work. Always I am reading or hearing someone reminding all and sundry that in our country the military are under the control of the civilian governmental elements, and I think that is right and proper. However, it would really be nice sometime, if the civilian elements would assume full responsibility when their boo-boos come home to roost. Secretary McNamara and his civilian quiz kids in the Pentagon and the then President should have had to bear full responsibility for the USS PUEBLO fiasco. Too, I think it about time for us to either fight a war for the purpose of winning or stay out of war altogether. If we haven't got the guts to really fight to win we should fold up and be the second class country our 'peace-niks' want us to be. It is not right to sacrifice the lives and bodies of our best young men in order that the 'diplomats' might try to hide their mistakes.

W. B. SIMMONS

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Open Letter to The School Board of Education:

Over the past few weeks we have been bombarded from both sides with the pros and cons of sex education in our schools. As only a parent, I am confused. I want the best for my children but how do I determine what is the best? I believe I know what I want for my child and what I do not want. Is there any person or member of the Board of Education who can answer the following questions?

1. What group of parents decided that our current sex education program should be changed. How large is this group and who elected them to represent me? Do the people in this group currently have children in the Vallejo schools.

2. The furor seems to be centered around the KQED educational film "Time of Your Life" and the accompanying teachers manual. Has this movie ever been considered as part of the program?

3. We have also heard that any concern we might show is completely unnecessary and that this is a "scare" program. If this is the case why doesn't someone in the Board of Education reassure us with facts instead of double talk.

The public seems to be completely dissatisfied with the results, of the past 25 years of progressive education as witnessed by the recent bond issues which have failed.

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What is there to talk about? There's been a whole lot of talk or nonsense printed in this column about the Black Panther Party. We have felt it unnecessary to rebut any of this erroneous rhetoric due to the fact that we probably wouldn't penetrate the minds of people who print such stupidity. But because these statements were in most cases 90 per cent ignorance and 10 per cent distorted, it is necessary for us to give a correct analysis of what is really happening.

I don't want to talk about the past or the present sicknesses; that is, the inhumanity, the floggings, the raping or murdering cut-throat tactics of Babylon America because the basic necessity in this country is to rid ourselves of these obscenities. To these obscenities we are subversive — what man or woman wouldn't be? For your information, we see the aforementioned obscenities as a few of the natural deaths among our people. We are subversive to this, and want to insurrect this and destroy this. And to do this, we must rock the boat to exert insurrectional conditions on the captain — organize a mutiny to get rid of the captain and his slave ship.

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The point is that life in America today suggests that the level of violence and the toleration of violence never have been higher. At the same time, never before has there been so much freedom for self-expression, for individualism and for experiment with different life-styles.

We believe that when both these forms of indulgence become excessive, action turns into reaction. We have reached that point in America today. The time has come for a concerned society to become an aroused society. Otherwise it may find itself a dying society.

The Admiral Has A Point

The case made by Rear Adm. Levering Smith, director of Navy strategic systems projects, for America's submarine missile fleet as a nuclear deterrent force is convincing and reassuring at a time when the nation is undergoing an agonizing appraisal of its ability to respond effectively to a massive enemy atomic attack.

As the officer responsible for our fleet of 41 Polaris submarines, Admiral Smith admittedly may be somewhat prejudiced in his views concerning the invulnerability of the underwater force, but his opinions certainly must be regarded as factual and therefore his arguments cannot be ignored.

It is Admiral Smith's conviction that our far-roving Polaris submarines, now being converted to fire the more destructive Poseidon missiles, cannot be detected or successfully attacked by enemy forces and thus provide the nation with a tested and highly reliable means by which to launch a retaliatory nuclear attack capable of destroying virtually any land-based target within minutes of a presidential order.

It would seem that in defending the Polaris fleet as an assured second-strike deterrent, Admiral Smith by inference has raised a serious question concerning the need for a multi-billion-dollar ABM system to protect our 1,054 land-based Minuteman missiles.

If we already have half of our 656 Polaris intercontinental missiles at all times on station where they cannot be seen or hit, it seems the question of protecting our Minutemen as a striking force is purely academic.

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Vallejo Council PTA strongly urges parents to disregard rumors and seek factual information regarding what is now being taught, and to understand that the present committees are working on recommendations which will be fully discussed in public meetings before any action by the Governing Board.

MRS. C. M. BRAINERD
President
Vallejo Council PTA

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This letter is on the subject of the proposed Family Life and Sex Education program.

We have personally seen and read the teacher's guide for the program which is being used in San Mateo and Contra Costa counties. We cannot understand how this material could be called offensive or obscene in any way. We also have seen papers which have been distributed in the Vallejo area that state half truths and outright lies about this program.

If a program of family life and sex education is recommended for use in the Vallejo schools, we strongly urge the school board to approve it.

MR. AND MRS. RITCHIE MANNER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Martha Lay:

I am a 22-year-old mother expecting another child and I greatly disagree with you about sex education.

Either you get the truth and a good understanding or you hear about it all wrong and it seems dirty.

I had a class in high school on sex which was too late because by then I already heard a different version and to this day I just don't feel right about it.

Learning about these things don't make a kid practice it but many are anyway.

I didn't know about birth before I had my first child and I was scared. I wish I had known the right things about human nature. I hope the classes come off because I believe in sex education and I want my children to find out the truth about life and learn it correctly.

There is nothing dirty about sex but it's people like you that make it a mystery for the younger kids so they find out wrong. I agree many kids are ruining their lives with sex I believe it is because it has been hidden.

If a person is going to experiment they will no matter what, so why risk an unwanted child and ruin the lives of all concerned?

I wish I had been taught from the time I was in kindergarten. Parents don't seem to tell you or else they don't know how to tell you and make it sound dirty.

They are teaching about drug use in schools and this doesn't make the kids experiment. It gives them a better understanding of what happens to the person who takes drugs and what can happen to him. The smart ones won't use drugs nor will they experiment with sex.

It is true that it is hard to control your emotions but learning about sex will tell them how to try and to know when to stop.

S.A.R.

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Think About It

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Do some things really puzzle you? Do you wonder about some of the same things that I do? For instance, I wonder:

Why don't the far right and the far left get on a battlefield and let the best man win? Or is there one?

Why do we attend church every Sunday? To learn about morals, faith, hope, charity, and brotherhood? Or to hear that our church needs more money?

Why don't parents teach their children to be well behaved in school, and in theatres? Why don't teachers and ushers keep rule, as they used to do when we were kids? Why don't parents be adults and tell their kids "NO" when they should?

Why did Reagan criticize Brown for high taxes, crime on the streets, and campus unrest? They have all greatly increased in two years, and our sales tax is going to be raised again. I thought he had plans to solve these problems.

Why did Nixon last year say he had a secret plan to end the Vietnam Tragedy? He really knows how to keep a secret, doesn't he?

Do you remember when George Murphy said if he were senator he would work on an ocean desalting plan for our water? All I've noticed is his fight with farm workers, who make a degradingly low wage, in the greatest agricultural state in the world.

Why does our governor want to flood our great hunting wilderness and an Indian reservation in Northern California? Isn't it to send more water down south?

More to follow later.

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I am visiting in California from another state and I was horrified to find a headline in the paper saying "God Is Being Sued."

How can a person intelligent enough to make a mark in the world charge our wonderful Savior of Men with such a foolish act? You should have given praise that your rotten life has been spared for He is the only one who can save us from our sins and any other trouble we face.

May God have mercy on any person so foolish as to make such a charge.

A Christian From Another State

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Sometimes a person wonders if it pays to have anything with the amount of thieving going on.

However, some people invite trouble by their own carelessness. Liquor should never be in plain sight, at least not in a living room. And the bank is the best place for your money. Most robberies are premeditated, also murders. It is true that most criminals are known by their victims.

Crime does not pay. It is better to be on the outside looking in than on the inside behind bars looking out.

E.A.W.

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The people of this country must open their eyes to these facts for many have run into the fog to escape because they do not understand or know how to resist the power structure that is moving against the will of the people of this country and the world. To deal with this problem, this vast problem, we must put a check on the situation.

JYMO SUDAN
Black Panther Party (Val.)
Lt. of Information

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As Memorial Day (May 30) approaches, I wonder if the people in our area will completely ignore the meaning of this day as they have in the past few years. The ceremonies in front of the Courthouse are brief, the hour not too early, and the sun not too hot so what excuse can the populace give for not honoring cuse can the populace give for not honoring the men who gave their lives in order that they may live.

This day should be an occasion to pause and reflect: What are we doing to make certain this precious and highly perishable thing called "freedom" continues to live?

The desecration of our flag, the defiance of authority, the rebellion against military service all so rampant in our land, makes one wonder if these men have died in vain.

President Nixon said, "You can't build America up by tearing her down."

Over two hundred years ago our forefathers gave us a country in which industrial, scientific, education and social progress and development were possible. It is now up to us to build on to what we have inherited, not tear it down.

So, on Memorial Day, how many of you will remember these heroic men by attending Church Services of your choice and attending special services planned by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. No matter where you will be spending the day, if you look, you will find a group dedicated to not forgetting these men. Can we do less without dishonoring those for whom this day of tribute has been set aside?

Above all, don't forget to display our flag!

MRS. HELEN MORRIS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Concerned Citizens of Napa wish to thank the NEWS-CHRONICLE for the publicity given the Evelyn Whitehorn meeting at Napa Junior College May 6th.

Mrs. Whitehorn's evening speech was well attended, and the reception given her was most gratifying.

All the local organizations and individuals whose interest and assistance made Mrs. Whitehorn's visit meaningful are also deeply appreciated. We do wish, however, to convey a very special thank you to those parents who helped despite their sadness over sons wounded in Vietnam.

(Mrs.) NANCY ERRICSON,
Coordinator
Concerned Citizens of Napa

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Concerned Parents

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Often our young people come on loud and clear. Perhaps the public would be interested in the ideas expressed in this ninth grade theme on respect that appeared in a school newspaper by Lesa Hill.

"Respect for others is the most important element in society. It is the element that acts like glue in holding together this group. Even without society, respect is of inestimable importance.

"It is mandatory for children to respect their parents, as it is for parents to respect their children. For respect is a foundation for friendship, love, understanding and harmony.

"Friendship is impossible for two people if one feels he is too good for the other. The other person will respond with envy, ridicule and hate.

"Something that must be said about respect is that love isn't respect. You can respect someone very much and fear him without feeling a flash of affection toward him. This can happen between a boss and his employee, an officer and his soldier, or a parent and his child. In these cases, sometimes respect is more important than love. A person must consider the other individual with regard; sometimes much depends on this issue, too much for it to be blurred by tenderness.

"Something that must be remembered is that there is no great need for everyone to love everyone else. Not only is it impossible to do so, it can cause problems that otherwise would not exist.

"You must regard all people with some concern, for people are not to be taken lightly. Save your love for few, because these selected few are the most likely to return it."

E.P.H.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There is no denying that "Black can be, and is Beautiful" as the citizens of this country are constantly reminded. Our Creator used BLACK in many places, and mankind has no right to object to that color when used to accentuate items of creation or art.

"Black" is a laudable adjective in nearly every case, however its use can denote the depths of rejection and scorn where appropriately used.

That person, regardless of color or race, who disregards laws and conventions, threatens the lives and safety of those opposed to his selfish ambitions, and openly advocates the overthrow of Lawful Government by armed force can be appropriately defined as being "BLACK-HEARTED." By what contention of justification can "Black" in such instance be considered "Beautiful?"

WHAT COLOR IS YOUR HEART?

"Grumpy"

PRAYER FOR TODAY

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

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

EDITORIALS

Our Rights Threatened

In the multiplicity of proposed "Save the Bay" bills before the Legislature, a strong control measure sponsored by Assemblyman John T. Knox, D., Richmond, which largely implements the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) plan, now seems the most likely to succeed.

While we generally endorse the ultimate objectives of the Knox bill and the BCDC plan in seeking to protect the Bay from indiscriminate fills and inappropriate development, we are concerned about two aspects that strike at the principle of self-determination and the preservation of local autonomy and thus are inimical to Solano County's best interests.

The Knox measure contains language creating a new control agency as a successor to BCDC which, if approved, would establish a form of regional government and impose its authority without first obtaining a mandate to do so from the people over whom its jurisdiction would extend. We maintain Solanoans should have the right to decide whether they want to become part of a regional government. The Knox bill denies them this right.

Secondly, the Knox measure, like the BCDC plan, proposes the imposition of controls on land uses extending 1,000 feet inland from the existing shoreline. Thus, Vallejo's potential waterfront development and industrial expansion at Benicia and Collinsville would be subject to the edicts of a regional agency and no longer a matter of local concern.

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.

WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN — will the people understand what to do to get the things that most of them want? A life with meaning, with purpose, and with DIGNITY. How to attain this is the question.

We have become the slaves of technology with the aid of our PRICE SYSTEM, instead of being the master of technology.

We are imbued with the price system, that is used to operate all the nations of this world. It goes back before history was recorded, it is the system of distribution of scarcity. Today, how do you place the VALUE on the things you require? Not by supply and demand. The price system failed to distribute the abundance we produced in the late 1920s. What to do about it? Shall we retain that political CLUB in our Capital? Who and what do they represent? Have you watched 'THE GOVERNMENT STORY' on T.V. of late? Reminds me of the stories of KING ARTHUR'S COURT, except they don't carry bucklers and swords.

TECHNOCRACY INC. has had the answer to these questions for a number of years. To get the people to understand this answer is the problem. The Technocrats are not trying to push their plan on the people, they are just trying to get the people to understand what must be done to make them the MASTERS of technology. Since their plan must be accomplished in a peaceful and orderly manner they do not get the HEADLINES that are given to the disorderly minorities. Knowledge and/or understanding must be had by the many minorities that make up our majority. Will you know what to do when THE CHIPS ARE DOWN?

Authorized speakers are available, or will be made available, if enough people want to hear one. Let us get the minorities together for a purpose.

J. SEWARD
523 Wilson

Last week we talked about the problem of the power structure and the situation the world faces. Does anybody know what the situation is? Do you know what you can do and what you can't do? Have you found that the people in the many elective offices for whom you voted have turned their backs to the people, and that they are, in fact, like local tyrants, corrupt officials, and demagogic politicians. These situations are very true, and because of the political immaturity of the people and such insidious leadership at the hands of so-called politicians, the masses of people are confused.

The Black Panther Party recognizes this, and we say that the people of America must have free will, and that we all suffer at the same hands of the oppressor. We recognize that this capitalistic government has pushed the people up against the wall. The only way to remedy this is to resist — you have no other choice! We all know, or should know, that there must be a change in this society. The reasons for change are here, and they are chiefly due to the development of the internal



TO THE RESCUE!

their Bibles as their substitute for sex education. At the same time a number of them practiced very unladylike conduct. For example, one of them spit on one of the students opposing her cause as she walked by.

Third, the majority of the mothers seemed so uninformed about the quality of sex education that they were unable to hold an intelligent conversation with anyone asking them questions. A frequent response was that God never intended sex to be taught in schools.

Are these the people who will determine the fate of our school system, our state and our country? Not if you, the people of Vallejo can help it.

MICHAEL REED

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appeared in the Times-Herald during the Solano County campaign.

It is only through the willingness of people such as yourself that the March of Dimes is able to get its message through to the public upon whom we so much depend for the necessary funds to further our program.

We are indeed grateful for your interest and support.

Sincerely,
JOHN POWERS, Chairman
1969 March of Dimes
Solano County Campaign

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It states in both the Monte Vista and San Mateo Teacher's Resource Guide (these have been recommended for our schools and are being reviewed) that 4th, 5th and 6th grade children will be taught in detail about sexual intercourse. Do you feel a nine-year-old child needs to know this information? I do not.

It states several times in the Teacher's Resource Guide that "Man is a rational animal." Man is not an animal!

Parents, I challenge you to look into this proposed program for our children before it is too late.

CLAUDIA RICHARDS

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We are happy to have this opportunity to thank the Police Department and concerned friends for their cooperation in helping search for our little boy who wandered away from a party at Wonderland.

We especially thank the kind lady who found and brought him home. We were out searching at the time and would appreciate her coming by so we can thank her personally.

This good deed makes us know that there are still a lot of good in some of the citizens of Vallejo.

THE HOUSTONS

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On behalf of myself and the members of Intercommunity Hospital Guild, may I express our sincere thanks to you and your staff for the cooperation they display in assisting our organization.

This includes assistance during our recent open house, during hospital week and all activities throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated by us all.

DOROTHY WILEY
Guild President

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When are we going to realize that freedom involves an active responsibility to society?

The more an attitude of "I'm too busy" or "I pay taxes to have somebody do that," or "I like to relax when I get home," etc., exists in this country, the more anarchy-minded people we will produce.

When we fail to provide a constructive outlet for youthful emotions and idealism, we will lose our youth to pessimism or destructive tyranny.

Our youth lack constructive action and a sense of useful purpose because they haven't received the adult guidance and leadership that was once a great part of this nation.

Ask yourself—when was the last time you volunteered for anything? When was the last time you helped some youth organization? When was the last time you and your son worked together on something, or went somewhere together—not as family, but as father and son?

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In several respects, the BCDC plan identifies proposed specific land uses which are in conflict with the plans of local agencies now having jurisdiction over them. We believe it would be ill advised to relinquish planning control to a regional agency in which we would have no effective representation.

The Legislature has the responsibility to protect and preserve the Bay Area's environmental quality. It also has a responsibility to protect the principle of home rule and the right of local jurisdictions to control their own destinies. The Knox bill and the BCDC plan are a threat to these rights.

Oil Drilling Ban Opposed

It is inconceivable that only four months after the nation's worst oil pollution disaster, the Nixon administration has taken a stand firmly against legislation to ban oil drilling in the Santa Barbara Channel.

Yet this is precisely what Assistant Interior Secretary Holis M. Dole reported last week before a Senate sub-committee.

It appears the administration prefers to deal with the problem by departmental directives which, although they already have laid down tougher procedures, seem to imply new technological developments will prevent a recurrence of the Santa Barbara disaster and thus make more restrictive legislation unnecessary.

We feel the administration is overlooking a salient point. As yet there is no firm assurance that technology has advanced sufficiently to enable oil companies to drill in coastal areas with any degree of certainty that they again will not trigger another major catastrophe.

It might be well for the administration to bear in mind that offshore drilling in California for years had been conducted on closely supervised state leases without serious pollution in the belief technology precluded any disaster. The Santa Barbara Channel leak, however, is convincing proof that the most modern and prudent methods are no guarantee of the industry's ability to develop this resource with complete safety.

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JYMO SUDAN

Black Panther Party (Val.)
Lt. of Information

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Never in our lifetime has the need been so great or the time so urgent for people who are concerned about our country to come to its rescue.

In our lifetime we have endured a depression, put down the threat of Hitler, beat back the attackers of Pearl Harbor. Yes, even repealed prohibition, but never have we had so much unrest across the country.

Today there are forces trying to disrupt our entire democratic procedures, by demonstrating, looting, burning and general disregard for the rights of others.

What this country needs is discipline and if we are not strong enough for self discipline, then others will have to discipline us. We must give our police force, the support that is required. And if the courts don't support them, then change the courts, not the law.

It means that the only ones who have any constitutional rights are those who go before the courts. Everyone has their rights, so come forth concerned Americans, get a letter off to your congressman and senator. Let him know how you want to be represented. Let him know you will be viewing the action he takes. Let him know that you will demonstrate at the polls come November next election year.

This is the best country in the world in which to live. We have resources, opportunity and advantages.

God, give us the ability to take advantage of opportunity when it arises and the intelligence to distinguish the difference between opportunity and dumb luck in order to bring our country back to the peaceful America we so well deserve to be.

LEE GASKILL
1045A Alabama
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I would like to say thank you to the person who stood up in last week's Opinions and acknowledged the few supporters of sex education at the Mothers March. I was one of those few young people who participated. I made some interesting observations as I watched the concerned mothers carrying their signs.

First, I noted that a few mothers present were workers at the Wallace headquarters during the campaign. These were the same people that don't want their children sharing a school with quote, "niggers."

Second, the protesting mothers hid behind

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Every child matures at a different degree and all are not ready for this subject at a given age. The parent is the best judge of this. Just what would qualify a teacher to teach sex? One is not aware of every teacher's moral values. Educators are no more infallible as a group than anyone else.

I am neither prudish nor mid-Victorian in my views about sex but some of the material which is now being used in some California schools is dehumanizing as well as demoralizing enough to convince one that subversive forces must be at work in our country.

How can we as parents allow anyone to take this responsibility from us that concerns such a vital and personal part of our children's life to virtual strangers.

If this new sex education program is not objectionable why hasn't it been made available for the parents to view? Some of it has already been shown to children without the parents knowledge. Ask yourselves WHY? I am not a John Birchler.

BERNADETTE GLENN

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It is with a feeling of privilege and pride that I am serving on one of the subcommittees of the school district's Family Life and Sex Education Committee, as a concerned parent and as a representative of the Vallejo Council of Parent Teacher Associations.

It saddens and angers me to hear and read the many untruths and distortions of fact concerning the present program in our schools, as well as continuous reference to "the new programs and teachers' textbooks recommended for use." This is totally false. As a member of the curriculum subcommittee, I can state positively that no recommendations whatsoever have yet been formulated.

We urge parents to disregard statements which have no basis in fact, and to understand that the general public will have ample opportunity for discussion of recommendations before any action is taken by the school board.

ZELMA PEZZOTTI

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On Sunday, May 18th, we, The Young Musicians Club, of Vallejo, (YMCV) held our second in a series of free concerts to be held in Vallejo parks.

We would like to thank all the people who turned out for the concert and supported what we are trying to do for the musicians, and the people of Vallejo.

We also would like to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to all who helped make this concert another success.

Anyone who has any musical talent, and is interested in joining the YMCV, is invited to attend our meetings on Monday nights, at 8:30 at Dan Foley Park.

YOUNG MUSICIANS CLUB
OF VALLEJO

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When parents shirk their responsibility, it is regrettable. However, the percentage of those who do not shirk their responsibility is far less than those who do not. Classroom instruction on sex for children is not the answer. A child as its right to privacy as well as a grownup.

Leave this education to parents as we are the first and the most important teachers in our children's lives. We do have basic and fundamental rights which no school system may deprive us.

I do not believe the reasoning that sex education is necessary at such a young level because of social problems such as venereal disease, abortions, illegitimate pregnancies due to inadequate knowledge of sex.

There is no group in our society today more informed on sex than college students and yet with all their knowledge and precautions aren't they the victims of the unfortunate consequences I have just mentioned?

With this in mind, I intend to defend the right diligently that sex instruction be my job.

MRS. HELEN PARKER

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Dear Martha Lay,

When I was in the sixth grade in 1954 my class was given sex education.

I am now an adult with no conscious sexual hang-ups. You see, we were fortunate enough to be told the biological facts without moralistic overviews.

Isn't that what you want? To have instructors teach facts and not morals. Oh sure, morals are all right as long as they conform to your definition of morals, but just let the instructor stray a little from your definition of good morals and the public can be sure to hear from you in the morning newspaper.

NEW BLOOD

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Your consideration involving the excellent publicity for the retirement and recognition tea for Mr. Lee Y. Dean, retiring principal of HOGC High School, is deeply appreciated. We feel the generous publicity and pictures were greatly responsible for the success of the event.

May we also take this opportunity to thank everyone — individuals, organizations, and business firms — who contributed in so many ways to make the day a very memorable occasion for the Deans.

MRS. EDITH LEE,
General Chairman and
Hogan PTA President

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As chairman of the Vallejo City Unified School District's Public Schools Week Committee, I would like to thank you and the staff of the Times-Herald for your cooperation during Public Schools Week. We are most appreciative of this opportunity to publicize the role of the public schools.

Thank you again.

LEE COCKRUM,
Chairman
Public Schools Week Committee

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You say you don't like the juvenile crime rate or the campus tyranny? What did you do to prevent it from happening?

It's never too late to change. Let's get to work. Let's get the old American spirit of cooperation and hard work for the good of all back into our system.

CHARLES N. EGGLE

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Based on reports I have read in the press, I have become deeply concerned regarding the pressures being exerted by certain faculty and student organizations toward the apparent objective of discontinuing or down-grading the ROTC program. The purpose of this letter is to register my concern with you regarding these matters.

It strikes me that there probably has never been a time in the nation's history when there existed a greater need for unity among our people. Simultaneously, however, the influence of the divisive groups on college and university campuses appears to be gaining strength. These efforts will, in the long run, serve to impair our national defense unless those in decision-making positions act to curb these influences.

Historically and currently ROTC makes an essential contribution to the maintenance of a strong national posture. I am sure you realize that the U.S. Army is dependent upon the annual input of young officers from this program for the maintenance of a viable officer corps. Relatively speaking, the contribution of officers from the military academy and from the OCS are quite small. Thus, the discontinuance or the degradation of ROTC on the campuses of our colleges and universities will have a substantial adverse impact of the Army and the national security.

In my view, it would be most unfortunate were the effectiveness of the ROTC program to be impaired at this critical juncture in our nation's history. I urge you, therefore, to provide all the support you can for the continuation of the ROTC program at its level of effectiveness.

VIRGIL L. COCKE
2Lt Infantry

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The state, counties and cities are missing a golden opportunity by not lowering the voting age to 18.

Whether these young people realize it or not, it is generally recognized that when an individual reaches the age of 21, they not only have the privilege of the vote but they have reached that metamorphic stage of change from a teenager to an adult, much like from the tadpole to the frog, and therefore, as an adult, are supposed to assume full citizenship responsibilities.

If the voting age is lowered to 18 the taxpayers can rightfully demand that the thousands of this age group still remaining in schools and colleges would have the sense of citizenship responsibility that would cause them to refrain from joining in the destruction of public property and to band themselves together to prevent such destruction by others.

Perhaps the state should lower the voting age to 18 but with a provision that the cost of repairing future school or college property damaged shall be collected from all students over 18 years of age on a pro-rata basis, regardless of the individual's participation.

A. ROWLAND