

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

O God of all men, Who didst create every man free to live his life in Thy great and good world, I thank Thee that Thou hast made me free. Give me insight and judgment to exercise well this God-given capacity for choice. Give me understanding so that I may be concerned about those of my fellows who have been enslaved by other men. Give me tolerance so that I may not judge harshly those who fritter away their freedom so blithely and then cry out from their chains. Give me faith so that I may translate my freedom into the kind of life Thou hast provided through Jesus Christ. Amen.  
—Hoover Rupert, Ann Arbor, Mich., minister, First United Methodist Church.

**EDITORIALS**

**A Free Press Periled**

It was Will Rogers who said, "All I know is what I read in the papers."

His words can be interpreted in different ways but they express something that is particularly true as America observes National Newspaper Week, Oct. 5-11: Except for those events in which we are direct participants, about all we know of what's happening in the world is what we read or hear or see by virtue of the varied media that come under the head of journalism.

Rogers would agree that a healthy cynicism should be part of every reader's equipment. He also would agree, however, that things are in bad shape when particularized skepticism begins to be replaced by generalized disbelief on the part of the news-hungry public.

We seem to be in such a period today. The International Press Institute recently reported that distrust of news media is growing in the U.S. The Institute noted as a "disquieting development" the feeling that news media incite the violence they report, despite lack of proof of any direct connection between riots and the reporting of them.

But perhaps the greatest danger to the fundamental freedom of the press which this transfer of the readers' revulsion at events to the medium that reports them lies in the increasing instances of government intervention which it has generated. Adverse reactions of public officials to coverage of the 1967 ghetto riots and the numerous ultimatums and investigations that were prompted by news coverage of the Chicago convention are typical of the growing inclination to stifle a free press.

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

In the past few years we seem to have created what is being called a passive generation in our children. Parents who evaluate the facts can see what is happening to our children in our schools and colleges and the crime, drug, rape, moral disintegration and confusion in our children.

They read, hear and experience charges of Communist influence upon our children on one side, and charges of Birch influence on the other. With the security of their children at stake they are asking questions and applying pressure on passive, naive or devious people who are in positions to do something but seem so reluctant to clarify or act.

I ask concerned citizens to read Congressman James B. Utt's statement in the Washington Report, released March 26, 1969 69-4 in the Public Library. Look up his voting record in Congress and his background. Read the FBI report in the Congressional Record of Jan. 10, 1963.

If what he says is not true, then why hasn't he been sued? And if it is true, shouldn't we protect our children from this possibility? It seems time for us all to get back to proven programs and stop wasting the taxpayers' money. We have all we need in Senate Bill 669 of 1968 which basically states no test questionnaire, survey or examination containing any questions about pupils, personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality and religion shall be administered to any pupil unless the parent or guardian is notified in writing and gives permission in writing.

MR. U WRITE

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

In reply to Parjo . . . As a former election board precinct worker, I dread the possibility of what could happen if 18-year-olds were given the privilege of voting.

And it is a privilege, not a right. In view of the riots that have taken place in the past few years, where so many young adults have their minds so "stimulated" that they have no respect for laws or authority, what happens in a precinct if they come in and decide the voting rules and regulations are unconstitutional?

It is not my belief that humans suddenly become super intelligent on reaching the age of 21. This becomes most obvious when you work in a voting precinct and observe the American voters filing through. Many do not know how to approach the roster. A few ballots have to be voided because some can't apply a simple rubber stamp.

We all have to wait our turn. What is it that makes the youth of today so certain they are so much better informed than their parents?

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MURIEL L. FORRAND

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**



BEST WAY TO SEE IT LIKE IT IS!

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Mr. Cunningham, you say that gun registration would stop crime. I have not seen any facts in your articles, only accusations against the NRA or your quoting opinions of the so-called violence commission.

Here in California, which actually has tough gun laws that are not being used by our judges and district attorneys, our crime rate was 3,763 per 100,000 population, the highest in the nation. We do not need gun registration or confiscation to make it easier for our crime rate to increase.

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A recent California Poll appearing in the Vallejo Times-Herald states "Most California adults are opposed to starting family life or sex education courses in grade 1 through 4. They were evenly divided on the question of offering courses of this type in grades 5 through 8 but most would approve sex education at high school level."

I, too approve of sex education at the high school level. However, this poll did not show a two-thirds majority which is required to pass a school bond.

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El Club Alegre De Vallejo would like to express their thanks to the Vallejo News-Chronicle for the publicity given our Sept. dinner-dance.

Also, our thanks to the wonderful public for attending this event.

EL CLUB ALEGRE DE VALLEJO

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Don't forget the Vallejo School Food Service Association Spaghetti Dinner planned from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, at Vallejo Senior High School on Nebraska Street.

Cafeteria girls are working hard on the event which is being held to help the Solano County Retarded Children.

Tickets may be purchased from cafeteria members or at the door. The public is invited.

MAXINE CARLOS

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Please permit me to use this column to thank the kind gentleman that tried to call my attention to the loss of my small coin purse on September 18 in the late afternoon.

I was trying to hurry home after a meeting of the Greater Vallejo Recreation Building and had not been aware of my loss. This fellow followed me for blocks and finally attracted my attention again by showing me my purse.

I was too thankful and embarrassed to notice the number of his late model car which turned on Tuolumne Street while I rode my bicycle on up Tennessee. If he should read this letter — Sir, thank you again for your kindness.

EILEEN DEMAY

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

We take this opportunity of expressing our deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to all telephone operators in Dixon, Fairfield, Suisun, Vacaville and Vallejo.

These lovely telephone operators have been very cooperative, helpful and most instrumental in making our American Red Cross Air-Evac service at Travis AFB a success.

The American Red Cross Air-Evac service at Travis entails for a Red Cross Volunteer to meet the Air-Evac plane off-loading Vietnam casualties. Upon the off-loading of these casualties, the Red Cross volunteer assists each wounded serviceman place a call home via these telephone operators. We realize this is not an easy task; however, we like to compliment the fine group of telephone operators in these cities for the very cooperative, helpful and cheerful manner in which they have accepted this added burden.

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But before giving up on the Fourth Estate, we might ask ourselves, how many city hall scandals are unearthed by politicians or how many government boondoggles are revealed by bureaucrats, and how many by dedicated reporters and their editors?

A free and unfettered press—which is the only kind worth having — inevitably will offend some people all of the time and all of the people some of the time. When it ceases to do this, then indeed will it deserve the distrust and contempt of the public.

## A Small Voice Is Raised

In these days of student unrest when the youth of our land is challenging our traditional institutions and social concepts without offering any constructive alternatives, the small voice of a 13-year-old boy cries out to be heard above the din of the nihilists and irresponsible activists who preach reform through revolution.

He is Tom Blueher. His name is not as important as what he had to say in delivering a commencement address some months ago at the Albuquerque Academy in New Mexico. We just have been furnished a copy of his talk and we believe his message bears repeating.

Young Blueher chose "Respect for the Law—Cornerstone of Citizenship" as his topic and took the position that law, as a code of conduct, is an inherent force of nature and man. In the animal kingdom, it is manifested as an innate law of cooperation—the law of survival.

"To be a good citizen," young Blueher says in summary, "one must obey the laws; must be able to feel the laws in his heart or mind; must have respect for all laws, not just those made by the people. This respect for moral, physical, man-made and nature laws is embodied in the cornerstone of citizenship."

Tom Blueher may not have shaken the foundations of social justice by his analogy or his talk. But for a 13-year-old, he has demonstrated a grasp of an abstract idea beyond his years and in so doing has helped restore a measure of reassurance that the younger generation still has something going for it. It is the Tom Bluehers in whom the hope of the future lies.

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Mrs. George Danton:

I wish to clarify my objective for your benefit. Lewd entertainment and immorality in America are my concern, not an asset contest involving family and possessions.

It's fine if your husband loves his work, but he should expect criticism if his intention is to commend topless and bottomless entertainment. I possess great pride for my ambitious husband who is equally proud to be a naval electronics instructor.

Obviously we differ with our concept of life. My parents' teachings were simple, decent and their primary objective was self-respect of oneself. I also will strive to instill my learning of life in our two children. It would be a discredit to myself to acknowledge the fact any member of my family chose the easy way out because they lacked ambition.

Let's not quote Biblical passages. Immorality is my point. We would all possess clearer consciences if we abided by God's rules. They do not include immoral conduct.

It takes all kinds . . . yours and mine. Since we both believe we're making the best effort to live decently, let's not squabble about cheap women earning a buck and use the editor's space for good, decent issues concerning Vallejo.

M.M.

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Mrs. Jeanne Keleher may well be in violation of City Ordinance 305 N.C. in keeping four dogs at her residence.

As a dog owner and property owner, I respect the premises of my neighbors and keep my dog confined in accordance with law. A family with four dogs in the Bonita Court area, where the homes are less than 10 feet apart, must disturb the neighbors even though the dogs are confined.

The most despicable dog owner is the one that releases his dog or dogs, each morning or night so that they can mess on their neighbors yards. Some of the multiple dog owners' back yards are left for weeks without a cleanup and, with Vallejo being already surrounded by dairies, the stench and flies and insects are terrible.

I feel that the Mayor and City Council should take positive action to see that Ordinance No. 305 N.C. is enforced, and if the present law enforcement and poundmaster personnel are inadequate, they should be increased. Each time a violation of the Ordinance No. 305 N.C. is observed or reported the maximum penalty should be asked of the courts. Each time a dog or other pet is found running free or at large, the maximum should be charged for the first offense and subsequent offenses should be increased 100 per cent.

I wonder if Mayor Douglas checked the city ordinance before visiting Mrs. Keleher's home? She may have been compounding a misdemeanor.

K.D.N.

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In a recent article signed only "Vallejoans Organized to Educate," VOTE made many interesting points with many of them, unfortunately, only half truths. VOTE hints that the addition of a representative of the police department will bring the committees up to state recommendations.

However, as I write this and study the list of people on last year's committees, when most of the preliminary work was done, I see that no doctors served on the committees and no clergymen. The state recommends at least one clergyman from each major faith and a doctor or doctors approved by the local medical society or public health department.

VOTE also neglected to mention the actual makeup of our committees which was as follows: 29 teachers (many not residents of this community), 3 nurses, 2 parents (no other affiliations), 3 students, 3 adults from the Master Plan group, 10 members of the PTA and 1 social worker.

In addition, VOTE brushes lightly over the cost of this program hinting that if we do not teach sex in the school, some mysterious but dire catastrophe will overtake our nation.

To the best of our knowledge and using the only figures available to us, the cost of this program for the year 1967 in the Anaheim High School District was \$267,000. This is a great deal of money for a school district which cannot come up with enough money to provide free lunches for its hungry students.

The rest of the questions raised by VOTE will be answered in next week's "Opinions of the People" column.

H. E. MENZEL  
Parents United

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

S.P.:

In regard to your letter to Opinions of the People concerning left turns at intersections controlled by traffic signals. You should have studied Section 21891 of the California Vehicle Code before writing.

It states, "(a) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles which have approached or are approaching the intersection from the opposite direction and which are so close as to constitute a hazard at any time during the turning movement and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to such approaching vehicle until such time as the left turn can be made with reasonable safety.

"(b) A driver having so yielded and having given a signal when and as required by this code may turn left and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection from said opposite direction shall yield the right-of-way."

Know the law and drive defensively.  
A TRAFFIC OFFICER

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Your recent editorial regarding Beautifying The Fair has just come to my attention. You have chosen some items of the discussion but have been misinformed, or neglected to consider, the many angles towards the fulfillment of such a project. The fair board has always considered a beautification program and through the years has spent whatever amount was available for this purpose. I might add there has been almost more time spent on this item than our other business combined.

As an agriculturist myself, I cannot agree with your opinion that Agricultural Commissioner Black's report to us was short-sighted. The Board requested Mr. Black, and his office, to thoroughly inspect our grounds and report his findings and recommendations. He outlined to us the conditions that exist regarding our present plantings. He pointed out the need for a proper and adequate fertilization program. He pointed out the need for a proper pruning program. He pointed out the need for a spray program to control and eradicate our heavy fungus and insect infestation. All of these points are necessary to keep alive and thrifty what we now have. This was primarily the message Mr. Black gave us and I believe it was an honest, intelligent, appraisal by a competent man. Whether a business man, homeowner, or farmer one certainly must first take care of what you have — then expand from there as you are able.

The space given to a discussion of oleanders was purely a matter of opinions — some people like corn, others like peas. When time and money permit the board will decide whether to plant oleanders, something else, or both. You do grant that there is the possibility of poisoning which may or may not be "remote" depending on when it happens. That possibility would be there 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

The Board's master plan and the extent to how fast it is expanded is tied to the usual word "money." If we, and we decided we should, do the things necessary to properly fertilize, irrigate, prune, and spray our existing trees and shrubs it will take almost all the money we have available for beautification. Am I wrong in thinking that most, or all, of the "picturesque beauty" of surrounding areas you mentioned are supported by tax dollars? We are operating a business with limited funds and have no such means of revenue. The majority of other fairs are allotted sums of tax money by the counties and cities where they are located. I am sure the Board would be most receptive to receiving such support from the City of Vallejo and Solano County. All such money would be used to complete the Master Plan for Beautification as quickly as possible and the view from Vallejo Balcany would be complete.

CARL HOLMES,  
Director Solano County  
Fair Association.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Times-Herald will have more to say on this subject in the future until we are assured the landscaping and beautification program is carried out.

cooperative, helpful and cheerful manner in which they have accepted this added burden.

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We especially thank all the persons that made donations on the beautiful handmade sash that we awarded Saturday afternoon. Congratulations to Ruben Smith who had the lucky number.

Hope to see you again next year.

VIRGIL LEE  
Chairman of the Taylor Chapel  
C.M.E. Church booth

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Congratulations to the Benicia City Council on the right decision for our waterfront park. The waterfront area is unique to the city and offers much enjoyment to my family and I. This VITAL decision to our present and future generations may not be recognized by all the citizens at this time, but neither was "Seward's Folly" in the purchase of Alaska. Taxpayer money spent on a park for all, is a welcome change to spend our tax dollar.

Mr. Lemos states that parks are "better developed by private funding." These parks usually cost plenty to enter and who wants that. In this day and age, you have to pay for everything — and it will be a nice change to have a park for recreation and enjoyment just for the cost of your time!

Congratulations to the Council for looking into the future and to the interested citizens with their sincere interest in our community!

MR. and MRS. KENNETH A. BOWMAN  
335 Viewmont St.  
Benicia, California 94510

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

"Family Life and Sex Education" is not required by our State Board of Education. VOTE would have us believe that it is. Therefore, if our local school board includes family life and sex education in the curriculum, it is doing so on its own volition.

On Aug. 28, 1968, Governor Reagan signed into law Senate Bill 413 on sex education. The bill adds a section (5008) to the Education Code and will take effect in early November, 1969.

The protection of this law applies to sex education in science, health, history, English and any other classes of this kind (inclusive of hygiene and biology courses now offered) as well as to the family life education program in the schools which have it. Parents have in this law a protection against infringement, of the religious and personal privacy rights of their children.

Write to the office of Senator John G. Schmitz, State Capitol, Sacramento, for a copy of this law. Write to your school and your school board and notify them that your child will not participate or be subjected to any instruction or training in these programs without your written consent.

VALESKA CHANG

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

MON T-H EDIT PG

O God, we thank Thee for fresh starts, new beginnings, and for all creativity that makes possible new life. Thou hast said, "Behold, I make all things new." Thou art to us a thousand doors through which we may pass to more abundant living. Help us not only to believe in these doors, but to go through them into the new world that Thou art always waiting to give us, through Christ. Amen.

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

## EDITORIALS

### Vacaville's Opportunity

Vacaville's need for additional family-oriented recreational facilities long has been recognized as one of the city's most pressing requirements as a community seeking to keep pace with its burgeoning development.

It is gratifying, therefore, that the Vacaville City Council has taken cognizance of this need and has scheduled a special \$400,000 bond election tomorrow to give voters an opportunity to approve financing of a planned park and recreation complex that could become Vacaville's greatest community asset.

The Times-Herald endorses the proposed bond issue and believes the Vacaville City Council, the Capital Improvements Committee and other prominent civic groups actively supporting the bond election are performing a community service by submitting a proposal that is feasible, well-conceived and generally accepted.

The proposed new park and recreation complex is to be developed on a 56-acre site on Elmira Road. Inasmuch as the location already is owned by the City of Vacaville, considerable savings in land costs will be realized. Initial elements of the complex will include an Olympic-size swimming pool, modern tennis courts, a regulation, lighted softball diamond and landscaped picnic areas.

The Times-Herald believes the bond issue is the most practical and least expensive way for Vacaville to acquire a recreational development now when it urgently is needed and at the same time make a worthwhile investment in its future at a cost of only \$5 a year based on a home valued at \$20,000.

We urge Vacaville residents to make the most of a rare opportunity that will be offered them tomorrow by giving the park bonds a "Yes" vote.

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is article No. 3 and the concluding one in a series written in an attempt to answer the question as to whether or not the United States is a Christian country.

Unless these articles are read together, it would be unfair to the subject.

When constant labor and sacrifice and money are being put forth by the Christian churches to build and maintain Christian hospitals throughout the country and even in many other nations of the world, it is an outstanding evidence of the Christian spirit of our country and our effort to practice the precepts of this religion.

When the prodigious amounts of prayer, sacrificial giving and Christian training that is necessary to prepare and sustain Christian doctors and nurses at home and abroad are full seen and realized, it will be another mass of evidence speaking in behalf of the high Christian purpose of our church and nation.

Our soldier boys singing Christian hymns out on or near the battlefields . . . Bibles by the hundreds of thousands being printed and distributed constantly over the United States and foreign mission fields by the American Bible Society and other organizations . . . Thousands upon thousands of tons of Christian and biblical literature printed and sent out across the land and world for its salvation and edification . . . Hundreds of millions of dollars sent out by the churches annually for Kingdom purposes . . . these are among the countless evidences of Christian purpose and action in our nation!

REV. RAY M. LAWRENCE

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Open Letter to Grand Jury:

Although there has been considerable clamor for closing of the County Hospital, nobody has come up with a satisfactory answer to the following questions:

1. Who would take care of the 24 hour (around the clock) emergencies — that is, GUARANTEE all cases accepted regardless of individual circumstances?

2. How could absolute assurance be given that all cases would be given the needed attention elsewhere which they now receive at the County Hospital. (Answered, of course, by others most involved — that is other hospitals in Solano County).

3. Where would the unacceptables (now taken without question by the County Hospital) be taken care of?

There are more problems to be solved before closing the County Hospital — these are just a few of the questions that should be answered prior to any such moves.

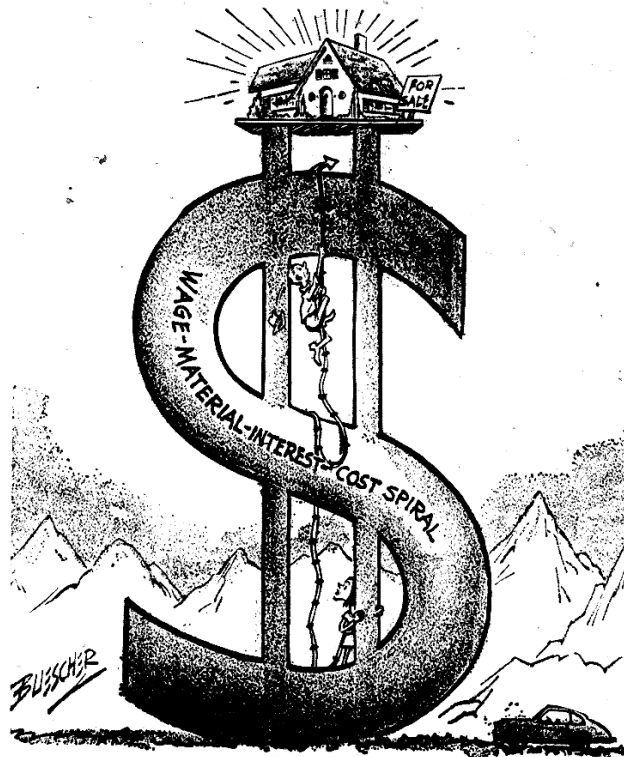
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TERESA M. HRABANSKY

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why is it that our educational system is continually looking for new methods of teaching? What's wrong with the old method?

Under the old method, everyone, both black and white, oriental and other nationalities,



THE BIG CLIMB

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In reply to Muriel L. Forrand . . . You said you dread the possibility of what could happen if the 18-year-olds were given the privilege of voting, but you gave a reasonable explanation against it.

You used rioting and no respect for laws or authority as reasons against the 18-year-old vote. Please let me stress that only SOME young people become involved; only a small minority of the people have been involved, in such activities, and most of the riots are caused by outside agitation. The news media has shown us only one side of the story, that of rioting or demonstrating; but what of the student that is in class studying? Nothing, because that isn't what makes news or sells papers.

You also asked what would happen in a precinct if young adults came in and decided the voting rules and regulations were unconstitutional? The same would happen to them as anyone else. That is why we have a judicial branch, to interpret the laws and

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Mr. Roger Cunningham, et al, seems to be preoccupied with witch-hunting. The witch is the National Rifle Association.

Gun confiscation certainly would be a "Joy" to the SDS and Nazis. The nature of both is totalitarian, a concentration of dictatorial power.

"Hitler and Stalin were both leftists in that they both represented anti-freedom, yet they opposed each other. The new left extremist are for centralized power in government, either under a total and forced system or under a "democratic" concentration of governmental power over the individual.

Had it not been for the generosity of the NRA during the "Battle of Britain" in 1940, we could all be "Goonestepping" now. Winston Churchill remarking about the generosity of the NRA, calling it the "Fruits of the American Act of Faith."

Every time you enjoy the facilities of our national parks, you should thank the NRA

### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Continuing on the subject of recent questions raised by "Vallejoans Organized to Educate," VOTE has seen fit to quote Dr. Max Rafferty. However, they did not reveal the whole story. Parents United think it is only fair that the people see what Dr. Rafferty said in entirety.

He said, "There are five important points which are made by the State Department of Education's report on sex education with which I concur: (1) Those California schools which have been providing scientific instruction in the principles of human reproduction should continue to do so, (2) Sex education should be taught only by qualified teachers who have been carefully screened and who have exemplary personal qualifications, (3) Sex education should not be recommended as a part of the primary grade curriculum, (4) Sex education should not be mandatory for all. It should be available in districts whose parents request it and (5) The SIECUS program is not appropriate for California schools. My own recommendations are that the Board approve this report, instruct the Department to draw up a suggested course of study to be supplied to local districts on request, and consider the possibility of presenting for future Board discussion a combination of the present report with the boards eventual guidelines on moral and ethical instruction, due to be considered in May." Signed Max Rafferty.

Parents United will continue to be critical of half truths in its attempt to get the truth about this program to the people of Vallejo.

H. E. MENZEL,  
Parents United.

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It seems appropriate to comment on the letter that was signed "Just Turned Twenty-One" in our paper today, Monday, September 29.

"I have heard many reasons why 18 year old children should be able to vote, and why they should continue to wait until the age of 21: Your writer covered it as well as anyone.

A high school civics course does not provide one with all that is needed to be able to vote. There is much responsibility attached to the right to vote. The suggestions in the letter were good — be active, get educated, and learn what life is like outside of the textbooks.

Few people at age 18 have had the opportunity to be more than receivers of whatever this country has to give. True, some 18 year olds have given much. Sometimes, even their lives. Yet, no matter how sad this may be, and in spite of the emotional attachment this has to have, it does not, and should not be used as justification for giving the vote to others.

NEARING FIFTY-FIVE

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### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

President Nixon failed to mention the following points when he announced his



## PRAYER FOR TODAY

I'm tired, Lord, and a bit lazy, too. Give me incentive enough to want to get up and do my job this day. Make me thankful for responsibility, and a task to do. I'm easily discouraged, Lord and a bit self-centered, too. Give me a new philosophy of "what next?" to replace "what's the use?" and turn my thoughts outward more often than inward. Lord, you made the day and me. Keep both of us fresh; in Christ's name. Amen.

—James W. Kennedy, Cincinnati, O.,  
Director & Editor, Forward  
Movement Publication.

## EDITORIALS

## A Problem Recognized

The term "population explosion" is no mere catch-phrase but a stark reality that the U.S. as well as most of the other countries of the world heretofore have not fully recognized. Fortunately, President Nixon now has committed this nation to a goal of checking unsought population growth at home as well as making it a part of our policy to help other lands do the same.

His initiative in this critical situation is both timely and important as evidenced by just two reports released since Mr. Nixon urged Congress to create a Commission on Population Growth to study the probable course of an increasing population between now and the year 2000 and to determine the resources in the public sector of the economy that will be required to deal with needed family planning programs and in safeguarding the environment to increase the world's food supply.

The Institute of Life Insurance predicts a record 4.5 million babies will arrive on the American scene in 1980, topping the former record of 4.3 million births in the late 1950's, and anticipates that today's 60 million households in the U.S. will rise to 76 million during the same time—an increase of some 25 per cent.

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It is with a great amount of interest that I read Dugald Gillies Oct. 5 column in the Times-Herald regarding the \$21 million long-range spending plan of the Vallejo School System and the questionable forecast of pupil increase.

At no time does Mr. Gillies propose changing a system that employs too many administrators, uses too many acres of scarce high-priced real property for each unit and experiments with too many controversial subjects in the curriculum.

More and more national commentators and columnists on education are saying that six years is the correct age to start children in the First Grade as they are neither physiologically or emotionally ready for forced preschool instruction and that Project Headstart has no scientific proof of benefit although any child can be taught to read well at that age even if he does not assimilate the subject matter.

If this premise is correct, then the ideal teaching setup would be the return to the eight grade neighborhood grammar school and the four-year high school. This would be economically feasible for two reasons: (1) The elimination of administrators in the junior high schools; the availability of qualified classroom teachers for all seventh and eighth grades and (2) The economic ability of the taxpayers to add needed rooms to existing school buildings to accommodate the increase in pupils without the incredible waste that the school department shows in the purchase of un-needed real estate. These savings could be passed along in merit salary increments to competent classroom teachers.

The third and equally important economy is beyond the ken of the local boards. This is a must . . . that the Legislature stop legislating mandatory subjects into the curricula without funding them at the state level and stop putting the financing on the local property taxpayer.

M. E. BENSON

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I heard on TV the Defense Department is granting \$500,000 to some southern school to train birds to carry fire bombs. (Saw a Union Square type pigeon enjoying his corn but what he really wanted was an olive branch.)

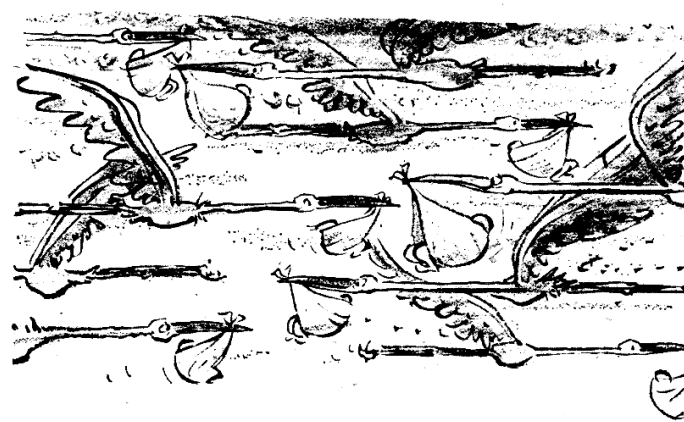
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To Right on Eldridge:

I'm glad to know you look up to others for leadership. But don't you think it a little strange that the man you look up to is ran away? What kind of leader is it that takes other peoples' money and runs?

You say that 13 million people are starving here in America. Man, have you been fed a line of garbage and, what's worse, is that you believe it. To prove to you, and anyone else that believes that, I am giving you five days to produce someone that is starving. I have \$20 that says you can't.

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This is Article Number Four, and the concluding statement.

It is often the concluding remarks on any subject that need to be so clearly and carefully expressed for they might be the most important in the whole article. It is therefore with much appreciation on the part of the writer to the editor for permitting these concluding remarks.

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## OPINION OF THE PEOPLE:

I don't really know where to start this complaint I would like to have some information on how to get some help and how to stop something that is a health hazard and a menace to our neighborhood.

I live in the last row of houses in College Park next to an open field. I recently took a walk up there and was almost sick. There is more garbage and debris than the city dump. It is a combination of the city dump and a lovers' lane. I found cartons and magazines with addresses all the way from Napa. I know it is illegal to dump up there but it's being done! Some of my neighbors have turned in license numbers of the people who have been dumping but it has done no good. Isn't there anything we can do?

Could the Health Department possibly do anything? We have tried and nothing we do seems to make any difference. At one time it was a nice place for the kids to walk the dogs or just take a hike but you should see it now.

Kids by nature are curious and they are attracted by junk to ramble through. Even though we have forbidden our kids to go up there they still manage to slip off and go. They bring back all kinds of treasures to them but junk to us. My husband has hauled off two truck loads of junk and we are at wit's end. You would not believe some of the junk they come up with. These kids range in age from three to ten and it's up to us to protect them. And I for one intend to turn in anyone I see up on that hill and I will press charges if I can. I am sure that every mother on this block will follow suit so to all the horrible people who have been dumping up there please stop or we will turn you in. This time I feel safe in stating that sooner or later we will have every license number that has anything to do with endangering our kids. You people could be responsible for giving our kids anything from hepatitis to syphilis and meningitis!

## CONCERNED MOTHER

If anyone is interested in checking it out I will be glad to give you a guided tour. My name is Mrs. Robert Evans Jr., 348 Swan Way.

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President Nixon has become the first chief executive to address himself to this most urgent situation by identifying it as a world problem no country can ignore. This in itself is significant. Moreover, his proposals basically are sound and will mark the beginning of this country's dedication to solving perhaps the greatest challenge the world has yet faced.

## Nibbling At Magna Carta

At first glance, the news from London is ominous. According to press reports, Parliament is bent on repealing all but two of the remaining effective provisions of the Magna Carta, the common rock upon upon which are founded the political systems of a host of nations sharing the Anglo-Saxon tradition of government by law.

Actually, however, Parliament only is following tradition and common sense. In the 754 years since King John was blackmailed into signing the original Magna Carta by his barons, 27 of the original 37 provisions have been crossed out as no longer applicable.

Among those now marked for discard are such guarantees as a cut for the crown from all wine imported into England. Obviously, it's repeal scarcely is a blow to democracy.

More meaningful are the two articles that now are all that is left of the original document—a declaration of liberties and a guarantee of the rights and privileges of England's towns and boroughs. But even they no longer constitute the real significance of the Magna Carta.

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### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attn: Hannus Park Subdivision Owners.

Creeping commercialism is about to intrude its foot into our quiet residential area. The Planning Commission granted Use Permit No. 1140 on Oct. 7, 1969 to allow a parking lot on an R-1 lot fronting on Tuolumne St., and contrary to the Planning Director's recommendation, the Commission allowed an exit from the parking lot onto the intersection of Hannus Lane and Indiana Street. This would introduce commercial traffic on to our residential streets which is not warranted or needed. \* A protest petition has been filed with the City Council and a date for the hearing will be set shortly. The Council's agenda is printed in Monday A.M. paper so watch for date of hearing and if you don't want additional traffic on our streets be at the hearing to let your elected councilmen know where you stand and you in turn can see where they stand.

MRS. BARBARA WADE

\* Signed by 80 residents.

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is to senior citizens who are receiving Old Age Security benefits.

The President is recommending a raise in Social Security benefits. The last small raise that was received was deducted from Old Age Security benefits. No doubt, if the bill is passed and more money is allowed on Social Security, that sum will be deducted from Old Age benefits.

If enough people write to their representatives in Sacramento asking that they be allowed to keep the increase in Social Security benefits, it might have some bearing on the matter.

Is it worth a 6-cent stamp?

OVER 70

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Mr. Roger Cunningham:

I have read each article printed in this newspaper with your name signed to it. I want you to know that you speak for me also.

I am disappointed in the criticism you and your articles have received which have ranged from vague to caustic. I think your articles were timely, well written and had to be said.

I hope many others share these views. Bravo and good luck Sir.

ROBERT MACHIN JR.

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Mr. Imrie, R.L. and Mr. Cunningham:

I think your argument against Mr. Cunningham about guns is a fruitless effort. He will never change his ideas about gun control even though he hasn't the vaguest idea what it would mean to all of us in the end.

I would suggest to him to keep his thoughts as they are, but allow others the same prerogative.

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In a city like Vallejo with taxes as high as any other city in the surrounding Bay Area, I don't think it's too much to ask for a decent covering or topping for our neighborhood streets.

Recently our streets have been covered with a gravel topping which results in discomfort for people living in these areas.

The gravel causes dragsters to use these particular streets more often because of less surface traction. It is dangerous if for safety reasons you have to make a sudden stop and it causes unnecessary dust for homemakers. Gravel rocks also are carried into the homes and cars.

Evas and Thomas streets have been covered this way and now Benicia Road. I think we should hear more from the people in these areas as to how they feel about this. We also should be supplied with good reasons as to why loose gravel is being used instead of a smooth oil surface.

Please don't use money as an excuse, Vallejo, that's not a good enough reason.

THOMAS AVENUE TERROR

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The communication barrier would open if members of various organizations such as pressure groups composed of irate taxpayers, students, voters, conservationists and others would publish their names, addresses and telephone numbers.

In this way they could get together with their elected representatives by offering solutions to problems in their district.

Out of the minds of the people come great new ideas and logical concrete solution to our governmental problems. As of now, many bounce into the waste basket of the office staff of our elected representatives. Hence, the undisputed experts of bureaucracy rule us completely and grow fat on our taxes.

Our most valuable resource is the mentality of humanity which is destroyed by merely ignoring it. Communications is the key to successful organization.

C. R. STEEN

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Public:

This evening (10-4-69) about 5:30, I was on my way to the store, the store is located on the corner of Mini Drive and Sears Point Road (Highway 40). As I was going up the street, this is what I saw. A white (approximately) '67 Pontiac station wagon pulled directly in front of a white and black Delta 88 Olds. The driver of the Olds had to slam on his brakes to keep from hitting the other car. All this time there was a policeman sitting at the stop sign. The policeman didn't do anything about the incident. I think the person in the white Pontiac should have gotten a ticket.

In closing I want to say if I had been in the black and white Olds, I would have demanded the other person get a ticket.

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No one can say, "there are so many, or this many, or that many Christians in our country" for after all, no one knows except the Lord of us all!

However, it is helpful and very encouraging to know that each one of us is Christian because of his chosen belief and spirit, and action, goals, purpose and attitude toward God and our fellow men, and this may be known by faith in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ.

From the very start, it was evident that the Divine Purpose, (God), was intending to establish our country as a Christian country, from the nature and purpose of the colonists who founded our country, and especially from the nature of our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, other documents, and the Christian institutions which were established. Even our national coins and currency bear the fresh and invigorating statement of faith in God; "In God We Trust."

REV. RAY M. LAWRENCE

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

At this point I will say an orchid to Crocker-Citizens of Vallejo and also an orchid to the Wells Fargo branch of Vacaville.

You agreed to assist the people with their food stamps, this was of course a grand gesture on your part, and I am sure that the people who will benefit from the food stamp program are indeed proud to know that someone really cares. To my bank, Bank of America, I will have to give an onion because of the fact that you failed to open your doors to those who need you most.

I hope you will see fit in the future to mend your ways when it comes to assisting those of us who find that we have to accept a little help from time to time.

After all, the poor will be with us always so there is nothing we can do about it except lend a helping hand whenever the chance comes along.

Chances are that I will continue to do business with Bank of America but I will never feel the same when I do.

JOHN L. LEE

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Parents:

As a mother with two school-age children, may I urge you in joining me in "no trick or treat" this year?

With the recent murders, robberies, rapes and general mayhem, is a bag of loot worth your child's welfare?

Schools used to allow kids to wear costumes and parade at noon and later have refreshments in the classroom. I would gladly donate cookies or cupcakes to the school.

What do other parents think?

VERY CONCERNED

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You might be wondering what youth group I am talking about. It is the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls or maybe a church group. Do I live in Fairfield, Napa, Benicia, Vallejo, or Vacaville? Am I a man or a woman? And most of all, did I call you tonight? Interesting question? Only I know the answer and possibly many of you.

QUESTION

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attn. Mr. Cunningham:

I am sure the readers will agree that I am not as sick as you. You speak of my petulant (bad-tempered) way of raving when there is any mention of sane control of guns. Then you proceed to rake me over the coals with some mighty fancy adjectives — all derogatory.

Twenty-five years ago I worked at Vallejo Sporting Goods, 245 Georgia, and even then all handguns sold required registry in triplicate. One copy retained, one to the local Chief of Police and one to the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Sacramento. We don't need new laws or controls — only the means and police personnel to enforce the ones we have.

I did not advocate that everybody should buy a gun — and especially not you as you would immediately want to commit murder — or so you indicated. Intelligent, sane and solid citizens are not affected in this way. You keep mouthing the erroneous statement that crime of all types has increased with the increase of guns in the home. Come out of your sanctuary and admit that the population explosion is the only cause of our increase in crime. Per capita ownership of guns is at an all time low. Thousands of boys enter military service each year who have never before had a gun in their hands. And it is a happy range instructor who occasionally finds a boy who has had basic training with an NRA sanctioned local club.

Keep those cards and letters coming. Mr. Cunningham, you're doing the gun owner's cause a lot of good.

PHIL REED

### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Fellow Vallejoans:

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for leaving your papers and on the sidewalks for our paper drive. We made between \$200 and \$300. The students of the Junior Class are sorry if some of the papers weren't picked up but it is hard to cover all the streets of Vallejo.

The Junior Class would also like to publicly thank two very fine businesses in Vallejo, which are — Dittman Moving and Storage and Kozy Moving and Storage, Inc., for the use of large trucks to transport papers to dealers.

Sincerely yours,

SHARON CROSS  
Junior Class Secretary  
St. Vincent Ferrer High School

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

O Lord, there seems to be so little we can do about outward happenings. Help us to keep our inner lives quiet and at rest by concentrating on Thee and Thy way for us—the way of forgiveness and concern for others, and confidence sure that Thy mercy and Thy grace can bear us up in the flurries and frustrations and disquiet of an unsettling world. In the midst of it all is Thy presence. Keep us close to Thee. O Lord, and hold us steady on course; in Christ's name. Amen.

—James W. Kennedy, Cincinnati, O.,  
Directors Editor,  
Forward Movement Publications.

**EDITORIALS**

**Navy Day—1969**

America observes another Navy Day today—an event annually set aside to commemorate the historic day in 1775 when the Continental Congress received a bill providing for the creation and establishment of a fleet to protect a young and struggling nation.

For Vallejo, home of Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Navy Day always has held a special significance because the local community and its citizens have been closely interwoven with the U.S. Navy and its shipyard here for more than 115 years.

Indeed, the historical importance of Navy Day has become more pronounced with each observance as Mare Island Naval Shipyard and Vallejo together have dedicated their efforts for more than a century to serving the Fleet as the chief bulwark of our national defense.

Vallejo and Mare Island have good cause to take note of Navy Day today as an occasion not only to pay tribute to the U.S. Navy but also as an event to reaffirm once more the rich historical ties the Navy has made a part of the heritage and tradition which the local community and the shipyard have shared for 115 years.

The accomplishments of Mare Island are a continual source of community pride and the exemplary performance of the Navy men who have served at the local shipyard and who have manned its ships not only have brought credit upon themselves but also have given this area world recognition.

It is with particular pride, therefore, that we join America today in saluting the U.S. Navy on this Navy Day and renew our pledge to support its vital and strategic role.

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On Nov. 2, 3, 4 and 5, there will be seminars in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles on the burning questions of today. The theme is SURVIVAL!

Hosts are J. Sig Paulson, director of World Unity, Unity Village, Mo., and Dr. William H. D. Hornaday, pastor of the Founders Church of Religious Science, Los Angeles.

They are in overall charge of the program and Dr. W. Ballentine Henley, provost of the California College of Medicine, University of California at Irvine, is coordinator and moderator.

Two international organizations, Unity and Religious Science, dedicated to the principles of truth that answer the questions: "Can Man Survive?" "Are There Solutions to the Pressing Problems Facing Man Today?" Are there spiritual and scientific techniques that enable man to tap his inner resources and to take his place in the great plan of creation? Can Man find the divine resources within and meet the challenge? Their answer is a resounding "yes!"

In an atmosphere of spiritual and intellectual ecumenicity, they will present the questions and probe into the human and divine. Mobilize the resources necessary to solve the problems confronting humanity.

The Ambassador Hotel has made 350 rooms available at special rates. Further details may be obtained from the First Church of Religious Science in Vallejo, 614 Alabama St., or by calling 643-3617, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Let two or more attend with others ready to hear upon their return, and become a committee to prepare a comprehensive report to present in our many pulpits and in the press.

**AN ALERT CITIZEN**

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

I read in the Drew Pearson Column (written by Jack Anderson) that the militants who have taken over the MORATORIUM COMMITTEES in so many cities are receiving their orders from Hanoi, China, and other Communist countries. They are not interested Division among the AMERICAN people.

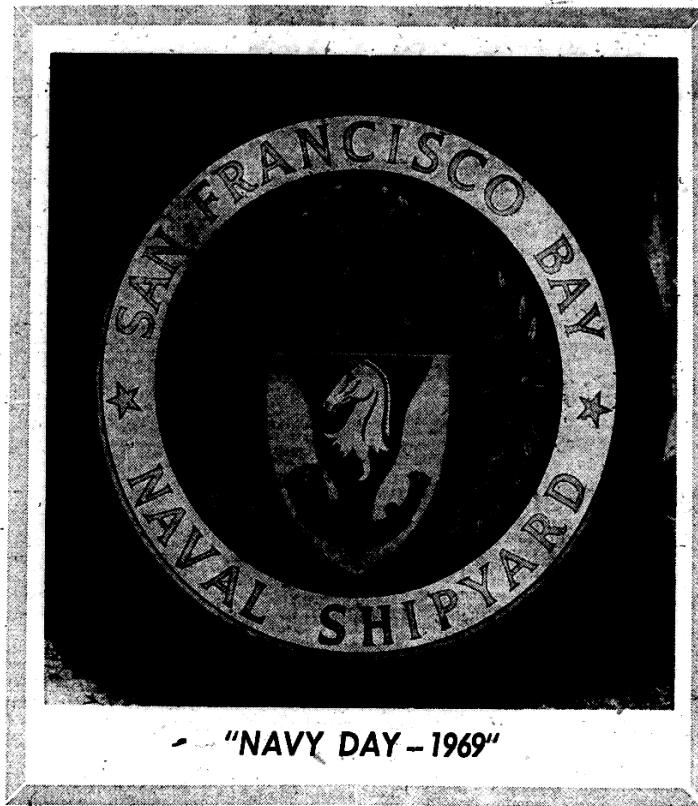
No one, least of all President Nixon, wants this awful war to continue but if we pull out now you would see the greatest BLOOD BATH ever staged by the most blood thirsty Communists in the world.

I still believe the MAJORITY of the American people want an HONORABLE peace and the folks who are chanting the Communist line ought to go to China, Russia, or Hanoi and see how long they would last if they DIFFERED from their masters. Free speech is fine but when a bunch of hippies and goons threaten our boys overseas and disrupt our country it is no longer free speech but anarchy. God grant that we soon return to Fashioned respect for law and order. This is really the prayer of the MAJORITY of the American people as seen by the recent elections.

L. E. LEWIS

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Why doesn't this All American City have an ordinance that prevents property owners from bothering their next door neighbor with



**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Dear Governor Reagan:

Let us engage in some thought about your criticism of Moratorium Day. You think public questioning of the Vietnam War constitutes "giving aid and comfort to the Communists."

Perhaps so. Before the United States entered World War II millions of Americans supported an "America First" movement to keep us out of the war. Were these Americans helping Hitler, who overran Europe and began his infamous massacres during the years 1939-1941, while we stood by?

Perhaps so. A few individuals protested the removal of Americans of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942. Were those protesters helping advance the evil designs of the Japanese empire?

Perhaps so. Apparently you chose the words "aid and comfort" from the Constitutional definition of Treason. Can Treason take place when we are Constitutionally at peace? What has to happen before we are at War, according to the Constitution? Should you read the whole Constitution?

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Mr. Lawrence W. Jaksch and Mr. Adar Ab Jedda, your short articles in the paper were very good. In your reading of other news articles, have you ever read of a person arrested for armed robbery being also charged under the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968? I believe I can answer for you. The answer is no.

Our Assemblyman Dumlap is for registration of our guns and probably for confiscation. But a member of his office says they are against the extra penalties for using a gun in a crime. State Sen. Milton Marks had a bill passed calling for additional penalties for a person convicted of an armed crime. I have not heard of anybody being charged with this law in California.

Senate bill 4, signed into law Sept. 10, says the whole field of regulation of registering or licensing of commercially manufactured firearms shall be controlled by the state. What this does is stop every town or city from making their own laws. Imagine the confusion and graft every town could have without SB 4.

R. L.

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

If he had his way, one automobile dealer would prohibit left turns except where an intersection is controlled by a traffic signal and the green arrow shows which vehicle has the right of way.

Would it be feasible to substitute three right turns for one left turn?

Ask yourself how much cheaper it would be to go three blocks farther to reach your destination, than it is to pay for a new fender.

Where streets are laid out on level ground in a waffle pattern all left turns are avoidable. Records for safe driving habitually choose a route that doesn't require a left turn except where there is a traffic signal.

Why run the risk of a collision with some car that is exceeding the speed limit?

Statistics show that irresponsible motorists — especially young ones — are to blame for high insurance rates. Speed and alcohol are at the top of the list of causes of accidents.

Driver education, better lighting, more and better roads and many other programs are keeping the rate of injuries and deaths from automobile accidents from being higher.

The rate of percentage of miles, cars, and motorists has been decreasing a little each year recently.

If it is possible why not decide that it is foolish to keep on killing each other on the streets and highways?

What would happen if signs "no left turn" were placed at almost every intersection in town?

Think about it!  
Your's sincerely  
S. P.

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

In view of the recent events concerning Zodiac, many parents are concerned about children going Trick or Treat.

If this man has not been apprehended before Halloween, perhaps there could be a city-wide agreement to allow children daylight hours . . . say between 4 and 6 p.m. with extra police patrol to enable the children to enjoy the holiday with less worry and hopefully more safety.

MRS. NANCY JO COLBERT

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of the heritage and tradition of the local community and the shipyard have shared for 115 years.

The accomplishments of Mare Island are a continual source of community pride and the exemplary performance of the Navy men who have served at the local shipyard and who have manned its ships not only have brought credit upon themselves but also have given this area world recognition.

It is with particular pride, therefore, that we join America today in saluting the U.S. Navy on this Navy Day and renew our pledge to support its vital and strategic role in preserving and strengthening America's national defense structure.

Navy Day today is a time of rededication to the concept that America's naval strength is maintained and committed only to resist aggression wherever it may threaten our own security. It is our sea power as a nation with the greatest Navy in the world that gives fullness to the meaning of strength for peace that always has been America's purpose in a world where free governments are threatened by evil forces and our will to defend the dignity and worth of the human being is being tested by reactionary elements.

The first national observance of Navy Day was in 1922 under the sponsorship and supervision of the Navy League of the United States. Since that year, the Navy League, as the official sponsor of the Navy Day celebration, has played a major role in keeping Americans informed and aware of the vital need for a strong, well-trained Navy—one ready to meet any emergency at any time.

We believe the Navy League—and especially Vallejo Council No. 1 of the Navy League—has served the Navy and the nation well in dedication to the principle that our Navy is one of the surest guarantees America can have for its future security and the peace of the world.

It is to the credit of Vallejo Council No. 1, Navy League of the United States, and the Armed Services Committee of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce that the Navy and the local community are closely allied in a spirit of mutual cooperation and affection that has made each an integral part of the other and has permitted both to make a significant contribution to the national defense.

It is, therefore, proper and justifiable that today has been set aside when citizens figuratively join hands across the nation to pay tribute to America's mighty Navy. And it is particularly fitting that Vallejo pay honor to the men and women of the Navy and salute them and the principles of freedom to which they and this day are dedicated.

I still believe the MAJORITY of the American people want an HONORABLE peace and the folks who are chanting the Communist line ought to go to China, Russia, or Hanoi and see how long they would last if they DIFFERED from their masters. Free speech is fine but when a bunch of hippies and goons threaten our boys overseas and disrupt our country it is no longer free speech but anarchy. God grant that we soon return to Fashioned respect for law and order. This is really the prayer of the MAJORITY of the American people as seen by the recent elections.

L. E. LEWIS

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why doesn't this All American City have an ordinance that prevents property owners from bothering their next door neighbor with overhanging trees and shrubbery?

There are many trees that are an asset to property but when they grow too large, and become top heavy and are in close proximity to another person's home, they are no longer a thing of beauty and can become a hazard to life and property.

Pine needles and cones may be all right in a forest but they certainly are a nuisance to the property owner who has to have the debris from his neighbor's trees removed from the gutters and downspouts of his home several times a year. They also make a very untidy looking garden.

This could all be avoided if his neighbor had the common decency to do what is right and have his trees trimmed or removed when they cause trouble for someone else. The city should control problems of this kind.

There also are many intersections which have become hazardous on account of trees and hedges obscuring the driver's view of cross section traffic. Many accidents could be avoided if these obstacles were removed. Isn't there someone in this city who can bring about a change in these problems?

ONE WHO BELIEVES  
IN FAIRNESS TO OTHERS

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I'm sure all responsible parents are worried about their children about now. Since my daughter is not quite one, I don't have the added problem of Halloween yet. However, this is no time for anyone's child to be parading around the streets at night for any reason.

May I suggest that mothers of school children meet and plan a party for all members of a class. Each mother could donate a "trick or treat" goodie of some kind and games could be organized with prizes for costumes. Make sure there is enough food to make 30 or so kids sick to their stomachs and they'd never miss "trick or treating."

My second suggestion for the day, for all the good it will do, concerns Christmas. If anyone is interested in getting up petitions to present to the Vallejo Merchants Association, perhaps we could persuade them to hold it off till after Thanksgiving.

It's terribly unfair to a child to make him wait two months or more for Christmas. It's absolutely pathetic that children should lose their enthusiasm long before Christmas actually comes.

MRS. JANET WATSON

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why don't people with pet cats and dogs keep them home where they should be and keep them from using my yard and destroying flowers at my home.

I don't like my yard being used as a dumping ground for pets. If people can't take care of their pets why do they have them?

I'm just tired of cleaning up messes in my yard.

JUST A CITIZEN

number is no. 1. I believe I can answer for you. The answer is no.

Our Assemblyman Dunlap is for registration of our guns and probably for confiscation. But a member of his office says they are against the extra penalties for using a gun in a crime. State Sen. Milton Marks had a bill passed calling for additional penalties for a person convicted of an armed crime. I have not heard of anybody being charged with this law in California.

Senate bill 4, signed into law Sept. 10, says the whole field of regulation of registering or licensing of commercially manufactured firearms shall be controlled by the state. What this does is stop every town or city from making their own laws. Imagine the confusion and graft every town could have without SB 4.

R. L.

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I love animals but it is obvious at times why people do harm to animals.

A family in Vallejo Square has a vicious dog that I predict may severely injure someone . . . maybe even kill a child. They refuse to keep it in the yard and let it roam the streets. The police have been called and they refer the caller to the Animal Shelter.

They came once but the dog was in the yard when they arrived and they said the dog must be outside before he can be picked up.

Must a child be killed by this vicious dog before something can be done?

ANIMAL LOVER

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Many fathers are deeply concerned about their children going out for trick or treat on Halloween night with that maniac Zodiac murderer still on the loose.

I have two youngsters who look forward to Halloween night and I am not about to have them out when this mad man could just as easily dress in a Halloween costume and have a gun or knife hidden underneath his costume.

The point I want to bring up is this . . . could this newspaper please warn citizens of Solano County and out of this county also about what could happen to our children?

A CONCERNED FATHER

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A fine young boy of Vallejo, Carlos Guevara has offered the suggestion that Halloween "Trick" or "Treat" be done after school and until dark on Halloween instead of at night.

As mayor, I believe that this is a fine suggestion and I hope that this will be done. We want the children to have fun, but not to be out late at night, as it might rain on that date and also is a worry to parents because of accidents and if this "trick" or "treat" is done in the after school hours and until dinner time, children can enjoy the evening at home with their families or go to private parties if arranged.

MAYOR FLORENCE E. DOUGLAS

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Would you, the fellows on the junior varsity football team at Vallejo High, or the parents thereof please check through your gear for my son's jacket?

It's not a good one, but it has sentimental value for him. It is a Pop Warner football jacket — black with gold trimming. His name, Lenou, is in gold letters on the jacket.

Please call the school or my number if you run across it. It was lost on the bus when the team played Drake on Sept. 27.

Thank you,

TRESSIE NEARS  
644-4336

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R. E. L.

#### ★ ★ ★ Dear Moratorium Demonstrator:

All Americans want peace, but peace as advocated by you will eventually bring disaster to this country and to the entire free world.

When you appease an enemy you only make him bolder. Certainly the example of Neville Chamberlain just prior to World War II has proven this.

President Nixon has been trying very hard to end this war by halting the bombing, withdrawing some of the troops and deescalating the fighting. The North Vietnamese have done absolutely nothing in response to these concessions. It is obvious that they want total victory and are simply biding their time until there is a complete troop withdrawal.

The North Vietnamese think this will occur. They are encouraged in this belief by your anti-war protesting. So you, who want peace, are really responsible for the continuation of the war and the resulting loss of life.

As long as the North Vietnamese think that the victory will eventually be theirs via withdrawal, why should they bother to seriously negotiate in Paris?

Wake up protesters! Picket against the North Vietnamese who are the real enemies, the ones who refuse to end the war. They are the aggressors, not the Americans.

HELEN

★ ★ ★  
One practice of the enemy for many years past has been twisting the legitimate meanings of many words in common use by the people to serve the enemy's ends. One of the terms now being used is "de facto."

Good citizens, let's talk about "de facto." Let's think about "de facto."

Yesterday, Oct. 15, we witnessed a real "de facto" occurrence of treason. I state the foregoing because:

1. We are engaged in a de facto war.
2. We are fighting a de facto enemy.
3. The supreme law of our land, our Federal Constitution, states that giving aid and comfort to the enemy is treason and there wasn't any attempt by the perpetrators of yesterday's treasonous activities to change the wording of the slogans from those emanating from Hanoi and mouth slavishly by many people here in this country, whose positions in public life made their acts not only treasonous but should be charged against them as malfeasance in public office.

I, too, believe letters should be written to representatives, senators, the President, governor and many others. But, I believe the letters should call for impeachment proceedings against those guilty of rendering "de facto" aid and comfort to our "de facto" enemy. Think about it and act on it!

W. B. SIMMONS