

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Eternal Spirit Who are the supreme Ruler of the universe, set Thy loving hand upon Thy servant the President of the United States. Grant him a deep humility to seek and follow wise and just counsel; and the moral courage to make great decisions in line with Thy will for the whole family of man. Surround the loneliness of his high office with the assurance of divine comradeship. May he experience the rewards of a great trust faithfully fulfilled and a nation's grateful love; through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

—Edward K. Ziegler, Bakersfield, Calif., pastor, Church of the Brethren.

## EDITORIALS

## Vietnam Peace Hopes

It has been said so many times that it has become a truism:

The only way real peace can come to South Vietnam, peace that is neither Communist-dictated nor Communist-dominated, is to convince the mass of peasantry that they have a real stake in their government. And the only way to give them that stake is to abolish the system of absentee landlordism by which a mere 16,000 wealthy South Vietnamese own almost three million acres of the country's fertile land.

The land has been fertile in more ways than one. Sixty to 70 per cent of South Vietnam's farmers do not own the land they till, and it is from their dissatisfied ranks that the ranks of the Viet Cong are replenished.

Too often, following hard behind American soldiers after they have cleared an area of the Viet Cong, have come the landlords to re-assume ownership and collect back rents. This is the reason that some parts of South Vietnam have had to be "pacified" again and again in the long years of this war.

The only land reform program South Vietnam has ever had is that of the Viet Cong, which has "given" land to millions, writes Arthur J. Dommen in the Los Angeles Times. Its motto has been: "The movement has given you land, give us your son."

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

There is one thing contributing to the problems facing America more than other thing combined — and that is failure to enforce the law. Disregard for the law cannot be excused because of a minority relationship to society or a majority relationship. It cannot be excused because of the difficulty of enforcing the law.

A law-abiding individual in our society must be fully assured of complete protection from the law breaker. He must have immediate recourse to damages for injury or our whole system of law becomes meaningless as far as "Justice For All" is concerned.

At present we are guilty of too little-too late in law enforcement. Too often the criminal is benefitting from the law. The victim suffers the burden of maintaining law enforcement while he himself is victimized. Because he upholds the law, the injured does not take the law in his own hands while law enforcement agencies remain inadequate and unaffectionate in helping him.

Either we must recognize that we no longer have the justice provided for in our Constitution or immediate action must be taken to make law enforcement swift, effective and determinate.

Taxation without adequate protection is no more than organized plunder and easily leads to being victimized rather than helped by the government.

DAVID C. ELSDON

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Jehovah's Witnesses, California Circuit No. 12, would like to express their thanks for your news coverage of their circuit assembly at Antioch October 10-12.

In the troubled times we live in today it is good that over 2,000 people can gather in peace. The world in general is having a problem with law and order but those 2,000 delegates in attendance heard that law and order is possible by living Christian lives.

We are glad that the news media is concerned with keeping the people informed and we believe that when 2,000 people do gather in peace that is news the people need to know.

It was of interest to the people of Antioch that a large convention like this did not require any law enforcement officers to keep order. We are glad for this and will endeavor to conduct all of our future assemblies to be a credit to the community.

Sincerely,

TROY D. SYNDER  
News Director

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SOCIALIZER



"We Need More Academic Freedom!"

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Cleaver left this country because if he had returned to prison the most brutal punishment would have been inflicted upon him, possibly even death. Any man knowing his life was in danger would do the very same thing.

And who told you he took someone's money? Didn't he write the best selling novel "Soul On Ice" and wasn't he head editor of the Ramparts magazine? You should investigate things more thoroughly before you speak.

You're right, I do believe 13 million people are starving here in the richest country in the world. And people that are starving is nothing to bet over. You sound like a 14-year-old kid betting on a crap game. If you have \$20 to throw away, why don't you do something constructive with it? Visit some of the homes in the ghettos and see how much starvation there is. You will be surprised.

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Proponents of the plan to acquire the shoreline property west of West Ninth Street in Benicia seem to be overlooking several important considerations in connection with the purchase and use of the land in question.

If the City can assume the entire purchase price, provide suitable landscaping, and develop the property for limited recreational use, the beauty of the area and value of adjacent residential property may certainly be enhanced.

The cost, however, may prove prohibitive when we consider the benefit to the city as a whole. A conservative estimate for acquisition and development costs would certainly be in excess of three hundred thousand dollars. Maintenance costs, depending upon the extent of the development, could also be considerable.

On the other hand, if we accept the proposed "Regional Park" concept with State and perhaps Federal funds being used, we must also be prepared to accept some conditions with which we might find it difficult to live.

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Mr. Reed and those who have responded to my previous letters have a very selfish attitude. As long as they can own one, two or even 15 firearms and they have never given any intelligent reason for doing so they are beside themselves with glee.

To them, it is entirely insignificant if relatives or friends shoot each other for no reason intentionally or accidentally . . . events that are disgustingly increasing because guns are so ludicrously easy to get. Who cares as long as these big men have their guns?

Thus, with such a self-righteous attitude, this type has banded together to form leftist organizations such as the NRA that are even more self-righteous. They push their own narrow interests. What is good for society as a whole is forever denied entry to their minds.

New gun laws would be beneficial to all the people, but if the gun fans' bizarre passion for weapons is inconvenienced in any slight way, they render forth heart-rending sobbs couched in terms of tradition, legality and protection.

Mr. Reed, you and your fans have a ridiculous position. Although you may be shocked, society will let you be men without guns. You are helping my cause immeasurably. After all, through you the public can see the mediocre opposition to gun controls as you utter eleven-hour gasps while sinking deeper into the pit into which you have been castigated by public opprobrium.

Roger A. Cunningham

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Concerned Citizens:

Now or never! This is the critical situation in regard to acquisition of the remaining acreage to complete the Point Reyes National Seashore, as projected by the Federal Government seven years ago. The two private owners of extensive ranch property needed to complete the area feel they can no longer afford to withhold their lands from public sale, and undoubtedly they will be sold for private housing unless Congress authorizes funds for their immediate purchase.

A number of local Congressmen along with our Senators have sponsored bills in both houses for the necessary appropriations, but with present policies of budget cutting, these bills may never be presented for passage. We urge you to write now to President Nixon, Senators Alan Bible and George Murphy, and Governor Reagan that the Point Reyes National Seashore must be preserved for public use and recreation.

Last year over half a million persons visited and enjoyed this outstanding recreation area, and with growth in population of the Bay Area and increasing tourism, this nearby coastal area will serve even more visitors. We hope those of you in Vallejo, who have enjoyed this irreplaceable natural attraction, will join us in our efforts to save it for ourselves and future generations.

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In the eyes of many Americans, irrespective of their opinions regarding this country's past and present involvement in South Vietnam, President Nguyen Van Thieu & Co. stand as an obstacle to the creation of a truly popular, representative government.

Interestingly enough, however, it is the personal initiative of Thieu that has brought the Saigon government close to enacting the first meaningful land reform in its history, reports Dommen.

Last November, Thieu began putting the crimp on landowners by prohibiting local officials and soldiers from assisting landlords in enforcing rent levies. In February, the prohibition was extended to the landlords themselves.

A land redistribution bill has been rammed through the South Vietnamese National Assembly and now awaits action in the Senate. Though the assembly trimmed the bill to a shadow of the radical program demanded by Thieu, the constitution grants the president considerable power to "flesh out" legislation after it has passed both houses. It is expected that Thieu will put not only flesh but teeth into it.

Of even greater interest to Americans, however, is the fact that until recently the U.S. embassy had for years quietly opposed land reform because the landowners were a principal source of political stability in Saigon — "and political stability in Saigon was what counted more than anything else," says Dommen.

Some American officials still fear that Thieu's land reform program will wipe out the rural landed gentry on which the Saigon government depends to carry its writ into the villages, while at the same time falling short of guaranteeing the loyalty of the peasants.

This makes about as much sense as worrying whether a house will stay in one piece when the earth cracks open and swallows it up. Such "stability" in the long run is short-sighted in the extreme.

And we are in the long run right now.

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Registered voters in Solano County interested in personally doing something about the problems of pollution — in the air, in the water and of the land, can do so by signing two petitions aimed at dealing with the problem.

These petitions are now being circulated throughout California by persons who realize the threat of pollution is one of the major threats to man today. A group called the People's Lobby in Southern California originated the petitions after finding the politicians and lobbyists of the gas and automobile industries were thwarting any attempt at effective pollution control legislation.

Two petitions are being circulated. One would allow the amendment of the State Constitution and reduce the threat of pollution to our environment. It states the people of California will take the necessary steps of meeting this threat. The second petition spells out the specific means of controlling pollution by an amendment to the Health and Safety Code.

It will take 526,276 signatures to qualify the constitutional amendment for the 1970 ballot, while it will take 325,173 signatures to qualify the Health and Safety Code amendment for the ballot. The latter amendment requires strict controls would be applied to automobiles and manufacturers, the major cause of air pollution today. It would be up to those who cause the pollution — mainly auto manufacturers and large industries — to either eliminate the pollution or face fines and jail terms.

Anyone interested in signing these petitions or in circulating them may come to 408 Capitol Street or phone 643-8172.

MRS. LAUREL CLINTON

#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Many service connected disabled veterans are not aware that there is a Disabled American Veterans' Chapter in Vallejo that meets at 8 p.m. the third Thursday of every month in the Veteran's Memorial Building, 444 Alabama St.

Vietnam veterans can become a member without dues the first year. Other veterans are required to pay the \$6 annual dues. Lifetime membership also is available for eligible members.

Most Purple Heart veterans as well as service connected veterans are eligible for membership, including those who have received the Veteran's Administration Award or a Zero Percent Service Connected and a 10 to 100 per cent service incurred disability.

Any eligible disabled veteran is welcome to attend the meetings and ask any questions he desires. A competent Service Officer is always available at the meetings to discuss compensation claims.

Female eligible veterans are welcome as well as veterans of every race, creed and color.

WILLARD E. CRAWFORD

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Uprisings may seem foolish to you, but not to those who are dedicated to liberating the oppressed people of the world. I am a man who supports a family and I'll always be a proud Black man dedicated to liberating the oppressed and dealing with people like you.

Raymond Blockman

#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What was supposed to be a report of a meeting in South Vallejo on Oct. 16, concerning "Lake Dalwigk" turned out as more of an attempt to direct the news than to report it.

Efforts to depict the Black Panther Party as screaming publicity seekers, in contrast with other residents of the area who were nice guys, fooled no one who was at the meeting. It was too obvious an attempt to tell people how they must conduct themselves if they want their ideas to be favorably received. In fact, Mr. Sudan said nothing really different from what I said, although he may have chosen a slightly different way of expressing it. And I believe that the same thing could be said for what was said by most of the other speakers.

Rather than people being expected to learn and adopt THE acceptable way of expressing themselves in public meetings, I believe that public officials should be expected to learn to understand what people are saying in their own way. Any official who does not do this puts his personal feelings above the public good and contributes to an already widespread distrust of government bodies.

I would also here state my agreement with the view that there was a disappointingly small crowd. However, the reason was given in the preceding paragraph in the article which said, "no final decision was reached in the 2½-hour session . . ." That has happened so frequently that most people of the area feel that there is no point in coming out to such meetings.

Power to the People!!! — not to the bureaucrats.

REV. JACK BLAKEMAN

#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Attention: Haas Park Subdivision Residents

At 8 p.m. today, Nov. 3, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the protest against the Wells Fargo expanded parking lot having an exit onto Haas Lane and Indiana Street.

If you want to keep out additional traffic through our quiet residential area, be at the meeting to show your concern.

Harry Ennis

The cost, however, may prove prohibitive when we consider the benefit to the city as a whole. A conservative estimate for acquisition and development costs would certainly be in excess of three hundred thousand dollars. Maintenance costs, depending upon the extent of the development, could also be considerable.

On the other hand, if we accept the proposed "Regional Park" concept with State and perhaps Federal funds being used, we must also be prepared to accept some conditions with which we might find it difficult to live.

County officials, in order to qualify the proposed park site as to size, have included a large number of water lots so that State funds can be used on a matching basis. Once these funds have been used and the area designated a Regional Park you can be sure that it will be found necessary to enlarge the useable land area to fulfill regional recreational requirements, parking, picnic areas, etc.

This can only be accomplished by either filling the water lots or acquiring adjoining residential property. Either of these two alternatives would, in my opinion, seriously detract from what is potentially a most desirable residential area.

Before any firm commitment is made, Benicians should determine whether or not they can afford an expenditure as large as seems necessary for the limited benefit that would appear to be available. We should also carefully weigh the desirability of accepting matching funds and the attendant responsibilities.

Those who live in the immediate vicinity, especially, should carefully consider the prospect of the many problems that may present themselves if we elect to provide space for a regional recreational park in this choice location.

With the Benicia State Park only minutes away it would seem that this land and money could be put to far better use.

Benicia has now, in public ownership, many street ends fronting the Bay that could be developed into attractive view points. Some could accommodate public fishing piers. With these improvements completed and view corridors preserved when planned unit developments are allowed on the shoreline, the reasonable desires of most citizens for access to the bay would be satisfied.

M. J. FitzGerald

#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

People want firearms, Sergeant Thatcher, or they would not buy them. We flatly refuse to give up our constitutional rights until we are ready to.

In order to humanize the Vallejo policemen, take them out of patrol cars. Put each on a beat and let him get acquainted with all the people, discuss his problems with them, teach them how to assist him. Let him laugh and talk like real people do. Relax him and get that wooden parade stiffness out of him. It is impossible for the police to operate alone, so the whole-hearted cooperation of the entire population is a must. What would happen if every citizen reported every violation he saw? Would it make law enforcement harder or easier? Wrangle a two or three week study session in Atlanta, Georgia, observing all phases of city government, especially the program so appealing to the 15-year-old boys that lead to the police academy and a position on the police force.

Sincerely,  
JRC

annual sessions must be preserved for public use and recreation.

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Rep. Rivers Rips Leggett for Anti-Military Actions. This appeared in the Vallejo Times-Herald recently. The news item was written by Richard L. Lyons of the Washington Post. Mr. Lyons also wrote, "Rivers accused Leggett of misstatements and of attacking the character of members and of the committee staff. Rivers also implied that voters in Leggett's defense-heavy district should find a congressman more friendly to the military." A few weeks ago Rep. Leggett distributed an anti-military letter with cartoons—one showed a large tank, with the caption, "Pentagon Propaganda. The Leggett letter also noted at the top, THIS IS NOT DISTRIBUTED OR PRINTED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. Perhaps the letter wasn't printed at government expense but each person, in four counties, received this anti-military letter addressed to "POSTAL RECIPIENT." I just wonder how much the taxpayers had to pay for this mailing bill?

I understand that the major income in Rep. Leggett's district is from military and that one in three or one in four persons are connected with the military. So it seems that Rep. Leggett isn't representing the wishes of his constituents.

K.D.N.

#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On Monday, October 27, "Single" inquired about a place to get acquainted with other singles. I would like to invite "Single" and any other singles who enjoy meeting new people and sharing fellowship with them to come to our Single Young Adult Class (SYAC) at First Baptist Church, Carolina and Sonoma streets. In our group we have single adults who are attending college, who are working in the Vallejo area, and who are serving in the U.S. Navy at Mare Island. We meet at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings and at 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings. We usually have a couple of socials or outings during the month in addition to the regular meetings. "First timers" are always welcome. Won't you come out and share your fellowship with us? We'd like to get acquainted with you, too! (If you would like to know more about the group call me at 644-2977).

Carolyn Boyette

#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We would like to thank those people who patronized our recent rummage sale. We especially want to thank Al Rose who so kindly provided us with a building in which to hold our sale.

Our plans are to make this an annual event so we are hoping to see all you nice people again next year.

Telephone Pioneers of America Silverado Council

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Dear God, we would honor Thee this day in all that we are and do and say. Give us strength from above to deal with the burdens and concerns of life. Keep us from any unworthy compromise with evil. May our love of Thee purify our lips, guide our steps, and set a song in our hearts. Give us a glimpse of the divine Presence in a troubled world. Make of us messengers of hope, carriers of goodness, and workers for peace. May we find in Thee the faith to overcome; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Charles M. Crowe, Wilmette, Ill., minister emeritus, Wilmette Parish Methodist Church.

**EDITORIALS**

**The Shrinking Shoreline**

Its magnificent coastline is probably California's greatest natural resource—and the one least accessible to the public.

The present amount of public swimming beach is so limited that there is only about a fourth of an inch of frontage for each resident of the state. There will be even less if we do not soon halt "developing" and despoiling the shoreline, and begin acquiring more beach acreage for public use.

But there is strong evidence that the public will no longer passively allow its needs to be ignored. Popular demand for protection of San Francisco Bay from exploitation led the Legislature to create a multi-jurisdictional commission with strong authority to plan and guide overall development of the bay.

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) should serve as a model for a similar agency embracing all of the coastal cities and counties from Santa Barbara to San Diego.

As in the San Francisco Bay Area, the proliferation of local governments along the shoreline of Southern California has been a major deterrent to effective regional planning and action. In all, more than 200 local, state and federal agencies are concerned with the beaches, according to an estimate cited by Times staff writer Philip Fradkin in his recent report on the coastline crisis.

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Once again I ask the help of the people in our community by donations of good useable clothing, furniture and jewelry to the Vallejo-Benicia Thrift Store for Retarded Children and Adults. I also take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated to us regularly.

The success of our store depends a great deal on the donations that are given to us. We are a non-profit organization which depends a great deal on the generosity of people. So please help us maintain the Day Care Center for pre-school children and also the Work Shop for the retarded adults.

Donations may be made by calling 648-1287 or bring them to the Thrift Store at 725 Marin St.

Mrs. Esther Rand

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Courtesy and Law . . . this subject may sound like a minor matter or even silly to a lot of people in Vallejo. However, as a city dweller myself and, after a long period of observing this matter, I wonder where the very simple practice of courtesy and obedience of our laws has gone.

In observing the people and the vehicles in our city, as well as the many crosswalks we have painted so nicely on our streets, I wonder many times who will make it first . . . the vehicle or the poor pedestrian. In many cases, the pedestrian is as much as one-third or more of the way across and then has to run like all get out or be run over. There is no signal or even an attempt by the motorist to stop or slow down.

My point in writing this very small complaint is that in my opinion the taxpayers of this city, county and state are wasting their money in paint, equipment and manpower.

If I am wrong in thinking that pedestrians have the right-of-way once they have entered the crosswalk, then I think we should do away with the marked crosswalks and say out loud "everybody for himself." After all, you are in a free country so you are free to do as you wish and cross the street when you want to. But, don't jay-walk or the police will give you a citation. Be careful folks.

Concerned

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

The increasing agitation for changing the penalty for the possession of marijuana from a felony to a misdemeanor must be fought resolutely. Many supposedly well-meaning people feel that this is too harsh a stigma to impose on a youth's record. This is not so. These youths know and are fully aware of the devastating and dangerous path this can lead to.

Aside from the moot question whether it is addictive in itself, the very fact that it leads to more base and viler drugs cannot be ignored.

With the opening of many drug abuse treatment centers and narcotics bureaus to help those already snared and to teach and warn others of the dangers inherent in drug use, are we to give these centers more problems to cope with instead of aid and abatement?

It is my unalterable opinion that drugs of



**KEEPING THE COLLECTION MAN WAITING**

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

I am writing in regard to the place occupied by the Evers at 40 Chestnut St., which has been discussed so much over the years. My husband and I have been to court several times over this property which we have spent many long years of hard work making a valuable piece of land.

It seems now others would like to take it for nothing and they never filled in one foot of land there. I am wondering if other people in Vallejo think this is fair and just. I would like to have some opinions as we do know lots of people and have numerous friends in Vallejo we think.

Joe Evers' ancestors were pioneers in California and he has spent half his life on Chestnut Street filling in land we have . . . so now he is to be evicted?

I am in Texas taking care of my aged parents who will soon be married 63 years so I can't be there to help in this latest trouble. There are roses and trees and some pretty things growing there if anyone cares to go see.

I hope I hear from other opinions about this situation.

MRS. HELEN EVERS

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

I was an enlisted man during the entire period of World War I. When the war was over, Congress passed a bill giving all veterans a \$1 a day bonus for each day in service to be paid in full in 20 years.

Some of the boys went to Washington to try to get a loan on the money that was promised them to help them until they could get a job, but they were run out of Washington with fixed bayonets . . . so much for that.

How can we have good government with 70 to 80-year-old men and others who are mostly kept in office by lobbyists representing large corporations and millionaires with an ax to grind?

Crooked politicians, graft, radicals and Communists will destroy this country quicker than anything. These radicals and demonstrators are sure helping the Communists. If the armchair generals and Congressmen would keep their mouth shut, the war would have been over some time ago.

We cannot have peace at any price. I think we would rather fight the Communists over there than over here in the USA.

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

To Mr. Cranston:

On Monday, Oct. 27, it was reported that you said that the U.S. Army was expecting to be attacked from the rear by the South Vietnamese Army as they withdrew. You cited no authorities nor sources, depending apparently on the "authority" of the office of senator which you occupy to lend credence to this statement.

You imply (1) the South Vietnamese are treacherous and unreliable as allies and (2) they would turn on their friends without provocation or cause.

I would expect Hanoi to use such statements as calculated designed to undermine relations between the U.S. and South Vietnam. I was amazed to hear such come from you. Such statements are a gross disservice to our country and to the efforts of the President who is trying to negotiate and to disengage this country from the frustrating and impossible situation of a sanctuary-ridden, restriction-bound conflict that you politicians wouldn't let be won, whose previous Administration policies exposed our military to being attacked without being able to fight back and whose policies have deeply divided the American people.

You praised the "moratorium" on the basis that it sought peace, yet you have ignored the real basis for these marches . . . to win the Vietnam war on the streets of America and to deepen the division already existing in the feeling of America.

I deeply disagree with your stand on this and on many other items you have advocated. Don't worry about my vote. I didn't vote for you originally, based upon your past record, and to date it hasn't improved.

Herbert Fuller

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

The time of year has come to prepare for our gifts to help the little Indian children at Christmas.

We ask for all leftover Halloween candy and also any donation of items for our project. We have done this before through our church, Calvary Tabernacle, to help our Missionaries.

These are some of the needed items: ribbons, wallets, stretch socks for girls and boys, hankies, color crayons and books, hair items, items for babies, winter caps, pants for boys 4-12, items for girls soap and wash cloths, tee shirts for teenage boys, pens, note paper, items for teenage girls and women, aprons, head scarfs, anklets, 9-10-10 1/2, tweezers, needles and thread, items for men such as socks 8-11 and tee shirts 38-44, men's shorts 38-44, flashlights and batteries and most anything for these different age groups.

The donations will go to Broken Arrow Chapel 2 under the direction of Missionaries Sister Helen Burgess and Phyllis Hammerbacker.

If you would like to help, please drop the items off at 113 Hill Drive. A box will be setting on the porch.

Our group also is planning a rummage sale to benefit the project. The vent will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 123 Hill Drive. We will appreciate your support.

Mrs. Isabel Elsdon

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The Legislature, therefore, should approach the saving of Southern California coastline as it did the protection of San Francisco Bay—by applying reasonable restraints upon new construction and development until an acceptable over-all plan and methods and means of implementation are decided upon.

This is what Assemblymen Sieroty and John Dunlap (D-Napa) will propose through a permit system "to prohibit any development which could cause irreparable damage to the esthetic and recreational values of the shoreline."

A permit system was effectively used by the BCDC to control San Francisco Bay development until a final plan was approved by the Legislature.

This approach, it must be emphasized, is not a moratorium upon new construction. Instead it simply allows a Legislature-created body—representing affected cities and counties and the state—to delay projects that would irreversibly damage the beaches and shoreline environment.

Such a procedure has been recommended to Gov. Reagan by his Advisory Commission on Ocean Resources. And Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke, chairman of the Interagency Council on Ocean Resources, told The Times that he "could support" restraints until an acceptable shoreline master plan had been drafted. Both the governor and League of California Cities supported BCDC legislation.

We consider this a sound and constructive way to deal with the coastline crisis on both an immediate and long-term basis.

Any fears that the plan would be "anti-industry" should be put at rest by the final BCDC blueprint. Ocean-related industries of course must be provided for, as should all other valid non-recreational uses of beach frontage. But they must be carefully planned in relation with other shoreline land usage, instead of allowed to spring up wherever land is cheap and local officials are indulgent.

Or we can huddle closer and closer together until our beaches finally disappear—or pollution makes them unusable.

—The Los Angeles Times.

resolutely. Many supposedly well-meaning people feel that this is too harsh a stigma to impose on a youth's record. This is not so. These youths know and are fully aware of the devastating and dangerous path this can lead to.

Aside from the moot question whether it is addictive in itself, the very fact that it leads to more base and viler drugs cannot be ignored.

With the opening of many drug abuse treatment centers and narcotics bureaus to help those already snared and to teach and warn others of the dangers inherent in drug use, are we to give these centers more problems to cope with instead of aid and abatement?

It is my unalterable opinion that drugs of any kind are a form of mental and physical suicide and as such are against the law and the victim must be protected against himself.

If many of these youths are so shaken with problems of high magnitude, let them inquire of a physician for help. These young people, soon to inherit the reins of American life, must learn that the easiest way to surmount problems is to face them. They must be made to realize that privileges must be paid for with responsibility just as freedom must be paid for with good citizenship.

Matthew Silverman

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Vallejo now has a new Christian school in operation that serves children from nursery school through the twelfth grade.

There also is a full time Bible College program each night and all persons interested in either program are invited to join us.

We have many different needs and would like the assistance of anyone interested in helping the school grow. We need drapes for all school rooms and toys for the young children, also swing sets for our recreational area.

The boys and girls dorms need dressers and we have a printing shop that could use any type of printing equipment. We also have a need for a panel or pickup truck for the general use of the school.

Anything that you feel would be a help to a growing Christian school would most surely be appreciated. Please call 643-4566 and all donations will be picked up.

The Staff of Berean Fellowship

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

By their fruits ye shall know them!

The conditions described in Wyman Riley's "Review of the News" on your Oct. 29 editorial page on an "Institution of Higher (?) Learning" certainly gives food for thought.

If one takes the percentages given by the researchers, reflect on the actions taken at recent meetings of large associations or lawyers, reflect on recent actions taken by various levels of courts throughout the nation, a very clear picture begins to emerge.

None of these described conditions could exist without the knowledge of faculty and administrators in these schools! It follows then, as night follows day, that our educational system is in great measure responsible for the breakdown in public respect for our legal institutions. Of course, the really sad part of the whole situation is that we really must be pretty sad representatives of the human race, because everyone knows in a nation like ours the people get exactly the kind of government they deserve.

Like it or not, the educational system is an arm of government, and is costing us more than 50 per cent of the state and local taxes we pay. Think about that.

W. B. SIMMONS

of land there. I am wondering if other people in Vallejo think this is fair and just. I would like to have some opinions as we do know lots of people and have numerous friends in Vallejo we think.

Joe Evers' ancestors were pioneers in California and he has spent half his life on Chestnut Street filling in land we . . . so now he is to be evicted?

I am in Texas taking care of my aged parents who will soon be married 63 years so I can't be there to help in this latest trouble. There are roses and trees and some pretty things growing there if anyone cares to go see.

I hope I hear from other opinions about this situation.

MRS. HELEN EVERS

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It seems to me that many people are either very blind or very thoughtless regarding lowering the age to vote.

All one has to do is to turn on the television or radio or read the papers in order to see why youngsters should not be given the right to vote at 18. Truthfully, I don't believe they should be allowed to vote before they are 25 and actually 30 would be better.

I am not talking about the many lovely children that we do have, but about the riot raisers and rabble rousers who really don't think for themselves but follow the leadership of others whom I suspect, for the most part, are down and out Communists paid to cause these riots and keep our country in constant turmoil.

The teenagers for the most part show no responsibility of any sort and certainly not enough to vote. Home environment has a great deal to do with this and it seems to me that in many cases the parents are the delinquents so, naturally, the children follow in their footsteps. They are neglected at home and then follow like sheep and listen to the wrong teachings of people who take advantage of them by instilling wrong ideas into their heads.

There are enough illiterate oldsters who really don't know what or why they are voting for anyway without the children, and I still call them children, whom we older people are going to have to depend upon sooner or later to vote laws into effect that will affect all our lives.

Parents should pay more attention to their children, particularly their beliefs and talk to them about important things.

Mrs. Warren G. Kestler

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have to agree with Mr. Cunningham on some of his thoughts about guns as I sincerely believe that there should be stronger laws toward purchasing of guns.

I am convinced that the majority of people who are buying guns today know absolutely nothing about the safe handling of guns. Let me warn you that guns can kill. A gun in the hand of an unskilled person is far more dangerous than a person who operates an automobile without a license.

I never have owned a gun in my life although I have done a great deal of hunting in my time when hunting was necessary for survival by keeping venison on the table.

If you are a true sportsman, then you should own a gun. However, I fail to see why you should own a gun for the sake of using it as a crutch to lean on. Gun owners of America should practice their safe use and new owners of guns should research the proper use of guns, attend classes that teach safe handling and, above all, keep your gun out of the hands of amateurs.

John L. Lee

with fixed bayonets . . . so much for that. How can we have good government with 70 to 80-year-old men and others who are mostly kept in office by lobbyists representing large corporations and millionaires with an ax to grind?

Crooked politicians, graft, radicals and Communists will destroy this country quicker than anything. These radicals and demonstrators are sure helping the Communists. If the armchair generals and Congressmen would keep their mouths shut, the war would have been over some time ago.

We cannot have peace at any price. I think we would rather fight the Communists over there than over here in the USA.

A VETERAN

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To the paperboy that is also (fortunately) my son:

I had so much fun folding and delivering papers with you today that I wanted to let you know in the paper that you daily tote, fold, wrap, band then run and sweat while putting them on porches, mail boxes or other specific places. And you always take pains to run back if they are misplaced.

Besides my being the fastest paper folder in Napa, (In truth you were at a disadvantage because you were laughing so hard at my paper folding) I am also the most grateful person because you share so definite a place in our home and hearts.

I do have to just grin and giggle when I think of some of the problems you and the neighbor kids have at times. Still, I am afraid at times because I may not know the world of boys well enough to give you all that you need in order that you may grow and develop into honorable and stable ways.

I would like also to have you know that I feel pretty great knowing that kids like you and the neighborhood kids will be guiding this world before too many years pass. With the exception of your haunting your sisters out of their minds, I find you to be a kind, thoughtful, wonderful, fun energetic, stubborn, smart, honest, helpful, positive, wholesome person who is exceedingly responsive to anyone in need.

Thanks for being in my life, you make it all worthwhile.

MOM

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Single: There is group officially named Vallejo Club Singleton which meets Monday evenings from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. Persons 25 and older may visit or join. This is a social club. Meetings are held in the Vista room at the Dan Foley Cultural Center.

ED HALL,  
club publicity man

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:  
To our many friends who shared our deep sorrow at the time of the death of our beloved son, Lee Irvin Wims, we thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. We are so sorry that we weren't able at that time wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who gave us comfort. May God bless you.

BERTHA WIMS

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twizzlers, needles and thread, items for men such as socks 8-11 and tee shirts 38-44, men's shorts 38-44, flashlights and batteries and most anything for these different age groups.

The donations will go to Broken Arrow Chapel 2 under the direction of Missionaries Sister Helen Burgess and Phyllis Hammerbacker.

If you would like to help, please drop the items off at 113 Hill Drive. A box will be setting on the porch.

Our group also is planning a rummage sale to benefit the project. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 123 Hill Drive. We will appreciate your support.

Mrs. Isabel Eldson

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Of course, what we saw destroyed was only a small part of what is happening all over America. Just recently some tests were made on certain areas of our coastline closed off from public use that were heavily contaminated by sewerage.

We all know what's happening in the Los Angeles area. The people of this nation's third largest city await an unknown fate while the atmosphere above their city is destroyed by noxious exhaust fumes of automobile engines.

If we are the least bit interested in preserving what is left of the environment of this planet we exist on, it is time we stopped dumping untreated sewerage into the waters of our bay and the shoreline of our Pacific Ocean and, above all else, the senseless use of gasoline powered engines that poison the air we breathe. If the automobile manufacturers want to stay in business, they had better come up quickly with something different than what they are now producing. It's a lot later than they think.

Ralph B. Henry

#### ★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:  
Upon reading your editorial page this morning, I feel that three of the items thereon require comment on my part.

First, concerning your own editorial "LAIRD SOOTHES RIVERS," it is my feeling that this community's interests would best be served should the Congress force the executive branch to go forward with the ship building program.

Second, concerning "BELLING THE AGNEW CAT," it is the opinion of this writer that Mr. Agnew sounds "far more like the man I voted for than does Mr. Nixon" (the reason for the quotation marks is that I must give my wife credit for the thought).

However, I couldn't agree any more heartily than I do, with her thought.

Third, Mr. Riesel's column headed "MORATORIUM WAS A FLOP," is I believe far more indicative of the true feelings of the "forgotten men women" whose millions of votes were really responsible for Mr. Nixon's election.

People, if you feel as I do about the foregoing, please take the time to write the President and let him know your feelings. You can rest assured that the liberals, phobes, and comm-syns already have written and had their views liberally spread by the "liberals" on the radio and television. THINK ABOUT IT — AND ACT!!

W.B. SIMMONS

**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**

**Dystrophy Drive To Start**

The Solano-Napa Chapter, Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., will hold its campaign drive this week.

The story of MDAA is one of a great partnership between men of science and a sizable segment of the nation's citizenry. They have joined together in a common effort—the conquest of muscular dystrophy, a baffling disease which confronts investigators with one of the greatest challenges in medical history.

As late as 1950, very little was being done about dystrophy. In that year, however, Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., was formed by a small group of parents in New York whose children had been stricken by the disease and who refused to accept the prevailing medical fatalism about it. In the conviction that there is no "incurable" disease, but only diseases for which the cure has not yet been found, they determined to raise money to support research in the almost wholly neglected field of muscle disorders.

One of the few scientists concerned with the problem at that time was Dr. Ade T. Milhorat, professor of clinical medicine at Cornell University Medical College. The group of parents sought him out for advice before organizing the association and later appointed him as chairman of its medical advisory board.

Almost immediately after MDAA was founded, chapter affiliates were created in other parts of the country. There are some 325 currently in existence, located in every state of the Union, as well as in Guam and Puerto Rico. Chapters provide year-round services to patients and their families and sponsor recreational and educational programs. This

**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:**

After reading the excuses made by Brig. Gen. David E. Thomas on why the USA should go into the prostitution business for our U.S. troops. (see Vallejo Times-Herald Oct. 23 Page 6) I have a few questions.

Are the words "self-control" in regard to sexual immorality now obsolete? Why were the programs warning men of the danger of VD dropped?

Should we follow in the muddy steps of the "armies of many nations" and the pagans with no knowledge of God, or uphold the present standard set by the U.S. Department of Defense on prostitution?

Are we so over-taxed that there is a huge surplus of hard-earned American tax dollars available to set up a "certain percentage of the female population" in war torn countries in the business of prostitution?

Since Thomas has said he is "floating the suggestion as a trial balloon," will our silence on the subject give consent?

Our youth, the visible hope of America's future, may need a tonic after the corroding, astinine, soul-damning suggestions cascading from the lips of many elders. Each one of us may find a powerful equilibrator in the New Testament. It is most helpful when taken in equal doses along with today's news media. Here is a little sample from the J. B. Phillips translation:

"First of all a clean cut with sexual immorality. Every one of you should learn to control his body, keeping it pure and treating it with respect, and never regarding it as an instrument for self-gratification . . . and anyone who makes light of the matter is not making light of a man's ruling but of God's command."

"Stew"

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

On Teen page Miss Gloria Sandoval believes we should abandon constitutional rule for mob rule. What do you want done with the 900,000 people who fled to South Vietnam? What about Indo-China's quarter billion population and the same number in the Pacific basin? The fate of one-half billion people may depend on our President's decision — either Communism or governments of their own choosing. How can we desert our friends and protect them at the same time? Gloria, the rulers of North Vietnam are not Christians, in fact their only religion is adherence to Communist teachings. In the City of Hue during the Tet offensive, the Communists collected all people who associated with Americans, or had close relatives in the service, or openly spoke out against Communism. The mass graves containing their bodies are still being discovered. Gloria, is that the kind of people you want to turn your family and friends over to?

JRC

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Do all of us who enjoy our radios have to junk them so that these radio hams can take over the air with no consideration for others?

They come on strong every day sounding like a lot of magpies on the rampage. Can't something be done to eliminate this intrusion



MORRIS

**OURS TO DECIDE THEIR FATE!**

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

"Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." Modern food production and food processing is seeing to this in a manner more true today than ever before. We are supposed to be thankful to HEW Secretary Finch for taking cyclamates off the market and to the baby food processors for removing MSG from infant foods — neither product having had any positive nutritional value, with strong indications of being harmful.

Does the American public realize it is, and has been, the greatest laboratory animal in creation for testing food additives and other food pollutants? Those that question the tolerance of pesticide residues in plant and animal foods are shouted down by the food industry who is interested in making a profit. Those that question the use of untested food additives — artificial sweeteners, artificial flavors, artificial colors (read the labels on your foodstuffs) — are derided by the food processor interested only in profit.

Science has shown over and over that the food additives and residues of pesticides add nothing to the nutritional value of the food, have frequently caused harm (after the damage has been done to unknown numbers

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Only intelligent people obey the law. No one is smart or brave when breaking the law. It's just plain stupid because sooner or later you're going to get caught in your own stupid trap and end up a sorrowful fool.

Regrettably, you ruin your family's name and reputation and shame then for the rest of their lives. Think hard, you fools. Do you really think it's worth your crime dragging your family into the gutter? Do you really hate your family that much?

This world of ours is the only place in the universe our body and soul can love and enjoy. It's people like you that's making this world unlivable and miserable for others. So the sooner you change for the better by obeying the law, the happier the world will be.

But if you don't change, then the quicker the law puts you out of circulation and lets you rot in prison the better off this world will be for law abiding citizens to enjoy. Look around the country and you will see the jails and prisons full of fools for these are houses for fools. Don't exchange your good home for a house of fools.

**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

As one of the proponents of the plan to preserve shoreline property in Benicia for park and open space area for all, regardless of residency, I wish to respond to the anti-open space, anti-public park letter from M. J. Fitzgerald which appeared in the Times-Herald November 3, 1969.

The Benicia State Park may be minutes away (from Benicia) as Mr. Fitzgerald suggests in his letter, but it does not provide a service to all the residents of Benicia — or Vallejo — as one might be led to believe.

The Benicia State Park has certain restrictions which many of us potential users may not be able to meet: 1) Transportation by motor vehicle. 2) 75 cents admission fee.

People who would hike, ride horseback or pedal bicycles are excluded from using the park because of freeway and park restrictions against these modes of travel. Although 75 cents is not an excessive toll, to some, it could limit their use of the park facilities. To others, it could mean total exclusion.

William Penn Mott, director of the State Park System, stated recently, "We are concerned that the state park system get out of the habits of the past and recognize that the park system is for all the people."

The proposed regional park in the City of Benicia would be retained as a place of recreation and relaxation for the general public without the restrictions that our present park system now has.

It will preserve the natural beauty of a segment of Carquinez Straits totalling 57 acres of which one-third of this acreage is owned by the City of Benicia. It has been accepted as park and open space area within the South Solano County Plan that was adopted by the Benicia City Council and the Solano County Board of Supervisors.

JOHN F. CODY  
185 East 'O' St.

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**OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:**

This is a personal appeal to the man in the light blue V.W. that picked up a white male toy poodle Monday evening, about 7:30 p.m., on Greenwood St.; or to anyone who, in your neighborhood a new little poodle has appeared; or to some girl whose boyfriend gave her a cute little freshly groomed poodle on Monday evening or Tuesday. Also this is an appeal to the family of the young man if he brought it home; or anyone who reads this and has seen this young man with this poodle — please appeal to him for me, to give him back!

I am a widow. I just recently lost my husband. This little poodle has been all the comfort I have had. He has helped to fill the loss of my husband. So I am asking you or anyone who saw this little dog since then, please have a heart and return him to me.

Sir, you know that he does not belong to you and I am broken-hearted over his loss. I hope and pray that someone will read this and help me. The little dog is

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Vital as these services are, MDAA's primary emphasis is still placed on research. As public funds became available in increasing amounts, the association's research program was correspondingly accelerated. In 1950-51, it made seven grants-in-aid to scientists seeking the cause and cure of muscular dystrophy. In 1952, their number doubled and in 1953, doubled again. Today, more than a hundred projects, involving teams of scientists throughout the United States and in many foreign countries, are receiving financial support from MDAA.

In addition to supporting individual projects, MDAA was responsible for the creation of a major new research center, the Institute for Muscle Disease, which began operations in the summer of 1959. Located on East 71st Street in New York City, in the heart of a world-famous medical community, this ultra-modern laboratory complex is serving as headquarters for a concentrated scientific attack on muscular dystrophy, as well as related neuromuscular disorders afflicting millions. Built at a cost of more than \$5,000,000, the institute is a monument to the vision of MDAA and the generosity of the American people.

For victims and their families, the association's activities spell comfort in the present and hope for the future. There is every reason to believe that, with a determined public supporting the efforts of equally determined men of science, victory over the diseases of the neuromuscular system will eventually be won.

This newspaper urges your support when the Muscular Dystrophy volunteer calls at your door.

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They come on strong every day sounding like a lot of magpies on the rampage. Can't something be done to eliminate this interference?

I thought it was against the law to monopolize the air waves to the extent that it becomes a nuisance. Something should be done so that everyone can be happy. As it stands now, they seem to think the whole thing belongs to them.

Trying To Be Fair

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In reply to all the critics of Little League organizations, I want to point out that the harm done to children by alleged bone damage, injuries, and unqualified supervisors is outweighed immeasurably by the good these groups accomplish.

Two of my boys have participated in football as well as baseball leagues, while all four have played baseball. All have had broken bones or stitches, but none were received while playing in these organizations. When actively engaged in these organizations, I am reasonably certain they are not standing on corners. They are not apt to be exposed to LSD or marijuana.

Although they may be subjected to the stress of competition, this is LIFE! Little League competitors are the competitors for scholastic honors, and eventually, for the best positions in business. They ARE NOT the campus rioters, the Hippies, or draft card burners who cannot stand up to life's pressures.

I have never met a Little League coach with a degree in physical education. These men possess, however, love of sports, boys, and willingness to give their time. Their only reward is the knowledge of having helped a child. Let's give a little credit and less criticism to these men.

DIANNE BRADLEY  
1225 Santa Clara Street

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Citizens of Benicia and Solano County! By a 3 to 2 vote of the Benicia City Council, initial steps were taken to acquire a choice piece of Benicia waterfront property for a park. Thus assuring public access to at least one Benicia beach on the water.

It was now or never to make use of the last state funds set aside in 1962 to acquire lands with matching federal funds for recreation usage. The request for this state and federal grant has been submitted and Benicia has pledged \$50,000 as their share of the proposed \$200,000 purchase price. It might be noted, that regardless of the actual, final purchase price, Benicia's share will still only be the pledged \$50,000.

If this grant is approved by the federal government, we will gain a recreation area to be developed NOW! Four our use NOW and preserved for us and our children in the future. Please support our three City Councilmen who consider the needs of the citizens.

NEEL S. RICH

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Science has shown over and over that the food additives and residues of pesticides add nothing to the nutritional value of the food, have frequently caused harm (after the damage has been done to unknown numbers of people).

Secretary Finch has made only a small beginning. What I wonder is whether or not he will succumb to the blandishments of the food lobby and whether or not the rest of us will eventually succumb to the food poisons we cannot avoid.

KENNETH INNES  
Lecturer in Biology, University  
of San Francisco and  
Biology Instructor, Vallejo  
Senior High School

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Several salient points were excluded from the "eloquent" speech by President Nixon.

1. If we are in Vietnam to help the Vietnamese establish or secure their independence, then why are we fighting the war in areas of the south rather than bomb strategic points in the north such as Halphong Harbor, air fields and oil storage tanks?

2. If we are truly trying to stem the growth of communism in Vietnam, to whom Russia supplies over 80 per cent of materials to the north, why are we engaging in such large quantities of aid and trade to Russia and her satellites?

3. Why not a win policy in Vietnam which many high ranking military officers have repeatedly told the American people is possible in a short span of time rather than a pull out or a negotiated peace leading eventually to a Communist victory?

When our leaders ask young men to fight and die in a war they are not allowed to win, it constitutes murder and treason on the part of our leaders.

We do not support the Communist-backed Vietnam moratorium nor do we support the Nixon "aid and comfort" policy. Treasons the reason!

BEN and VALESKA CHANG

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Zodiac:

Since you talk about Paradise you must know about Hell. Do you really believe that you are heading for paradise? With your hateful attitude toward people, you must know that you are not.

You may never be caught as you have boasted, but you are still going to die some day. When you do, do you believe God will take you in? Of course he won't and you know that.

We individuals must be kind toward others. We must be loving, forgiving and have compassion.

You, Zodiac, can still be forgiven by God and live for him . . . then you will go to Paradise. Pick up your Bible and read Christ's sermon (Matthew Chapters 5, 6 and 7) and you will know how to live.

Being good takes strength and courage, it is not a sign of weakness.

A READER

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But if you don't change, then the quicker the law puts you out of circulation and lets you rot in prison the better off this world will be for law abiding citizens to enjoy. Look around the country and you will see the jails and prisons full of fools for these are houses for fools. Don't exchange your good home for a house of fools.

So before it's too late, break away from your fool brother. Law abiding citizens don't fear the law because it is everyone's friend in time of need. Police and firemen risk their lives every day to save a life. So smarten up and obey the laws. Don't be a jelly fish and drift with the fools. Break away and be a man with a backbone.

YOURS FOR A  
BETTER CITIZEN

★ ★ ★  
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to our many friends for the warm expressions of sympathy, the lovely flowers and food during the death of our dear brother, Charles Clifton Prewitt.

Especially do we wish to thank the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Morris and the group of neighbors and friends for their contributions of time, effort and food so unselfishly exhibited in the preparation and serving of the delicious "After Pass."

May God's richest blessings be bestowed upon each of you in our prayers.

The Family of Charles Clifton Prewitt

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Assembly Democrat Leader Jess Unruh and San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto have both advocated granting most public employees the right to strike.

The mayor would exclude teachers, policemen, firemen, sanitation workers, transit employees and hospital workers. In a recent statement, Governor Reagan said that in the case of a strike he would replace the strikers.

In a recent three judge panel, a U.S. District Court ruled the Post Office Department's "no strike" oath is unconstitutional. Obviously, the right to strike does not exclude public employees based on this U.S. court decision.

Legislation was enacted over 30 years ago requiring industry to pay time and one half for work in excess of 40 hours per week. County, city and state governments deny this right to their employees. In many cases, they don't even pay straight time, just time off for vacation.

It would seem that local or federal employees should enjoy the same rights as industry; no more or no less.

Governmental Employee

★ ★ ★  
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In my opinion, the recent action of our city fathers imposing a 3 per cent tax on our utility bill is an outrage. It's nothing short of sheer piracy.

I don't mind the least bit in supporting my city if the need calls for my support, but I am not in the least interested in supporting a cause that I know absolutely nothing about.

I am aware of the fact that it is a bit late to protest this injustice now but it doesn't mean that I accept this thing calmly.

John L. Leo

the family of the young man if he brought it home; or anyone who reads this and has seen this young man with this poodle — please appeal to him for me, to give him back!

I am a widow. I just recently lost my husband. This little poodle has been all the comfort I have had. He has helped to fill the loss of my husband. So I am asking you or anyone who saw this little dog since then, please have a heart and return him to me.

Sir, you know that he does not belong to you and I am broken-hearted over his loss. I hope and pray that someone will read this and help me. The little dog is pure white, was just trimmed and his nails are painted black; also, he has a bit of apricot color on his face.

Anyone knowing about his whereabouts, please call 643-5434 or bring him to 414 Greenstodt St. or that vicinity. There will be no questions asked and I WILL PAY A REWARD! to anyone who will get him back to me!

A VERY LONESOME WIDOW

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Theatre Owners:

I am downright angry with you! Are you so money-hungry that you must show these "X" rated movies for our teenagers to see?

Because I wanted to know first hand, I attended one of the supposedly better "X" movies at a local drive-in. I was absolutely sick to my stomach before it was over. Imagine observing numerous nude sex acts among unmarried characters on a bigger than life screen . . . in public yet!

With all this atrocious rot put before the public, what chance has a parent who tries to raise their children right? You may say, "Don't let them attend if you feel that way." When you let these kids in with the only requirement that they be 16 or over (maybe), no parent can be absolutely sure that their dating age youngsters do not attend innocently or otherwise.

For God's sake, why don't you theatre owners have the guts to reject these films.

A CONCERNED MOTHER

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OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Answering Mr. Lee's article in the Nov. 10 Times-Herald, I am convinced he is not familiar with the 1968 Federal Gun Control Law regarding purchasing of guns.

Agreed, guns are made to kill, but many people are too careless in the handling of them. The percentage of auto and gun casualties nationwide is far in favor of guns. In California in 1968, only 7.3 per cent of the state's licensed drivers were involved in fatal or injury accidents and this is with Driver Education in the schools.

In 1962, the much-maligned National Rifle Association introduced the Hunter Safety Training Program. In 1968, 62,400 certified instructors taught 307,070 students bringing a total to date of 4,212,054.

In California, youngsters cannot purchase a hunting license until after graduation from the course. The Vallejo Rod and Gun Club conducts free monthly classes. The instructors taught 520 pupils in 1968 and hope to equal that figure this year.

Therefore, Mr. Lee, we cordially invite you to attend our next class which will be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 17, 18 and 19 at the Greater Vallejo Recreation District Building.

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## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Hope is a slender thread, Lord, but it is all that holds me together. Make it strong enough to last through the dark and barren moments when all seems lost. Give the resilience to bend without being broken, yielding enough to meet another halfway, but holding on to what belief or position is the inner core of my integrity; through Christ. Amen.

—James W. Kennedy, Chincinnati, Ohio, director and editor, Forward Movement Publications.

## EDITORIALS

## After The Rally, What?

How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm—or the factory or the office or the campus—after they've seen D.C.?

The question is anything but frivolous. The 250,000 or more Americans who participated in the largest Vietnam peace rally yet staged have gone back home and resumed their private pursuits. But they are not going to be content with fading memories of an exciting weekend they once spent in the nation's capital.

These scores of thousands, most of them young, flocked to Washington in order to display their numbers, their solidarity, their sincerity and their demand for an immediate end to the war—or an immediate and unmistakable beginning of the end.

As did the children of medieval Europe, who streamed from their villages to rescue the Holy Land, the Washington marchers came from all parts of the country fired with the conviction that the very righteousness of their cause, the very fact of their massing together at the seat of power, would be enough to make the infidel fall, or at least tremble.

Duped and misled, the child crusaders were sold off into slavery before they reached the Holy Land. The crusaders against the Vietnam war must sooner or later face the cruel reality that no matter how righteous or how much in the right they think they are, their Holy Land is still a distant vision.

Weary as all Americans are of the war, there is as yet no indication that the vast majority of them do not still put their faith in the President and his pledge of gradual extrication from the morass of Vietnam.

There is no consolation in this, either for the President or the "silent majority" he believes supports him. For unlike the child cru-

## Opinions Of The People

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am concerned about the way the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control trustees are dealing with the taxpayers on the new West Cabot Assessment District and the way they treated Mayor Florence Douglas at their Nov. 5 public meeting. They acted as if the mayor and the taxpayers are outcasts.

Elected mayors of cities with 75,000 to 80,000 people should have an active voice in any city department dealing with the people. The mayor should not have to get down on hands and knees to be heard like our mayor had to do at the Nov. 5 meeting where she still got turned down by the trustees. So while she was standing, Mayor Douglas just told them like it was as it was the only chance she had and she put it to good use.

When the mayor is present at any affair in the city, she should be recognized and given time to speak. This courtesy is due any head official. Mayors elected for the people and by the people should be invited to city meetings and allowed enough time to speak.

I like to live and let live and treat others as I wish to be treated, so why can't the city officials get together and try to work things out for the welfare of the city and people?

I am the individual who asked the trustees to apologize to the mayor for the way they acted toward her at the Nov. 5 meeting.

Taxpayer Leon Singleton

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On Sunday evening, November 2, the house next door caught on fire. The Vallejo Fire Department was notified and responded in short order. They contained the fire in fine fashion without causing any damage to the fence separating the two houses, or any damage to my house. The interior was almost a total loss.

I feel the Vallejo Fire Department should be commended on their professional skill and efficiency in which they conducted themselves.

I also feel the Vallejo Police Reserves should be given a thank you for protecting the property after the fire.

CHARLES E. MARTIN

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I agree completely with Mrs. Kestler and enjoyed the article, but I believe one change could be made in our voting laws. And that is to allow our servicemen under 21 to vote.

They should be the exception as I believe that if they are old enough to fight and die for their country, they also should have a say in how it's run.

It's true that most of our people under 21 are not mature enough to vote, but maturity does not become automatic simply by reaching 18 or 21. Some of us never make it.

I also believe that these so-called people who riot and cause trouble should be denied all privileges of an American citizen and be deported. Possibly a good place would be Cuba as it seems to be a popular place to go.

Everyone also keeps talking about our



'HUBERT, YOU'RE JUST THE MAN TO PUT IT TOGETHER AGAIN!'

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It's been almost a year since I've written to the paper about my animal friends.

I read the It's Rich column item about the girl that struck a dog and took it to the pound. She couldn't afford to go to a vet but she can afford a car.

Do you think the pound is going to treat the dog or pay to take it to a vet? I thought this was against the law. You people who are always losing pets should buy an identification tag for them with your name and address and phone number so they can be returned.

We found a dog three weeks ago on American Canyon Road, and, of course, we took it home and then two weeks later had her spayed which cost us \$30 that we couldn't afford. We're living on a pension and this dog was someone else's responsibility. She should have been fixed when they first got her. It's a shame charging \$30 for an operation that used to cost \$10 but have you seen what happens to animals you bring into the world?

I've seen kids carrying a puppy by the tail and the animal crying. Was this one of your puppies that you gave away or one

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My thanks and appreciation to off-duty police officer Backus, the only person who stopped to offer his assistance when my auto stalled on Highway 80 the morning of Nov. 17.

This officer went out of his way to go back over a mile to a gas station to get me some gasoline so I could get home.

This is not an isolated case as this sort of commendable conduct goes unnoticed each and every day in our town as well as all over America. Most people just don't take the time to speak up and give some credit where credit is due.

MRS. E. T. JOHNSON

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A very long time ago, about last month, a quaint little city by the bay built themselves a beautiful new shopping center. At the entrance to this shopping center a beautiful sign was constructed so all the people would know, that indeed, this was a shopping center. This sign was so beautiful it could easily be mistaken for a piece of sculpture.

But alas! Within this shopping center lived one of the biggest banks in the world. And, being one of the biggest banks in the world, they had to have their own sign. A TALL sign, taller than any other sign in the world! It didn't matter that this sign distracted from the beauty of the entire shopping center. For, after all, they were the biggest bank in the world! Well, almost anyway.

But alas again! Also within this shopping center lived one of the tiniest banks in the world. A little bank that grew up in the country and had never lived in a big city like the other bank. So the day the big bank had their TALL sign erected (the tallest in the world), the people of the tiniest bank in the world looked out their door — green with envy. And then they said to themselves, "We can't afford a TALL sign like the big city bank but, we can erect a sign that is equally distracting and equally out of character with the architecture of the shopping center." And they did!

Now the people of the quaint little city by the bay are worried and sad. They are worried that soon, about next week, they may not be able to see their beautiful new shopping center because of all the TALL signs, short signs, fat signs and blinking signs that will be erected by the people of the shopping center in trying to keep up with the biggest bank in the world.

Please, biggest bank in the world and tiniest bank in the world, won't you take down your signs so the people will not have to worry and they can be happy again? After all, they all know where you live.

NEEL S. RICH  
Benicia By the Bay

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## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The following are excerpts from a column from the Washington Post by David S. Broder, political commentator, and I quote, in part: "It is becoming more obvious with every passing day that the men and the movement that broke Lyndon B. Johnson's authority in 1968 are out to break Richard M. Nixon in 1969.

"The essentials of the technique are now so well understood that they can be applied with little wasted motion. First, the breakers arrogate to themselves a position of moral superiority. For that reason a war that is unpopular, expensive and very probably unwise is labeled as immoral, indecent and intolerable.

"The students who would fight in the war are readily mobilized against it. Their teachers, as is their custom, hasten to adopt the students' views.

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There is no consolation in this, either for the President or the "silent majority" he believes supports him. For unlike the child crusaders, the peace marchers are not going to disappear into history. The active peace movement, shot through with factions and marred by the antics of "crazies" as it is, must inevitably grow in strength the longer the war continues. And what it lacks in numbers or coherence, it makes up for in intensity.

The peace marchers, whose counterparts exist in the millions across America, have lived their most formative years in the shadow of the Vietnam war—a war which has always been, it seems, a war which their elders can neither be enthusiastic about nor even defend convincingly, yet a war that goes on and on nevertheless.

Not having experienced the early years of the cold war following World War II—during which basic U.S. policy toward world communism was forged by harsh reality—the young see the Vietnam war, a natural consequence of that policy, as nothing but an insanity and an immorality which they are called upon to support with their brains and blood even while many of them are denied because of age the right to participate in the selection of those who control their lives.

The very fact that they stand as a minority outside the nation's political processes increases their zeal, for there is ample evidence in the short span of history they have known personally to convince them that it is not by the slow, orderly processes of persuasion and parliamentary procedure that the wrongs of the world are righted but through direct confrontation, the demonstration, the riot, the non-negotiable demand.

A question which those who took part in the Washington march and those who sympathize with them must now ask themselves is this: "What now? The great march on Washington has changed nothing really. What now?"

The answer, whether it comes in the form of widespread disillusionment with and passive rejection of the American system or a turn to more and more violent tactics, could be fraught with dire consequences for the future of the Republic.

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I also believe that these so-called people who riot and cause trouble should be denied all privileges of an American citizen and be deported. Possibly a good place would be Cuba as it seems to be a popular place to go.

Everyone also keeps talking about our teenagers doing bad things. I believe, that behind every bad teenager there stands a bad adult, possibly a parent who has failed. Just as many crimes are being committed today by adults and our world is full of good clean decent people under 21. I know, for I've met some of them.

Mrs. Wilma Marshall

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I would like to be the first (?) to congratulate the mayor, city council, chamber of commerce, business people, Navy personnel of Mare Island and all the citizens of Vallejo for the tremendous effort put forth in making Vallejo a nice city to live.

The way I look at it, this is only the beginning of progress and happiness. I have lived in and visited other sea coast cities of California as well as other states and I must say that Vallejo is making a much greater effort for cleanliness of city streets, new building construction, etc.

Of course we still have a lot to do and there always is room for improvement. We should particularly obey the laws of the city as well as the laws of our country, America the greatest.

My folks taught me an old adage, "A busy person is a happy person regardless of what he is busy at." So let's all keep busy and the City of Vallejo will not only prosper but will grow to be a nicer place to live.

One last thought, let your city representatives know of your appreciation by helping them in whatever way you can. I'm proud of Vallejo, how about you?

STEVE A. BABBEY SR.

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We all owe Vice President Spiro Agnew a sincere vote of thanks.

We all abhor censorship and it is no less censorship if done by the TV commentators than if done by the government. Note that he did not ask government control but asked the networks to "control yourselves, in the news."

I agree with him that these commentators have so "exalted sensationalism" and played down the normal events of America's accomplishments that not only we Americans see ourselves as a nation of violence, but our friends overseas also are fed this slanted and misleading view of America.

Millions of Americans each year vacation in peace across our nation; millions each weekend go out to play and recreation; millions do not participate in these demonstrations. It is these millions who make up the real America. Those who can love her, work for her, and enjoy her.

Ask the returned "Cuban hijackers" which system they would rather live under.

HUBERT FULLER

We found a dog three weeks ago on American Canyon Road, and, of course, we took it home and then two weeks later had her spayed which cost us \$30 that we couldn't afford. We're living on a pension and this dog was someone else's responsibility. She should have been fixed when they first got her. It's a shame charging \$30 for an operation that used to cost \$10 but have you seen what happens to animals you bring into the world?

I've seen kids carrying a puppy by the tail and the animal crying. Was this one of your puppies that you gave away or one of the puppies that run the street who may be run over. I've even seen kids play ball with a puppy and have seen much more.

My husband has acted as a humane officer for free because we are deeply interested in what happens to animals. So get your pets fixed so they won't come into a world that has no room for them.

E. W. L.

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In regards to the war in Vietnam, I do not agree with the President of the U.S. in all he says or does. But he is our President and we have an obligation to back him up. If we don't, what kind of a government have we got? Our country is the best on the globe and those who don't think so had better go to China.

Of course, we have radicals and Communists dragging the Stars and Stripes through the streets while they are waving their red flag. Remember, no one thought Fidel Castro was a Communist until he took over Cuba.

The representatives we send to Washington should take a good look at what they are doing as what they do affects the country.

People parading in the streets are sure helping the Communists out and that's just what a lot of them want to do. A lot of people are so blind they cannot see as far as their nose and many parade just because their neighbor does.

FLOYD G. MARTIN

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I don't believe the public is aware of compensation rates for service-incurred disabilities and other things. I believe a great injustice exists for disabled veterans and future Vietnam disabled.

For example, a 900 disabled veteran can usually perform very limited work. If he can work. He receives \$226 a month. If he has a 400 disability, he receives \$80 a month.

If a federal civil service employe enters the Armed Forces; is sent to Vietnam and later medically discharged for a service-incurred disability and then returns to his former civil service position, and if he is later separated from that position due to his Vietnam disability, he has no mandatory re-employment rights if he recovers. If he does recover, his compensation will in all probability be reduced to zero.

His penalty for entering the Armed Forces may well be less of his civil service job and, as stated, the agency is not required to re-employ him under the above circumstances.

I am a Korean veteran, a former civil service employe at time of entry, and later separated from civil service under the outlined circumstances. The Naval Shipyard is not required to re-employ me if I recover, but may do so if a vacancy exists.

DISABLED VETERAN

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Last year, we served over 1,000 children and gave out 40 Christmas food baskets. Any donation of toys, clothing, food and money will be greatly appreciated.

Please make all checks payable to the Vallejo Community Action Committee Inc., 1027 Alabama St., Vallejo, 94990.

Thank you very much for your kind generosity.

MRS. RUTH HOLMES

General Chairman  
J. D. McETER,  
Community Coordinator

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We, Carl H. Kreh Post 1123, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Auxiliary, wish to express our thanks to the Vallejo Times-Herald and News-Chronicle for the publicity heralding our Buddy Poppy Sale recently; to Mayor Florence E. Douglas for launching our campaign with her Proclamation permitting us to sell the red symbolic flowers; to J. C. Penney's for space in their window for our Poppy display and to the public who contributed so generously.

May we again say "THANK YOU,"

LARNEY BUSH,  
Post Commander  
ARLEEN LUNDBLAD,  
Auxiliary President  
OMAR DE LISLE,  
Post Poppy Chairman  
ELSA MCCARTHY,  
Auxiliary Poppy Chairman

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Our children at the Solano County Shelter, like others around the world, are anticipating Christmas. The Children's Shelter Guild is hoping to make it as joyful as possible for them but we need your help.

We would like for each child to have a sponsor who would spend approximately \$25 on clothing, toys and other merchandise. Each sponsor will receive a letter to Santa from the child letting you know his wishes. We also will include suggestions and the child's age and size. The sponsor will then buy, wrap, tag and deliver the gifts to the shelter.

We have had so much wonderful response from the people in the county, we know that this project too will be successful. Two local organizations will be hosting parties for the children. Our fondest wish is to see them happy and they are when they know someone cares for them.

If this is a way that you as a group or individual can help us, we will appreciate it and we ask that you contact our Special Occasions Chairman, Mrs. Ronald Avanzino, at 625-1685.

MRS. ALLEN GOODMAN  
Guild President

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"And then, dear friends, Senator Fulbright and the Foreign Relations Committee move in to finish off the job. All this is no fiction; it worked before, and it is working again. There is still a vital distinction, granting all this, to be made between the constitutionally protected expression of dissent, aimed at changing national policy, and a mass movement aimed at breaking a President by destroying his capacity to lead the nation or to represent it at the bargaining table."

God help our country. JRC

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We take no issue with mankind for devoting a sensible proportion of time to wholesome recreation. Surely, it makes for fuller lives. Whatever the objective of God's noble experiment with human beings, its wise inclusion in the art of living is profoundly productive and pleasant.

However — in recent years — its rabid over-emphasis has resulted in shameful emasculation. The idiotic cries of "nothing to do," and "nowhere to go," have become miserable gimmicks employed by designing and destructive drones. Society, yes, civilization, is paying dearly for this infamy.

Risking the soul-shrivelling experience of being labeled "a square," we shall suggest that these muddle-headed maniacs knock off their pewing and wowing long enough to do some plowing! Pay days are equally as important as play days!

VAUGHN BAKER

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A group of students have gotten together in writing this letter. The problem is that we disagree with the prices at the theater!

The price for 12-year-olds and under is 50 cents. But, listen to this, the price for 13-year-olds and up is a \$1.85 which is unfair to students.

There is not enough for a student to do in this town on a Friday evening or all day Saturday. We're not rich and we don't get that much allowance to pay \$1.85 just for one movie.

We feel that they should have student prices. For instance, 12 and under 50 cents, well, that's reasonable. A dollar would be reasonable for 13 to 15-year-olds.

This theater is the only one in town.

A 13-YEAR-OLD STUDENT

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#### OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The moratorium marchers who bemoan the loss of U.S. and South Viet lives firmly established their nickname as NON-THINKERS as we remind them that it was the Viet Cong who killed these men. If they disavow this nickname they must be classed as Red Followers.

Our legislators should recognize that the only goal of these anarchists is to put the Reds in Washington as the "Free Speech, Draft Dodging and Moratoriums" are only smoke screens.

V. L. WESTBERG