

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Merciful God, Creator of all loveliness, as each new day bursts forth in glory, we feel anew Thy goodness. Yet too quickly is this awareness lost as we go our ways and forget Thy way. Lure us back to Thee in the song of a bird, the smile of a child, or the face of Christ within our minds; in His name. Amen.

—Calvin H. Reber, Jr., Dayton, Ohio, professor of missions, United Theological Seminary.

**Opinions Of The People**

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**EDITORIALS**

**The Middle East Crisis**

The rapidly deteriorating political-military situation in the Middle East crisis shows little evidence that a settlement can be achieved so long as the belligerents — the Arabs and Israel — and the Big Four powers continue their present course.

Indeed, the rising tempo of the conflict and the disinclination of the Big Four to submerge their own interests to the greater cause of a negotiated settlement would seem to add some weight to Egyptian President Gamal Nasser's belief the sole solution to the conflict ultimately will be a military rather than a political one.

Nasser, whose forces ignominiously were defeated by the Israelis in the Six Day War of 1967, now is convinced the myth of Israeli invincibility has been destroyed and claims Egypt not only has moved from the defensive to the offensive but is prepared to embark on the "liberation" of all Arab territories occupied by Israel.

His new confidence about Egypt's military prowess seems to be based on the slender evidence of a few questionable air "victories" over the Suez Canal—triumphs which, when measured against continuing Israeli retaliatory actions, indicate the Egyptian military is still years away from ability to defeat Israel in a full-scale war.

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We cooked spaghetti till blue in the face. Dipped and served it in rapid pace. Some stirred the sauce for hours on end while others tossed salad in the great big pans.

We worked together this congenial crew, the volunteers, hostesses and sailors too. The baked goodies were great and a success, thanks to our volunteer chairman Mrs. Lewis.

Vic . . . carrying his little bag of money, comes to the kitchen with a wink and "How ya doing honey?" We didn't have the heart to say what we think, but the thing we needed was just a little drink.

No Purple Hearts were given for those who were injured, like some with bumped heads, ripped hose and burnt fingers. Just a pat on the arm from Chris without fear who said with a laugh . . . you volunteered.

Of the Servicemen's Club I'm a great fan but the next time, no spaghetti please, have ham.

Two great things happened on this day . . . agreed. Our man on the moon and the spaghetti feed. Of the men on the moon, heroes no doubt, but the club has three which it could not do without. They have kept the doors open for our boys in the service. They have worried, fretted and have gotten quite nervous.

But they stay in there fighting and figuring the fees. These three lovable characters, the Servicemen's Three. Of course I'm talking of the three, top of the list. Good luck and God speed to Vic, John and Chris.

DORIS CARY

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Well, the police and firemen's strike is over. That is good. Now for some "20-20" hindsight. The monkey has to be put on the back of the city council. They are elected to direct traffic in this field and no one else.

They squall about budgets and taxes and every dollar that is brought in with few exceptions, comes from J. Q. Citizen's pocket.

They can think of a cigarette tax, room tax, utilities tax, dog tax and quite a few other odds and ends to pick up a few bucks but mostly they add up to a tax on the "mutt" who lives in and owns a five-room house.

Now, there never was a strike that was not settled sooner or later. This one need not have happened. Some talking and reasoning was needed and it was not forthcoming.

As to the helpless and defenseless city for five days . . . when we get through paying the CHP, Sheriff's Department, Forest Service and visiting fire departments, we will be about even both in coin and protection and the bankers and insurance company profits will have been maintained with a minimum of risk.

As a suggestion, let the council slap a tax on the aforementioned parties for the protection that they enjoy without loss of profit. I suppose the visiting police and firemen were not needed on their own job at home or else they were doing a little



"Can't Hear a Thing With All That Racket!"

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE**

In the July 21 edition of the labor journal, the official organ of organized labor, there was an editorial on the Vallejo firemen and police which included their arguments for an increase in pay and conditions regarding their employment.

These conditions have now been met and the men are back on the job. Through their union affiliation their demands have been granted.

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In Paul Mattiuzzi's Times-Herald's Teen Page article, "Nixon Earns No Negro Friendship," he repeatedly stated that it was too slow and expensive to try violations of voting laws in the South. These excerpts of our Constitution are pertinent to his idea:

The trial of all crimes, except impeachment, shall be by jury. The citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states. The rights of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation. President's oath of office, "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Then under our Constitution,

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

The volumes of phrases, thrill and pride, written and spoken, of our Astronauts needs no expansion from my limited vocabulary. The execution of their project required the coordination of scientists, engineers and technologists.

Our Congress appropriated the money, the President approved, then they just observed — even as you and I.

The point is that this same coordination must be applied to our society in North America. Has it ever been so applied in any government in history? Most of the scientists, engineers and technologists work for large corporations for the profits their ideas produce. When the American people accept Technocracy's specifications and blueprints it would put the same forces to work for all of our people, there would be no room for politics or the price system. Must we wait for near disaster before Americans start learning?

The 535 men in Congress plus the President and his aids would be replaced by the heads of about 100 functional sequences. The head of each sequence would be directly responsible to the people for the efficiency of his sequence, he could be replaced without having to wait for a term of office to be completed. The heads of sequences would select one of their number to be Continental Director, Area controls would replace state and other local governments.

There will be two types of functional sequences: Industrial, such as farming, mining, steel making, etc., the other will be the services, such as communication, transportation, health, education, etc.

The tremendous waste that the cities have so much trouble getting rid of will be curtailed by a system of conservation to conserve our natural resources that cannot be replaced, and many of our present day problems will just disappear.

J. SEWARD

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

On behalf of Frankie's Youth Group, sponsored by Harmony Chapter 39 Order of Eastern Star, I want to thank the personnel of the Vallejo Police Department of the courtesy shown us on our recent tour of the department.

Our special thanks to Sgt. McGee for making the tour interesting as well as educational. In addition to explaining each department head's duties, Sgt. McGee introduced us to some of the officers and also spoke on topics of interest such as the danger of firearms.

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It would appear the Big Four might find some advantage in achieving first the measure of detente which lies in their own hands; namely, separating the Arab-Israel conflict from their own mutual relations, and then reducing it to a limited and agreed disengagement.

## A Better Investment

The Nixon administration's impending decision to ask Congress for a hike in interest rates paid to holders of U.S. savings bonds is bound to be a popular one. The present 4.25 per cent annual yield on E and H bonds isn't very attractive to investors at a time when other securities are paying interest of 7 per cent or more.

But the long delay in the Treasury Department's request for a higher rate of return on the \$52 billion in outstanding savings bonds is understandable. Any increase will cost the Treasury—that is, taxpayers—millions of dollars. By hiking the yield on savings bonds by three-quarters of one per cent, for example, the extra cost of servicing the national debt would amount to \$390 million annually, according to Editorial Research Reports.

Editorial Research Reports notes that what the government gives the small saver in higher return on his savings bonds the government will take away in the federal taxes needed to service the national debt. It thus becomes a vicious circle whereby the small investor can't win for losing.

But whatever the fiscal repercussions may be, the fact remains that U.S. savings bonds paying only 4.25 per cent annual interest aren't competitive in today's heated up battle for savings dollars. More significantly, by offering a negative rate of return, they no longer represent an attractive investment in America and, in effect, already has caused the little investors to wonder if their government is discriminating against them. A higher rate of interest will go far to dispel that attitude.

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### WAITING AND WATCHING

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Let the President's Commission on the Causes and the Prevention of Violence be praised or the recommendations it has made pertaining to firearms control. This body has suggested that most of the unaccountable millions of privately owned hand guns be confiscated by the government. As a quid pro quo the owner would receive a monetary reimbursement. Such action should be taken because all of these loose weapons serve no positive public purpose. It is singularly not in the public interest for simply anyone to be permitted to carry a device only meant to be injurious. That the hand gun serves some defensive purpose is clearly of far less import than the fact that criminals can buy guns as easily as the public can, and that there are many unnecessary and ludicrous deaths each year due to hand guns. It would also seem to be not a public right to carry, or even have these weapons that are a menace to society while serving as a crutch for society's fears. We should endeavor to understand our fears, not temporarily deter them with a gun.

Hence, the Commission's plan should be implemented forthwith. We must control the gun or the gun will control us.

ROGER A. CUNNINGHAM

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am somewhat perturbed over the way the news media handled the unfortunate incident which involved the young senator from Massachusetts.

Never in my life have I witnessed such garbage heaped on one individual. How soon we forget that just a few days before the tragic incident, man mastered one of the most historical feats that has ever happened since creation.

The late Sir Winston Churchill once said in one of his trying moments, "Never have so few done so much for so many." To reverse the saying I will say, never has so many done so much to so few.

What happened to Senator Kennedy could happen to anyone at anytime. No one is immune to accidents so judge ye not lest ye be judged.

JOHN L. LEE

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have been extremely bothered by the complacency of our citizenry. Another flagrant example has just transpired. The scientific achievement we have recently witnessed is possibly the greatest event that has happened for approximately 500 years. In our short life time we were very fortunate to be a part of it. What has happened — a half-hearted holiday. There should have been mass hysteria and jubilation, dancing in the streets, commingled with a full shut down of economic involvement, for not only a day but possibly a week.

JAMES F. LEHMAN

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I have been a member of a union in Vallejo for 22 years and a small businessman also . . . not to mention a taxpayer. I believe the firemen infringe upon the rights of other union members because they are one of the biggest bunch of moonlighters, especially in the building trades. You name a trade and you can get a "jack leg" to do the job.

It's about time for her honor and the city council, also the affiliated building trades union, to put a stop to the moonlighting of demanding conditions for yourselves. trades.

To be a good union member and to have the respect of other members, you have to prove that you believe in union principals, not just be a member only for the purpose of demanding conditions for yourselves.

I appeal to city officials, the Central Labor Council and all affiliated trades unions to do all in their power to restrain police and firemen from moonlighting on their time off.

JESSIE TRAHAUNE

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To loyal American, July 28 "Opinions" article:

In your article you stated Joan Baez makes you sick; we are all entitled to our opinions. I join with you in saying I don't like people engaging in violence or denouncing the country, however, I will at least keep an open mind when confronting these people and their ideas. It's fine to disagree with someone but don't forget to look on both sides of the story. She may have some very good gripes.

You say you're a loyal American but you won't even give "the other guy" a break. In the Constitution we have the right to free speech. We shouldn't deprive anyone of this great privilege. Let Miss Baez speak her peace just as the newspaper enables you to do the same.

Although this article was written to one person, it concerns everybody. I hope all people will look on both sides before judging.

Thank you for giving a person who favors decency and law and order equal time. Because I AM a publicity seeker, I'm signing this as

PARJO

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

America is supposed to be a democracy. Democracy stands for freedom. Loyal stands for faithfulness. So how can a person like the person who wrote the article about Joan Baez and husband, Kathleen Cleaver, Bobby Seale and other "misfits" be a "Loyal American." In America one is supposed to be able to voice his own opinion (freedom of speech). Therefore this person should not be classified as a "misfit". I don't go along with the feelings of Governor Reagan, George Wallace, the San Francisco State College President and many others whom you probably consider people who favor "decency and law and order". Nevertheless, they too are given "equal time". America will soon lose her voice of freedom in "speech" if your "gang" and people like you decide that other people are "misfits" because they believe in change, fairness and equality.

LOYAL AFRO-AMERICAN

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I consider that our President was attempting to strengthen everyone's civil rights. What name have you reserved for those who advocate abandoning South Vietnam to the Reds where they will not be allowed to vote or criticize their government as you have?

JRC

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am very sorry Valeska Chang that you have so little faith in the youth of America. I realize that you advocate different principles than I do but I don't understand your failure to even try to understand my position. We are not different you know. The end for both of us is basically the same, that is making America a great nation and a model to freedom. Our ways of achieving this are different.

I believe that America cannot survive the hypocrisy that it has turned into. You fail to see any hypocrisy. We must change America or lose it. Youth today doesn't want to wait for things to change gradually. It is not fair to the people who go to bed hungry while others live in splendor. And, no, these people don't have the same chance that you had to rise up and become successful. Can you sit back and tell these people face to face that they will have to wait. I can't.

Mrs. Chang, you said that George Washington would call this protest treason. How do you expect our unrepresented youth to change America. It can't be done through the ballot box. Of course, you don't want America to change, so this shouldn't bother you.

MICHAEL REED

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We wish to thank the Vallejo Police Department, the Salvation Army, The Vallejo Fire Department for their help and extreme courtesy during our recent fire loss, especially the fireman who gave mouth to mouth resuscitation in a vain effort to save our little dog, the third we have lost in 6 months. Also our many friends who stood by us with food, physical help, and expressions of sympathy. The George Demmon Insurance Company processed our claim on a Monday, PM and by the following Thursday we had our check. How about that for service when you need it!

JOE BUTTS, Butts Electronics  
1043 Rollingwood Drive

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We hear from the latest news reports that Eldridge Cleaver wants to come back home.

Of course we must bend over backwards to accept him and bend the laws just a little bit to suit him, but still he wants to come back.

May I ask, who wants him back? Let's leave him where he ran away to and have one less headache. How about opinions from both sides on this issue.

GEORGE CLANTON

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We also thank our overseer for arranging the tour and also the members of Harmony Chapter who accompanied us. We are sure they enjoyed the tour as well as we did.

### CHEERY UPTON

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I wish to thank each and every one who donated bake goods four our bake sale for the Vallejo Servicemens Club. Also, to thank those who bought our bake goods.

MRS. ARTHUR LEWIS  
Bake Sale Chairman

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Five times in recent weeks editorials have appeared in the Times-Herald attacking regional government, shoreline control for the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and conservationists who they say are attempting to stifle progress in Solano County.

I believe it is about time citizens of Solano County took a long look at the basic philosophy governing our city and county planning. If our governing bodies are really interested in developing Solano County, they should reverse their stand on regional government and bring Solano County back into the mainstream of life in the Bay Area.

I know that many people oppose regional government. Many of the reasons are valid since ABAG and similar agencies are quite new and have many problems to be resolved. The regional government opponents should not however confuse the bay conservation issue with regional government. The Bay Conservation and Development Commission is a special purpose commission created to conserve and protect San Francisco Bay. As a regional asset, our bay is too valuable to allow it to be destroyed by short-sighted small town politicians. Remember, this issue is not just economic, we have a rare opportunity to control and protect the environment in which we live. Let's not blow it.

PHILIP KAY

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The ABM system is a plan to detect and destroy an incoming missile attack before it destroys us. Waiting until we need the ABM will be too late. Our failure to develop an ABM defense actually invites attack from enemy countries today, and whoever may develop one later.

Lenin stated, "It doesn't matter if three-quarters of the world is wiped out, if the remaining one-quarter is Communist;" and this is the philosophy with which we are confronted. The public may not understand the situation. In 1940, the U.S. had 297,000 engineers and scientists and Russia had 295,000. By 1968, Russia had 2,120,000 and the U.S. 1,055,000. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer represents the MacArthur-trained military statesmen who understand both science and the nature of our enemy. Dr. Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb, and President Nixon feel that it is practically national suicide if the U.S. fails to develop the ABM Safeguard as soon as possible.

H. L. HUNT  
Dallas, Tex.

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Holy Lord, we offer Thee our children, the first fruits of our bodies and of our dreams, believing that Thou didst love them before Thou gave them to us. May they have a sense of destiny and strength surpassing their own. May every drop of blood shed by young men on far-off battlefields cry out to the conscience of the world until we learn war no more. Help us to seek Thee with the whole heart and not wander from Thy word; for Thy mercy's sake. Amen.

—Albert N. Rogers, Denver, Colo., pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

## EDITORIALS

## The High Risk Job

The plight of a college president today is like that of a man who decided to make his home in the quiet country, away from the tension and conflicts of the city, only to find himself smack in the path of a new freeway.

College presidents, who once presided benignly over peaceful companies of fellow scholars in the tranquil groves of academe, have been run over right and left by the juggernaut of student unrest. One, Courtney Smith of Swarthmore College, was literally a casualty. He died of a heart attack brought on by a violent confrontation with militant black students demanding special programs.

In the space of a few weeks this year, the presidents of five large state universities resigned, pleading the equivalent of "combat fatigue." Something like 80 to 100 four-year colleges and universities are currently looking for new presidents.

The high rate of attrition among prexies is also reflected in the drop in average tenure. In 1960, the average was 10 years; in 1968, it was just under six.

There is a lot of talk these days about a "new breed" of college president being needed, the type who will stand up to students—in a word, with "backbone."

But this kind of talk reveals some fundamental misconceptions about the actual powers of a president and the way most colleges and universities are governed, cautions one college head.

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Mr. Roger A. Cunningham: People kill people and they use anything to do it with. Automobiles and rot gut whiskey kill twice as many people in this country in one year than guns have killed Americans in five years in Vietnam.

Now how about destroying the whiskey, the dope, the trains and the cars?

When you say the gun owner would be reimbursed with some money when his gun was confiscated, do you mean that he should try and stop the outlaw with the gun by using say a \$10 bill?

Don't be silly. The criminal will not turn in his gun. Neither will he register it.

With these "Hooligans" advocating revolution openly and very little if anything being done to stop them, the day may soon be here when each citizen will have to be his or her own protector.

Our elected officials don't want our police to shoot or kill any of these bums, regardless of the crime, and all of the "bleeding hearts" put such a high price tag on human life that the crooks get bolder and bolder right along.

When it becomes a mandatory prison term to use a weapon in the commission of a crime and the criminal has to put in the time at hard labor and no fringe benefits, some of the crime will stop.

To take away the citizens' arms is the first step that is taken when control of the country is uppermost in the minds of rotten politicians.

It has been the pattern of the past and there is no use saying that it would not be the same now. So keep hands off the citizens' weapons.

## GUN OWNER

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Mr. Roger Cunningham: I think you are on the wrong road in saying that hand guns should be confiscated. The second amendment of the Constitution gives us the right to bear arms. It is beautiful! You ought to read it. When you say the guns will control us, you should be informed that it is the Communist guns that would like to control us.

I have a friend who was approached by the Communist party in the early Thirties; he was told they had four goals, the last one being the registering and licensing of firearms, and their ultimate confiscation. Then one man with a machine gun could control a thousand people. They want this country by 1972.

I belong to the National Rifle Association of America and the California Pistol and Rifle Association, and these great organizations are helping us keep and bear arms. Mr. Cunningham, open your eyes, look around, and see what's happening.

## JOEL L. IMRIE

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I think many of us are sick of Joan Baez and the motley crew which spend their time cluttering up the streets protesting



'SAVE MY PLACE—I'M GOING OUT TO LUNCH'

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Re: The Community Demand

The Black Panther Party expects that many people not understanding the plight of the Black colony will take the attitude of "Who do they (Panthers) think they are?" But the object of the Vanguard Party is to educate through example, and we see our role as that of serving the people. By setting the correct examples, the people will tend to deal with the basic necessities of the people and not in the subjective attitudes toward those who speak out against others who are slipshod in their work.

Subjectivism exists to a serious degree among many people causing great harm to the analysis of the political situation and the guidance of their work. The Party's duty is to hold itself responsible to the people.

Every word, every act and every policy must conform to the people's interests, and if mistakes occur, they must be corrected—that is what being responsible to the people means. Our position is, "WE SERVE THE PEOPLE." Monday night the city politicians

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Many are asking, "What is the matter with America today?" America has forgotten the one true God. She worships the god of this world—beer. The Word of God is being pushed aside. The refrigerators are stocked with beer.

Beer is not a food. It contains a narcotic poison-alcohol, which does not digest, but passes through the stomach lining into the bloodstream, going directly to the brain.

God has given man a sensitive nature, a desire for the finer things in life, an inherent desire to worship. Beer kills that desire, and dulls man's God-given talents. Beer is given to little children while they are still too young to know what it is. It dulls their sense of right and wrong. It is no wonder we have riots and rebellion in our schools, and children rebelling in the home. Beer takes the place of Sunday school. The desire to seek God is lost. Many talents, such as art and music, have been buried in beer. The desire to develop those talents is lost.

I salute one group of young people, though

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is our effort to convey our thanks to the staffs of the Times-Herald and News-Chronicle, and to the people of our community for the marvelous support and assistance in the recent dedication of the Hunters Hill Roadside Rest.

Through the years, Senator Gibson's consideration for coverages as the project developed have been most gratefully appreciated by all Kiwanians. From the time we first contacted him in 1958 regarding developing this fine facility, the Senator—himself a Kiwanian—has worked most diligently, helping us communicate ideas—our own and his—to the Highway Department.

Senator Gibson shared, as joint-donor with Kiwanis, in the fine plaque which was ultimately presented at "The Balcony."

Architect John Beland's beautiful original rendering of his and Kiwanians' ideas for the Rest Area—donated gratis—required many hours of his time. Congressman—Kiwanian—Bob Leggett has also lent us fine support all the way, including his thoughtful telegram received the morning of July 31. Other civic groups, including the Chamber of Commerce and Vallejo Beautification Commission have also lent their good wishes and assistance. (Mr. P. A. Ventimiglia, the chairman of the latter organization, met with us several years ago to share ideas and offer support.)

To those hired by Kiwanis for the substantial contributions; Mr. William Booras for the art work designing the bronze casting; to Mr. Alex. Pezzuto for the fine catering of the luncheon, we are also grateful. To Mare Island, San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, we are particularly, deeply indebted for doing the magnificent bronze casting at cost. District 10 Engineer Neal Andersen and others of the Highway Department and other state officials, we are endeavoring to thank by separate communications.

Other local Kiwanians, who received their reward (in lieu of formal thanks) in the satisfaction of a service project completed, join me in extending our heartiest and heartfelt thanks.

PAUL E. BARNEY, Chairman, Division 8 Agriculture & Conservation Committee, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, Kiwanis International.

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There has been a great "hue and cry" for USO junior volunteers in the Napa-Solano area. Articles have appeared in the Times-Herald and News-Chronicle for months asking young single ladies between the ages of 18 and 25 to join or call for information regarding the USO program in Vallejo and in the Bay Area. News items regarding USO events have included an invitation to young ladies to come as guests so they can see for themselves what USO junior volunteers do and how the programs are conducted.

This is a United Crusade-backed program. All USO dances are being held at the present time in the Vallejo Community Center.

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"The president can have all the 'backbone' in the world," says Dr. John A. Logan Jr., president of Hollins College in Virginia, "but if his faculty fails to assume its rightful share of the responsibility, an appearance of institutional spinelessness is inevitable."

No president will long exercise authority without the active support of the faculty, says Logan. Faculty power is a fact, especially in those areas of most intense concern to dissident students.

Faculties make the decisions about curricular matters which determine whether courses shall be "relevant," in the sense students are demanding, or whether good teaching shall come first. Faculty decisions determine whether to accept research contracts from what the radicals call the "military-industrial complex." The same can be said of giving academic credit for ROTC or establishing separate black studies departments.

Too often, he charges, faculties have vacillated in their support of a president faced with campus upheaval. Too often, a minority of student radicals has been abetted and encouraged by a few members of the faculty who have deserted scholarship to become polemicists and who have substituted dogma for reasoned argument.

We must never lose sight of the fact, he says, that the essence of the college or university is that it is the place, above all other places, where the truth is sought—and the truth is the necessary foundation for action in behalf of constructive social change.

But if anti-intellectualism is openly tolerated on campuses, he asks, how can we expect that it will not flourish in society at large?

"Our society needs our colleges and universities as never before, and our colleges and universities need leaders who are educators, not martinets. Good men will come forward if they can be assured of support from their faculties and from the moderate majority of students."

At the moment, however, in too many institutions, such support is at best passive and unorganized.

The consequence, says Logan, is that the considerable respect the nation's institutions of higher learning have enjoyed is declining; and with it much of their potential as a humanizing influence.

was told they had four goals, the first being the registering and licensing of firearms, and their ultimate confiscation. Then one man with a machine gun could control a thousand people. They want this country by 1972.

I belong to the National Rifle Association of America and the California Pistol and Rifle Association, and these great organizations are helping us keep and bear arms. Mr. Cunningham, open your eyes, look around, and see what's happening.

JOEL L. IMRIE

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I think many of us are sick of Joan Baez and the motley crew which spend their time clattering up the streets protesting everything except the weather. Who supports these nuts? It's a cinch they are not gainfully employed.

The latest protest is jails — let all the criminals loose! I read recently that some multimillionaires are buying large amounts of acreage on which they will build mansions fenced in and protected by both electronic devices and armed guards around the clock — a prison setup in reverse except that the tenants can get in and out but no one else can enter without proper identification.

America has come to a sad state of affairs when we have to do this in order to protect our lives and property. More power to the millionaires; I only wish I could join them.

AMY BROOKS

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Old H. L. Hunt of Dallas, Texas, dazzles the readers of this column with an array of facts and figures on American defense matters. I borrowed my neighbor's computer and came up with a few facts and figures of my own.

I was surprised to learn it takes 18,499 wage-earners working 40 hours per week to pay the taxes that H. L. Hunt weasels out of paying through the oil depreciation allowances.

I would like to suggest that this great patriot write a letter to President Nixon, offering to underwrite this ABM system himself. I'm sure he would get his money back quickly in tax allowances.

R. HENRY

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINION OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to express my opinion on the Eldridge Cleaver issue. He was so anxious to leave here and had so many insulting things to say about the United States and the police, he shouldn't be allowed to come back.

But our soft-hearted officials will let him back. Some people can say and do anything and get away with it.

The party that wrote in praising former Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren evidently does not have a very good memory. He was in office about 16 years too long. I've yet to know of anyone that wasn't disgusted with some of the laws that he made.

When a known Communist can go anywhere, even into defense plants and get away with all sorts of questionable activities, you can thank the Supreme Court for it.

#### ★ ★ ★ PATRIOTIC CITIZEN

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to know what a person's supposed to do when they are new in the area and need a doctor. We moved up here from Los Angeles in April. I had an accident in July and couldn't find a doctor here who would take a new patient, and I think I called them all.

They wanted to give me an appointment in a month. If you're sick, you're sick now, not in a month.

MARLENE COOK

role as that of serving the people. By setting the correct examples, the people will tend to deal with the basic necessities of the people and not in the subjective attitudes toward those who speak out against others who are slippish in their work.

Subjectivism exists to a serious degree among many people causing great harm to the analysis of the political situation and the guidance of their work. The Party's duty is to hold itself responsible to the people.

Every word, every act and every policy must conform to the people's interests, and if mistakes occur, they must be corrected — that is what being responsible to the people means. Our position is, "WE SERVE THE PEOPLE." Monday night the city politicians will be put to the test. Will they serve the people?

All power to the People.

Lt. of Information,  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
Vallejo Branch

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On Aug. 4 I took my two young ones, ages six and seven, to Dan Foley Park to swim. My husband dropped us off at 1 p.m. on that hot day to return for us at 4.

About 2:30 p.m., with no sort of announcement for benefit of the bathers, employes of the park marched about telling everyone to get out of the pool. When it became apparent that that was it for the day, I ventured to ask a timid question or two and was told the pool had to be drained and there was not sufficient water pressure to refill it rapidly.

Waiting for my ride home, I observed extreme carelessness, waste of time and money (care to ask whose money?) and utter disregard for the public. Not one of the tanned college-age young men on duty (I assume this to be their approximate age, because of their physical appearance, not their behaviour) took the time or trouble to advise newcomers of the situation. Several people drove in, unloaded kids and gear, only to have to leave immediately.

Today, suffering from curiosity and a lingering effects of yesterday's sun, I drove to the park to find the situation the same, with no sign posted nor could I find anything about it in today's paper.

I resent not having seen any evidence of consideration for anyone from the ones in charge.

MRS. R.G. CARTER

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

When Thailand becomes our next no-win war it will no doubt be divided along East-West lines. The Communists like divided countries as indicated by East-West Berlin, North-South Korea and North-South Vietnam and an East-West Thailand would balance the geographical scales. The beasts are methodical if nothing else.

Have you ever wondered why we are always involved; losing the cream of our young manhood, spending ourselves into oblivion, strangling ourselves with federal control when all the time Russia has never committed a soldier to battle since World War II? Think it could be something more than a coincidence? If it is more than a coincidence then you had better find out what. If it should be the merest chance turn out to be a coincidence then don't you think we could break the vicious circle by winning — just once?

W. D. FERGUSON

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Want several people who like to play cards, Canasta, or play word games evenings Monday through Thursday. Men or women having free time and interested. Call 644-3637.

MARIE SILVA

poison-alcohol, which does not digest, but passes through the stomach lining into the bloodstream, going directly to the brain.

God has given man a sensitive nature, a desire for the finer things in life, an inherent desire to worship. Beer kills that desire, and dulls man's God-given talents. Beer is given to little children while they are still too young to know what it is. It dulls their sense of right and wrong. It is no wonder we have riots and rebellion in our schools, and children rebelling in the home. Beer takes the place of Sunday school. The desire to seek God is lost. Many talents, such as art and music, have been buried in beer. The desire to develop those talents is lost.

I salute one group of young people, though a minority, who have not been blinded by the god of this world. I speak of the Youth Temperance Council. They give their lives in service to God, and work for total abstinence, purity and truth. They provide a force for good which keeps our country from being totally destroyed. I pray that our churches will awaken to the need of joining the fight against this demon, alcohol, before it is too late.

LYDIA F. DERINGER

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I seldom write letters, but I want to focus attention on a recent UPI article which appeared July 28. This report claims that our chief executive pledged that our country would defend Thailand against any attack from any source. How this statement can be viewed in any light other than as a classical "foot in mouth" is not evident to me or any of several well-informed acquaintances with whom I have discussed it. Just about the last thing our nation needs at this time is to get involved in playing the role of international policeman and protector of the non-Communist world. How much wiser and better it would have been for President Nixon to have proclaimed "eternal friendship" or "perpetual solidarity," or any other hackneyed political phrase, than to have uttered this proclamation which does not appear to have any loophole in it should Thailand find herself in serious trouble in the future months or years. I know of no folly more debilitating nor any endeavor more fruitless than further involvement in an armed conflict in Asia.

Many of my associates who formerly supported the Vietnam war to the point they were considered hawks have come to realize in recent months that there are serious, perhaps grave (let us hope not fatal) shortcomings in our political-military leadership.

I don't know what the man on the moon would say, but it is apparent that the man on the street, if he has thought about it at all, does not believe that the United States should rush in and "cut them off at the pass" in every quadrant of the world.

B. C. LUMBERT

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

After we have made so many concessions in Vietnam, including complete stopping of the bombing and withdrawal of troops, North Vietnam and the Viet Cong still would not budget a bit.

Yet our own senator, J. William Fulbright, still put the blame on the Administration instead of on the other side.

He said he wanted to urge the President to take new peace initiatives. What new peace initiatives except to stop fighting altogether and to go home and abandon South Vietnam to the Communists?

To call the senator a defeatist is not exactly correct. The most appropriate name of him is "capitalist" which must not be mixed up with "capitalist."

T. M. FUNG

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There has been a great "hype and cry" for USO junior volunteers in the Napa-Solano area. Articles have appeared in the Times-Herald and News-Chronicle for months asking young single ladies between the ages of 18 and 25 to join or call for information regarding the USO program in Vallejo and in the Bay Area. News items regarding USO events have included an invitation to young ladies to come as guests so they can see for themselves what USO junior volunteers do and how the programs are conducted.

This is a United Crusade-backed program. All USO dances are being held at the present time in the Vallejo Community Center, 225 Amador St. Other activities include trips as a mobile unit with senior volunteers to military installations for dances, game nights, picnics, tours, horseback riding, etc., throughout the Bay Area.

Why then the lack of response of the young ladies of Napa and Solano counties? Is it perhaps a lack of understanding on their parts, or their parents, as to what the USO is and stands for? How it serves the need for good, clean, recreation for the serviceman? Whatever the reasons might be, open your minds and hearts, find out about the USO program and help support the community project by calling or attending any one of our functions.

Information on our program may be had by calling Mrs. Bette Crawford, 644-1745, director of the Vallejo USO unit; Mrs. Earl Hinden, 644-3206, or Mrs. Grace Merklung, 642-7556, at the Vallejo Community Center.

E. LEE ADAMS, Board Member  
Napa-Solano USO Council

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Are you concerned about the increasing divisions within our society?

On the evening of August 16th, members of the American Independent Party, Black Panther Party, Democratic Party, John Birch Society, Peace and Freedom Party, Republican Party will come together in order to eradicate some of the misconceptions concerning the philosophies of the respective organizations. The program will be completely neutral in its presentation. The people of Vallejo are invited to come, listen, and ask questions.

Planned for 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Hogan High School, the forum is presented as a public service to foster increased understanding between people of all political interests.

We urge all interested citizens to attend, as we feel that programs of this nature are necessary to bridge the lack of communication within the community.

The Robert F. Kennedy  
Young Democrats

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am completely baffled. We spend billions of blood dollars and sweat to land a man on the moon just for the sake of popularity.

And to top it off, we leave over a million dollars worth of equipment, paid for with the taxpayers' hard earned buck, just to lie there and fade away into oblivion. Yet when it comes to supporting our schools our thoughts are completely nil. Don't we realize that if it wasn't for our nation's schools we would not be able to build a ship, not speaking of the apparatus that it takes to make the ship perform well enough to leave the launching pad into the wild blue yonder. Also the men who man the ship must have a certain degree of formal education.

Our wonderful educational system makes these messages possible.

JOHN L. LEE

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

O God, we have come to another day with Thee. Make us aware of Thy Spirit leading us. Deliver us from the island experiences of loneliness and of being forgotten. Take us to dwell on the mainland of friendships, of faith, and of the sense of our worth to Thee. When the sun fails to shine, help us to remember that it is still there and so keep us going. If we cannot see far, may we journey step by step. Whatever the day demands, make us adequate. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

—W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas, Tex., bishop, The Methodist Church.

**EDITORIALS**

**No Joiners' Anonymous?**

Americans seem to do their damndest to live up to their reputation, among others, as a nation of joiners.

No issue appears to be too limited or unbeat to serve as a focal point for a fellowship of kindred spirits, according to a Detroit firm which makes a business of keeping track of these things.

For its latest Encyclopedia of Associations, an annual reference work for libraries, Gale Research Co. has come up with 800 additional listings—some brand new organizations, others newly come to light.

Some of the newcomers are understandable reactions to current public enthusiasms or problems, such as the National Jogging Association, the Parents of Hippies, the Citizens League Against the Sonic Boom, Americans for Effective Law Enforcement and Checks Anonymous (self-help for individuals hooked on passing bad checks).

But others, well . . . We now have, for example, the Old Soldiers of Baker Street (Sherlock Holmes buffs who claim a "detachment" in Vietnam), the Loch Ness Phenomena Investigation Bureau (it looks for lake monsters) and the NATO Tatoo Association (not branded old soldiers but military musicians).

**Efficiency Transfer**

Vice President Agnew's suggestion that America needs a transfer of the spirit of the space program—rather than its dollars—to antipoverty programs is probably correct, but the ranks of government poverty fighters need one other element even more than spirit: efficiency.

Just days ago, for example, it was learned that the Office of Economic Opportunity was financing a study . . .

**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:**

For the benefit of Messrs. Owner and Imrie:

Gentlemen, the persistence with which I wage my vendetta against hand guns will not be eroded by your compilations of stale material from the pages of the American Rifleman.

Mr. Gun Owner uses that old line the criminal will not give up his hand gun. However, he applies the sobriquet "criminal" in an ex post facto manner. One is not a criminal until a larcenous deed has been committed. Nearly all hand guns are owned by obedient citizens. Therefore, it seems a citizen becomes a "criminal" when, because hand guns are readily accessible, he blazes away at spouse, parent, friend, or bystander. If hand guns were confiscated from citizens there would be substantially less crime. That such would result is irrefutable. Tom Wicker of the New York Times says that "in three-quarters of all . . . firearm homicides, the lethal weapon was a hand gun . . ."

Mr. Imrie appears to be the typical NRA member. He ingests all that group's propaganda without thought. Yes, the Second Amendment is beautiful. I have read it many times in its entirety: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The established legal interpretation of the Amendment is that it is a limitation only on the federal government's powers vis-a-vis state militias, and leaving it totally uninhibited in restricting the individual possession of firearms. The then-conservative Supreme Court enunciated this dictum in 1937 and 1939 in the cases Miller v. Texas and Robertson v. Baldwin.

In conclusion, we all want to stop crime. Yet any crime abatement plan without controlling hand guns is a bark with no bite. People like the Gun Owner and Joel L. Imrie, who think only of their guns, take a society-battered attitude. Let them hear Imrie's own words: ". . . open your eyes, look around, and see what's happening."

ROGER A. CUNNINGHAM

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Now that school is about to resume, please take note; if you have good clean, usable children's clothing, that will not be used this year for school, please consider giving it to the Vallejo P.T.A. clothing room for distribution to the children who need a helping hand with their clothing so that they will be adequately dressed to avoid the unhappy feeling of not having things like the other children.

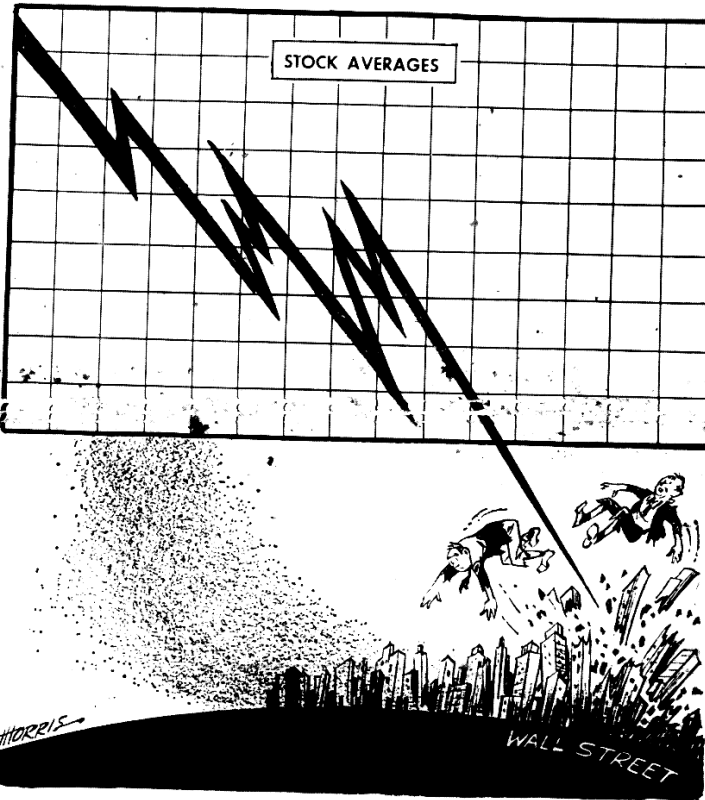
This clothing room is a school project and on school property and is staffed by volunteer women. Requests for clothing come from the school principal with a slip.

Please call: 642-8039 or 642-8706.

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**GREASED LIGHTNING!**

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

It is no wonder that when people read statistics about the crime wave we have been having, some of them are inclined toward an attitude of hopelessness and despair.

When we learn that from 1960 to 1967, murder in the United States increased 41 per cent, assault increased 66 per cent, rape 61 per cent, robbery 86 per cent, burglary 79 per cent, larceny 103 per cent, and auto theft 100 per cent, it is enough to disturb any of us, and I hope set us all to thinking constructively how the scene might be changed to a pleasant one.

Do you believe it can be done? I do, but not by a mere snapping of the fingers and the vehement expression of a few magic words.

In the face of the above facts, it is asked, can it be truthfully said that the United States of America is a Christian nation? Most of us are aware of the serious effort that has been made to downgrade our country both by our apparent enemies abroad and those hidden, pernicious enemies within, subversive and diabolical.

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

The other day both the State Senate and the State Assembly passed a bill that says the State of California shall make any laws governing the registration or licensing of guns in the state. I don't believe in any registration of guns as this does nothing to prevent crime as only honest persons will register their guns to keep out of trouble.

Mayor Alioto is crying this will kick out the San Francisco gun law. Thank God. He says they are taking away local control. This is one area where every little town or city should not be able to make individual laws. With Alioto's system a person could leave his home to go duck hunting and if he went through five cities he could have broken five laws because each city had different ideas on gun control.

As Mr. Joel L. Imrie said in his article in the Opinions of the People for Aug. 11, the Communists want to take over this country and people like Alioto, Senator Dodd and Senator Kennedy are helping them by trying to get gun registration or eventual confiscation.

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Roger A. Cunningham's article in Opinions of the People is the result of a person who reads one side only, or thinks and votes strictly one party.

The commission on the causes and the prevention of violence was a body appointed by our former president. This was a hand-picked group which knew the answer that ex-president Johnson wanted to receive.

The commission advocates that guns be confiscated by the government and the owner be reimbursed monetarily. It also advocates complete registration of all firearms. Communist governments also work this way. The commission said it would take \$500 million the first year of operation and about \$200 million to \$300 million each succeeding year.

Where is all this money coming from? Wouldn't it be better to use this money to actually implement and use the present gun laws that are on the books? There is one thing these present laws do and that is penalize the person that does use a gun in a crime, but this isn't what the anti-gun nuts want. They actually want to make honest people break the laws and help the criminals.

Look at Governor Rockefeller of New York. He wants gun registration but vetoed a bill that would make stiffer penalties for crimes committed with a gun. New York has one of the strongest gun laws and the highest rate of gun crimes.

1967 had about 2,600 deaths by guns but also 53,000 deaths by automobiles and automobiles are registered. Why not ban the automobile?

R. L.

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

It is encouraging to see so many becoming concerned about their country and how it is run.

Most adults realize that we are not all born equal. There is a physical and mental difference or a combination of the two that makes the differences. Schools are set up to teach the young, to fit them to function in one of the 95 to 100 functional sequences that operate our society, which they do not do. Elementary schools must be set up so that classes will be small enough for more individual attention to guide the student into the sequence he will fit into.

One year of high school will be spent traveling North America to visit the areas these sequences are in operation. When they return home they can have decided their education or training in the sequence of their choice.

The trip will be made mostly on inland waterways (many now open sewers and open cesspools) that are interconnected rivers and lakes to form the Continental Hydrology for producing electric power, supplying water to dry areas and transportation of freight and passengers.

Impossible? So long as we remain slaves of technology — yes! When we Americans get the nerve to employ technology on our

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Just days ago, for example, it was learned that the Office of Economic Opportunity was financing a fishing school on the British Island of Bimini. The sponsors of the school merely gave the OEO a Florida address when applying, and the poverty people never bothered to check it out.

The Bimini boondoggle occurred just weeks after the Small Business Administration guaranteed a \$135,000 loan—under its program for the disadvantaged—to baseball star Lou Brock, recipient of an annual \$80,000 salary.

These are but two of hundreds of similar reasons why the billions spent to fight poverty have thus far done little more than see the poverty rolls lengthened.

The space program had its instances of waste, of course; when billions are being widely expended there is bound to be occasional mismanagement, negligence and graft. But the people who were given the challenge of putting a man on the moon in the 1960s got the job done on time—and got it done right.

Why the difference between the two programs?

Perhaps it was because the task of running the space race was assigned to private industry, where men must do their jobs well in order to retain them.

No such demand is made of those charged with battling poverty.

## Break for Speeders

Last year the Legislature defined a number of traffic offenses as infractions rather than misdemeanors, with no right of trial by jury. Recently an appellate court in San Mateo County ruled that speeding was a misdemeanor, not an infraction, and anyone accused of speeding had the right to a jury trial.

We credit that court with considerable understanding of human nature. There's something about a speeding charge that arouses the average motorist to litigious wrath. Accuse him of any of a long list of traffic offenses and he'll pay his fine without a murmur. But charge him with doing thirty in a twenty-five mile zone or seventy-five on a freeway and he'll yell righteously for a lawyer and a jury.

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Approximately six weeks ago a good friend of mine had his registered Brittany Spaniel stolen from his back yard at 347 Rodgers St. in Hillcrest Park.

The dog's name is Berto and he is white with orange spots. Berto is worthless without his papers and anyone who owns hunting dogs is aware of the fact that to steal another hunter's dog is just about the lowest thing a hunter can do.

Anyone who has any information pertaining to the whereabouts of Berto or knows of anyone who has acquired a Brittany Spaniel fitting the description of Berto is urged to contact Charles Creech, 347 Rodgers St., 644-6837, or J. R. Wagner, 402 Annette Ave., 8077.

Hunting season opens at our club next month and Mr. Creech would greatly appreciate having Berto back. This is a great loss to Charles as Berto is not only a hunting dog but also a family pet.

JOHN R. WAGNER

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I found your front page, first column article in the Tuesday, August 12th issue most interesting. It was entitled "Lake Fencing Is Demanded by Panthers."

Why limit this fabulous idea to Lake Dalwigk? Why not fence Cleak Lake, Lake Tahoe, The Great Lakes, the Gulf of Mexico, the Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean?

Very Truly Yours,  
Anonymous, Natch

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Mr. Gillies snide comments about the passage of "Save The Bay" legislation might have some validity if one did not know he was a paid lobbyist in Sacramento for real estate interests.

Incidentally, is it common for newspapers to hire paid lobbyists to write columns about public affairs?

DIOGENES

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Women of the USA need all the protection they can get. To have our hand guns confiscated by our government is outrageous and absurd.

Women of most foreign countries get military training and target practice. The women snipers in Vietnam are feared and considered more dangerous than their men.

Women in all countries should have military training. It would help create more jobs. President Nixon is asking for peace all over the world. But that is no sign he will get it as this is a jealous world.

As far as the hand gun is concerned, there are hundreds of ways to cripple or kill without one.

What protection has a lone woman got without some kind of weapon. One thing for sure, the law is too easy these days and many get away with murder.

E. W.

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This effort has been leveled at our nation as a whole, our educational institutions, the church, and in a defiant and sarcastic manner at Christianity itself! This last point should open the eyes of the wise to see the true nature of these enemies and even who they are.

We have a real and a high and holy purpose to try to make America Christian! And in this purpose, we should never tire nor falter!

REV. RAY M. LAWRENCE

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The work done during the summer session in Vallejo schools by fifth and sixth grade pupils working with photographic equipment is excellent and deserves commendation. It is a worthy activity for pupils during summer school, a period when many pupils badly need re-motivation.

However, I question whether this is such an innovative activity as claimed. Just the previous week I saw a similar activity carried on by Bill Cosby on television. The Vallejo product compares favorably, one must admit.

I would suggest that activities of this kind be pursued during the regular school year in the junior high schools where pupils need activities of this kind. It seems to me it is in junior high school that we lose the interest of most of the students who later drop out of school. The years between 11 and 15 are the years of greatest growth and by the time high school is reached a child, if unmotivated, is already lost to the schools.

I believe elementary school should emphasize the learning of basic skills such as reading. It is no secret that American schools are weak in this. The few years spent in elementary schools appear to be too short to accomplish this under present methods.

It is, of course, less innovative for the teacher and far more drudgery but it opens doors for the pupils and that is what school is all about.

TENA S. STREETER

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Concerning the nut who sent the coded message about how much fun it is to kill people.

Don't you think the grammar and phraseology is a bit too good for a person who cannot spell paradise? Perhaps if this guy really does want to be caught, he has given you another clue . . . paradise . . . pair of dice?

It may be a bit far out but his spelling otherwise was good. Perhaps he is a gambler or is associated with gambling.

I'm no detective but just that one word being misspelled in just that way looks fishy to me.

DAVID W. PRUETT  
Fallon, Nev.

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Certainly I want crime reduced, but gun registration won't reduce crime but could be helpful to the criminal.

How come there are three or four armed robberies on most weekends and yet when our policemen were on strike for five days there was only one robbery. Could it have been that a lot of businessmen were collecting their rifles and hand guns together and did their own protection?

R. L.

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I have an opinion about rest areas that I would like to voice.

The paper made a big deal over the rest area on Rindler Hill. Fine, however, that is only one in this area.

How do states with small populations like Kansas and Missouri have rest areas all along the highways? The income in these states cannot compare with California's. Their rest areas are placed in beautiful spots with trees and lawn about every 10 to 15 miles.

Travelers, truck drivers and people with small children stop at these places. Why can't California have the same?

The fame of the one on Rindler Hill is fine, however we want them along the well-traveled highway for the enjoyment of travelers. Let's do a little yacking. Maybe someone will take note so traveling in California can be more of a pleasure. The state may use some of its spare money.

A Traveler

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

It is my pleasure to thank the members of Unity Lodge, Purity Court No. 7, Harmony Chapter No. 39 and all the others who have helped us to accomplish in our group.

The name of our social club "Oki hi" means "Able to Accomplish."

Alas a special thanks to our overseers Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Whitaker.

Thanks again to each and every one of you.

Princess Matron Cheryl Upton  
Frankie's Youth Group  
Harmony Chapter No. 39, OES

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This letter to the Opinions of the People is our way of thanking Marguerite L. Susa, senior regent Women of the Moose, for her marvelous support in giving the balance of good clothing and other articles from their last two rummage sales to our Thrift Store which is operated for the retarded children and adults.

We also take this opportunity to thank them for giving our children a decorated Christmas tree last year. Once again, our heartfelt thanks to this wonderful organization for their support to our less fortunate children and adults.

ESTHER ROND

One year of high school will be spent traveling North America to visit the areas these sequences are in operation. When they return home they can have decided their education or training in the sequence of their choice.

The trip will be made mostly on inland waterways (many now open sewers and open cesspools) that are interconnected rivers and lakes to form the Continental Hydrology for producing electric power, supplying water to dry areas and transportation of freight and passengers.

Impossible? So long as we remain slaves of technology — yes! When we Americans get the nerve to enslave technology our young will have the opportunity to KNOW where they are going, the future can look bright.

J. SEWARD

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why must we fly to the moon? Besides collecting moon dust, what have we accomplished to help the peoples of the world? Why not divert some of the finest minds in the world, which are on this project, and channel them into projects for the benefit of humanity? The billions of dollars spent could go into research for incurable diseases. We could save lives instead of seeking life on the moon.

Do we remember the names of the great scientists who discovered cures? The men who sacrificed their lives for humanity? I would be safe in stating that very few people bother to read or remember their names to honor them.

What a great price to pay for admiration by other countries, while our people are starving. Little children with fat bellies from vitamin deficiencies crying for a crust of bread. Fathers discouraged, trying to seek employment to feed their families. Think how that money diverted in the right channel could benefit humanity.

I felt like apologizing to the moon as I gazed at it from my window. How much more satisfying to admire our American flag waving on earth than planted on the moon, which is not our territory. Will moon dust ever cure the children that are victims of dope? Let us build strong bodies and minds on earth and leave God's property alone.

PAT SCHER

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Jail terms okayed for the prostitute? It would be a lot safer with less murders and crime involving women if every city had a "red light" district with regular medical checkups.

It would help do away with street walkers and be safer for decent women and children in the long run . . . less disease.

If a woman wants to be a prostitute, that's her business. Why punish the prostitute? Make it legal so decent women have no fear.

Legalize prostitution like any other business.

E. A. W.

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why is it that whenever our star actor, Mr. Reagan, cuts or blue pencils a small increase in salary for the lowest paid state employes it is usually given top billing on the front page as an economy measure? When he gets a nice increase in salary it is buried in the middle of the paper in a very small article.

Donald S. Trestrail

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Deal Lord, grant us peace within so we can sort out our relationships and attitudes in quietness before we face again the disturbing sights and sounds of war and destruction, and the suffering of far-away people. Help us to understand the rebellious spirit of our time. All this we desire and ask, knowing that we can never be free from the happenings around us and knowing, too, that Thou are in the midst of all and that we too must share the burdens of suffering brothers, ready to respond to whatever is demanded of us. O Lord, give us strength to endure what must be; for Christ's sake. Amen.  
—James W. Kennedy, Cincinnati, O., director and editor, Forward Movement Publications.

**EDITORIALS**

**High Court Completed**

The "Burger court" is now complete.

President Nixon's nomination of Judge Clement R. Haynsworth Jr. of South Carolina to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Abe Fortas will, when and if confirmed by the Senate, raise the Supreme Court to full nine-justice strength.

The suspense these past weeks has been, to say the least, bearable. Haynsworth has been widely discussed in the press, obviously inspired, as the likely choice. And if by any chance more was needed, there was the laying on of hands, a week before the announcement from the western White House, by chief congressional pachyderm, Sen. Everett Dirksen, whose record in calling the shots on major appointments has been rather good so far in this administration.

Now the great game begins—analysis of Haynsworth's record on the bench and his personal philosophy, speculation of the effect on the court's balance and decisions and the political maneuvering over his confirmation.

Pros and cons are, of course, relative. What will count in the nominee's favor in some quarters—his reported strict constructionist views on the admissibility of confessions, or his liberal decisions on habeas corpus—will be black marks against him in others. To be expected are the charges that the nomination of Haynsworth, although a Democrat, is another example of the President repaying an election debt to the South.

**Opinions Of The People**

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Attention! R. L.:

Apparently Mr. R. L. deigns it helpful to call those with whom he does not agree one-sided. Perhaps he does so because he feels insecure with only mediocre ramblings-on and cliches to use as weapons. If he is such an opinionated man why hide in quasi-anonymity?

He pooh-poohs the Violence Commission as being a lackey of Lyndon Johnson. It should be pointed out that Johnson also appointed the Kerner Commission, and, after reading its report, deposited it in a back drawer forever. The Commission is a bipartisan group concerned with facts not ideology. A staff of competent researchers does most of the work. To impart political motives here is merely growling at the idea of controlling guns.

Mr. R. L. dredges up the Communist red herring. Saying they are behind gun control is absurd. The CPUSA is moribund with only 13,000 members. Obstruction of hand gun confiscation is a joy to the SDS and the Nazis, both of whom enjoy hoarding hand guns.

It is true automobiles kill. Yet a firearm is designed to kill, vehicles are not. While making that differentiation, one should note that since the latter require registration and licensing, should not the former also, merely because guns are so dangerous?

People like R. L. can concoct the most specious slogans. Confiscation will not help criminals." If the government got all hand guns, there would be markedly fewer criminals, period, because people would not have a weapon handy to shoot whomever they were angry with. Increased penalties alone do not help. When one man is mad at another, he thinks not of penalties but where he can get a gun.

In conclusion, R.L.'s stale rhetoric cannot convince people forever, especially if unnecessary hand gun murders increase. The hand gun serves only an evil purpose. Stop reading NRA propaganda, R.L., and that can be seen.

ROGER A CUNNINGHAM

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

To Mr. Roger Cunningham: I am writing this in behalf of the average American citizen, not entirely to refute your argument.

Your interpretation of the Constitution is very interesting. You and our former unregretted Chief Justice would make a good team. If my arguments are stale, then yours are rotting on the vine. In the first place, the right of the people to bear arms has been generally interpreted as the right of the individuals. If it were not, no one of us would possess a hand gun or any other kind and you know it. Certain legal citations taken out of context don't alter the facts.

No amount of registration would take care of the gun smugglers, thieves, and black marketeers, who could so easily supply the criminal element with all of the weaponry and ammunition it desires. Big business, just like bootlegging during Prohibition. Big deal!

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**SUDDENLY IT SEEMS SO LONELY!**

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

To You Advocates Of "Peace."

If you keep up with the world, you know that Russia is currently occupying the small nation of Czechoslovakia against the will of the Czech people, and that the Russian Army and its tanks are holding these people in subjection, imposing a new government on it by sheer military force.

This occupation was the result of an earlier invasion by the Russian Army, made solely because the Czech people "didn't fully agree" with the political philosophy of the Russians in Moscow. That invasion wasn't opposed militarily because the Czechs had learned from Hungary's fate that this was futile and suicidal, because the Outside World would only watch passively.

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Parents United of Vallejo is pleased to welcome VOTE into the ranks of those attempting to alert Vallejo's general public to the facts concerning the Family Life and Sex Education Program.

Inasmuch as VOTE intends to present factual information, I am sure they will want to inform the general public that the State of California does not require the teaching of Family Life and Sex Education in any of its schools. They will also want the general public to know that the makeup of the committees reviewing these programs in Vallejo does not conform to the recommendations of the California State Board of Education.

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Mr. Victor J. McAllister:

It is not possible, in the space available, to clarify in detail some of the impressions you have formed about Technocracy.

Technocracy is non-sectarian and is not anti-religious. It deals with facts and physical laws, only, in arriving at its conclusions. Religion is the individual, or group, belief by faith alone in some Deity. That is the right and privilege of the individual or group.

When our fore-fathers settled in North America they were a low energy society. That is all work was done by human labor, assisted by animals, waterwheels and wind. Not much different than the centuries before. The government they formed was the ideal of that time.

Since then scientists have discovered many of the physical laws that control the universe. These have been seized by business and government for profit and power, not for the good of all mankind. The build-up of technology (the machines for production) increased rapidly during the first world-war. By the late 1920s production reach a point where the consumer could not use (or could not buy) the products produced by this technology. Government vacillated, they could not control business or the technology that produced this abundance, so to maintain our economy they resorted to deficit spending.

Today we are in a war-welfare state assisted by space adventure to keep our economy going. Technocracy is not intended to change human nature but to control the technology of our country and put it to work for the benefit of all the people, to do away with the confusion, despair, discord, poverty etc. This would help improve human nature in that one would not need to mistrust his neighbor. Are not the physical laws of nature and the universe the laws of your God? I have been told that I take things too seriously, but as long as Times-Herald will print my rubbish I will keep urging Americans to INFORM THEMSELVES and help get their country out of the rut it is in.

J. SEWARD

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Dear Anonymous Natch:

Apparently you must think Lake Dawlgick is a thing of beauty. Okay, fine! But if you think a rat and mosquito infested cesspool is beautiful I'd hate to think what your idea of an eyesore would be.

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But it should be clear by this time that Richard Nixon is nothing if not a shrewd politician, and therefore very much aware that weak appointments to a Supreme Court under intense public scrutiny, thanks to the Warren era, could have unfortunate consequences for himself in 1972. What profiteth it a president to gain the South and lose the rest of the country? It can be assumed that the nomination has much more to recommend it than the regional aspect, although there is something to be said about that, also.

While it is true that the Supreme Court is not based on political geography (there is no constitutional bar to a president appointing an entire court from Delaware, if he so chose and could get away with it), the South—which, after all, must live with the court's rulings along with the rest of the country and has, in fact, borne the brunt of so many recent landmark decisions—has been underrepresented in recent decades.

Hugo Black of Alabama, the senior justice, is the only southerner at present on a court heavily weighted toward the Northeast (four justices from New Jersey, New York and New England). The recently departed Fortas was, to be sure, a product of Tennessee. But he had been so long a member in excellent standing of the eastern liberal establishment that his origins had little meaning, least of all to the South. Of the 23 court appointments from Black's in 1937 through Chief Justice Warren Burger this year, only four have been from the South, counting Fortas.

The analysis and maneuvering are inevitable. The speculation is more — futile. Although the Haynsworth nomination would seem to reduce the hard-core liberals to three—Douglas, Brennan and Marshall—there is enough of a mix in the Haynesworth record, as there is in Burger's, to make prediction risky.

The record of the Burger court will be written in its decisions, and not before.

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As Mr. Gun Owner says: What are you going to do when a robber breaks in, wave a \$10 bill? Times have changed. Even you liberals know that crime has increased and so have its concomitants, drugs and narcotics. So the defenseless citizen is supposed to be the stupid boob, to be victimized by both the criminal and his unwitting and dim-witted assistant, the bleeding-heart liberal.

Don't denounce the NRA either. It's probably done more for the American public and will do more than you in your twilight sleep can imagine.

JOEL L. IMRIE

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

May I say just a few words of praise and thanks to the Police Department and to the Fire Department, especially No. 4 Station on Oakwood Street and the police who were on patrol in this area on July 10.

These men were so prompt and willing to do everything in their power to help my wife and to comfort me. Also the telephone operator who did her job so well and the hospital staff at Vallejo General, my priest and my doctor to whom day or night make no difference.

I hope all people realize that the police and firemen are willing to help everyone. Let's try and give them a kind word and a helping hand if we can. Too much abuse has been heaped on these people here in the last few years.

Just remember, they are your helping hand and not just in time of need.

JOHN F. HENRY

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The USA is considered a free country. Who in the heck started the gun law anyhow?

If it is God's will for any of us to leave this world, there are many different ways, too numerous to mention, for it to happen without a gun. Let our gun law stay as it is.

Protection comes first. To protect our homes and loved ones is a must. In olden days, if women had not helped load the cannons, there would have been a terrible massacre.

If our country is invaded what chance would any one have without some kind of protection? Those who kill should pay the full penalty and let God have mercy on their soul. Enforce the death sentence to the full extent of the law. Put fear in all criminals and there would be less crime.

E.A.W.

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On Friday, Aug. 15, there appeared in the Times-Herald an article on the organization VOTE.

It is about time someone or some organization has started to explain to the people of Vallejo the truth concerning the Family Life and Sex Education Program and to counteract the malicious lies that P.U. (Parents United) have circulated to scare people concerning this program.

MR. AND MRS. RITCHIE MANNER

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I see none of your "Demonstrations against the Imperialist Russians" — I see no cries for "Take the Russian Troops Home!" — see no "Burning of the Russian Flag" before its Embassy.

Where do you stand now? Or did your demonstrations against the United States and its operation in Vietnam sap all your strength?, so now you can't get out and demonstrate against these atrocities?

Where do you stand now? Are you still for "Peace"? If you aren't hypocritical we will see you in the News again and on TV. This time we will see you in front of the Russian Embassy in San Francisco and across the Nation, protesting against this military invasion.

HERBERT FULLER

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention new parents!

Did you know the Solano County Health Department no longer sends out a birth registration certificate? I just found this out myself by talking to a friend who had a child five months ago. I called the health department and asked and they simply said they don't send the certificate any more. I asked why they haven't told people, either through the newspaper or through the hospitals, and all I was told was that she didn't know why.

I think the taxpayers are paying for the birth registration service which we deserve. I was told to send \$2 for a birth certificate but I believe this is unfair. I think we should get the birth registration for free and if we wish we could send for a birth certificate.

What about the people who can't afford the birth certificate? They sent these out before and I see no reason why they should stop now since we are paying for this. What do you other parents think?

A NEW MOTHER

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

HELP! Dear public, in solving a dilemma.

The problem is — how to make available to handicapped persons, parking spaces generously allotted to them by the Post Office and the Larwin Plaza?

It has been repeatedly observed and reported that the handicapped are forced to drive around, and around hoping to get into a designated space, plainly marked with legible signs, only to find it occupied by able bodied persons capable of doing the hundred mile dash in four minutes.

Any suggestions to alleviate this problem would be welcome.

With faith in people we are looking forward to your ideas on a solution to this architectural barrier. Thank you in advance.

ALICE LYLE

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In conclusion, I hope VOTE will join with Parents United in attempting to find the answers to three basic questions which everyone seems to be avoiding. They are:

1. Why is this program necessary?
2. How much will it cost?
3. What will it do for, or to our children?

H. E. MENZEL  
PARENTS UNITED

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Topless and bottomless?

You haven't seen it? Then why are you against it? Have you ever thought about going to one, or both, of Vallejo's bottomless clubs? There's nothing to it, just join the club and watch the show. Remember while you watch, these girls are self-supporting rather than drawing welfare.

Do you feel this kind of thing will corrupt our young people's morals? All who view the show are over 21 years old. Personally, I think dope in grade schools and high schools is worse.

—GEORGE CLANTON

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On Aug. 11 I went to my first city council meeting. I wasn't surprised at what happened.

As far as fencing that so-called lake, it is not a lake it is a health hazard to Vallejo and to the children living in the area. It seems that everyone is passing the buck.

I have wondered where our tax money is going. Well, it is not going to protect our small children and until the people of the City of Vallejo get some backbone and start standing up this is what we can expect.

I. HARGWOOD

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The press, radio and television constantly remind us the rising interest rates has greatly contributed to a housing shortage.

Lending institutions, the banks, and savings and loan associations are prohibited by law from establishing competitive savings rates. The law states they can't pay in excess of specified interest rates to the depositor. Currently about 5 per cent.

If the same law specified the maximum that could be charged the borrower, interest rates would not be so high. While the borrower must continue to pay a rising interest rate, the depositor receives the same.

WILLARD E. CRAWFORD

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Also, if you would care to see what this so-called lake looks like, just take a leisurely drive up Lemon Street.

If after you have viewed the lake and still find it in comparison to Lake Tahoe, Clear Lake, the Great Lakes, etc., I feel sorry for you bub!

MRS. P. BAYLES

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Thank you for printing the news that someone is supporting our school board, and its appointed committees, in their study of family life education for our schools. My children were beginning to think that family, sex, and motherhood were dirty words. There has been such vocal opposition to the subjects. Children who read about personal attacks against school teachers and administrators, and hear that the school tax override was defeated because of adult hysteria, are disappointed in the adult community.

Healthy youngsters that I know find great joy in learning where puppies, kittens and babies come from. They would surely like to know a little ahead of time what to expect as their own bodies and feelings begin to mature into adulthood.

More of us who have been silent need to let Dr. Nichols know that we support him in his democratic methods of upgrading curriculum in our schools. Three cheers for VOTE.

A GRATEFUL MOTHER

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What are our police officers for? They are to protect private citizens from harm. Then why are we paying for police reserves to guard the two men at Kaiser Hospital?

This is what our police officers are being paid for. No wonder our taxes keep going up instead of down. The city and state are throwing the taxpayer's money away when they could conserve.

I think the uniformed Vallejo police should be guarding these men. I'm sure they have men to spare.

HARD HIT

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I hope that every citizen, parent, and taxpayer in Vallejo will read the article on Sweden and Denmark in the August 15th issue of Life magazine. If, after reading this article, you reach the conclusion that this type of "Family Life" is not for you or your children, contact Parents United, P.O. Box 4342, Vallejo.

Remember, it only took Sweden 14 years of mandatory sex education to arrive at the situation described in Life. The same thing will happen here unless YOU help to stop it.

PARENTS UNITED