

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Thank you, God, for work. Worries fade away as my labor fashions the equipment for everyday life. I'm glad You worked to create and that Your labor continues with Your children. Help me, O Lord, to labor for the life of my loved ones and for all Your children in the name of Him Who labored meaningfully for us, even Jesus Christ Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

A New Look For Labor

Even as Labor Day becomes ever more deeply entrenched among American traditions, progress persists in chipping away at what was once its major significance.

It was the unskilled and semi-skilled laboring man, the blue-collar legions of an industrial society in the making, that the first Monday of each September initially was set aside to honor.

Many a sunny day of picnics, parades, ballgames and just plain taking it easy has since been crossed off the calendars. And the nation that was building an industrial society has crossed a few bridges. It is now deep into the age of computers and automation, not the least of the effects being a steadily diminishing role for the nonspecialized worker.

As is so often the case with those affected by change yet not fully understanding it, the immediate reaction is fear—fear of loss of jobs by flesh-and-blood men to steel-and-circuit machines. That there is some basis for fear cannot be denied. It is visible in the steady decrease of jobs not requiring some degree of technological competence and the declining significance to society of those still available.

Blind resistance to change itself is not, of course, the answer. Particularly not where change is not only inevitable but essential. We have succeeded in building a society where much more than muscle is necessary, to maintain momentum.

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There is a grave misconception which many of our school officials and other citizens have had for a long time which needs correction. The Supreme Court never has outlawed Bible reading and prayer from the public schools. The court has only acted to outlaw a certain printed compulsory prayer, or any other compulsory prayer. To my knowledge, nothing has ever been said about Bible reading.

Any ruling which completely bans prayer and Bible reading has come from local school boards and school officials who have grossly misinterpreted the ruling of the court.

Known communists have been permitted to address student bodies of local schools, while ministers are forbidden except at graduation functions. It can be noted that unrest and internal strife and upheaval in the school almost identically coincides with the time that school boards began banning prayer and Bible reading.

Therefore to teachers and other school officials, you CAN pray, and you CAN read the Bible in the school and be within the law. I believe that it is time that we the citizenry inform the school boards that they can stop running scared on this issue. In the most part, these are good people who try to follow what they feel is the will of the people. We can use the media of this newspaper or letters to the officials personally to let it be known how we feel.

Personally, I feel that one of the greatest things which could happen would be to work out a rotating system of having ministers of various denominations in occasionally to speak to the student bodies.

One final word on the issue of prayer and Bible reading. The courts do provide the right of the student to be excused when any prayer is offered and the Bible is read, but you will find that most the fine students and teachers would welcome this time of "Being still and knowing that He is God" at the beginning of the day.

Bill H. Lewis
Pastor, Castlewood Baptist Church

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

How many of you people living in Vallejo have seen the beautiful Memorial dedicated to the memory of the Submarine Veterans of W.W.II? The one standing in our water front park?

How many of you know the long hours spent, and all the work that was done, in making this memorial a reality?

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It is my firm belief that if the great, (sometimes), silent majority of our people can be influenced to think, we can, together, accomplish anything we wish to do, therefore, I say Thanks be to God for the current controversy in the pages of our local paper on the Opinions Page. As my personal contribution, I offer: — When our founding fathers wrote our "Supreme Law of the Land" (our federal Constitution), the term militia meant all of the people able to bear arms in the defense of our homes and our nation, therefore, there was then and really is not now, any real reason for anyone to say that any other interpretation is the "legal" one. We make a mistake when we accept modern versions of accented usage of our language in interpreting anything as important as the "Supreme Law of the land." Judges and other lawyers come and go, but, God willing, our Constitution will last forever. Think about it!!!

W. B. SIMMONS

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A week or so ago the astronauts, Armstrong, Collins and Aldrin were lauded and praised for their historic space exploits. They were presented to the American public in cities across the country and they were very warmly received.

But then, to spoil it all, in stepped Nixon and his federal aristocrats plus all (as it was printed in your paper) the social elite of the country to host the astronauts at a glorious steak dinner. What right have they to stuff themselves at the expense of taxpayers under the pretense of praising the astronauts? The whole lot of them probably never paid a dime worth of taxes, not one red cent toward the purchase price of the ticket to the moon; then they had the nerve to have it on T.V. Nothing could be more disgusting than to watch a group of phonies eating and drinking, proposing toasts and making foul speeches. The guest list, in no way fairly represented the American taxpayer. If the dinner was necessary, then John Q. Public should have been represented there. I mean like let me see some truck drivers, meat cutters, cashiers,

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One of the most significant statements made by the astronauts after their famous lunar trip was that of Edwin Aldrin. He stated that President Kennedy had vowed in 1962 to put a man on the moon, and now this had been accomplished. This demonstrates a great technological as well as political achievement, but also shows the poor side of the nation's priorities.

The United States has been involved in Vietnam for the past eight years and we're not out yet. How many times have we heard, "This is the turning point of the war," "I can see the light at the end of the tunnel," or other various phrases indicating the end is in sight. There have been many pledges to get us out of Vietnam, but all to no avail. The United States has the ability to get out of Vietnam, but the threat of the stable economy due to military spending, the industrial military complex, and the anti-communist legislators, and the all important idea of saving face are to be taken as more important factors. Even President Nixon's plan of removing 25,000 troops by the end of August has no hope of ending the conflict. While these troops are moving out, more American troops are moved in to replace them.

As said many times before, the Vietnam War is unjustified by any political, sociological or psychological means. This just shows what priorities the nation has with regard to the national budget and men's lives. Too many so-called "patriotic Americans" are blind to our situation in Vietnam, and have no opinion except for the government releases. And since I disagree with such trite signatures as Loyal American, Patriotic Citizen, or My Country Right or Wrong, I'll just sign

P.R.A.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I took Mrs. Baylis' advice and leisurely walked around Lake Delwisk on an inspection tour. I did not see any rat tracks in the mud or dust and there is no food supply or cover suitable for rats in the area.

I did not see or hear any mosquitoes and I did not see any mosquito larva in the water. I did see numerous small fish, proving the lake is no cesspool.

I believe the Black Panthers seized upon this unfortunate accident as a means of driving a wedge between the establishment and the minority and at the same time as a means of getting their hands on some money from compassionate persons to put into defense funds for that group of Black Panther leaders indicted for the torture slaying of a member, whom they suspected of being an informer.

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Our experience in technological development shows that for every lost job through innovation, more are created. Automation actually is creating something like three times as many occupational slots as it is eliminating.

And who knows? Perhaps in the bright, new world the more exuberant prophets say awaits us, Labor Day may acquire a meaning exactly the opposite of the original. It may not be a day off the job, but the one each year when we all take a break from our lives of leisure, turn off the machines and, for a change, to work.

A Medical Milestone

Something between 2,500 and 3,000 persons with kidney failure are being treated each year with artificial kidneys.

Artificial kidneys—or hemodialyzers—substitute for the natural organs by filtering poisonous wastes from a patient's bloodstream as it is passed through the device.

Cost of the treatment can range from \$5,000 to as high as \$25,000 a year. Present dialyzers are so large and complicated that most patients must regularly go to hospitals where trained medical personnel operate the equipment.

Because of the prohibitive cost as well as limited availability of the machines, an estimated 50,000 other Americans with damaged kidneys are unable to get treatment that could prolong their lives.

Work now being conducted at the Atomic Energy Commission's Argonne National Laboratory is aimed at helping them.

In a joint project between the AEC and the National Institute of Health, the laboratory is working to develop a small, inexpensive artificial kidney that a patient might use at home. Several prototype models already have been built.

One measures only eight inches high, 2½ inches wide and 2¼ inches thick. An even smaller model is now being tested.

Every so often one of these 50,000 cases makes the news. In Florida recently, a young girl with kidney failure was turned down for artificial kidney treatment because she couldn't pay for it.

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New: I don't know how many of you have seen it, BUT I do know some of you have. As quite a few of our visitors have seen fit to DEFACE the memorial, with obscene writings, initials, and just plain scratching all over it.

What kind of people are these people? Are they children that have had such poor up-bringing, that they don't know any better? Or are they teen-agers? Perhaps they are grown-ups who think it's smart to deface a sacred memorial.

I would remind these people "That fools name like their faces can always be seen in public places."

So please if you visit our memorial, PLEASE PLEASE! leave it the same as we try to keep it. As it is meant to be. A shining symbol of dedication to the submariners who are still on patrol. Thank you.

A Gold Star Mother of one of these
Betty Knoth

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Re: South Vallejo Lake Controversy
Good grief, Charlie Brown! Why ever was that insalubrious open sewer off Lemon Street named after a local departed brother in the first place? To retain the name is an insult to the memory of one of our town's valuable citizens.

George B. Dalwigk was a man dedicated to growth and betterment of this community. He has his niche in Mare Island's history. In World War II, he worked like a dog to promote savings bond sales, and thus in his own dynamic way smashed our common enemy. As a member of the City Council, he was a champion of what was good and a hard-hitting foe of what was bad for our town, especially in matters of health and safety.

We who knew George revere the memory of his beloved derby hat, bless him. It was symbolic of his civic pride.

I suggest we stop insulting George who is not here to defend himself, and rename that disgusting South Vallejo sump — Lake Obnoxious. The Sea of Tranquility, adversely named, is less formidable, methinks.

James E. Bennett

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I didn't go by the Vallejo City Hall, the Police Dept., the Post Office or any other Vallejo City Bldg. so I don't know if an American flag was flying at half mast Sat. August 23rd, when our young Vallejo hero, Mr. Lee, was buried. He was killed fighting for his country. 18 yrs. old. I feel inasmuch as our flag flies for others, that our young heroes who give their lives for our country should be so honored, as to have our city bldgs. fly the American flag in their honor.

Would the Police Dept., Sheriff's office, or Highway Patrol please check the 25 mile zone on Bonita Rd. and pick up some of the speeders who think this freeway is a 60 mile road. School will soon take in and children will be crossing this road.

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This is written to counteract the complete untruth in last Monday's Opinions of the People written by Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie Manner.

We would welcome Mr. and Mrs. Manner at one of our Parents United meetings so that they could hear for themselves that we do not convince anyone attending to join our membership. We only present to them books and materials on sex education which are already being used in our schools. The individual himself must judge whether they want their children to view and study this type material.

Through the efforts of Parents United the book "The Human Story" will not be used as a supplementary book this coming year. I think this proves in itself that we must have valid reasons for our objections to certain books and materials which have been used in our Family Life Program in Vallejo.

I wish to state also that Parents United is only one of many groups of parents opposed to sex education in public schools. There are nationwide organizations combatting this program everywhere in the United States. For instance the ad hoc Committee Organized to Redeem Parental Authority has joined and is cooperating in a national effort to attempt to stop the flow of federal tax monies being used for sex education and sensitivity training in the public schools.

MEMBER
Parents United

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

How many of you people have read Sen. Dadd's latest anti-gun legislation? Sen. Dadd only last year became a member of the very exclusive "I've Been Censured" club for his mishandling of campaign funds and yet he is trying to be a judge of other people's rights.

His office put out a press release to explain provisions of his bill as a supplement of the gun control act of 1968, by criticizing gun owners to weed out would-be assassins, known felons, addicts, mental defectives, fugitives and others. What or who does he mean by "others"? The other classifications are already taken care of by thousands of present laws. This means this pillar of virtue can use one word — "others" and thereby eliminate any and all gun owners.

A would-be assassin, known felon, addict or fugitive is not going to register any gun they may have so this leaves only the honest gun owner, who Sen. Dadd would put in the classification of "other."

In 1968 Sen. Dadd was a freshman Senator and he found a subject that he thought he could make a name for himself. He has made a name for himself but it sure isn't a good one. He, like Tydings and Kennedy have got too big for their pants.

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C. R. GAMMON

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Mr. Roger A. Cunningham, you tried to make an answer to gun owner and Mr. Imrie, you sounded worse than your first article. In your reply to each one you made derogatory remarks about the American Rifleman and the N.R.A. I would deduce from this, that you have probably been turned down for membership in this organization. This is one of several organizations that does have the individual's rights of gun ownership and the correct usage of guns as their honest mission. Even the President's (Johnson) Commission on violence and crime was forced to recommend that gun safety schooling be under the direction of the N.R.A.

You said that ¾ of the gun deaths were by hand guns. But you failed to say that gun crimes which means all deaths and also robberies are only about 3 per cent of all crimes.

Here in Vallejo just a few days ago a man was caught and in his possession were several hand guns. How would gun registration stop this crime? These guns were not bought — they were stolen which is how the biggest majority of guns used in crimes are acquired.

As a former member of a sheriff's reserve unit, I probably am more concerned about stopping crime than you are, but I can't understand how registration or confiscation of legal gun owners gun will stop a person who wants a gun for a crime from getting one. They will still steal them as they do now.

R.L.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Gun Control? Why? In this day of complications, unsolved problems, general unrest there must be some smoke-screens to take the voters thoughts away from the big issue. MONEY, the root of all evil. It is the cause of most of the crime committed in our country. One of the dirtiest is the supplying of drugs to school children to build up a trade in the stuff.

MONEY, cannot be stabilized, it has no measurable value. If it has, why inflation? It is causing our lawmakers, from local to federal, much trouble in making up their budgets. Still they must make JOBS for the voters. What better way than a large police force to control the uncontrollable?

You gun control advocates (pro and con) must start looking through the smoke-screen and start thinking of what causes the problems of this era in which we are now living. For a start you can write to: — Technology Inc. Roshard, Pennsylvania 15069 for their pamphlet, "The Energy Certificate." It will start you on the road to understanding the era in which you now live. It will cost you 15 cents plus the time and effort and postage.

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After reading that child "Jeff Von Tellrop, II" child's opinion, I have to express my opinion. Whoever wrote this stuff should be ashamed to hide behind this kid, who has no idea where the money is coming from. People who are for continuous raises and earn money should also pay all the taxes to satisfy their appetite for higher wages. Why retired people over 60 years, who have no income other than the few dollars they saved in their younger days, should contribute to their continuous demands is as ridiculous as having to pay taxes for schools after they have reached 70. School taxes, put on people over 60, first 1000 plus teachers' wages, what for I ask, so they can have a cruiser besides air conditioned cars? They are after the few dollars we have until we lose our home as well. I wonder what our little friend would think of our firemen had his home burned down, or if one of the punks raped his mother during the strike. No, I can't go along with our elected leaders in spending our hard earned dollars.

DISSATISFIED

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On the morning of August 12, 1969 at Lake Almanso, California, my husband, Kenneth Olson, was injured in a freak woodworking accident. Before I could get out of our camper to assist him, immediate first aid was rendered by members of Boy Scout Troop 55 of St. Vincent's School, Vallejo, camped across the road from our own space.

After first aid was given, two of the older members of the group used their own car to take Mr. Olson and myself to Chester, California, 13 miles distant, to the nearest hospital.

Meanwhile, our two daughters were furnished a hearty breakfast and fine care until we could get back, by other members of this fine group of young men.

We feel deeply indebted to Troop 55 and felt the general public should know what a good job they are doing and that they are certainly a credit to their organization.

(Mrs.) CATHERINE M. OLSON
Rosemead, California

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"Panther 'Jynbo' arrested in S.F." The headlines of the Vallejo Times-Herald on August 23, 1969. In reading the text you find out the man was arrested for five days and fined \$200 on a charge of contempt of court. I'd hate to think what the headlines would be if he really committed a serious crime. There would probably be a whole special edition dedicated to him. This is a beautiful opportunity for the white power structure in Vallejo to discourage the followers of and workers with Jynbo and they have really taken advantage of it. The efforts of Gibson and his gang will go unrewarded, for there is more than one Jynbo hidden in Vallejo. The phrase "Power to the People" fits well in this article.

C.B.F.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Father of lights, in Whom there is no variableness or shadow or turning, grant unto us true knowledge and wisdom. Help us to discern between the perfect and the imperfect, the eternal and the temporary. Grant us such understanding that we shall know Thee as Thou art and use our knowledge to freshen our wisdom to the hope that lies within us; through the Master Teacher, the Source of all truth. Amen.

—Harry C. White, Rock Hill, S.C., minister, Rogers Memorial A.R.P. Church.

EDITORIALS

Solons Return To Work

An agenda filled with issues ranging from crime control to revenue-sharing now awaits members of the 91st Congress who arrived back in Washington, D.C., last week after their three-week summer recess. The legislative calendar, filled with many new administration proposals as well as the more routine authorization and appropriation bills, indicates Congress may remain in session late into the year.

Prior to July 1, Congress had a comparatively sparse record of achievements which its members largely attributed to the delay in the emergence of specific foreign and domestic programs by the new Nixon administration following the transition of the executive branch from the Johnson years in the White House. Now, however, President Nixon has submitted a number of sweeping proposals to Congress which, if enacted, could stamp the 91st Congress as one of the most productive in recent history.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

To George Clanton:
Here's my reply to your senseless questions concerning topless and bottomless entertainment.

Yes, I've seen topless. What a waste of intelligence, time and money. As far as observing bottomless, nudist colonies will suffice, if life is that boring.

I'm against it because life has too many opportunities to waste on cheap people. It's also disgusting.

I've never considered patronizing these clubs. Why? My life is too complete to discard on worthlessness. I also seek good, decent entertainment.

So what if these girls are self-supporting? If they possessed any morals whatsoever, they'd seek decent jobs and stop showing off. These "dancing girls" are far from ladies — a poor specimen of a real woman.

If you must observe nudes to exist, then your life lacks opportunities, decent fun, and above all, faith in God.

You appear bored and evidently childless. Any concerned parent recognizes that direct immorality can affect our children. The majority desire their children to be decent citizens of America. I feel sympathy for your meaningless world and limited mentality.

Why live immorally? God determines our morals. The low, indecent class will pay eventually. What causes high crime rate and drug addiction? I believe cheap living and indecency. The cause of America's receding morals are people who are disinterested in improving themselves and our country.

You're a minority, that's certain. We, the proud, decent majority, in time will clean up America's immorality. Only then, can we be proud of our great land.

M.M.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I have just read an article, "Sex in Schools, The Birds, The Bees, The Birchers," September 8th issue of Look magazine.

This article was very informative, however certain questions were never answered.

First, what prompted 15 state legislatures and Congress to conduct investigations on sex education, was it the lies and rumors spread by the Birchers, possible connotations of communist influence, or are there areas of grey which require routine legislative investigation?

Look states, "the California Board of Education, while endorsing voluntary sex education for kindergarten through twelfth grade has suggested no instruction in human reproduction before age nine and has labeled SIECUS material inappropriate for California schools.

What will my children be taught the first four school years about sex education without exposing them to human reproduction?

What will the children, whose parents do not wish them to attend sex education, do during these periods? Go home, have an extra recess, or be taught an entirely new subject?

Will these same parents be forced to pay for other children's sex education?

I do not know the answers to these questions, but with help from organizations like Parents United and VOTE I intend to find out. I urge all Vallejo parents to do the same.



ONE ITEM WITH A LOT OF FRIENDS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I read the California Poll in your paper of Wednesday, September 3, where even gun owners favor gun control. I do not believe this. To whom do these poll watchers go, old ladies in tennis shoes? Look what happened in Czechoslovakia, registration and confiscation by the Communist Government.

The Russians had a ball taking over the country. If the people were armed with 22 rifles single shot, the Russians might have thought twice before entering the country. They would have lost too many men. The Czechs had nothing to fight with but sticks and stones.

I do not believe these polls, and I do not believe a lot of other people do either. Their statistics are not always borne out in fact. Most of us even discount the radio and TV polls.

JOEL L. IMRIE

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I was one of those who took the boat ride along the Vallejo channel today (Labor Day) and enjoyed it very much. As a matter of fact it has given me a better understanding of

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Do you the parents and teachers of the Benicia High School students want a PTA? This will be the question put before all those who attend the meeting of the Benicia High School PTA, on Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m., at the high school.

During the past two years this unit has been on the down-hill grade. At the most a dozen persons have backed the projects and carried them through to completion. Everything that the administration asked for in the way of our assistance was forthcoming, but, always by these same few. A request often heard was: "We want to attend the programs but please leave out the business portion." Therefore, the business was conducted at the executive board meetings which were all open meetings. Good programs were planned but still the attendance was very poor. Fund raising events were held with only a very few doing the work.

There is a place for PTA on the high school level, they do not just sit, drink coffee and talk. During the past two years the unit has: presented scholarships, camps; assisted with the county Vision and Hearing.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I've been looking over the ideas of this Roger A. Cunningham for a few weeks, and I'm here to say that I think his feelings about guns are interesting if not good. It's a bit odd no one else has seen it right to give him a boost, so I will.

Cunningham makes sense. Not everyone should have rights to guns. Only us that can use them ought to have them. All these guys that are his critics raise more of a fuss than when you take the dog's bone away from him. I know about these N.R.A. types: I was a member for twenty-five years before I quit. All they ever did was to try to pour stuff into your head about how we should treat guns as if they were holy. They also kept pestering us into writing our congressmen, based on a form letter they'd supply, to vote against gun control. I was sick of this Communist type bit and just plain quit.

In closing, I say three cheers for Mr. Cunningham, and let's give the guy a break, fellows.

WESLEY G. BENSON

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Now that the Little League is over will everything come to a halt until the spring of the year? Then work like mad getting the ball field in shape.

I'm referring to the East Vallejo Little League where it was promised that grass and a sprinkler system would be installed right after the season was over. But so far nothing has been done, then it will be the same old story "it's too rainy." Then in the spring of the year it will be too late as they will be playing ball before the grass is up.

So you people that are on the Board of Directors why don't you get some action going and get the grass and sprinklers in before winter so we can get some of the District Playoffs, as we'll be having grass fields like the rest of the leagues in town.

There are plenty of interested fathers who would be willing to help if you on the board would get on the ball and have more action and less talk.

AN INTERESTED PARENT

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I am indeed proud of each and every one of our citizens of our fair city of Vallejo.

I am especially proud of the way the public in general handled themselves during the police and firemen's negotiations with the city. I don't think bringing in outside help played any important role in keeping down trouble. However, I am sure the public, as well as yours truly, was proud that our city fathers took this step to assure our safety.

Again, I salute the public in general for keeping themselves calm, cool and intact, and to the mayor... thank you.

John L. Lee

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Whom Are We Fooling?

Either the United States is beginning to bring its troops home from South Vietnam because the South Vietnamese are attaining the military capability to take their places or the withdrawal merely is another dubious attempt to find an end to an endless war.

The announcement that President Nixon will delay indefinitely a decision on further troop reductions beyond the 25,000 already withdrawn, pending evaluation of current North Vietnamese military action, uncomfortably suggests the latter — that troop withdrawal is the Nixon administration's version of President Johnson's vacillating bombing policy.

It is explained that the President does not wish to deprive himself of bargaining latitude at the Paris peace talks by giving the impression that America is committed to withdrawal no matter what the Communists do. The delay is a warning to Hanoi that we will not stand idly by if it continues to mount offensives and carry on the war as usual.

The tactic may be worth a try. But until North Vietnam gives any meaningful indication that it will respond to a phased pullout of American forces with a corresponding withdrawal of Communist forces, any American policy of unilateral military disengagement is not likely to accomplish any more than similar stratagems have achieved in the past.

If South Vietnam is not yet able to defend itself without the shield of 500,000 U.S. troops, and if no one knows when or if it ever will be, nothing is to be gained by fooling ourselves on this score.

We certainly are not fooling the enemy.

grade has suggested no instruction in human reproduction before age nine and has labeled SIECUS material inappropriate for California schools.

What will my children be taught the first four school years about sex education without exposing them to human reproduction?

What will the children, whose parents do not wish them to attend sex education, do during these periods? Go home, have an extra recess, or be taught an entirely new subject?

Will these same parents be forced to pay for other children's sex education?

I do not know the answers to these questions, but with help from organizations like Parents United and VOTE I intend to find out. I urge all Vallejo parents to do the same.

K. B.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969 there was an article on the front page called the California Poll. This is one of the biggest wastes of news space, almost as bad as the space that is wasted trying to make Ted Kennedy look good when it looks like a case of homicide. But his money—really his mother's, is being used to buy off a lot of political job holders.

Who or what is this California Poll? Where and who do they ask these questions? Who paid the Field Research Corporation to make this California Poll?

I have asked 115 people, and if I had the time I would have asked more if they had ever been asked to fill out a questionnaire on gun control. Of the 115 people asked, the answer was that none of the 115 had ever been polled on this subject. One-hundred said they had never had any kind of poll submitted to them. I did not ask for any opinion of gun control as I was interested in how a poll like this can claim an ounce of truthful fact. And yet this poll gets on the front page of a newspaper like this. It should be on the back page under the dirt and trash hauling.

There must be press releases favoring non-registering and non-licensing. How come these are not on the front page?

R. L.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Want to get killed? The best way I know to get yourself bumped off is to walk out in front of a string of homeward bound Mare Island workers.

The streets of Vallejo are not safe from 4:10 p.m. until the thundering herd arrives home each evening. I saw a lady carrying a baby wait almost five minutes to cross Tennessee Street the other afternoon. Not one of those Mare Island clods would stop for her.

How about it fellows? Let's take two more minutes to get home and save somebody's life.

JIM JONES

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

What happened to the signal lights we were supposed to get at the corner of Sosoma Blvd., and Miami Drive? We asked for them a long time ago and now school's in and no lights.

There's no school bus for Vallejo Square, and if we should get one it's still a dangerous corner. We all know that the buses have the right-of-way but just suppose someone thinks different.

Are you people going to wait until we have a crippled or dead child? Think about it and let's have some action now.

MRS. E. C. LANDON

...state entering the country. The Czechs had nothing to fight with but sticks and stones.

I do not believe these polls, and I do not believe a lot of other people do either. Their statistics are not always borne out in fact. Most of us even discount the radio and TV polls.

JOEL L. IMRIE

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I was one of those who took the boat ride along the Vallejo channel today (Labor Day) and enjoyed it very much. As a matter of fact it has given me a better understanding of the community in which I live, by being able to view as though in a landscape the Vallejo area on one side and the historical Mare Island, on the other.

But one thing marred the trip and I hope that the Mare Island authorities will correct it. Just south of Berth No. 17, along the Mare Island seawall there is a crude Swastika scribbled on the concrete. Not only is this symbol descriptive of one of the most despicable periods in history, but the fact that it exists on a Naval piece of property requires that it be called to the proper attention for removal.

I hope this will be done immediately.

DONALD REID

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I read the article written by Mr. C. R. Cammon and I agree with him. The only thing lacking was that it didn't go far enough.

I watched the "Big Stuff" until I was disgusted, then turned to another station.

How could any man that has any feeling for the poor and the aged spend that kind of money furnished by the taxpayers. And the very ones that stuffed their bellies are the ones that have plenty of money.

Had Mr. Nixon and his aristocrats paid the bill from their money it wouldn't have been so bad. But no, Mr. John Q. Public furnished the money for the big stuffing.

There are many persons across this land that would have been glad to have a hamburger from the steaks. Many of these are old, poor and yet they helped build and pioneer this country when Mr. President was wearing three-cornered pants.

I'm a Democrat and my prayer is: "Oh Lord, don't let me cross over my party's line."

THE COUNTRY BOY

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I wonder what position the System in the Bay Area will take to alleviate the miseries of almost three-quarters of a million Latin American people, now living in the Bay Area?

The large majority of these people are unskilled workers. A percentage of these are on the welfare rolls. Some are farm workers getting approximately \$1.65 an hour to support a family of five dependents. Some of these workers are high school graduates, but can't find a \$2 an hour job. There has been numerous offers for "next week," but that next week never comes.

I wonder also how it is possible for them to keep that sense of humor that Latin Americans are so well known for, or is it that he is biding his time in order to organize his thoughts. Can they possibly be playing possum, hoping to see if some of those promoters will be kept?

I feel that we are on the threshold of an explosive situation, and not trying to do something to remedy this critical matter.

CARMELO MALDONADO

Everything that the administration asked for in the way of our assistance was forthcoming, but, always by these same few. A request often heard was: "We want to attend the programs but please leave out the business portion." Therefore, the business was conducted at the executive board meetings which were all open meetings. Good programs were planned but still the attendance was very poor. Fund raising events were held with only a very few doing the work.

There is a place for PTA on the high school level, they do not just sit, drink coffee and talk. During the past two years the unit has: presented scholarships, camperships; assisted with the county Vision and Hearing Testing, the Football Banquet, the Honor Society Reception, dedication of the new buildings, transportation for science field trips; donated to the Benicia Council PTA Welfare Fund; provided refreshments for the County Debate Teams, and the County Choral Clinic when their meetings were held in Benicia, and numerous other items.

If you have an opinion on this subject we urge you to attend. Benicia High School PTA needs your support, NOW. Please attend the meeting on Monday, September 8, at 7 p.m.

MRS. DONALD E. STONER

President

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

I am shocked and dismayed to find that an area of our city has decided to show prejudice against a person who, out of the warmth and goodness that is within them, has opened their home to disabled children whose only hope (were it not for such warm and good people) face a life in institutions. Have you ever come in contact with a mentally retarded child. I have — not in my own family — thank the Good Lord — but in this very real and hard life. Is it the fault of these poor children that they are disabled? Should they be punished by being placed in overcrowded institutions because they are disabled?

Has anyone taken the time to find out what the family who opens their home to these unfortunate ones has to go through? They are checked on, fingerprinted, their homes are checked by Fire Inspectors, they have to pay for a Use Permit, they have to pay for health examinations — all this so they can open their hearts to the unfortunate of this world.

Instead of making it more difficult for them, they should be praised and applauded and the rest of the world should pay homage to them.

I live on the outskirts of Granada Heights and I do not feel that having a Family Care Home in such close proximity will make the area of Vallejo less desirable nor bring down the value of my home.

People of Granada Heights, I ask you to reconsider. This will not make our area of Vallejo a commercial area. Open your hearts to our unfortunate such as this most wonderful family has.

MRS. TONI REED

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

To "Hard Hat" and others like him. If you don't know what you're writing about, don't write at all.

It's a shame to know so many Americans are so poorly informed, especially with our modern system of communication.

If you want information about police work, or reserve police work, go ask the police department, don't be stupidly behind the times.

GEORGE CLANTON

of our citizens of our fair city of Vallejo. I am especially proud of the way the public in general handled themselves during the police and firemen's negotiations with the city. I don't think bringing in outside help played any important role in keeping down trouble. However, I am sure the public, as well as yours truly, was proud that our city fathers took this step to assure our safety.

Again, I salute the public in general for keeping themselves calm, cool and intact, and to the mayor . . . thank you.

John L. Lee

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Well, I read once again that the turning of our youth to the left is a spontaneous event. (Ref.: Article by John Lambert, London Sunday Times.)

The news media seems to feel it is necessary that the public be convinced that it is innocently spontaneous when our youth becomes enamored of the thinking of Lenin, Trotsky, Mao, or Castro to solve our social ills. Heaven forbid that we should discover that it is not spontaneous at all!

What if we should suddenly find that they are actually being systematically misled into accepting socialism over a free-enterprise? Why, if we knew how this was being done, we could actually do something about it. Maybe we could even gradually do something about it!

We could stop attacking these poor, misled kids and begin putting pressure on those Fagins who are exploiting our kids. Why, we could begin treating causes and stop wasting our time, energy and money messing with symptoms!

Let's have no more of the phoney "spontaneity thesis!" Our teen-agers provide a perfect tool for revolutionaries. Teen-agers suffer needs for rebellion which are easily exploited and they haven't sufficient experience in life to have the wisdom to smother what appears to be promising short term solutions to society's ills. Our kids deserve better than to be promised short term solutions to society's ills. Our kids deserve better than to be misused as tools for social change.

P. S. CADNOBAN

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

The present administration under President Nixon is always telling the people of our country how they are bringing our boys home from Vietnam, giving the figure of 25,000.

My son, a Marine, along with a lot of his company has just been sent again to Vietnam. I know a lot of mothers who have told me about their sons getting orders to go. President Nixon isn't bringing our boys home — just replacement is what it amounts to.

RUTH WETTERSTROM

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

What an inspiring war story. What courage it must have taken for Army Sgt. Blankenship to walk up to a war weary platoon, justifiably sick of living like animals and lie to them! Even more courageous to kick them when they were down by calling them cowards.

How proud the army must be of Sgt. Blankenship, but how stupid of them to tell this story out. To the Army Sgt. Blankenship may be a hero. To me the hero comes across as a well conditioned slave to smug military discipline.

PAULA LASICH

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord God, when we consider the record of man, we marvel at Thy long suffering love for this sinful, bungling creature. Since Thou hast hope for him, help us to be more patient with one another. When looking for perfection in others, may we demonstrate more of the same ourselves. Guide us into Thy perfect will and peace so that we may be more understanding and appreciative, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Gordon A. Stolz, Yorba Linda, Calif. minister, Yorba Linda Moravian Church.

EDITORIALS

Protecting Our Diplomats

The recent abduction of C. Burke Elbrick, American ambassador to Brazil, by terrorists as a means of forcing the Brazilian government to release 11 political prisoners in exchange for the safe return of the U.S. envoy, holds ominous implications for the future of international diplomacy.

The fact that a band of kidnapers was able to seize an American diplomat on the streets of suburban Rio de Janeiro and successfully parley his life for the freedom of 11 colleagues has reduced governmental representation in foreign lands to a highly risky business.

The harrowing experience of Ambassador Elbrick adds another ploy to the nefarious devices employed by desperate renegades, rebels and revolutionists who have resorted to blackmail, intimidation and even assassination in their efforts to force society and government to submit to their demands.

Ambassador Elbrick's Brazilian ordeal re-emphasizes the threat to personal safety involved in representing the U.S. in Latin and South America where there already have been numerous other acts of violence directed against Americans on official government business. But more than that, the success which marked his abduction in forcing the Brazilian government to comply with the kidnapers' demands may encourage other radicals to employ similar tactics to achieve their desperate ends.

The obvious solution would be to provide diplomats with an armed guard at all times—a practice, however, that most envoys quite likely would disparage in the belief such security measures would damage their image and impair their freedom and mobility in performing their duties in an atmosphere and environment that strives for cordiality.

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:

Do you know if your son or daughter is using narcotics or drugs?

Do you know what Speed is? Or Acid? Red Devils? Christmas Trees? or Cross Tops?

The American Narcotics Society is beginning the fight in Vallejo against narcotics and drug abuse by attempting to alert the community to these dangers.

How many of you parents can detect the symptoms of a narcotics or drug user?

The Vallejo Police Department tell us 65 per cent of the youth of Vallejo are using or have used narcotics or drugs! This estimate may or may not be true, but if it's only 25 per cent or 10 per cent or 2 per cent we feel this is too high a figure with the dangers involved.

We need your help to accomplish our goals:

1. To alert the full community of the drug problem.
2. Establish a "Hotline." (phone line for young people in trouble).
3. Open a drop-in center for drug and narcotics users.
4. Educate the adult community about drugs and narcotics.
5. Tell the truth to the young people about their use of drugs and narcotics and what they are doing to themselves, not only now, but the effect 2, 5, and 10 years from now.

We are thankful to an alert GVRD who recognized the problem and are trying to help combat the growing menace to the youth of our community. However, they and we cannot do it without your help. Please, for the sake of the younger generation and the as yet unborn generations of Vallejo youth — HELP US —

We are a nonprofit organization and have no paid personnel; our only income is from donations.

For more information please write The American Narcotics Society, P.O. Box 342, Vallejo, California 94590.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In today's society people are frequently looking only at the youth of today who have done something wrong.

I would like to praise and thank two Vallejo youths who have done something good. One of the young men's name is Charles (Pat) Patton. Unfortunately I do not remember his friend's name.

A few weeks ago my family went to Lake Tahoe for a vacation. On our way, a port-a-crib flew off the top of my brother's car. Charles Patton and his friend were behind my brother when this occurred. They immediately got off the highway and reported it to the Highway Patrol. After that, they went back to my brother and told them what had happened.

After they left them, they passed us and stopped. They informed us of the incident and offered to lead us back to the Highway Patrol station. The boys took my brother to the spot where it happened and helped him locate the crib which had flown over three lanes and landed in a ditch on the other side of the freeway.

My family and I would like to thank Charles Patton and his friend for all the help that they gave us. I'm sure that the trouble they went to for us has made our family more aware of the good side of the younger generation.



REPLACING INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATS!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is directed to people against the 18 year old vote.

What is the matter with an 18 year old vote? I don't see why so many people are opposed to it. What is it that an 18 year old lacks besides more rights and experience? What makes you think that a 21 year old can vote more wisely? Is there a certain age a person reaches before he is mature? I think not. I believe the maturity of a person varies with the individual.

I also believe than an 18 year old may be better qualified than a 21 year old. The average 18 year old has just gotten out of high school — he has studied Emerging Nations, U. S. History, and Government. With an 18 year old vote he has a chance to put his knowledge to use before his interest and memory of it begins to die out. It may slowly linger away if the youth's knowledge is not put into use directly after high school.

I believe every person should be involved with the politics of his nation — with a better understanding of the policies and parties, we will have better officials and laws to govern us.

By the way, an 18 year old...

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Now that we have heard last Monday from the representatives of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Gun Owners, Messrs. R. L. and Imrie, let me present the facts. But first I want to say: gentlemen, I admire the alacrity and diligence with which you emulate the various propaganda sent to you from national NRA headquarters. Possibly you could find employment there.

The attacks of these two on the California Poll are based on an inability to admit the public wants gun controls, and more fundamentally off a fixation for having a firearm, no matter what the cost is to society as a whole. Mervin Field is a man of integrity and dedication, interested in measuring public opinion as a service to that public. Results are not contrived to reflect any ideology. Polling opinion is rather an esoteric science. For the poll about guns a statewide cross-section of 1200 persons — representative of all areas of public spectrum, and every economic, cultural and ethnic group — was asked the various questions. The reasonably accurate results speak for themselves, and have for the thirty-five years since the Gallup Poll reported that nationally 75 per cent of the

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Regarding the North Vallejo Sewage Assessment, Paragraph 6 of the "Notice to Property Owners" states that objections will be heard at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17. A request to meet at 7 p.m. to enable more property owners to attend was denied. This could be interpreted that the presence of property owners and their questions are not wanted.

We must have sewages and most home owners do not object to paying their own fair share. The question "Is all the property that will utilize the improved facilities included in the assessment district?" has been unanswered.

Are properties west of the sewage trunk line (Larwin Plaza, business west of Broadway, trailer courts and new construction projects) served by the improvements? Are areas adjacent to new sewage improvements on Sears Point Road at Rodgers Street and at Enterprise served by the improvements? If the above are served by the sewage trunk line, why aren't they in the assessment district?

Is there any conflict of interest involved? Are any members of the board of trustees, engineer, attorney, manager or city council involved in any way with any of the properties exempted from assessments by virtue of the established boundaries?

Why are the new homes being constructed at the end of Mini Drive and west of Roleen Drive (obviously served by the new improvements) not included in the assessment district?

If all assessment boundaries of all the present districts are placed adjacently, is the whole of Vallejo encompassed? Are some areas exempt from assessment by not being in any assessment area?

We feel all property owners desire the answers to the questions prior to the Sept. 17 meeting. It's the North Vallejo Sewage Assessment area property owners now, but which area will be next?

Property owners take an interest. Attend the Wednesday meeting!

CONCERNED PROPERTY OWNERS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Your Monday edition carries an announcement Library will close Fridays at 6 p.m.

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. many students go to the library to study. This will work a hardship on them and many working people who take advantage of the evening hours to make use of the library.

Is this what we have to expect from the new library, a curtailment of hours when it is most necessary to have hours extended?

I feel the library should be open all day Saturday and Sunday when most working people can take advantage of it.

Very few people make use of the library in the early hours, especially between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Perhaps we need a breath of fresh air in the administration of the library. New enlightened management, with progressive ideas.

No doubt the curtailment of hours may give an extended weekend to the management.

numerous other acts of violence directed against Americans on official government business. But more than that, the success which marked his abduction in forcing the Brazilian government to comply with the kidnapers' demands may encourage other radicals to employ similar tactics to achieve their desperate ends.

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But whatever the considerations may be, the incident involving Ambassador Elbrick makes it imperative that proper and effective measures are taken to safeguard our diplomats against the irresponsible acts of radicals lest the consequences become more than a cause of personal anxiety but a matter of international concern.

Vietnam's Seesaw Game

There are growing indications that the conflict between China and Russia well may have a divisive effect on the new North Vietnamese leadership as Moscow and Peking strive to increase their influence with Ho Chi Minh's successors. This development, discernible since Ho's death, eventually could have a significant impact on Hanoi's new rulers, the solidarity of their collective leadership and the course of the war in South Vietnam.

Now that North Vietnam is being governed by men who have displayed divergent tendencies in the past, the Russians and Chinese are bound to be tempted to maneuver among the rival Hanoi groups. By the same token, with Ho's decisive authority no longer binding them, competing Hanoi leaders also may be persuaded to seek the support of Moscow or Peking to promote their own interests.

It is here that the new Hanoi regime faces a major decision that could have a profound effect in determining whether the war in South Vietnam can be settled militarily or politically. The differences between Moscow and Peking on Vietnam essentially are the same as those that have divided the Soviet Union and Red China since the beginning of their ideological dispute. Although both hope for ultimate Communist victories everywhere, the Russians believe in political tactics while the Chinese contend power grows out of a gun barrel.

Thus, it appears the Sino-Soviet seesaw game in Vietnam is likely to continue—but with a difference. With Ho Chi Minh no longer in the picture, the opposing weight of the Chinese and the Russians may determine Hanoi's future attitude and approach in settling the Vietnam conflict.

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PATRICIA DONAHOE

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

My name is Connie Wroten and I'm back again.

On Aug. 31 the hill in back of my house was set on fire. The people who did it should be ashamed of their actions.

I wonder if they thought about the damages they caused. What's even worse is the damages and lives they could have taken. I don't know who started it, but I hope they think before they try something like this again.

We who were trying to defend our property were almost out of our minds.

To the Mayor and Fire Department of the All American City of Vallejo . . . What are the people here for? You are not on your jobs or you would see that there is some kind of protection placed for homes under the hill. What are the black tax dollars for?

I believe the grass should be burned each year when it dries on both sides of Pepper Drive and College Park. There is too much danger if it is not.

CONSTANCE J. WROTEN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A new mother.
Thank you for mentioning this opinion about the Solano County Health Dept. no longer sending out birth registration certificates.

My wife gave birth three months ago and I called the Health Dept. two months after my third child was born. They told me they no longer mail birth certificates unless I send in two dollars.

I would like to know who is responsible for this stupid idea.

If we are to pay for every little thing like this, I believe we should stop supporting the health and welfare program and live back to the old days!

LARRY C. LEE

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In the City of Vallejo there is a place called the Servicemen's Appreciation Center. It is a place for the servicemen to go during their off hours.

Since this place has opened, Vallejo has had less and less trouble. This is because it has the sailors off the streets at night.

But this is all ending Sept. 27. The club is closing for lack of funds. Then where will the servicemen go? Back on the streets?

Is this what the people want? We don't think so. But there are a few people who think the servicemen aren't worth the trouble. Are these few people going to destroy a good thing?

Please people, we need your help. This is the only place we can go to relax for a couple of hours and talk with our friends.

TWELVE OF THE
SERVICEMEN

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By the way, an 18 year old vote can't be all bad — our beloved President supports it.

I hope I have stimulated some minds and hope to hear a reply. Because I am not of voting age, I prefer to sign this as the potential wizard.

PARJO

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As president of the Navy Wives Club of America Mare Island 118, I would like to share with all the enlisted men's wives the following letter which we received from LCDr. ChC. USN Bernard J. Ahern of the 1st Medical Battalion of the 1st Marine Division.

"Dear Ladies;

"Chaplain Kirkland received a box of five cartons of Winston cigarettes which he gave me to distribute to the young Marines in our hospital. On behalf of the patients from the 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Division, who shared in your kindness I wish to thank you very much.

"When the young marines come in from the field sick or hurt they most often arrive with very few of the comfort items carried in their pack. Through the thoughtfulness of groups and individuals like yourself, items such as cigarettes, candy, cookies and reading materials can be passed out to them. The young men are very appreciative not only of the gifts but especially for the knowledge that you stand behind them.

"May God bless your efforts."

Yours truly in Christ
BERNARD J. AHERN
LCDR., ChC. USN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to extend a very warm and cordial invitation to all enlisted men's wives of the Navy, Marine and Coast Guard to attend our next business meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 7. Our club room is above the day care center at 710 Cedar Ave., Mare Island.

Reservations for babysitting and more information regarding our club can be obtained by calling 642-0668. We hope to see each and everyone of you then.

MRS. J. D. GUNN, President

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The finest black and white prints in Northern California will be in competition at the Vallejo Camera Club's next meeting scheduled 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

This is your opportunity to see the work of the best in five divisions or levels of photographic excellence.

Our quarters have been moved from the Employment Building on Mare Island to the Fellowship Methodist Church, 140 Ladera St. in East Vallejo.

Please come and sign our guest book and say hello.

R. LE PAGE
Club President

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So what if R. L. talked to 115 people. He would have to see many more than that to find a participant in a Field poll. After all, only 1200 of 20 million are ever questioned by a pollster.

I think Wesley G. Benson is the best type of gun owner. He sees the need to be responsible and act in the interest of all, not just himself. Gun controls will not bother him because of this progressive attitude. I salute you, sir. Let us hope you gain ascendancy while R. L. and Joel Imrie are relegated to the back page.

ROGER A. CUNNINGHAM

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It is difficult for me to understand how anyone with a modicum of either intellect or insight could believe the August 15 LIFE article described by Parents United as an "it could happen to us" situation because of family life and sex education in our schools, or that it did happen in Sweden because of their "mandatory sex education."

On the other hand, anyone should be able to put two and two together after reading the article "Storm Over Sex Education" in the September 9 LOOK and see what is beginning to happen in Vallejo: e.g., have you not heard the prepackaged scare stories here, attributed to local parents and children?

I urge everyone, especially PU supporters, to read the LOOK article (and the LIFE article, for it is quite interesting how one country has faced human problems and deals with them courageously and openly); both may clear up some of the doubts you are having in deciding what is happening to our city and to our schools.

MRS. LAUREL CLINTON

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Mr. Wesley G. Benson:
I have been a member of the NRA for 38 years and have every issue of the American Rifleman from June 1936 to date. If you will please tell me where to find the form letter referred to in your opinions of the people article of September 8th quote "based on a form letter they'd supply" end quote, I will be glad to pay to have it published in the Times-Herald.

F. T. HOPKINS
1625 No. Texas
Fairfield, California 94533

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Have you gained weight this summer or are you just overweight? We have a group called Overeaters Anonymous. It is very cheap to belong and our program really works. Come to our meetings at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday at the Community Center on Amador Street.

If you want what we have to offer, please join us. If you prefer to come in the afternoon we can give you information on our day group. Please come and try our program.

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. many students go to the library to study. This will work a hardship on them and many working people who take advantage of the evening hours to make use of the library.

Is this what we have to expect from the new library, a curtailment of hours when it is most necessary to have hours extended?

I feel the library should be open all day Saturday and Sunday when most working people can take advantage of it.

Very few people make use of the library in the early hours, especially between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Perhaps we need a breath of fresh air in the administration of the library. New enlightened management, with progressive ideas.

No doubt the curtailment of hours may give an extended weekend to the management.

Anyone visiting the library over the years must feel as I do some vigorous changes will have to be made before the new Library opens.

ROBERT BOYLE

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am always distressed to learn of the deaths or injury of our boys in Vietnam, and other parts of Europe.

However, I am more distressed when someone very near to me became a victim of such circumstances. Last June one of our young men from Vallejo, Sp. 4 Aaron Lee Burrell became a victim of such circumstances. Sp. 4 Burrell of the 16th Infantry stationed in Vietnam was wounded in action.

Sp 4 Burrell is home now with his mother, Mrs. Bullock, at 141 Simonton Street, recovering and anxious to get on with his hitch in the service. He will not be the same, although he is grateful that he is once again among familiar faces.

To you Sp. 5 Aaron Lee Burrell, I salute you for doing your part as a citizen of these United States, and above all for returning to us alive.

JOHN L. LEE

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to commend those young people who were fighting the fire on Aug. 31 when the hill in back of my house was on fire.

I want the public to know some of them. Keith Cleveland, 8. DeWayne and DeWight Williams, 12. Leroy Borette, Elddas Johnson, Phillip Rhone, Connie Wroten, Chrysta Barmette, James Finley and several white youths.

I really appreciate their thoughtfulness.

MRS. EARLINE WROTEN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Thank you, Parents United, for calling public attention to the excellent article in LIFE Magazine. Now we are sure you will want to join us in recommending the interesting and informative article on sex education in the September 9 issue of LOOK.

Remember, it has only taken one year of John Birch Society disruption to arrive at the situation described in LOOK.

VOTE SUPPORTER

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Jail terms okayed for prostitutes by Governor Reagan. How absurd!

It's a known fact that the reformed prostitutes make good wives so there is something nice about everyone.

Why the jail sentence? The prostitute is here to stay.

Let prostitution come out in the open . . . not undercover.

God help the poor working girl

PRAYER FOR TODAY

I cannot speak, O God, what is in my heart to say. But though no words escape, though no cry breaks forth, Thou dost hear silence tremulous with meaning. Thoughts that stab my brain, emotions that shake my breast are language understood by Thee. They are my prayer, and Thy help is near; in Christ's name. Amen.

—Paul S. Wright, Portland, Ore., minister, First Presbyterian Church.

EDITORIALS

A Dream Come True

The success of the SS Manhattan, a huge ice-breaking oil tanker, in becoming the first commercial ship to negotiate the Northwest Passage to Alaska has brought reality to a dream merchant voyagers have cherished for 500 years.

The historic voyage of the Manhattan, principally financed by the Humble Oil Co., may not prove conclusively that the treacherous northern route is feasible for shipping, but it is certain to reshape world trade patterns that will have profound ramifications in opening the Great North to waterborne commerce.

As far back as 1498, when John Cabot sought a route to the fabulous wealth of the East by way of the northern seas, explorers have searched the Northwest Passage as a shortcut to the riches and spices of the Orient. The great trading companies of the 17th century sponsored several attempts to find the route.

Now the treasure isn't spices but oil, the vast supply on Alaska's northern slope. A Northwest Passage open to huge tankers would cut thousands of dollars and miles from the trip around South America or through the Panama Canal.

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:
TO THE CITIZENRY OF VALLEJO:**

I am an elderly woman suffering with a heart condition and receiving Social Security and Old-Age Pension.

I am presently confined to Community Convalescent Hospital on Louisiana St., which has been my home for more than 20 months.

My doctor has granted me permission to return to my three bedroom modest home located at 2004 Martin St., providing that a dependable reliable female above 40 years old is willing to share my home with me on a 24 hour basis as a companion.

Room and board is provided free. This Christian woman will be compensated for her needed services at a salary which exceeds \$150 per month.

Please contact Mrs. Daniel Coleman, 254 Walnut St., 644-4986 weekdays after 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays anytime.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It was a shock hearing the people of Granada Heights and most of the City Council members state their reasons for denying the Mumar's use permit to move into their home with their foster retarded girls.

I suppose any of these families with a retarded child will place it in a home or institution rather than spoil their decent neighborhood.

The families who welcome these unfortunate children into their homes and hearts should be commended rather than be looked down on. Sure the Granada Heights residents are warm-hearted and pay taxes like the rest of us to take care of the retarded... as long as they don't live near them.

These girls are far less detrimental to their neighbors than many so-called normal youngsters.

I have noticed that more Filipino and Negro families are more sympathetic and take into their homes the retarded. The majority of the retarded placed in these homes are white. Where are the warm-hearted whites? Perhaps, they are the same ones who put their parents in rest homes and forget them after they are aged and their retarded children are hid or placed in institutions.

I doubt if the Times-Herald will publish this as it will step on too many toes.

The Kennedys and Humphreys aren't ashamed of the retarded in their families.

JOSEPHINE SACRAMENTO

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To all East Vallejo mothers and any person interested in helping young boys:

The East Vallejo Little League Mother's Club is having their annual rummage sale on Oct. 3 and 4 at 340 Georgia St., formerly the Dollar Store.

Proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase equipment for the boys on the Little League teams. We feel this is a worthwhile cause.

Anyone desiring to help our cause by donating rummage may call Mrs. Helen Galt



OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention R. A. Cunningham:

A person who carries on a vendetta against an inanimate object must have a sick mind.

The citizen becomes a criminal after he has committed a larcenous deed. However most criminals carry on an extorsive life of crime and are not labeled criminals until they finally get caught and convicted.

What keeps people from violating the law? Fear! During the recent police strike many otherwise law abiding citizens took the liberty of violating parking and traffic laws because they knew they would not be punished.

Ask the professional burglar about fear. Any noise on the part of the homeowner scares the h— out of him and he leaves. He is afraid he will be shot by the gun in the home and he is right when there is a gun.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

VOTE thanks all those who have shown support for our organization and we would like to answer some questions raised the past few weeks. The curriculum committees now working on the proposed Family Life Program will soon include a representative from the police department and/or the juvenile probation office, bringing the committees up to recommended State Board of Education standards.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is Article Number Two.

According to certain statistics compiled by ordinarily trustworthy and reliable sources such as The World Almanac and the Reader's Digest Almanac, there are approximately 114,000,000 church members, not-announced by the denominations themselves. This would appear in theory at least to give us the approximate number of Christian people in the United States.

However, in addition to these, our great and loving Heavenly Father has numerous other millions who have not bowed the knee to Baal or to the mammon of unrighteousness and hate and who, deep down in their hearts truly love Him and their fellow men, who will undoubtedly make it through the gates into The City before many others who have been counting on their own self-righteousness to save them!

Historically, the United States has been notably Christian in its international relations. It has not been flawless in such relationships, but this writer believes it can lay good claim to a Christian status. From an educational standpoint historically considered, it is a noteworthy fact that our educational institutions were well founded in the Christian faith by the Christian denominations and founding fathers, and for the most part have come down to the present time still standing on that faith. Much evidence can be given to substantiate this viewpoint and fact if time and space permitted! — More anon!

REV. RAY M. LAWRENCE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To the Cunninghams the Milton Eisenhowers and other do-gooders who would have our government take our guns away from us:

Yes, guns are made to kill, they are dangerous and you should be afraid of them. Especially in the hands of an irresponsible person who would also be dangerous driving an auto. But this very same fear, and fear of the unknown, is what keeps the "hooch" rapists and burglars out of your home today. Crime is a big issue now but nothing compared to what it will be when these "bums" know there is no gun behind that door to greet them when they break in. A gun is an inanimate object and has nothing to do with anyone's desire to commit murder. If a gun is not available they will use an ice pick, a butcher knife, a ball bat or a million other things. Taking our guns away will not reduce murders but only make it safe for the criminal element to carry on their nefarious trade.

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More than that, the journey could lead to development of huge Arctic mineral deposits and the biggest shipbuilding boom since World War II. Thus, while making the old dream of a Northwest Passage come true at last, the Manhattan has opened the future of Alaska to economic development that staggers the imagination.

A Big Step Forward

Of all the legislation enacted during the last session of the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ronald Reagan, the new California divorce law perhaps stands out as the most liberal and progressive measure in correcting injustices in an area of human relations that too long has been neglected.

Except for incurable insanity, the only grounds for a dissolution of marriage are irreconcilable differences, a term that recognizes that some marriages simply have not worked and cannot be made to work and that there is not necessarily one wholly guilty party and one wholly innocent party to every marital breakdown.

In addition to the elimination of the archaic concept of grounds, the new law marks an end to a lucrative source of income for private investigators whose reports no longer will be permitted as evidence. Alimony, one of the worst rackets fostered by divorce laws, will be determined by considering a woman's age, earning ability and the duration of the marriage.

The adversary system, whereby the plaintiff and defendant and their lawyers verbally battle in court, may be the best for most types of litigation, but in divorce cases it only has served to compound the anguish and bitterness already existing between the contending parties. This concept of law also is tempered by the new divorce measure.

For those who advocate taking divorce preliminaries out of the hands of attorneys entirely and turning them over to panels of human relations professionals, the new law does not go far enough. But at least a little common sense and compassion have been introduced in an area where they desperately are needed.

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The pleasure you get watching the boys play ball will make you glad you donated.

MRS. CAROLYN ANDREWS

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To M.M.

My husband is a hard working man. He works as a guard at one of Vallejo's bottomless clubs. He isn't there for cheap thrills or looks that some people think men and women go there for.

Most of the time the girls are ignored. I have never heard cat calls or wolf whistles or seen men ogling and I've been there many times.

We have three children and will be grandparents next month. We have a nice home and many friends, most of whom share our outlook about people and employment. We don't condemn what others do, unless we feel it will become harmful to others.

Speaking of the Bible, please remember the words of Christ when he said, "Judge not, lest ye also be judged."

MRS. GEORGE CLANTON

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Is it to be believed that if the four girls, retarded and needing special care were the natural born members of the Munar family, and Mr. and Mrs. Munar labored outside their home to support them, the citizens of the Granada Heights community would welcome them with open arms?

Do you know the large profit that people who take foster children into their homes make on the pittance they are paid for their care and feeding these days? Perhaps if you do, you will know that the Munars will never become wealthy on their profit-making enterprise.

By the way, another interesting fact is that a business is carried on from one of the residences in Granada Heights . . . but of course it doesn't involve people residing in the home . . . and all it makes is money!

I. M. BAFFLED

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Now that our new and beautiful library is nearing completion, the question arises what are we going to do with our old library building which was one of Vallejo's proudest possessions at the turn of the century.

Vallejo, with its colorful past in bygone days, state capital at one time . . . a fact only known to a limited number of our early residents . . . can make a most worthy contribution to the future by converting our old library into a public museum which our city so justly needs.

Early historical deeds and facts of Vallejo are almost forgotten and unless we do something to preserve these deeds and facts now, Vallejo's past will be entirely forgotten.

We have at present a wide awake Downtown Business Association which should further the plan for a public museum within our city.

OLLIE ROSS

they finally get caught and convicted.

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Fear prevented use of poison gas in World War II, fear of imprisonment and punishment prevents crimes being committed, fear keeps us from using atomic weapons against North Vietnam and North Korea, fear of light, of being seen or being photographed and related publicity keeps a lot of people law abiding.

Publish the names and addresses of juvenile offenders as well as their parents and you would cut down on juvenile crime. Fear of the judge keeps the courtroom quiet. That "Pig Iron" on the hip of the bailiff helps, too. Fear of the gun in the home keeps out the burglar, rapist and killer. Fear of death makes people follow the rules. This applies to you too.

GUN OWNER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. Robert Boyle has raised questions in The Opinions of the People regarding the reduction of public service hours at the Vallejo Public Library.

The Library Board, city librarian and library staff have been working diligently on behalf of the community to build a strong library system. Your library has been operating for some years on minimal staffing. Requests have been made at budget time for personnel to alleviate this situation. Since the library requests for added personnel have been denied the past two years there was no other alternative than to reduce hours so that a more nearly adequate level of service could be maintained for the hours we are open.

In deciding on what hours the libraries were to be closed the board took into account library usage as well as other factors. Friday evenings are the least used evenings of all at the main library. Morning hours were eliminated on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the main library and throughout the week at Springtowne branch for the same reason. There was no change in Saturday hours.

The revised schedule does not give the management an extended weekend.

SINCERELY,
MARY JANE JOSEPH,
President, Library Board

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. Roger Cunningham: I see that talking to you is like talking to a brick wall, a very dense one. As for Mr. Wesley G. Benson, he was probably denounced or thrown out by the NRA. The NRA does not pass out propaganda. You two gentlemen should read the magazine and then get the facts.

Gentlemen: One of these days you will be coming around and shaking my and R. L.'s hand and telling us we were right all along. I hope that by that time the gun will not have been taken from the people. You have been asleep too long, so wake up.

JOEL L. IMRIE
430 Almond Street

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VOTE feels the costs of this program would be minimal compared with the costs of NOT having this education.

VOTE believes strongly that any such program can only enrich and add to the child's over-all education at all grade levels. All children are entitled to the hope and protection afforded by sound knowledge on any subject. To be informed is to be armed to cope with any life situation.

We wish to reaffirm our support of the committee as they work to prepare proposed curricula and to reaffirm our support in our school board — a duly elected body chosen by the voters to perform its prescribed duty, that of education of our children in our schools.

VALLEJOANS ORGANIZED
TO EDUCATE
P. O. BOX 1335
Vallejo

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Recently, the planners of our All American City denied family care of four mentally retarded girls in Granada Heights. These children were selected from state institutions.

Only those that can fit into a normal environment are given the opportunity for a normal home life which 134 residents of Granada Heights wish to deny.

Opposition was based solely on the use of residential property for commercial use. I question whether the amount received makes it a profitable venture. Any type of commercial enterprise which could have an adverse effect on the residential community should be prohibited, but I fail to see where raising four disabled girls can do this.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Munars and hundreds of other people who are giving aid to these children. They should be awarded a monument, not told that they must give up their children.

Perhaps one of the 134 could help by giving the Munars some advice on how they are to tell four girls they raised for several years that they must leave home. Keep in mind when you came up with a solution that they lived in another community for several years and not one objected.

For the 134 petitioners and the planners who voted against the permit I would like to present the "fickle finger of fate award" for having so much heart.

WILLIAM J. SPENCER

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

F. T. Hopkins:

Aw shucks son, you got cressed up reading my letter. If you've been in the NRA 20 years you should have gotten little "suggestions" by mail on how to appeal gun laws. Any kid could see this has nothing to do with the American Rifleman. Don't get read those 20 years of NRA editorials man! They are nothing but political stuff.

Tell what you see after you get done. I bet you'll look worse than a dog with chicken feathers behind both ears.

WESLEY G. BENSON

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PHIL REED

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear members of the City Council:

This letter is in regard to the denying of a use permit to the Munar family and the four retarded girls they are caring for. The supposed reason given is that the people of Granada Heights do not want any commercial business in the area. Is this the real reason or just an excuse to cover up the prejudice of these people?

The retarded girls and the family caring for them are no more a "business" than any foster parents. The only difference is that the girls are retarded; but they could not hurt anybody or "damage" any community.

I think it is very unfair that the four girls will be denied a normal home environment because the Council buckled to the pressure exerted by people in Granada Heights. I hope the Council will reconsider its decision.

A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What do you say to a lonely little boy who has lost a brother because the machine of a big city refuses to make it safe?

I went through this experience recently when I was residing on the cool grass adjacent to Lake Dalwitz. The little boy warned me, "Don't go down there. It's dangerous. You see, my little brother didn't know about it and he went down there and died."

We sat on the grass thinking our own thoughts. Who can say which of us was less confused . . . he with his little knowledge of the careless ways of mankind; I with my frustrated surmises that without pressure nothing would be done.

"You know, some big boys came to see my mom and said they were going to see if the mayor and some of her friends would let them build a fence around the water. But they came back later and said nobody wanted a fence," he said.

Perhaps the answer to both the GVRD and Sanitation Department's lack of response lay in the fact that sometime in the future this land was to be taken over by the State Highway Department for the Sonlight Freeway. Could this be the reason for the shifting of responsibility from one place to another? Surely the safety of children is of more importance to the Sonlight District, the Sanitation District and the Mayor and "her friends" than the cost of a fence which could remove the safety of those people and which to build would be necessary to erect the Highway project in Sonlight.

God help us in our failures in last century for our fellow man.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Jesus Christ, Lord of history, in Whose right hand I place my life, grant that in these troubled times I may live in confidence, joy and peace. Help me to understand that in You I have an unshakable foundation, a treasure that neither moth nor rust can corrupt or thieves break in and steal. Help me to witness by the quality of my life to that indestructible life which not only surpasses this world but also transforms it; through Christ. Amen.

—Arthur Freeman, Bethlehem, Pa., professor of Biblical theology, Moravian Theological Seminary.

EDITORIALS

Ships For The Navy

The action of the House Armed Services Committee in adding \$1 billion to the military procurement bill to enable the Navy to build more ships in fiscal 1970 is a heartening indication that responsible members of Congress are aware of the necessity to keep our Navy strong at a time American supremacy of the seas is being challenged.

The tremendous buildup of Russian naval forces in the Mediterranean and the recent warning by Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, USN, that the Soviet Union has embarked on a program which reveals a singular awareness of the importance of sea power and an unmistakable resolve to become the most powerful maritime force in the world are two salient factors that must be recognized in assessing our defense posture.

They would seem to add credence to the observation made by Defense Secretary Melvin Laird that the administration's decision to deactivate more than 100 Navy ships in an economy move "will reduce our capability to meet current commitments." In this context, then, the action of the House Armed Services Committee is significant as to a move toward restoring America's maritime-oriented defense policy.

The billion-dollar shipbuilding allocation which the committee has added to the military procurement bill conceivably could have a tremendous impact on Mare Island Naval Shipyard. The challenge to oceanic leadership already has been made while Mare Island's undisputed ability to answer that challenge has been proved by 115 years of quality shipbuilding experience.

The big question now is: When will we start building the vitally needed ships? The answer lies with Congress. Hopefully, it will

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Early in September the Vallejo City Tournament was played. Approximately a dozen teams put their members on a roster and games were scheduled. Any team losing two games was to be eliminated from the tournament.

On Sept. 7 the final four games were played. The team that won the 11 a.m. game was scheduled to play at 2 p.m. but protested the second game because of illegal men on the next scheduled team (players whose names were not on the registration roster). The protest was confirmed as proper, yet the game was forced to be played.

The illegal team was given the game in order to rest the members of the winning team for the following game, but the next games were protested when the man in charge allowed the illegal team to play again.

After the final game a person from GVRD, whose only job was to turn on the field lights, decided to hand out the trophies.

The illegal team, which broke the pre-established rules and put the eligible teams out of the tournament, are being rewarded by receiving the second place trophy and title. Besides the \$35 each team put up, fun, pride and principle were lost in this tournament.

I have written this letter to inform the public of the poor organization and leadership displayed by certain individuals connected with this baseball tournament in Vallejo in the hope that teams involved next year will be given a fair chance.

A PROUD YET DISAPPOINTED
WIFE OF A PLAYER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

One Sunday afternoon I was sitting on my patio when a 17-year-old boy came by with a high powered rifle and stopped right in front of where I was sitting.

He was handling the rifle in a very erratic way. I did not say anything but just went in the house and called the police, telling them who I was and my address.

I told them about the juvenile and the officer interrupted me to say, "Was the gun loaded?" I replied, "You don't think I was going to ask him such a question?"

I know this boy as he lives close by. I also know he has been in a lot of trouble. There is a vacant lot in front of the house he lives in and all the neighbors around here have heard shots at different times . . . mostly after dark.

It just seems to me the only people having privileges are the lawless ones.

READER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. Cunningham, I wish to thank you for helping me to show that the California Poll is far from being accurate. You say that only 1,200 of 20 million are ever questioned by a pollster.

I am not a professional pollster and you sneered about my talking to only 115 people. The total number of people that I may have had to talk to, at the time I did talk to these people, would be about 500. I talked



TRY THIS FOR SIZE!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Phil Reed:

You said that Milton Eisenhower was a disgrace to his brother's name. How true you are but there are a lot of people who use their brother's or father's reputation for being honest and hard working in their fields.

General Eisenhower earned and had the respect of people all over the world. He also earned the title of President.

President Eisenhower was a member of the NRA, President John F. Kennedy was a member of the NRA and also had a good war service record that he was proud of. Both of his brothers tried to hang onto his coat tails.

Our present President also was a member of the NRA until he let political pressure cause him to resign. This is terrible. I believe he should reinstate his membership.

Mr. Benson and Mr. Cunningham, please keep up the good work with your opinions of the NRA. Along with this letter I am mailing in two new membership applications partially because of your writings in the papers.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Motor Vehicle law is written in such a way that the motorist who turns has no right of way. The one who is going straight ahead has no responsibility for any other. Any motorist who starts to make a turn (or even cross a street) unwittingly enters a danger zone in the vicinity of a traffic signal.

Indirectly the result of this is that a motorist who is stopped by a red traffic light, can speed up as soon as the light is green and create a danger zone at the first or second intersection.

Hot-rod drivers use the opportunity (and immunity) to exceed the 25 mile an hour speed limit within the city and there is no way to count the number of injuries and accidents caused by the situation that is set-up to invite trouble.

Visitors from other states, foreign students or tourists and many others are victims.

Will motorists and others ever become annoyed enough to make the insurance companies, automobile associations and others demand a change in the law?

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To George Clanton:

You ask who wants Cleaver back? Well, I for one do as well as millions of other Afro-Americans that want freedom, justice and equality.

There is one thing that you fail to realize, and that is Eldridge is our (black people) president. Eldridge is a king among men in the eyes of Afro-Americans who want this capitalistic, imperialistic, racist country changed so that it will fit our needs also.

You talk about headaches. People like you who judge a man the way you do have got America in the shape it's in right now. You'll spend billions of dollars to send three men to the moon and 13 million people are starving right here in America.

Eldridge will be back one way or another because even if Eldridge doesn't come back personally, you'll still have millions of Eldridges, Newtons, Malcolms and Seales. So what are you going to do about these headaches? You better get yourself together and find out why the youth of all colors are uprising.

Revolution is just around the corner. We are advocates of the abolition of war. We do not want war, but war can only be abolished through war in order to get rid of the gun it becomes necessary to pick up the gun. You may call me un-American and you would be so right.

I'll leave you with one of Malcolm's quotes. "Sitting at a dinner table with four diners with nothing on your plate doesn't make you a diner. Being here in America, doesn't make you an American."

RIGHT ON ELDRIDGE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Last week a teenager wrote supporting lowering the voting age to 18 and asked for a reply.

Voting is not just an individual right. Decisions at the polls determine government policies that greatly affect every individual. Citizens have a right to expect those who make these decisions to have their judgment matured by a reasonable amount of practical living. A high school civics course just doesn't fulfill that requirement.

Do those three years make a difference? YES! After that time nearly everyone will have either:

1 — Spent three years earning a living, paying taxes, and making decisions that require and develop a questioning, cautious attitude.

2 — Spent time in the military where the training and potentially dangerous situations bring self-control, ability to accept suffering and less than desirable environment, and again the cautionness in decision making.

3 — Been through, or nearly through, college. Unfortunately, this is the least maturing of the three, but does provide a wider variety of knowledge, a break from home, and a sense of responsibility due to the necessity of deciding which courses of studies, and which career to follow.

Three years isn't long. Just be active, educate yourself, and learn what life is like outside textbooks. Your first vote will mean

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The billion-dollar shipbuilding allocation which the committee has added to the military procurement bill conceivably could have a tremendous impact on Mare Island Naval Shipyard. The challenge to oceanic leadership already has been made while Mare Island's undisputed ability to answer that challenge has been proved by 115 years of quality shipbuilding experience.

The big question now is: When will we start building the vitally needed ships? The answer lies with Congress. Hopefully, it will respond by acting favorably on the House Armed Services Committee's recommendation.

Probes Serve A Purpose

The disclosure that an extensive investigation into possible fraud among welfare recipients quietly has been under way for the last two months throughout California has been condemned by critics as an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

Specifically, Peter Sitkin, an attorney for the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation in San Francisco, contends the nature of the probe and the constitutional and statutory questions involved exceed "the narrow issue of the public's right to check into possible welfare fraud."

The investigation, incidentally, is being conducted on orders of the State Department of Social Welfare by investigators of district attorney's offices who are examining case records of 1,200 randomly selected families throughout the state, including 500 in Northern California and 63 in San Francisco.

We believe investigations such as this, while they may be offensive to some, basically serve a good purpose, particularly if they are conducted discreetly and objectively in ferretting out cases where aid is being given to unqualified recipients, either inadvertently or by design.

The fact that the current probe already has uncovered some instances of fraud among families receiving assistance under the Aid for Families with Dependent Children program in itself would seem to justify the investigation as well as indicate a need for frequent checks as a safeguard against abuses that can add to the staggering cost of providing aid to the indigent. Certainly, a welfare recipient's right to anonymity should not transcend the public's right to take all reasonable means to assure a program for which it is paying is not touched by scandal or dishonesty.

California's welfare program has become such a vast, complex operation that inequities and even injustices in administration almost are certain to occur despite efforts by the system itself to prevent improprieties.

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It just seems to me the only people having privileges are the lawless ones.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mr. Cunningham, I wish to thank you for helping me to show that the California Poll is far from being accurate. You say that only 1,200 of 20 million are ever questioned by a pollster.

I am not a professional pollster and you sneered about my talking to only 115 people. The total number of people that I may have had to talk to, at the time I did talk to these people, would be about 500. I talked to 27.2 per cent of the people I actually had available and you say that 1,200 selected people out of 20 million, which is .006 per cent, is a correct opinion.

Also mine was 100 per cent on the answer to my question and the California Poll did not have 100 per cent out of the .006 per cent to agree with their loaded questions.

Do you have any more facts to present? F. T. Hopkins has mailed the facts to your Mr. Benson. I also have never seen a form letter from the NRA. As a matter of fact, the NRA suggests that individual letters are much more effective than form letters.

Mr. Cunningham, I have read the complete text on the newest gun legislation by Senator Dodd... have you? This reads like something right out of the Kremlin.

Oh yes, thank you for saying I should be working for the NRA. This is a very big compliment as it proves you actually realize that I am for sensible gun safety and law and order rather than for punishing the innocent and helping the criminal the way most of our courts are doing today.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Benicia Little League Auxiliary recently completed a most successful two day rummage sale, a success because of the help received from so many fine people.

Can we thank them publicly, as they deserve? They include Mrs. Hazel Quick, VFW Auxiliary 3228; James Lemos, Leonard's Tot Shop; Terry Cunningham, Mel Mello, Urbie Bratto and many Benicia merchants and individuals.

A good deal of appreciation goes to the Vallejo News-Chronicle, for printing our publicity articles, and to Dave Bous, of Gibson Publications, and Chipman Mayflower Moving and Storage Company, for their advertising aid. Thank you all!

Mrs. Mabel Claverie and Mrs. Rose Ribeiro, sale co-chairmen.

Mrs. Vivian Steagall, president, Benicia Little League Auxiliary.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to offer my congratulations to each and every one of the 136 residents of Granada Heights who so selflessly, and with only their best interests in mind, denied the privilege of having a home and parents who love and care for four retarded children.

Since when is this considered to be a profit-making enterprise? How many communities view this as you do?

I only can feel pity toward these 136 people and the members of the City Council as they must be selfish and cruel individuals to deny children, especially retarded children who have already been denied so much in life, the comfort and love of a home.

You wonder why we have so much trouble in America today? I think we can all find a part of the answer in the actions of the 136 people of this community.

VALINDA A. GILLIS

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President Eisenhower was a member of the NRA, President John F. Kennedy was a member of the NRA and also had a good war service record that he was proud of. Both of his brothers tried to hang onto his coat tails.

Our present President also was a member of the NRA until he let political pressure cause him to resign. This is terrible. I believe he should reinstate his membership.

Mr. Benson and Mr. Cunningham, please keep up the good work with your opinions of the NRA. Along with this letter I am mailing in two new membership applications partially because of your writings in the papers.

R. L.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Messrs. Imrie, Owner, and Reed:

Anyone who has such a paranoid attachment with guns is a very sick person. The petulant way in which you rave when there is mention of sane controls for dangerous weapons complements your extremist position nicely.

The shallow and rudimentary concept of fear these louts have is so contrived to be used as a weak effort to bolster a dying cause. Fear is not wholly induced by the barrel of a gun. Fear is present wherever man fails to understand something; he thus instinctively tries to insulate himself from the unfamiliar by various means, including guns. Yet this is the position taken by the weak-willed who would rather employ violence than patient understanding. Fear of a gun deters no would-be felon. This is proved in the fact that crime of all types has increased in recent years simultaneously with the sad increase in guns in homes.

Whoever says guns have nothing to do with murderous desires is an absolute idiot. A handy gun catalyzes aggressive tendencies and makes killing as easy as pulling a trigger. Modern society should not be an armed camp. This is not the Wild West where to be a man one had to have a gun on his hip.

As for the NRA, there has not been a day in its operation when it ceased to tell blatant lies about, and campaign against, new gun laws. The NRA is an obstructionist, impudent group dedicated to pushing its own very selfish interests.

Imrie is going to be disappointed. I shall forever oppose and deny the correctness of those who think power comes only from the barrel of a gun.

ROGER A. CUNNINGHAM

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Thank you Mayor Douglas! Thank you for your consideration in taking the time to come out to Beaulieu Court and having the conference with my neighbor and I over my dogs. I'm just glad to know that there are other animal lovers in the City of Vallejo beside myself and family.

I am sorry that you had to spend so much of your time on my protesting, but to me it is an important issue in the neighborhood. I appreciated it greatly, as I know you had other important matters to attend to.

It's pretty disgusting when a person has to picket her neighbor's home for the welfare and protection of her animals, but I felt I had no other choice. I'm only glad that Vallejo has such a fine and dedicated woman serving as mayor of our city.

I also wish to thank all the people who supported me in my just cause for my animals and theirs.

MRS. JEANNE KELEHER
688 Beaulieu Court

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Indirectly the result of this is that a motorist who is stopped by a red traffic light, can speed up as soon as the light is green and create a danger zone at the first or second intersection.

Hot-rod drivers use the opportunity (and immunity) to exceed the 25 mile an hour speed limit within the city and there is no way to count the number of injuries and accidents caused by the situation that is set-up to invite trouble.

Visitors from other states, foreign students or tourists and many-others are victims.

Will motorists and others ever become annoyed enough to make the insurance companies, automobile associations and others demand a change in the law?

What way is there to warn motorists of the danger zone caused by many traffic signals but especially those that are just the right distance apart to double the danger area?

S. P.

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The proposed actions by the County Supervisors with respect to the County Park and Recreation Plan, as reviewed by Mr. Dugald Gillies in his column on Sunday, September 20, do not exactly coincide with the record, especially concerning the Benicia waterfront portion. Mr. Gillies seems under the impression that consideration of this area for park purposes is a new and hastily conceived idea.

On the contrary, Senator Luther Gibson included this land in his proposal for the Benicia State Park for which he worked so hard. Shortage of funds precluded purchase at that time. However, this idea for preservation of waterfront areas for public use was good then and in my opinion still has great merit. Subsequent planners evidently concur because they have included this area for proposed park and recreation use in the Solano County Recreation Plan, the South Solano General Plan and in general plans prepared for Benicia. The BCDC has in its San Francisco Bay Plan recommended that Benicia provide public access, beaches, paths and parks.

The idea is therefore hardly new, and since the area has long been recommended for park development, any Benicia Councilman should have been aware of the fact, and should have working toward the accomplishment of this goal.

JAMES KURTZ

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why is it that Senate Bill 4, the gun registration bill that voided Alloto's San Francisco gun registration law, was voted against by all Democrats?

The vote for the bill was as follows: 13 Democrats for; 37 Republicans for; 11 Democrats against; no Republicans against; 14 Democrats not voting; 2 Republicans not voting; 1 Democrat absent; 2 Republicans absent.

Our Assemblyman Dunlap was one of those not voting as was Jesse Umrah.

Assembly Bill 1714 which lets people buy rifles and shotguns in neighboring states has the following vote record: 35 Republicans for; 12 Democrats for; no Republicans against; 19 Democrats against; 1 Republican no vote; 6 Democrats no vote; 3 Republicans absent; 2 Democrats absent.

Assemblyman Dunlap voted against the same as did Umrah. Does Dunlap ask Umrah how to vote?

I only have shown the Assembly voting. State Sen. McCarthy did vote for Senate Bill 4 and also for Assembly Bill 1714.

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JUST TURNED TWENTY-ONE

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

PARENTS UNITED also are interested in educating as is VOTE. However, we differ in the subject matter we feel children should be educated in.

We do not feel instruction in sexual intercourse and personal relations comes under the heading of education in public schools. To be informed is not necessarily to be armed to cope with any life situation. This particular area is too emotional a one to be diagrammed on a blackboard or taught by earnest young matrons. Sex is still enough spontaneous as to make ridiculous the notion that knowledge is wisdom.

What many parents fear, and quite rightly so, is that sex education of the nature that is being proposed is going to be received by students as a sort of how-to-do-it course. In spite of all the indignant protests to the contrary it is naive to suppose anything other.

Not only is the teaching of explicit sex, of the kind that is intended to promote hygiene, and to avoid pregnancy, suggestive in the most obvious way, the teaching of it sometimes drives normal students straight to experimentation.

How can schools be so concerned with teaching sex when they are at their wit's end wondering how to find the time to teach their students how to read and write and to multiply not to mention the amount of money this program will cost the taxpayer. According to what one reads in the paper, the schools keep saying they don't have enough money for the programs they now have. There must be a discrepancy somewhere.

From correspondence by PARENTS UNITED many parents do not want it. So let's keep it OUT.

MEMBER, PARENTS UNITED

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Your Sunday editorial encouraging the legal profession to join the trend toward teaching the youngsters about laws in schools does have merit.

We, in the Solano County Public Defender's Office, have recognized the need since we came into existence last year. At that time we wrote all the high schools in the county and advised them of our availability to appear in connection with high school government courses. That invitation was accepted by five schools, including both Vallejo High Schools and our speakers appeared before twenty classes.

We have renewed that offer this year. It is too early to tell how much response we will get, but I would be very much surprised if it did not exceed last year's demand. I think you will find Vallejo schools have already joined the trend.

Very truly yours
PAUL LIGDA