

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Master, help us not to take ourselves so seriously. It is so easy for us to get hung-up on our own petty ideas, and plans. Help us to see ourselves in relationship to others, our family, friends, and fellow-men. Give us to perspective and dimension; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Clio E. Thomas, Seattle, Wash., minister, First Advent Christian Church.

EDITORIALS

Rebuff To The Young

If you want to change what is wrong with society, don't throw bombs at it from the outside. Work with its institutions and within its framework of rules in order to reform it.

That is what the wiser, older generation tells the impatient younger one. In all fairness, however, along with this admonition should go a warning: Faithfully though one may abide by the rules, righteous and just though one's cause may be, there is no such thing as an unconditional money-back guarantee that the system will permit itself to be reformed—either easily or immediately or at all.

A recent case in point was a proposed constitutional amendment to lower the age of voting in Ohio to 19, which was on the statewide ballot in the last elections.

The idea began as a senior class project at Tippecanoe High School in Tipp City, near Dayton, back in 1966. The class began collecting material with which to win friends and influence legislators in the Ohio General Assembly. These included statements from prominent public figures and politicians in favor of lowering the voting age, a petition bearing the names of 30,000 high school seniors throughout Ohio, and the results of a poll the students conducted in Kentucky, which had recently lowered its voting age to 18, showing that the voters were happy with the change.

The Ohio junior citizens were more modest in their goal, however. Fearing a voting age of 18 might be too much to ask of Ohioans, they compromised at age 19.

In 1967, a resolution to put the question of a constitutional amendment to that effect on the Ohio ballot was passed by the state Senate. But then the youthful reformers received a practical lesson in how the "rotten" Establishment crushes all that is fine and good. Republicanism is not a religion. Let's send our

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:

"The Sandwich Islands . . . that peaceful land, that far-off home of profound repose, and soft indolence, and dreamy solitude, where life is one long slumberless Sabbath, the climate one long delicious summer day and the good that die experience no change, for they fall asleep in one heaven and wake up in another." MARK TWAIN

The above was written many years ago, and the people have forgotten how to live in harmony with nature, as we on the mainland forgot many years ago. And the cause? Technology and money. When will the people of North America realize that we must learn again to live in harmony with nature? To do that we must throw off the shackles of technology and make it our slave instead of our master.

The young people who want to vote at 18 can not do worse than their elders, and by the same token can not do better, they have one of two or three candidates on a ballot, and on the approval of a law, a yes or no to mark with the sign of ignorance an x mark. Too many times the writers of the law to be approved have not been satisfied with the way it was written, and later in a court of law it is found to be unconstitutional.

The difficulties of our officials is indicated by the fact that they must increase their salaries and expense accounts to hire qualified help and be able to get reelected, they have to have a record to run on. Technocrats will not go to the extremes so many minorities are going to get publicity, they know that the powers that are will soon be coming to them. They know the answers, and what must be done to bring us back into harmony with nature, and in doing that, into harmony with our neighbors.

J. SEWARD

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear J.R.C.

In the Geneva Agreements of 1954 a temporary line divided the two Vietnams. This line was to be removed and the Vietnams united after the 1956 elections. (North Vietnam, as you remember, had soundly defeated the French). These elections were not held in South Vietnam, prevented in part by the Eisenhower Administration. The dissatisfied of the South, knowing a non-representative government existed in Saigon, rose in Rebellion. They were the Viet Cong.

The United States sends jet fighters to a nationalistic Communist named Tito, as yet a nationalistic Communist like Ho Chi Minh is not tolerated.

You mentioned that the North Vietnamese are not Christians. Is it in the name of Christianity that bombs and napalm ravage the land of Vietnam?

Were a foreign power to attack the United States I would defend my country with my life. I suggest that J.R.C. keep watch off the Mare Island Channel and report the first Viet Cong sampan poised for attack. In the meantime let's bring all our boys home. They have long enough defended the corrupt dictators of South Vietnam. Let's send our



FAMILY PORTRAIT

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We have seen and know that if our solar system is not disturbed and left to the natural course of evolution, planet earth would be able to remain a possible abode for man for a million years to come.

At present we see we cannot count on such a length of future with any certainty. Accidents may happen to the human races at any time.

Celestial collisions are a possibility, shrinking into a white dwarf, our sun may freeze terrestrial life out of existence, or bursting out as a nova it may scorch the human race to death.

For all practical purposes, the only statement that conveys any real meaning is that our race may look forward to occupying the earth for a time incomparably longer than any we can imagine.

But man continually on his quest to outdo nature had finally succeeded in perfecting the dreaded "A" and "H" bombs and the ballistic missiles, a threat that could wipe out all mankind over night.

In the near future, scientists may learn

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The special school board meeting held Nov. 24 in Benicia was the biggest farce of a democratic process I have ever seen.

This was an open meeting to determine whether or not to renew Superintendent Dr. Robert McKee's contract and every speaker supported the retention of Dr. McKee while the elected board members repeatedly refused to give an explanation for their actions to their constituency.

We were treated like ignorant voters while the board, Dodd particularly, acted like they had some divine guidance which makes them capable of making these decisions.

Dr. McKee is a highly educated, well trained professional educator with a fine background with eight years of experience in the Benicia School District.

Dodd, who made the motion not to renew his contract, has no experience in this field, and yet in less than six months on the school board has evaluated Dr. McKee and determined that he is not qualified or fit to hold this position.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Matthew Silverman:

Regarding your last letter and the point-blank statement, "It is my unalterable opinion that drugs of any kind are a form of mental and physical suicide . . ." are you really prepared to substantiate what you are saying?

The weakness in your argument is this: when you say "drugs of any kind . . ." are you prepared to include in your repudiation such drugs as alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, antihistamines, antibiotics, and a whole host of well known pharmacopia that are nevertheless classified as "drugs"? Where do you draw the line?

If, when asked, you can truthfully say that you have never touched a drop of alcohol, tea, or coffee; that you have never taken a cold pill, an aspirin, a painkiller, or tobacco in any way, shape, or form; that you have never used an inhaler or nose drops for a stuffed-up nose; in short, that you have never used drugs of any kind at any time, for any purpose, then you are indeed a paragon of virtue, and all our hats must be off to you.

A reasonable attitude and a knowledge of the facts with which to back up your statements will go a lot farther towards winning people over than a rigid "I am right" approach.

Almost any doctor will tell you that our society is drug oriented; we are an escapist culture whose imbibing takes many forms. To paraphrase Dr. Joel Fort, the adult cannot just stand there with a drink in one hand and a tranquilizer in the other and lecture his child about the evils of marijuana. It doesn't work.

JULIE STRATTON

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To the one who picked up a little black female Chihuahua dog last Thursday morning in the vicinity of 333 Alabama St., please return it to this address.

Anyone who has seen it or knows who has the dog, please let me know as I miss her very much. I also worry about her as she is very delicate and on a special diet and will become sick if not returned.

EMMA MAJORS

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Much has been written of late to indicate that a tax revolt is imminent. Perhaps we should shift our tax base from solids to liquids (homes to booze). As a bonus we could include gas — you know, tax smog generators, cigarettes, etc. In short, increased taxation on things bad could make this country beautiful again while compressing vice. Just think! Shrinking highway deaths related to booze (about five times the rate of American deaths in Vietnam) could take some of the hypocrisy out of the moratorium demands.

DONALD E. HILDRETH

The Ohio junior citizens were more modest in their goal, however. Fearing a voting age of 18 might be too much to ask of Ohioans, they compromised at age 19.

In 1967, a resolution to put the question of a constitutional amendment to that effect on the Ohio ballot was passed by the state Senate. But then the youthful reformers received a practical lesson in how the "rotten" Establishment crushes all that is fine and good. Republican leaders quietly put out the word that the issue was to be killed in the House. They wanted nothing controversial on the same ballot with certain vital bond issues.

In 1968, the next senior class at Tipppecanoe took up the cause and again launched a bombardment of propaganda and persuasion against the Assembly. In 1969, they finally succeeded in convincing both chambers to put the question of "Vote 19" before the citizens of Ohio.

On Nov. 4, the citizens of Ohio rejected it, by a small but decided margin, and everyone is still trying to figure out why.

There was no logical pattern in the voting. Some rural counties that were expected to oppose votes for 19-year-olds registered majorities in favor of it; some cities which were expected to support it defeated it. One spokesman thinks that "general attitudes" toward college students had a lot to do with it. He notes that in a majority of Ohio counties containing institutions of higher learning, the issue was defeated.

In any event, all these young people had played by the Establishment's rules, had followed the book to the letter—and gotten a kick in the teeth. Time now to pry up the cobblestones and fortify the barricades?

But no:

"In spite of this decision, we have an ultimate faith in a democratic form of government and will continue to encourage youth participation through legitimate channels," said Clark W. Wideman, an Ohio State senior and head of volunteers for Vote 19, announcing plans to secure enough petitions to put the question on the ballot again next year.

"It is not a case of will we get the right to vote, but when will we get the right to vote," he said.

If that kind of attitude is at all representative of a young people, the nation has nothing to fear from the future. It may have much to lose, however, by continuing to deny serious-minded young adults the right to participate fully in the affairs of the Republic.

ing into a white dwarf, but sun may freeze terrestrial life out of existence, or bursting out as a nova it may scorch the human race to death.

You mentioned that the North Vietnamese are not Christians. Is it in the name of Christianity that bombs and napalm ravage the land of Vietnam?

Were a foreign power to attack the United States I would defend my country with my life. I suggest that J.R.C. keep watch off the Mare Island Channel and report the first Viet Cong sampan poised for attack. In the meantime let's bring all our boys home. They have long enough defended the corrupt dictators of South Vietnam. Let's spend our billions to better our own land.

AN AMERICAN ALSO.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

While the subject matter is fresh in my mind I would like to stress a few points regarding the television address by Mr. Spiro T. Agnew, Vice President, U.S.A. Mr. Agnew's main complaint with the television medium is the great amount of 'editorial comment' available to those gentlemen by a lift of an eye brow, an intonation of voice, a twist of a lip, a quick glance at or away from the camera. Even these things could be allowed for in the mind of the average viewer if they were not (almost) always presented in the guise of hard news. When one reads a newspaper, shifting from news to editorial opinion isn't difficult. Far too many people today get all the news from radio, television or a combination of the two. Be objective about it fellow citizens. Watch a few programs for yourself with a view to observing the 'editorial' habits I have mentioned above and I think you will agree that Mr. Agnew is simply trying to alert you to the danger of believing that all so called news is NEWS instead of EDITORIAL OPINION. THIS REQUIRES THOUGHT AND EFFORT — THE RESULTS WILL BE WORTH IT.

W. B. SIMMONS

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I'm limitedly sympathetic with the letter captioned "OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE" and signed "TRYING TO BE FAIR." It raised many an eyebrow (and perhaps a few temperatures) in Amateur Radio circles. As a "ham" I find the individual failed to identify his type of radio (there are many variations of radio application) or how radio "hams" interfere with him. Furthermore he may be confusing "hams" (amateur radio license holders) with persons holding other types of licenses.

I would suggest our "Fair" party identify (by call letters, geographical station location, etc.) as best he can the station which interferes with his listening pleasure and, if possible, contact the station to work out a solution. (It isn't uncommon for the PROBLEM to be with the receiving station). If he receives no satisfaction from this effort he can report the problem to the Federal Communications Commission Field Office, San Francisco 94111 and they will initiate appropriate action.

BETTER AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

After listening to a broadcast announcing the first candidate for governor, I've decided that if I could afford it I would run for governor too.

Only a stupid person would vote for me and as the stupid seem to outnumber the intelligent, I should vote by a majority.

DOC DAUL

ing into a white dwarf, but sun may freeze terrestrial life out of existence, or bursting out as a nova it may scorch the human race to death.

For all practical purposes, the only statement that conveys any real meaning is that our race may look forward to occupying the earth for a time incomparably longer than any we can imagine.

But man continually on his quest to outdo nature had finally succeeded in perfecting the dreaded "A" and "H" bombs and the ballistic missiles, a threat that could wipe out all mankind over night.

In the near future, scientists may learn the cause of the earthquakes throughout the world and attribute this to underground testing conducted by nations the world over. It's Mother Nature's way of showing her objection.

OLLIE ROSS

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

President Nixon and Governor Reagan make a great team for a great adventurous economy, leading our nation into a sad depression and causing confusion, misery and encouraging more crime through despair.

Are we really the richest nation in the world? Whom are we kidding? If so, why the misery? With most of our retirees in poverty and millions of unfortunate poor still in our midst of plenty, it is a national disgrace.

Promises of prosperity tomorrow does not feed or pay for shelter today. Our President promised welfare recipients a job after a job training program when at the same time driving hundreds of thousands of our people out of work.

Where are these jobs to come from? It's time our tax dollars came to the rescue of our own people. How much longer are we going to play the suckers game in the United Nations by fighting their battles and supporting these gluttons so they can enjoy their grand balls and banquets?

How many of these nations have offered to fight our battles or helped our people in time of floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, etc.?

Wake up, Uncle Sam, you've been sleeping too long. Put your trust and help on our own people while there is still time.

C. GUZZETTA

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Regarding your recent announcement that Okinawa would be returned to Japan within a few years. I was in the invasion of Okinawa where we lost several thousand lives and many thousands of wounded and I just cannot understand the reasoning behind this give away. We spent billions of dollars building the greatest base in the world and all the time protecting Japan at our expense, while Japan was underselling us all over the world. When this base is returned to Japanese control, we will be tenants and will have to come hat in hand and beg for this or that privilege. The same old deal—the military man once he gets off the base he is beaten, blackmailed, robbed and thrown in jail just because his government doesn't seem to ever learn.

While we are at this giving, why don't you recommend that we give them the Hawaiian Island as a BONUS for LOSING the war. Doesn't make good sense to me when we are so committed.

KERMIT D. NARRON
215 Tennessee St.

We were treated like ignorant voters while the board, Dodd particularly, acted like they had some divine guidance which makes them capable of making these decisions.

Dr. McKee is a highly educated, well trained professional educator with a fine background with eight years of experience in the Benicia School District.

Dodd, who made the motion not to renew his contract, has no experience in this field, and yet in less than six months on the school board has evaluated Dr. McKee and determined that he is not qualified or fit to hold this position.

In view of the above, I submit that we do not need a new school superintendent but a new school board who will carry out the will of the people and who put the schools above personal interests, whatever they may be.

JAMES ROBBINS

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To Our Theatre Owner:

I just finished reading a letter in the Nov. 17 Opinions of the People from a concerned mother. I, too, am a concerned mother and I am sure there are many others.

What happened to the romance type movies, or clean family type comic movies?

Our young adults and children see sex acts on our theatre screens and murder, crime, drugs on television. Even the TV cartoons consist of killings and monsters. The cartoons at the theatres are either an adult type or you don't even show one for the kiddies attending.

Who wants to look at someone involved in a sex act? I attended an X rated movie with my husband and it was sickening. Here I am married and it embarrassed me. We left in the middle.

Now I know what X rated means . . . it is simply to attract more kids.

We didn't have near this much trouble years ago with rapes, pre-marriage pregnancies, murders, etc. The kids seem to feel the adults approve of all this and why not, after all we are providing all this for them.

No wonder men haven't much respect for women nowadays. Even our so-called adults have to go get cheap thrills in some topless or bottomless joint.

So, you theatre owners needn't put such cheap trash on your screens. The kids haven't any place much else to go. So put on some clean, humorous type movies. They'll still attend your place of business.

ANOTHER CONCERNED MOTHER

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have finished reading Opinions of the People . . . surely you must have received some letters that were against the President's policy on the Vietnam war.

The many thousands of persons who marched for peace to Washington have received support from the "silent majority." This majority exists in the military service itself. On the day of the march, many military men were told not to protest or were given extra details to report to so they could not leave their duty station.

I have been in the Air Force for eight years and it is hard to believe a system of government that so completely controls that there is no such thing as free action or free speech.

If the fear of punishment was removed, there soon would be a large "unsilent" majority in support of Vietnam withdrawal and peace.

ONE OF MANY

Much has been written of late to indicate that a tax revolt is imminent. Perhaps we should shift our tax base from solids to liquids (homes to booze). As a bonus we could include gas — you know, tax smog generators, cigarettes, etc. In short, increased taxation on things bad could make this country beautiful again while compressing vice. Just think! Shrinking highway deaths related to booze (about five times the rate of American deaths in Vietnam) could take some of the hypocrisy out of the moratorium demands.

DONALD E. HILDRETH

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

With the recent epidemic of suggestions for solving the Golden Gate Bridge problem, I can't resist giving still another set of wacky solutions which I have dubbed the Old Fashioned American Free Enterprise Approach. No one will dare to shout these down for fear of being called unpatriotic:

1. Raise the one-way fare for any vehicle with less than four-passengers to \$1.
2. Lower the one-way fare for vehicles with four or more passengers to 25 cents and no commute buses.
3. Eliminate any charge for buses and pay a bonus if necessary to encourage buses.
4. Adjust the price in items 1 through 3 above until the proper level of traffic flow is achieved.

Meanwhile:

5. With the money and on a pay-as-you-go basis: (a) build a second bridge on the same site as the present one, (b) double-deck the approaches—if they did it to the Ferry Building we can do it to the Waldo.

Making the new bridge should be a snap with one there already to haul stuff up on. Besides just think how the double towers will look — should be most refreshing to any alcoholics with a view.

R. C. FOX

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Editor: Mr. Agnew has really struck a nerve. From all the squealing one can see that the shoe fits! They seem to feel that they are in a position of sanctity and above reproach. I think he eloquently spoke the truth. He said what I've felt for years.

I'm tired of hearing hoodlumry described as if it were spiritual crusade. The news media was so ready to jump on Mr. Agnew's words — where is their criticism when obscenities like "fascist-pig" are being hurled from the other side of the fence?

I can only say, "Sock it to 'em, Mr. Agnew!" — Hinky and Binky to it have had it coming for a long time!!

MRS. LARRY DASSOW

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Editor: I find myself compelled to write this letter regarding the great select majority. I don't get out and parade or participate in any kind of demonstrations but I still do not agree with Mr. Nixon's policies in Vietnam.

I feel that a great number of the so called select majority are not in sympathy with Mr. Nixon's policy and I for one am very angry with people who assume that because I'm silent that I docilely agree and can be taken for granted.

GEORGE F. BAKER

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Master, help us not to take ourselves so seriously. It is so easy for us to get hung-up on our own petty ideas, and plans. Help us to see ourselves in relationship to others, our family, friends, and fellow-men. Give us to prespective and dimension; in Jesus's name. Amen.
—Clio E. Thomas, Seattle, Wash., minister, First Advent Christian Church.

EDITORIALS

Promise For The World

We may yet save ourselves from ourselves. In recent days:
• The United States and the Soviet Union have started talking about how to go about reducing the nuclear balance of terror to a lower and more stable level.
Observers say the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) in Helsinki could drag on for five years. This means not only that a lot of diplomats may have the opportunity to become proficient in the difficult Finnish language while being a hefty boost toward retirement; it also suggests we can count on at least that many more years of what, for want of something better, or in the absence of something worse, we call peace.

• President Nixon has renounced the use by the United States, even in self-defense, of bacteriological weapons.

This is somewhat like saying the Air Force "renounced" the old Skybolt air-launched nuclear missile when the thing just didn't work or it was found that its job could be handled better by other means.

We can be sure the military has agreed to the abandonment of germ warfare not because it is too horrible to use against any enemy but because it is too unreliable and uncontrollable and to use it against an enemy is to use it against ourselves.

Still, the renunciation of any kind of weapon for whatever reason takes a measure of courage in today's world. It is a pebble dropped into a pool of sanity whose ripples could spread—as far as the SALT pillars, perhaps.

• The government has decreed a two-year phase-out of DDT, a pesticide which has been under attack for years by conservationists because of its accumulative toxic effects on a wide variety of animal life.

Here again, the ban is a halfway measure. It permits those uses "essential to the preservation of human health and welfare."

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:

In reply to V. L. Westberg's one-sided outburst in "Opinions of the People" on Nov. 24, I would like to say that simply because I am against the slaughter of human beings does not mean I am a "non-thinker" of a "Red" follower.

On the contrary, I am a proud citizen of the United States and a member of the Girl Scouts of America. I believe in the Bill of Rights which gives us the privilege of free speech, and I'd consider anyone who didn't believe in it and support it an unpatriotic citizen . . . not necessarily a "Commie" or a "non-thinker."

I think the moratorium was an excellent idea to air the ideas and feelings of a vast number of people about the war. True, the Viet Cong are the killers of our soldiers, but they'd still be here today if they hadn't been sent over to Vietnam in the first place.

We don't have any business being in Vietnam. We went there to stop a civil war that had nothing to do with us.

But war is a good business . . . it feeds a lot of mouths in Vallejo and all over the country. Our entire economy is based on the production of war machines and weapons. We spend literally billions of dollars a year to fight a country with an economy smaller than that of Sacramento County.

Honestly now, who would you consider the non-thinker? At least I listened to your side.

E.W.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I sure do not know what Congress has got against World War I veterans, that is the non-disabled veterans who are getting old and need a raise very bad.

They spend more money sending out questionnaires than it would cost to give them what the Spanish-American War vets get, which is \$100 per month. In fact, I think they would save money.

World War I veterans do not get anywhere near the even break with other veterans. The way it looks, Congress is more interested in helping the rich than they are the poor.

We should have men like Drew Pearson who has passed on. But Jack Anderson is doing and good job and he prints the truth. If it wasn't, they would hang him to the nearest tree. We should have lots more men like him to keep those congressmen and senators in line and honest.

We need honest men in Washington and the way it looks, we haven't got many. We have the greatest government in the world but we need honest men to run it. The taxpayers should pay more attention to the men in Washington who are running away with their money. It seems that they would like to run the honest men out of Washington. Just read Jack Anderson's column in the Times-Herald Sunday paper.

F. G. MARTIN

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The death of Norman S. Aldridge on Thanksgiving Eve was a tragic and senseless occurrence, tragic because Norman was such



BUT SHE'LL KNOCK ONLY ONCE!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I find myself compelled to write this letter regarding America the Beautiful or shall we say America the Un-Beautiful?

Why is America so beautiful when we still have Indians on a reservation that serves no purpose except to keep them there? And not only keeping them there but forgetting about them. This also is true of the Black race which is not on a reservation but is mostly invisible with no one noticing them unless they start an organization like the Black Panthers.

Why do we treat our Red and Black brothers with such disregard in such a beautiful country? We spend millions to send men to the moon, but we can't afford to feed people who are starving in this country . . . but let another country need money to feed its starving.

People bend over backwards to send money to help . . . only to take it off their income tax. And to those who say love it or leave it, I think you should remember that your sons are fighting a war and dying for a cause they are not even sure about . . . this is America the Beautiful.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Last week's Opinions of the People contained some articles that were very disturbing at the least. How immature can a person get when he states that people who don't agree with the present administration should be deported? Yet these people have a tremendous following.

Another reader says that we have an obligation to back our president. What kind of blind loyalty is this? The president is not infallible. Why should I die or thousands of others just because Mr. Nixon doesn't want to be the first president to lose a war? I should hope that as Americans we would see the value of peace and self determination, but as a nation that thrives in a war state we must keep our precious economy moving at a fast rate. But is our economy more important than the lives of almost 40,000 young men. Apparently it is.

So it is not only the right but the duty of all who oppose this war to try to get it ended as quickly as possible. However, there is no way we can possibly do this because our president refuses to hear us and most

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a citizen of Vallejo, I would like to express my views concerning Vallejo and Dan Foley Park.

I would like to see the city continue to be beautiful, to grow and be prosperous.

What I saw in Dan Foley Park during a recent morning stroll made me sick. Outside of nice green lawns, our city dumps look better. The lawns were strewn with beer cans, wine bottles and even bourbon bottles.

Why don't we have any police patrol there? Why is drinking allowed there among young people and why isn't the park cleaned up?

Citizens of our "All American City," the time has come to either go to work to see that the park has protection and cleaned up or closed down.

The park should be made a respectable place for children and adults. Try taking a stroll in the morning before the men clean up. The sight will not be rewarding.

CONCERNED CITIZEN

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a start, I wish to quote Mr. Webster on the word "opinion:"

1. A belief -not based on certainty or knowledge but on what seems true or probable (judgment).
2. An evaluation, estimation, etc.
3. The formal judgment of an expert.
4. A judges formal statement of the law bearing on a decision.

Please think for a minute friends, which type of opinion do you have?

The wonderful thing is that we don't have to agree with each other, but should have the ability to allow your neighbor the right to have his own opinion . . . even if it falls in category No. 1.

It is my opinion that you, all the people of the USA, are right and yet at the same time are wrong. Even I am right and wrong, for I too have opinions based on only what I am told. But then it would be impossible to be an expert on every facet of life on this world of ours.

Understanding, compassion, friendship, consideration, love and helping are just a few vertebra that make our country free and great. Look them up in the dictionary and please, please find it in your heart to practice even just one or two.

My fondest dream you see is to loose my job, for then there would be peace throughout our country and world.

You see, I am a military man serving my country and fellow man in the hopes that all men will be free and at peace in my time.

Thank You,
ONE OF MANY

★ ★ ★

DEAR AN AMERICAN ALSO:

I pray to God that the issues surrounding the conflict in Vietnam were as simple as you picture them. First off, it must be said that the issue is enormously complex. The

weapon for whatever reason takes a measure of courage in today's world. It is a pebble dropped into a pool of sanity whose ripples could spread—as far as the SALT pillars, perhaps.

• The government has decreed a two-year phase-out of DDT, a pesticide which has been under attack for years by conservationists because of its accumulative toxic effects on a wide variety of animal life.

Here again, the ban is a halfway measure. It permits those uses "essential to the preservation of human health and welfare" and, rather like the government's domestic campaign against smoking with its one hand and its encouragement of tobacco sales abroad with its other hand, does not cover exports of DDT.

Yet again, half a step toward restoration and preservation of the environment is better than no step at all.

None of these developments, singly or together, promises an impending Golden Age for the world. But one has to make a real effort to find their dismal side.

That's something.

How To Curb Crime

In its latest report to the nation, the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, created by President Johnson after the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy, has revealed that the nation's high crime rate is linked directly with poverty.

Violent crime stems disproportionately from ghetto slums, where most Negroes live, and is committed primarily by individuals at the lower end of the occupational scale, the commission found.

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, chairman of the commission, emphasizes that "the correlation is not one of race with crime" but of "poverty with crime."

The country's top law enforcement officer, Attorney General John N. Mitchell, has taken sharp exception.

"No doubt some of our social evils contribute," said Mitchell in reaction to the report. "But we shouldn't accept poverty as an excuse for the commission of a crime."

This could lead, he warned, to the point where a person could be exonerated for a crime on the grounds of poverty.

The attorney general has responded to a truism with a non sequitur.

The attorney general to the contrary, the greater peril facing the American people is not one of making excuses for crime but continuing to make excuses for the perpetuation of poverty in the midst of plenty.

chairs in the and in Washington and the way it looks, we haven't got many. We have the greatest government in the world but we need honest men to run it. The taxpayers should pay more attention to the men in Washington who are running away with their money. It seems that they would like to run the honest men out of Washington. Just read Jack Anderson's column in the Times-Herald Sunday paper.

F. G. MARTIN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The death of Norman S. Aldridge on Thanksgiving Eve was a tragic and senseless occurrence, tragic because Norman was such a gracious and wonderful man.

On the whole, traffic signals in Vallejo are a farce. Almost daily I observe or encounter a violation at a busy intersection. Florida Street, among others, has become a speedway artery with no speed limit signs posted as on other arterial streets.

Enough of that. The death of Norman Aldridge was a heartbreaking blow to all his relatives, friends and acquaintances. He worked for many years at Pat's Coffee Shop, serving hundreds of customers daily. He was always friendly, smiling and gracious. He was a beloved person, imbued with kindness and compassion and admired and respected by the waitresses, dishwashers and customers for his balanced personality and stable character.

He was not a famous man, but he could have been and might have been. Astute, wise and empathetic, he could have been a minister.

I am proud to have been one of Norman's friends. Giving of himself to me, my life was enriched. Now that he is gone, my spirit is greatly diminished.

FRANK R. KAHRER

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Recently in Benicia, four elected members of a school board dismissed the administrator at a public meeting. They refused to give their reasons; presumably they are within their rights.

There is one disturbing thought . . . when elected officers fail to qualify their actions, what is the effect on law and order?

When a supervisor fires a person, he tells why unless it is very obvious. When a coach benches a player, he tells him why. However, it seems four elected school board members "just don't say nuthin." No dislike is shown, no censure involved, competence is not questioned . . . just "go."

Where has our order gone? What do the non-advocates of law, order or fair play think? They relish such examples! Where has constructive leadership gone?

It appears that in all fairness to the electorate, taxpayers and the man most intimately involved, each of these four elected school board members should make a public statement to show the reason for his actions.

Be open about this matter, not secretive!
C.W.L.

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I have just received my telephone bill for October and I note that a 5 per cent utility tax has been levied.

Considering that telephone facilities are installed, maintained and operated by Pacific Telephone and paid for by the customer, I feel that this tax is unwarranted.

Would someone please explain why this tax was levied and what is the justification for it?

A. J. BOOKMYER

mostly invisible with no one noticing them unless they start an organization like the Black Panthers.

Why do we treat our Red and Black brothers with such disregard in such a beautiful country? We spend millions to send men to the moon, but we can't afford to feed people who are starving in this country . . . but let another country need money to feed its starving.

People bend over backwards to send money to help . . . only to take it off their income tax. And to those who say love it or leave it, I think you should remember that your sons are fighting a war and dying for a cause they are not even sure about . . . this is America the Beautiful. Her sons are dying on distant shores so that she may have face. Why not bring our boys home and let the Vietnamese fight their own damn war!

I think America should take another look at herself, her slip may be showing.

JOSEPH A. SMITH JR.

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Congratulations to Supervisor J. Ellis Godfrey on his brilliant and logical statement of 26 November: "Somebody who burns brush out in Dixon doesn't pollute San Francisco's air."

Granted, San Francisco may not be affected, but what about Dixon's air? There is no legitimate reason why the countryside need be as eye-irritating as the city.

Air pollution control deserves primary concern in all areas now.

MRS. SUSAN C. RUTH

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Air Pollution. It is getting worse day by day. It is a known fact that automobiles are the biggest contributors to air pollution. What we need is a good electric car. Which we do not seem to be able to come up with at this time.

There is an alternative to ease the smog out-put by cars until we discover a good practical electric power unit to propel our cars. Some of the bombs Detroit is producing get 6 to 8 m.p.g. Average for American cars is 12 to 14 m.p.g. It doesn't take a mathematician to figure out that a car getting 10 m.p.g. will put out three times more smog going the same distance as a car that will go 30 miles on a gallon of gas.

There are several ways to achieve this economy to ourselves and contribute less smog into our atmosphere. No. 1, drive a smaller car. Why does a person need to propel tons of metal around to get himself from one place to another?

No. 2, when you buy your next car, demand one that is more streamlined. American car manufacturers build their cars the way the public wants. Not necessarily the best way. Consequently most American cars are aerodynamically about as streamlined as a shoe box.

A car that is aerodynamically designed could have a top speed of 20 m.p.h. more than the same size and weight car that is not. It could also average 10 more miles to the gallon.

The state could help to discourage us from having these high powered heavy gas hogs by issuing the state license fee by weight and cubic inch cylinder displacement instead of the value of the car.

Lead gas (ehtel). The bombs need ethel; the economy cars don't. The expulsion of unburned lead is known to be one of the most harmful components of the exhaust. So get a little gasier instead.

HENRY H. GALLE

obligation to back our president. What kind of blind loyalty is this? The president is not infallible. Why should I die or thousands of others just because Mr. Nixon doesn't want to be the first president to lose a war? I should hope that as Americans we would see the value of peace and self determination, but as a nation that thrives in a war state we must keep our precious economy moving at a fast rate. But is our economy more important than the lives of almost 40,000 young men. Apparently it is.

So it is not only the right but the duty of all who oppose this war to try to get it ended as quickly as possible. However, there is no way we can possibly do this because our president refuses to hear us and most of us have no rights as voters because we are not 21. The only other alternative left is to take our cause out to the streets. To demonstrate which is our only other legal right.

There are people now who want this right taken from us also. People who believe that there is only room in America for one point of view. These are the people to be afraid of. All it takes is to read your history books and discover that it was actions like this that caused the downfalls of other governments.

MICHAEL REED

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I've seen it again today, and it just makes me sick. Mothers, take a look at yourself and see if you are the guilty one.

Do you nonchalantly push your baby around town in an open stroller with the baby staring up at the sun or trying desperately to escape it?

Do you have on a warm coat while the baby is in a sweater or barefoot . . . or both? Is your baby sleeping in his stroller, hanging over the side? Do you wear a hat and sunglasses at the beach while your little one turns red sitting in his diaper and shirt?

Were you at the Flea Market last week with your baby dressed in a too light pram suit, gasping for breath from the wind that was blowing, red in the face from the cold and trying to get away from the sun shining in her face?

You so-called mothers should be ashamed. Use your brains the next time you take the precious baby out.

MRS. GEORGE ALLEN

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I want to thank all the people who read my article in "Opinion of the People" about my little male white toy poodle that was picked up Nov. 11 on Greenwood Street.

Many called and offered me their pets and others thought they saw him or found little poodles wandering in their neighborhoods. You people have restored my feeling about human beings.

I still have hopes that the person who took him will hear my prayers and those of my friends and bring him back to me. The reward is still here and you will have extra Christmas money while giving me a real good Christmas.

I have run another ad in the lost and found and by now his poodle clip has grown out. He has apricot color on his ears and down his back to his tail.

Please, whoever you are, be like the rest of these wonderful people and return him to me. I know that you are young and you don't need his company as much as I do. Please bring him back to 414 Greenwood and call 644-1564.

THE LONESOME WIDOW

practice even just you or two. My fondest dream you see is to lose my job, for then there would be peace throughout our country and world.

You see, I am a military man serving my country and fellow man in the hopes that all men will be free and at peace in my time.

Thank You,
ONE OF MANY

★ ★ ★ DEAR AN AMERICAN ALSO:

I pray to God that the issues surrounding the conflict in Vietnam were as simple as you picture them. First off, it must be said that the issue is enormously complex. The current debate has shrouded the facts under a dense cloud of emotionism in which those who disagree label the other side immoral or pro-Communist.

The Geneva Accord was a false agreement. It set the date for elections but little else. It did not specify who would conduct the elections, who would be allowed to vote, and how they would be held. This was the reason neither the U.S. nor South Vietnam signed the "accords." The goal was valid, but there were no means provided to reach it.

The Viet Cong do not represent the people of South Vietnam. Their hoped for political uprising during Tet failed to come about. The call for a coalition government by the Viet Cong went unheeded.

Your argument that the Viet Cong rose in rebellion because of the Saigon regime is too simple. If it were true, it would not be the stated aim of Hanoi to seize South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Ho Chi Minh was a nationalist Communist like Tito because he could play off China, Russia, and the U.S. Remove any one of the three, and China's 750 million and her atomic weapons would surely make North Vietnam into a Chinese colony.

To " . . . bring all our boys home," immediately would result in such enormously dire consequences to both the Free world and the Communist world that more American blood would have to be shed to protect our own land.

GARY A. LAAKSO

★ ★ ★ OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This country seems to be in the war business. If peace were declared, our economy would probably suffer a setback, and this administration wouldn't want to be blamed for that. If you are for peace, the "silent" majority calls you a Communist. The American youth aren't the only ones sick of America always being in war, there are plenty of responsible adults who feel the same way.

Why is this administration getting so touchy about criticism? They are not gods, they are simply a political party, who have not lived up to their promises to solve our serious problems so they are trying to whip up hatred against their critics.

Much of the world thinks we are monsters, but many here think we should keep sending our sons to a foreign country to kill and be killed because the administration says so. A perfect example of a non-thinking American is President Nixon. When asked if he was going to watch the moratorium in Washington, he said it was a good day to watch football on TV. So don't call the sincere peace marchers "non-thinkers" or Communists because they are expressing a desire for peace.

And remember, if the world's rich would share with the world's poor, there would be no more Communism.

A THINKING AMERICAN

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Loving Redeemer, accept our daily rejoicing in this Advent season. It is difficult for us to rejoice in our troubled times until we remember the difficulties of the circumstances into which the Christ Child was born. Give us strength and guidance to be a part of Your redeeming action in our world today. In His name we pray. Amen.
 —Gertrude Little, Anderson, Ind., professor of Christian education, Anderson College.

EDITORIALS

A Moratorium On Eating?

This is supposed to be the Age of Aquarius, but it is cancer that is in the ascendant. Lower-case cancer, that is.

Ever since the U.S. surgeon general's report in 1964 detailing an impressive statistical link between smoking and lung cancer, Americans have been increasingly cancer-conscious. Hardly a day passes, it seems, without a new report that this or that substance is suspected of causing this or that kind of cancer in this or that animal—usually rats or mice which have been given massive dosages of the substance in question.

Sometimes the reports surface in the most unlikely connections. For example, the opinion of a doctor in Berea, Ohio, was recently drawn into the controversy over permitting oil drilling in Lake Erie.

Traces of oil in drinking water might be responsible for an increase in cancer in the Great Lakes region, thinks the doctor. Anyway, rats and mice pumped full of oil have been known to get cancer.

No wonder all those people who used petroleum in medicinal preparations in the 1800s aren't around any more.

In all seriousness, however, not since the great cranberry scare of 1959 or the charcoal steak flap of 1966 have so many millions of housewives been alarmed over what they should, or should not, feed their families.

And they have every reason to be, for never have the foods we eat contained so many different chemical additives—artificial colorings and flavorings, preservatives, flavor enhancers, not to mention a whole catalogue of synthesized vitamins and amino acids.

While most of these substances—more than 600 in all—are on the Federal Drug Administration's "Generally Regarded as Safe" (GRAS) list and while many of them have been in common use for decades, few of them have ever been subjected to anything like thorough scientific testing as to their safety. Neither, of course, is there evidence that

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:

The officers and members of the participating organizations in the All Veterans bazaar held Saturday, December 6th, in the Veterans Memorial Building wish to sincerely thank their many patrons for their support and patronage. We regret our inability to estimate the appetite of Vallejo and are sorry we were unable to serve enough luncheons. A special thank-you for photographer Wes Gibson and society editors Marion Devlin and Barbara Hunter of the Times-Herald and News-Chronicle staff for their courtesy and co-operation. It is gratifying to know that the proceeds from this very successful event help each organization carry out their various programs of relief, welfare and hospital work for veterans and men and women in our armed forces.

Claire E. Bolman, General Chairman, Vallejo Chapter 15, Widows of World War One; Fleet Reserve Association, Unit 8, Ladies Auxiliary; Carl H. Kreh Aux. 1123, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Farragut Corps 30, Womens Relief Corps; Vallejo Unit 104, American Legion; Vallejo Aux. 223, Veterans of World War One.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

One third of those killed in automobile accidents are pedestrians.

Is that because there is a misunderstanding about the "right of way?"

Of course a person who crosses the street except at the corner — cross-walk, that is, whether or not it is painted — does so at his own risk.

But having the right of way only means that it is easier for a lawyer to collect insurance if the motorist doesn't yield the right of way to a pedestrian.

As far as the life of a person goes, it won't go for long if he thinks having the right of way makes it safe to cross a street, these days and nights when cars regularly go 35 miles an hour where the legal limit is 25 m.p.h.!

No one in his right mind would try to walk across a rifle range during target practice but pedestrians don't seem to realize that a car, driven at 25 miles an hour is a dangerous projectile.

A pedestrian who is struck by a car nearly always dies in a short time or instantly.

We have driver education in the schools. Is it time to have a special course of instruction for pedestrians?

The majority of motorists do not want to be widow and orphan makers.

Yours truly
S. P.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What has happened to the "All American City" of Vallejo of a few years ago?

Did we purchase this title or was it a gift to our city? If we earned this recognition, why do we have to wait for our City Council to establish guidelines against job discrimination?

And I don't mean tokenism given to



"Has It Been Approved by the FDA, the AMA and the Local Butcher?"

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Public hearing on the intention of the Vallejo Planning Commission to rezone a certain undeveloped land from commercial to single-family residential in College Park was heard on Dec. 2.

The intention of rezoning started last year, long before the recent low-cost apartment crisis here. It seems that the Planning Department started the rezoning last year because they agreed with the sentiment of the people, in their wish to remain a single family homes community.

It was felt by the people, that the Commission started the rezoning on their own again, to correct and to avoid the mistakes, disappointments and heartaches in College Park. What an irony, the Planning Commission has voted down their own intention doing right, thus opening the door for another battle as some more apartments are being planned in the future.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Do you know what it is like to go out on a Sunday morning to get your paper and find a 10 foot Christmas tree put in your carport with a note saying "To the Linchners, Hope that you can use it. Wishes for a very Merry Christmas?" At least this tells me that someone still cares what becomes of youngsters. Youngsters, who have been so innocently used by people who think only of themselves and money. These children who come to my home are children who are trying so hard to break the drug habit. Because a few of us adults care and are trying to help these children, we have been threatened, attempts have been made to buy us off, we have been accused of being Communists, of running a house of ill repute, anything to try to stop us from showing these children that someone does care. It takes so little to make a child realize that life is precious and even though they haven't much to look forward to, the United States

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The housing situation in Vallejo cannot be solved by forcing older property owners from their homes. People on fixed incomes are not interested in modern hurriedly put together rural homes.

Vallejo has gone hog-wild with rest homes and hospitals since Medicare and Medi-Cal has proven such a financially rapid money racket.

Why is it so degrading for an older citizen to live out his remaining years in his modest home? Why would a pensioner be interested in a spacious modern home that he couldn't afford to furnish or keep up? Why can't a taxpayer live within his means as long as his premises meet the health and building code? Why can't the city engineer do civic jobs instead of hiring a private adjustor who charges enormous fees (at the taxpayers expense).

Why? To receive an answer would be useless because the property owner will be cornered into an assessment improvement whenever business associates demand it.

In residential areas, the improvement problem is fast—assess the property, present it to the council, and it's passed by a majority vote.

The above procedure was carefully enacted on Dec. 1 during the final hearing pertaining to the small portion of property at Michigan and El Dorado (improving the back service entrance to the Broadway Hospital, Inc.).

There has never been any interest in this section for over a decade, but now about four taxpayers are forced to improve a business venture they have no connection or interest in (stock and shares).

When the downtown area is finally improved, we hope the Michigan-El Dorado strip will not be assessed to finance that street adjustment.

Unjustly Assessed Citizens

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Congratulations to Michael Reed for a well thought out and beautifully written letter. How difficult today to be a young man left with the inheritance of an ugly Asian War. A war benefitting no one except the gun manufacturers and the napalm vendors; a war into which the United States was plunged by reason of the very dubious events said to have occurred in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Our men are maimed or dead, billions of dollars have been spent, and still Vietnam has not been saved from the Vietnamese. America's involvement in Vietnam's civil war has not only divided us as a nation but has helped unite the dissident Communist factions around the globe.

The John Birch Society may preach the domino theory, but let them look to Indonesia where Communism was overthrown without American blood or American bombs. The Communists would relish our remaining in Vietnam — what better way to not only deplete American resources and manpower, but to leave us divided as a nation.

Let's pray that in our country we will have a well-informed electorate. Citizens who

have the ingredients we contained so many different chemical additives—artificial colorings and flavorings, preservatives, flavor enhancers, not to mention a whole catalogue of synthesized vitamins and amino acids.

While most of these substances—more than 600 in all—are on the Federal Drug Administration's "Generally Regarded as Safe" (GRAS) list and while many of them have been in common use for decades, few of them have ever been subjected to anything like thorough scientific testing as to their safety. Neither, of course, is there evidence that people are dropping over right and left from ingesting them.

Yet at least one chemical once on the GRAS list—cyclamate, a sugar substitute—is now banned for general, non-prescription purposes because of suspicions aroused by certain tests, again involving massive amounts fed to rats. The FDA has since announced it will next study saccharin, salt and modified starches.

Hardly had the wave of semihysteria over cyclamate subsided than a new "menace" was discovered in monosodium glutamate (MSG), a familiar flavor enhancer. The basis was a report in a medical journal that some persons experience an allergylike reaction to large amounts of MSG used in Chinese food, followed by experiments by one researcher in which subcutaneous injections of MSG caused brain lesions in baby mice.

Despite the facts that human beings are not mice, that nobody "mainlines" MSG, that many other scientists hotly dispute the findings and that glutamate, unlike cyclamate, is not an artificial substance but is a natural ingredient of many foods, three baby food manufacturers immediately stopped using MSG—not because of government action or doubts about its safety but solely because of public reaction.

The news media, it must be admitted, bear some responsibility for publicizing, if not sensationalizing, such tests. But few journalists are equipped to evaluate the work of scientists. Like other laymen, they tend to assume that the mere reporting of a test in a scientific magazine is proof of its truth.

Perhaps we need a moratorium on such "news" until, in each particular instance, early findings have been verified and accepted by the scientific community.

In the case of MSG, further testing by a number of recognized independent laboratories is in progress. Preliminary results are expected to be announced in the near future—but only when meaningful work has been accomplished.

This is as it should be. Nothing is absolutely safe and certain in life. Smallpox vaccinations kill more children (about seven a year) in America today than the disease itself. And it's said that even aspirin, which modern man could hardly do without, but whose precise action and side effects science still does not understand, would probably be banned if its discovery had just been announced.

to structure a program. The majority of motorists do not want to be widow and orphan makers. Yours truly
S. P.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

What has happened to the "All American City" of Vallejo of a few years ago?

Did we purchase this title or was it a gift to our city? If we earned this recognition, why do we have to wait for our City Council to establish guidelines against job discrimination?

And I don't mean tokenism given to minorities who can be controlled by the powers of this city. Vallejo you had better wake up so we can do this job together.

Now is the time for all blacks who believe in the cause to join hands and work together to get a job done. The job is to get blacks on all city commissions, especially the Civil Service Commission. Otherwise, we don't need commissions.

We know no one is going to look out for us but ourselves. Age is no factor in this fight which should concern the young, old, light, dark, wealthy and the poor. Let's do our thing together.

As one man said, "America you had better wake up and let's do this job together or let us all learn to speak Chinese together." Now! Now! Now!

D. E. BENNETT SR.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Our Napa County Sheriff, Earl Randol, hasn't won any friends for himself among the young people. He said in the Napa Register quote I don't want thousands of grubby kids flocking in here . . . unquote. This was when he said he wasn't going to allow a rock concert to be held at the Napa Valley Boys Camp on Dealy Lane.

First of all, who said the kids would be grubby? Or does our sheriff mean all kids are grubby. That's probably more like it. This is typical of the generation gap. They're young therefore they're grubby. Well, some of the older generation may be neat and tidy but they've sure got grubby minds.

I don't think a rock concert sponsored by several high schools, public and Catholic alike, would attract such a big mob of people. Maybe the sheriff thought he was going to have another Altamont. Not with those bands listed in the paper, he wouldn't. Anyway, with an efficient bunch of law enforcers like we have in Napa County there shouldn't be any trouble.

So too bad, grubby kids. The cops would rather have you roaming the streets with nothing to do than enjoying yourselves at a concert.

GRUBBY OLDTIMER

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Taking an inventory of myself for the last 12 months, I find that I have far more to be thankful for than I realized.

First of all, I had the good fortune and far-sightedness to have chosen Vallejo to call my home away from home some 17 years ago. I am well pleased at this choice because of the wonderful people that Vallejo is so fortunate to be blessed with.

During my stay here I've had the opportunity to meet some of the most adorable and beloved people I've ever met in my life and for this, Vallejo, I salute you not once but 12 times.

I have no idea what 1970 holds in store for me, but I can state unequivocally that in 1969 I had a ball. So, Mr. and Mrs. Vallejo, I salute you and extend the best of holiday greetings to you one and all.

JOHN L. LEE

year. Long after the recent low-cost apartment crisis here. It seems that the Planning Department started the rezoning last year because they agreed with the sentiment of the people, in their wish to remain a single family homes community.

It was felt by the people, that the Commission started the rezoning on their own again, to correct and to avoid the mistakes, disappointments and heartaches in College Park. What an irony, the Planning Commission has voted down their own intention doing right, thus opening the door for another battle as some more apartments are being planned in the future.

So in the meanwhile what is happening? Slowly the best people among us are moving out, and we who still here are wishing that we could go too.

Well Vallejo, either wake up soon or brake. Our elected and appointed officials seem to have the notion that to sit in office means to support those who will benefit in their business, as we sure have plenty of office with a conflict of interest.

FRANCISKA MILLS

College Park "Crier" Editor

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On behalf of the Cordelia Volunteer Fire Department and Women's Auxiliary, we wish to thank you for all the fine publicity and pictures you provided in advertising our annual Harvest Dance. It was through your interest in our dance that helped to make it a great success.

Again, thank you.

OSCAR LAND, Chairman
MARGARET DAVIEAU and
MARY JEAN GOLLINGER, Co-Chairman

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The season of "good will and good cheer" in the air for many families but a few distraught families are facing the Christmas month with discontent.

When the voters select their choice of representatives for the city council they are doing so with sincere belief that their problems will be met with fair and unbiased judgment.

The December 1 assessment hearing at the City Hall displayed, as usual, the unconcern for the "little guy" by the councilmen.

May each and every council man, as he joins his guests with a cheery toast, remember those who are still trying to budget their earnings, and silently (if it isn't asking too much) wish them too, a prosperous and wealthy New Year.

AN OLD TIME TAXPAYER

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Thurman family would like to express a word of gratitude to the 2,000 people attending the rites at the time of the loss of our son, Irving Ray Thurman, and the many others who sent contributions, flowers and condolences in our time of sorrow.

We share our deepest sorrow with the Wims family. As parents, we both have suffered a great loss.

We also would like to thank all of our great ministers and all who said a prayer. We offer special thanks to the Rev. Boyd Rodgers, pastor, and other officials of Second Baptist Church for use of church property, the family added.

May God add a special blessing to Mr. Edmund G. Cook, principal, and the choir of Vallejo Senior High School, as well as to children and adults in the City of Vallejo. Thank you, and may God bless all of you.

THE THURMAN FAMILY

of a very merry Christmas? At least billions of dollars named or dead, billions has not been saved from the Vietnamese. America's involvement in Vietnam's civil war has not only divided us as a nation but has helped unite the dissident Communist factions around the globe.

The John Birch Society may preach the domino theory, but let them look to Indonesia where Communism was overthrown without American blood or American bombs. The Communists would relish our remaining in Vietnam — what better way to not only deplete American resources and manpower, but to leave us divided as a nation.

Let's pray that in our country we will have a well-informed electorate. Citizens who will be readers and thinkers and know the people they are putting into office so that in the future we shall question and ponder the advisability of foreign adventures. To trust blindly is not to be a patriot.

Communism will not be silenced with guns. It breeds on ignorance, poverty and injustice. So long as they exist so will Communism. Let us wage our wars on these three evils and not on the peasants of Vietnam.

Mrs. Kenneth Innes

★ ★ ★

Boniface Teen Club
TRAC
Bonnie Linchner, Mary Pimental,
Advisors

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Yesterday I wept at the thought of Christmas. I lifted the paralyzed bodies of two small Vietnamese boys and I wept. As I massaged their bullet scarred limbs, the despair of a too long perpetuated Song My washed over me. How in God's name could I make this Christmas a merry one!

Fourteen-year-old Anh interrupted my thoughts with his story of a friend in Vietnam. "He lose leg, bang! He need crutches. I have two crutches, need only one." Anh demonstrated. His balance was off and he fell hard. He lay there, sprawled ingloriously on the floor, single crutch alongside. "No worry, ma," he said. "I can do. You send other crutch to friend for Christmas, please?"

We Atwoods will give no parties this year; we will send no cards; we will offer no store-bought gifts.

Our money will go instead to the Committee of Responsibility which brought Tich and Anh to us from Vietnam. The doctors, clergymen, and concerned citizens who compose this dedicated group will provide that new crutch, and new leg, and new face, and NEW LIFE for other innocent victims of war.

I weep no longer at the thought of Christmas. There IS something we can do. And suddenly I know that this will be the most meaningful Christmas my children and I have ever known!

Sincerely,
DOROTHY E. ATWOOD
411 Wildwood Ave.
Piedmont, Calif.
Committee of Responsibility
First Congregational Church
432 Mason St., San Francisco
Calif. 94108

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Just a few lines to thank you for your coverage of the Freeholders Meetings and their work on the proposed new charter for the City of Vallejo.

Thanks to your efforts more of our citizen-voters turned out at last night's meeting and we feel that citizen participation and interest will assist us in the final draft of this Charter.

Very truly,
Seymour C. Marcuse Jr., O.D.,
Public Relations Chmn.
Board of Freeholders, City of Vallejo

of a very merry Christmas? At least billions of dollars named or dead, billions has not been saved from the Vietnamese. America's involvement in Vietnam's civil war has not only divided us as a nation but has helped unite the dissident Communist factions around the globe.

The John Birch Society may preach the domino theory, but let them look to Indonesia where Communism was overthrown without American blood or American bombs. The Communists would relish our remaining in Vietnam — what better way to not only deplete American resources and manpower, but to leave us divided as a nation.

Let's pray that in our country we will have a well-informed electorate. Citizens who will be readers and thinkers and know the people they are putting into office so that in the future we shall question and ponder the advisability of foreign adventures. To trust blindly is not to be a patriot.

Communism will not be silenced with guns. It breeds on ignorance, poverty and injustice. So long as they exist so will Communism. Let us wage our wars on these three evils and not on the peasants of Vietnam.

Mrs. Kenneth Innes

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am writing in regards to Mr. and Mrs. Worth Downer of 104 Newell Lane in Newell's Mobile City.

They are pensioners who saved enough money to take a trip to San Diego where Mr. Downer, 76, had a stroke which paralyzed his left side.

The doctor put him in a nursing home there when he showed no improvement and Medi-Cal is paying for his care. However, it cannot pay for his transportation home where Mrs. Downer needs to be to take care of things.

She does not have the money to stay down there nor the money to have him moved home and it would be hard for her to leave him as they just had their 53rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 7.

I was wondering if there are any clubs or organization in the community that help people in this situation.

Mrs. Virginia Berg,
104 Newell Lane

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

On December 7, Sunday paper, the Silverado Sports Car Club meeting place was incorrectly given. Our meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Vallejo Imports, 510 Soscol Ave., Napa.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the club to thank the Vallejo Times for their cooperation in publicizing our rallies and autocruses.

The public is reminded they are welcome to attend our meetings and any events that we put on.

LOIS APPERSON,
Secretary-Treasurer's wife

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Seasons Greetings to all Animal Lovers: I am writing again this Christmas season to ask the people of Vallejo to think of our homeless animal friends, especially the ones at the pound.

You are their only hope, so please adopt a pet this Christmas. They'll repay your kindness with love and loyalty.

So many people just pick the puppies to adopt. But I have found that the grown dogs and cats make wonderful companions.

So please folks, let's make this a great holiday for them.

E. L.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Little things bug me, Lord, and I fight them as if they were giants. Keep me from making grievous wounds out of gnat bites, and when something really hurts, keep me from yelling so loud that my hurt involves another. Help me to bear hurts—great and small, Lord, and, when possible, to share another's pain or grief; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

Old England Changing (?)

In the short span of a half a decade, Britain has about completely thrown off the last vestiges of the staid Victorianism which gave a false impression of the historically merry and easy-going island.

In five years of unprecedented social reform led by the Labor government, the country has, among other things:

- Abolished the death penalty. The test ban is due to expire in July, but few believe there is much chance it will not be made permanent.
- Legalized gambling.
- Legalized private homosexual relations between consenting adults.
- Legalized, to all intents and purposes, abortion on demand.
- Eased divorce laws by making "irretrievable breakdown" of a marriage the major criterion for divorce.
- Initiated nationwide free birth control services.

As if all this were not enough to give Queen Victoria an attack of the vapors, what may be the most far-reaching act of all goes into effect on New Year's Day. On Jan. 1, 1970, instant adulthood will be conferred on some 2.3 million 18- to 21-year-olds.

Full rights of majority will be accorded 18-year-olds—the right to marry without parental consent, to sit on juries, to get passports, to enter into binding contracts and, as of Feb. 25, to vote.

Not everyone is pleased with all this liberalization, of course. Many people, both inside and outside of Britain, are momentarily expecting to see the new "permissive society" picking up the pieces of a shattered Victorianism.

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:

The editorial regarding Cordelia that appeared recently on the front page of the Daily Republic and Central Solano County Shopping News includes several statements that we believe to be misleading if not entirely inaccurate.

The people of Fairfield did not move out to the area and found the town of Cordelia, as stated in the editorial. The town existed a number of years before the town site of Fairfield was ever plotted. According to the latest publication of the Solano County History and Government, a post office was established at Cordelia in 1854. It was not until two years later, 1856, that the town site of Fairfield was plotted.

In one paragraph which begins, "Here are a few more facts", you state Cordelia is in the Fairfield School District. The fact is that Cordelia has never been in the Fairfield School District and is not now. The Cordelia area is in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, equally with Fairfield, Suisun City and other parts of the Valley.

It is correct to say, as you did, that the same member of the board of supervisors represents both towns. The truth of the matter is that he also represents Suisun City, Benicia, and the rest of the Valley.

Lastly, the first sentence of your editorial asked the question, "Does Cordelia fall into the 'Sphere of Influence' of Fairfield?" Since the question was asked, I feel it is deserving of an answer. The answer, as far as the people of Cordelia are concerned is that this area is a distinct community in its own right and does not lie in the "Sphere of Influence" of any city in the surrounding area.

Concerned Resident

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

After quite a hassle, our courageous Senators in Washington voted to increase our personal income tax exemption from \$600 to \$800 per year. President Nixon, whose salary was increased \$100,000 this year may have to veto the \$200 increase in the name of fighting inflation. If it were not so sad, it would be funny.

Perhaps we should feel heart rendering gratitude to those noble inflation fighters in the Senate whose own salaries were only increased \$12,500 for now they are thinking of us, the tax-paying constituents back home. After all, that measly \$200 tax exemption increase is the only one that I can remember in my life time. Real sports those fellows up there in Washington! A fellow doesn't really know whether to laugh or to cry.

RAYMOND C. WILSON

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why should Dow Chemical and some of the other big businesses be allowed to manufacture and make huge profits from



HE KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS!

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Gentlemen:

We wish to clear up any misunderstanding that might result from the article by Charlotte Pruitt in the Sunday Times-Herald, regarding the Indians on Alcatraz Island.

The Selby Plant of American Smelting and Refining Company has not given any employee time off with pay to devote time to this project, nor has it donated \$100 to the cause.

Yours very truly,
A. L. Labbe, Manager
American Smelting and Refining Co.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

THANK YOU to the Patriotic and Church groups who have generously donated the home made cookies for the USO dances held in the Community Center, 225 Amador St., Vallejo. The men of the active Services have enjoyed and appreciated your support. They

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Dear Editor:

What a terrific joy it was to unroll the Vallejo Times-Herald, Friday, December 12, and see on the front page a big picture of something NICE. The three children walking in the rain. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kramer, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary McGranahan, of Fairfield for sharing your children with us.

Don and Arloine Stoner
480 West J Street, Benicia, Calif.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We just want all of our friends and lovers of dogs to know that we are still searching for our "Julie", who was turned out of her yard by school children retrieving their ball on Dec. 9th. "Julie" is a black Labrador retriever pup, 5 months old, weighs 50 pounds. She is wearing a choke chain with identification tag and also a red flea collar with

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Today when those people among us reach the age of thirty, they often are mistrusted by youth. This may be, but there is one man that has brightened this credibility gap between old and young, black and white, and even friend and enemy. Dan Norton, Dan Foley Park manager, does justice to a job that was once synonymous with misunderstanding and apathy. He has added the dimension of leadership to this position. Even in this once obscure position, Dan Norton has distinguished himself with his sharp mind and steady guidance and sound decisions. This man does a common job uncommonly well.

The young and old alike find it easy to identify with him for the charismatic leader he is. He has quelled what might have been ugly situations for Dan Foley Park and has organized work crews after dances to keep the main floor impeccably clean and ready for use nearly all the time.

The most incidental part of Dan Norton is that he is black and proud. Yet Dan Norton shows his pride through his actions; the actions of a man. He assumes increasing responsibility for the most minimal pay but all he ever says is "I'll do my best". If only everyone knew what adversity he has suffered and yet still remains optimistic.

I wish that everyone who has read this will go out to Dan Foley Park and talk with this remarkable man, but it might be necessary to ask him what his working hours are because for some unknown reason, Dan Norton who has done his job better than anyone in the short history of Dan Foley Park is slowly being "phased out".

I pose this question to Keith Kelly, director of G.V.R.D., and to Phil Tucker, supervisor of Dan Foley Park: "Why is Dan Norton being phased out?" I would not like to think he is working less because he is black. But I appeal to all the people who have read this article to make a phone call and write a letter to the Greater Vallejo Recreation District and tell them that you stand for Dan because righteousness has no color.

GREG HOWARD

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The prolific-writing "my country is wrong" crowd is really rooting for this nation to be second. Some of them want us to lose the war in Vietnam . . . others want a different form of government than our present one . . . and others want anarchy to prevail just for their own ends. In truth, they're people without a country! Which is where they should be put!

ED ARNOLD

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Littering, or more specifically, dumping of trash and garbage in places other than designated refuse disposal sites, is unlawful, and violators are subject to prosecution.

Full rights of majority will be accorded 21-year-olds—the right to marry without parental consent, to sit on juries, to get passports, to enter into binding contracts and, as of Feb. 25, to vote.

Not everyone is pleased with all this liberalization, of course. Many people, both inside and outside of Britain, are momentarily expecting to see the new "permissive society" sink in a bog of moral degradation.

But "permissive society" is a misleading description, according to Roy Jenkins, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"A better phrase is the civilized society," he says, "based on the belief that different individuals will wish to make different decisions about their patterns of behavior and that, provided these do not restrict the freedom of others, they should be allowed to do so within a framework of understanding and tolerance."

Nor are things all that permissive. The Labor government has recently tightened the laws governing gambling and drug use, refused to ease laws on-marijuana and resisted moves to liberalize obscenity laws.

Some other things have not changed.

A recent survey of 200 British males aged 16 to 25 indicates they are not so different from their Victorian forebears after all.

They do not, on the whole, believe in equality for women or that women have any place in Parliament.

An impressive 92 per cent said they would not marry a woman who earned more than they did, nor one who was "considerably more intelligent."

Virtually all of them believed the husband should control the purse strings.

The Credit Card Crooks

A break may be forthcoming in the Great Credit Card Robbery—the day-in, day-out misuse of stolen or forged credit cards which costs businesses and honest people millions of dollars each year.

A simple and compact data processing system for credit card purchases will be marketed early next year. Under development by Cubic Corp. of San Diego, the system is designed to make instant verifications of credit or identification cards right at the checkout counter.

The basic unit is an imprinter similar to those in use today. A companion device, called a verifier, takes data from the card and automatically compares it with credit information stored either in the printer itself or in a central computer.

In a matter of seconds a retailer can know whether the credit card of a customer is valid.

exemption increase is the only one that I can remember in my life time. Real sports those fellows up there in Washington! A fellow doesn't really know whether to laugh or to cry.

RAYMOND C. WILSON

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why should Dow Chemical and some of the other big businesses be allowed to manufacture and make huge profits from factory-housing?

It's true there is a world-wide need for housing. It is also true that there is a world wide need for income distribution, which traditionally has been by employment.

Factory-housing would make the unemployment situation in the world manifold times worse than it now is. To say nothing of the increasing population. Factory-housing would not in any significant way distribute the wealth but, rather, would concentrate enormous profits in still fewer hands.

Factory-housing is ultimately destructive of the world as we know it and perhaps means the destruction of man.

ROGER N. SPENCER

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I simply cannot understand the fuss and commotion by some of the congressmen and the press over the slaying of a few Vietnamese people in My Lal village. What can they expect when they kill our boys? It is about time that our boys took steps to win the war.

I am a patriotic American and believe that our nation is the greatest nation on earth and it is time that we asserted this fact to protect our liberty and honor, even if it becomes necessary to kill a few people in a backward country.

The magazines should never have been allowed to publish pictures of the bodies of the people killed there. Vice President Agnew is right. Things like that only give more fuel to the peaceniks and Communists.

We must realize that this nation can only remain the greatest nation in the world as long as we use our might to back up what is right.

Every American boy should be proud and consider it his duty to serve his country in this time when we seek a just and honorable peace in Vietnam.

MRS. G. S.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The hypocrisy of the year 1969: Jack Anderson's column should awaken the American citizenry to the apathy shown by their so-called duly elected representatives in Washington, when it involves spending the taxpayers money and for WHAT!

As reported by Jack Anderson quote "a \$182,000 federal grant has been quietly authorized for a project promoted by Gerald L. K. Smith — America's most virulent and enduring prophet of hate. Carroll County is putting up \$45,000 — would you believe that for a \$1,000 donation you could have your name on the plaque," sort of a who's who in the hate world.

The astonishing gift of the taxpayers money will be laid out by the Dept. of Commerce and the Dept. of Transportation for sleek new roads to improve access to the "Christ of the Ozarks statue."

A man of hate, Gerald L. K. Smith, building a monument to a man of Love Jesus Christ subsidized by the federal government.

Hypocrisy of the century.

BENJAMIN B.

Yours truly,
A. L. Labbe, Manager
American Smelting and Refining Co.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

THANK YOU to the Patriotic and Church groups who have generously donated the home 'made cookies for the USO dances held in the Community Center, 225 Amador St., Vallejo. The men of the active Services have enjoyed and appreciated your support. They have commented, "it's like being in Mother's kitchen eating these delicious home made cookies."

MRS. RACHEL L. HINDEN,
USO Senior Hostesses.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Must the public have to continually put up with the periodical tearful confrontations in regards to the Sirhan Sirhan case?

Mrs. Mary Sirhan has on several occasions been given the time to tearfully plead her son's case. Having been lauded somewhat of a hero in his own country for his deeds, certainly people in this country should not have to be subjected to pleas on his behalf.

Having robbed this country of a possible political leader to say nothing of having taken advantage of its freedoms, certainly any sympathy from its people will be a long time forthcoming.

DAVE O'BRIEN

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Just a few lines to thank our many friends who have stopped by our home at 600 Mini Dr. to congratulate us on our "Christmas Home."

My husband and I enjoy the many children going to and from school who stop, look and laugh at what ever display amuses them most. Their eyes light up so brightly.

My husband makes all of the displays during his free time and spends long and hard hours on them. He enjoys doing things that make the children happy and the parents so appreciative.

I also appreciate his outstanding work.

Mrs. Russell E. Camp Sr.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

It's time again to ask the good people of Vallejo to help in my Missionary work.

This is the time of year when so many cards are received through the mail and I would appreciate having all your cancelled stamps, foreign and all. Do not tear the stamp off the envelopes but just cut around the stamp leaving about 1/2 inch of envelope around the stamp.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped in the giving for the Indians. I have shipped nine large boxes of new clothing and candy that was donated. The total value was about \$500 which may seem like a lot but is not when compared to the needs of these people.

I received a long distance call from Helen Burgess in Cortez, Colo. who said they have from three to four inches of snow already. She says they need warm clothing, including coats. If you have these items, please drop them off at my home any time. I will ship another load right after Christmas.

I wish to thank the Times-Herald for making this effort for the needy Indians possible by getting the message to all the people.

I want to wish every one a Merry Christmas as you have made some people happy this year.

Mrs. Isabel Elsdon
113 Hill Dr.

880 West J Street, Benicia, Calif.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We just want all of our friends and lovers of dogs to know that we are still searching for our "Julie", who was turned out of her yard by school children retrieving their ball on Dec. 9th. "Julie" is a black Labrador retriever pup, 5 months old, weighs 50 pounds. She is wearing a choke chain with identification tag and also a red flea collar with shots information. From our continuous advertising in the Times-Herald we have reports that she is following school children and has been on school grounds, but we always are a day behind her wanderings. We know she is hungry and needs her medication for an infection she has. She is very friendly and lovable. We miss her terribly. A generous reward is offered for her return. We hope to have her home with us for Christmas. If you see a black, sleek haired, dog, with a long straight tail and drooping ears, won't you take the time to call to her and check her I.D.? The reward may help to make your Christmas merrier, and having our Julie home, will certainly make ours a happy one. Just phone Tim Symes 643-8578 or Tim's mother 642-6973.

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Marching Band of Armijo High School-Fairfield, and the Armijo Band Boosters Association wish to extend to you our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the splendid coverage your paper gave to our band in our recent fund raising drive for our trip to the All-Western Band Review held in Long Beach during the Thanksgiving weekend.

We feel that the publicity received in your paper was directly responsible for the success of our fund drive and thereby a contributing factor in our win in Long Beach.

We appreciate the excellent publicity and your loyal support.

GEORGE MCCOY
President

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Shocking disbelief is my reaction to the Solano County Board of Supervisors' lack of concern with the greatest problem facing us today (yes, in this county too) — AIR-POLLUTION.

This lack of concern is well evidenced by the Board's reaction to the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District's invitation to Solano County to join it.

The reasons given for not joining, in my opinion, are very flimsy, if not completely invalid. The cost to the average homeowner to join in the fight against air pollution through the legally established means of the District would be about 65 cents per year — a small price indeed for doing something.

Opposition to controls can be expected from industries and plants emitting foul odors and pollutants, such as refineries and related industries, waste disposal plants, cement plants, garbage dumps, etc.

The reason they oppose controls is because it takes money to meet control regulations. If we don't join the District watch for an influx of plants from the six counties presently members of the District. These foul and odor producing operations I'm referring to are rendering tallow, hair and hemp plants, etc. San Francisco is putting the heat on this type.

So watch out, Solano County! LET'S ALL BE CONCERNED AND AFFIRMATIVE.

Very truly yours
QUENTIN BABCOCK

different form of government than we present one . . . and others want anarchy to prevail just for their own ends. In truth, they're people without a country! Which is where they should be put!

ED ARNOLD

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Littering, or more specifically, dumping of trash and garbage in places other than designated refuse disposal sites, is unlawful, and violators are subject to prosecution. It is my understanding that this ordinance or law is to be enforced by our city, county and state law enforcement agencies. I also understand that it is the responsibility of the property owner to clean up and post property where this dumping has taken place.

The area of which I speak is the part of old Chabot housing area that is encompassed by the back yard of most of the homes on Swan Way, Corcoran Dr., Fairgrounds Dr., the Aztec Trailer Court and the Napa County line.

I have complained to the Health Department, but their efforts to get the property owner to clean up and post the area have not produced any results. The trash and garbage piles get larger and the rats get fatter by the day. And now that the weather will be cold and damp I expect that they will be paying us a visit down here on Swan Way.

Today the neighborhood children managed to drag an old discarded couch down from the hill and deposited it in the street at the corner of Swan Way and Mallard. When I called the police department to report a couch in the street, I was told to call the garbage company. This leads me to believe that if our police department is issuing any citations for littering, they are not issuing enough since I wasn't asked if I knew how it got there. Or maybe, a couch in the street is no surprise to them, since this area out here is not the only place in Vallejo that looks like the city dump.

And finally, as a public service, I offer a guided tour of the above mentioned area to the Vallejo Beautification Committee and the Vallejo Times-Herald. Come out any time and bring your camera.

ROBERT EVANS JR.
348 Swan Way

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The other night I happened to hear a radio editorial while driving home. The commentator was discussing the rapid deterioration of our school system i.e. the usurpation of certain powers from the trustees by the faculty and subsequently by the students themselves. He pointed out that the faculties have now greater power in selecting trustees and that students are following suit and demanding greater voice in selecting the faculty. This led into the story of a professor who allegedly graded according to the student's needs rather than their accomplishments. Naturally, there were an over-abundance of A's and absolutely no failures. Needless to say, he was a great favorite of the students.

The commentary was thought-provoking and I mentioned it at the dinner table. One of my offspring commented, "Oh, we have a teacher like that at Solano Jr. College."

Later on that evening, my wife complained that her dental bridge which she had been trying for at least a month was rubbing her gums raw. You know, that got me to wondering. How many of these "good guy" profs had her dentist encountered during his training? Man! And think about the doctors!

Frightening, isn't it?
CY N. POST

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Make us grateful, our heavenly Father, for the gift of this day — a day Thou has made. May nothing so overwhelm us that we become fearful, but with a childlike trust in Thy goodness and love may we walk through the hours of this day with a steady step. Cheer us by memories of Thy faithfulness in days gone by; encourage us by Thy promises for the future. Forgive, we pray, that in which we have failed Thee and keep us in Thy love; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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

EDITORIALS

The Enemy Within

In its swan-song report to the nation, the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence fingered the greatest enemy facing the United States in the immediate years ahead.

In Pogo's immortal words, "It is us."

Our most serious challenges to date have been external—the kind this strong and resourceful country could unite against, said the commission, which was created by President Johnson in 1968 following the assassination of Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy.

Now, however, stated its 13 members in a unanimous voice, "While serious external dangers remain, the graver threats today are internal."

These include haphazard urbanization, racial discrimination, disfigurement of the environment, the dislocation of human identity and motivation—"all resulting in a rising tide of individual and group violence."

The commission recommends that when the Vietnam war ends the nation increase annual welfare expenditures by about \$20 billion, partly by reducing military expenditures and partly by increased tax revenues resulting from growth of the gross national product. Welfare spending should continue to increase "until essential social goals are realized."

"The greatness and durability of most civilizations has been finally determined by how they have responded to these challenges from within," the commission summed up. "Ours will be no exception."

Few persons in or out of government have either hailed this last report, along with its forerunners, as a much-needed, 11th-hour warning or championed it as a blueprint for

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:

I am writing this letter to all parents of teenage sons!

First of all, I am a mother of three children, two of which are boys. One will shortly be a teenager.

Last night at 12:30, I was sitting in my living room, reading my evening paper. I heard a noise on my front porch and went to investigate. I saw two teenage boys, no older than 14 walking across my front yard.

Right afterwards, I discovered why they were in my yard; they stole fourteen Xmas lights right off my front porch.

It's not the loss of the lights that worries me, they can be replaced. What does concern me is why were these two young boys out prowling the streets at 12:30 at night with flashlights stealing silly things like Xmas lights?

Why weren't they at home at that time of night where they belonged? Weren't the parents of these boys just a little worried as to where their sons were? God only knows I would be if they were my sons!

I think a lot of our problems today with teenagers is not the teenagers themselves, it's a lot of the parents.

I admit I will probably make a lot of mistakes myself in raising my sons, but don't we learn by our mistakes?

Let us, as parents, take a little more time with our kids and find out where they go and what they do.

I hope these two young boys didn't get caught somewhere else and end up as juvenile delinquents down at the police station.

I also hope not only the parents of these boys, but all parents including myself show a little more concern as to what their kids are doing!

MRS. J. B. SOLES

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

To enlighten Mr. Reed, Mrs. Innes, E. W., and A Thinking American:

When one reads carefully the remarks of these four, he can detect that the thrust of each letter is based on the emotional instead of on the rational. The view of American foreign policy as pertains to Vietnam the reader gets is appallingly shallow and characterized by inaccuracies. Such faults are not uncommon in neo-isolationist critiques of American foreign policy that have been composed by the heart in lieu of the head.

The most patent untruth expressed by these four is the notion that the American economy is founded solely upon a condition of war. To say that is to be ignorant of economics, history, government and politics. It should be noted that the economy grew tremendously during the 1920s and between 1961 and 1965 without the benefit of any warlike conditions to stimulate it.

However, the main point upon which these four need be addressed is the merits of supporting the President's policies. People generally desire to follow their administrators. And when such is not the practice, the na-



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

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Man has reached the moon, visualized his long sought glory, looked at in terms of space. The message of space is at best one of grandeur and oppressive vastness. But look at it in terms of time, it becomes one of almost endless possibility and hope.

As denizens of the universe we may be living near its end rather than its beginning, for it seems likely that most of the universe had melted into radiation before we appeared on the scene. But as inhabitants of the Earth, we are living at the very beginning of time.

We have come into being in the fresh glory of the dawn, and a day almost unthinkable stretches before us with unimaginable opportunities for accomplishment.

Our descendants of far-off ages, looking down this long avenue of time from the other end will see our present space age as the misty morning of the world's new great history; our contemporaries of today will appear as dim, heroic figures who fought

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Last Wednesday the front page of the newspaper carried a story about a deficit of \$100,000 in the welfare budget. There was nothing surprising about that.

What was surprising was that welfare director Robert Granger was at a loss to account for it beyond saying, "Caseloads are way above expectations." Has Mr. Granger not heard of the population explosion? Does he think Solano County is out of this world? For the benefit of Mr. Granger and the dear, good, generous taxpayers who carry the burden, I submit the following:

—At local hospital A during the last six months, 28 per cent of the mothers delivered were on welfare.

—At local hospital B during a shorter interval, 40 per cent of the mothers delivered were on welfare.

A local obstetrician who keeps track affirmed that women on welfare comprised

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Why should American capital and tax money be thrown to the dictators of other countries while a large portion of the U.S. deteriorates and disintegrates?

Promises of "dividends" from such foreign investments won't help the poor and most of the middle class of this nation in any case. The poor have become immobile in this society; and they demonstrably no longer have faith in the promises of U.S. leaders.

It's time for a change!

ROGER N. SPENCER

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I am deeply concerned about the Middle East peace plan our Administration is cooking up and which it intends to force down Israel's throat. It is quite obvious that every time "Pravda" complains that such plans are "Pro-Israel," hence unacceptable, our state department gives away some more of what does not belong to us, namely Israel's hard-won security.

Maybe we would make better progress and create a better worldwide impression if we would state emphatically that Russia's attitude is "Pro-Arab" and therefore unacceptable to us.

It is a completely untenable position to yield to Arab threats and intransigence rather than to take a firm stand, telling the Arabs and their Russian sponsors that nothing would be settled unless they sit down to negotiate with Israel.

G. G. GRUENER

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I'm a teenager of Vallejo. We have a problem. We would like a new roller rink.

When it's raining, we would like something to do. We can't go to the movies because they cost too much, and almost all the movies are rated M, X or R. We would like to skate, so please print this.

TEENAGER OF VALLEJO

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

This is to all senior citizens who draw both Social Security and OAS benefits.

Now it seems quite certain there will be an advance in Social Security benefits, you should write your representatives in Sacramento and request a ruling that will allow you to keep the bonus and not have it deducted from OAS benefits.

The addresses of such men may be found in the Vallejo Times-Herald.

OVER 70

★ ★ ★

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Alcatraz Island would make an ideal base for our United States Air Force — where our planes can take off and land. Also a beautiful sight from the shores of San Francisco and her Golden Gate.

Another stepping stone for taking off for

resulting from growth of the gross national product. Welfare spending should continue to increase "until essential social goals are realized."

"The greatness and durability of most civilizations has been finally determined by how they have responded to these challenges from within," the commission summed up. "Ours will be no exception."

Few persons in or out of government have either hailed this last report, along with its forerunners, as a much-needed, 11th-hour warning or championed it as a blueprint for a brighter national future. Nevertheless, commission members believe that the message is slowly sinking into the national conscience. "If in five years nothing has happened," says chairman Milton S. Eisenhower, "I shall be the most disappointed man in America."

It is to be hoped that he has not underestimated the individual citizen's capacity to ignore the perils which do not threaten him immediately and directly.

As Richard H. Rovere noted recently, all of us alive today in the "developed" countries grew up with technology. All the causes of our present laments could have been foreseen decades ago.

"Given a few facts about the chemistry of the environment and the impact on it of population and advanced technology, any man of modest literacy could have charted the route from the recent past to the present and on to the questionable future," he writes. "The agonies of the cities in the late '60s should have been predictable in the middle years of the Depression, if not long before."

But prophets are seldom honored, especially prophets of gloom.

Anyway, no one is actually gagging for his life's breath on polluted air. No one is dropping over from diseases spread by rivers we have turned into sewers.

The mathematics of population growth may be unarguable, but most people as yet see no real reason why they should not bring a fourth or fifth or sixth child into the world.

There is still plenty of countryside for the suburbs to spread into. The balance of nature may be imperiled, but the stores are still stocked with food.

Despite all the fearful talk about crime, it is for the most part confined to the black ghettos, which one can easily drive around in his new car on the new freeways.

Organized crime—the kind of crime that takes money from everyone's pocket and most directly threatens the health of society—is largely regarded with indifference by the public, even in the face of revelations, as lately in New Jersey, of how widely it has corrupted law enforcement and government and how deeply it has penetrated legitimate businesses.

and are not uncommon in neo-isolationist critiques of American foreign policy that have been composed by the heart in lieu of the head.

The most patent untruth expressed by these four is the notion that the American economy is founded solely upon a condition of war. To say that is to be ignorant of economics, history, government and politics. It should be noted that the economy grew tremendously during the 1920s and between 1961 and 1965 without the benefit of any warlike conditions to stimulate it.

However, the main point upon which these four need be addressed is the merits of supporting the President's policies. People generally desire to follow their administrators. And when such is not the practice, the national spirit is debilitated. The iconoclasm of those factions which refuse to follow the President grates on those who support the national policy, and the latter react, somewhat unjustly, by terming the former "Communists" or "non-thinkers." The four being rebutted should not be called any names; they are entitled to their opinions, and should be respected. The point is that such types do not help the cause of national unity. By being laymen qua foreign policy experts, they are unconsciously helping the North Vietnamese to achieve the psychological goal of dissent within the United States that they are attempting.

This goal must not be achieved for, as Socrates said, a people or a government cannot sustain themselves without unity. Let us avoid simplistic emotionalism when discussing Vietnam and employ rationality. It is better to follow those who have the facts, than those whose emotions blind them to the salient realities.

ROGER A. CUNNINGHAM

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Hope for tomorrow; just a little insight of how American servicemen in Vietnam feel about suffering Vietnamese children and what they are doing about it. A new lease on life thanks to a Marine General, Navy doctors and corpsmen, and unselfish donations of time, material and money by U.S. Servicemen in Vietnam, and American citizens at home.

During a visit to the pediatric ward of the Quang Tri Province Hospital in June 1968, Major General Raymond G. Davis became disturbed at the conditions there. And being disturbed he decided to do something about it. The result was that four wards were made available at Delta Medical Co., and on September 1, 1968, a temporary children's hospital was dedicated. From September 1, 1968 through July 1, 1969, more than 17,000 children received treatment at the clinic, some requiring daily hospitalization.

Funds for the project, which is still growing, are coming entirely from donations. By September 1, 1969, \$115,850 had been raised, of which \$99,503 was contributed by U.S. servicemen in Vietnam. The rest came from civic organizations and individual donors in the service.

I refuse to believe our men are guilty of such an atrocity as the My Lai massacre. But true or not, Life magazine has condemned them already by publishing those pictures as fact.

VALESKA CHANG

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As a former resident of Vallejo and an employe of the Mare Island Shipyard, I extend the season's greetings to my many friends, the staffs of both your papers and to all residents of Vallejo.

I hope you had a joyous Christmas and that the new year of 1970 will be a good one for all of you.

WALTER F. HAYES

As denizens of the universe we may be living near its end rather than its beginning, for it seems likely that most of the universe had melted into radiation before we appeared on the scene. But as inhabitants of the Earth, we are living at the very beginning of time.

We have come into being in the fresh glory of the dawn, and a day almost unthinkable stretches before us with unimaginable opportunities for accomplishment.

Our descendants of far-off ages, looking down this long avenue of time from the other end will see our present space age as the misty morning of the world's new great history; our contemporaries of today will appear as dim, heroic figures who fought their way through jungles of ignorance, error and superstition to discover truth, to learn how to harness the forces of nature and to make a world worthy for mankind to live in, but not on the moon!

OLLIE ROSS

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

VSFCD is embarrassed by one of our citizens!

It is unfair that a person would ask for an accounting for a sewer line connecting deposit in only three years after the job was accomplished. This short interval would hardly give management time to post their entries. After all there is only a matter of approximately \$600 over-charge involved.

We can not blame the manager in objecting to an examination of the job record — VSFCD being owned by the taxpayers such records, of course, must be considered confidential — as any student of Tammany Hall politics learns as basic education.

We would be remiss in overlooking the action of that staunch Board of Directors who fearlessly approved the management stand of declining to reveal the job record.

We are sure that Mayor Douglas has noted the position taken by VSFCD.

I. DEST

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

The officers and members of Court Vallejo 818, Catholic Daughters of America, would like to thank women's page editor Miss Marion Devlin and her staff, Mrs. Barbara Hunter and Mrs. Maryann Magnuson for the fine publicity they have given our meetings and activities the past year.

Their patience and courtesy have been untailing.

Also, a special thank-you to Mr. Wesley Gibson, photographer for the Times-Herald and News-Chronicle.

CECILIA KENNEDY
Grand Regent
KATHERINE LEVEQUE
Publicity Chairman

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

I wish to express my appreciation for your excellent cooperation during the last year. You have given us all the assistance we have asked for to publicize our Public Education Courses and other points of interest to our members and the public.

Through the assistance you have given us, we have been able to obtain our goals of increasing membership, having larger P.E.C. classes and increasing boating safety on the Delta waterways. We hope that we will be able to continue to receive the same excellent newspaper coverage in the following year.

For myself, Flotilla 53 and Division 5 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, we wish you and your staff a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

RONALD KEMPKA
Vice Flotilla Commander "53"

director Robert Granger was at a loss to account for it beyond saying, "Caseloads are way above expectations." Has Mr. Granger not heard of the population explosion? Does he think Solano County is out of this world? For the benefit of Mr. Granger and the dear, good, generous taxpayers who carry the burden, I submit the following:

—At local hospital A during the last six months, 28 per cent of the mothers delivered were on welfare.

—At local hospital B during a shorter interval, 40 per cent of the mothers delivered were on welfare.

A local obstetrician who keeps track affirmed that women on welfare comprised 40 per cent of his caseload.

—A local obstetrician who does not count cases estimated that over half of his maternity cases were on welfare. Does that answer the question?

GEORGE C. GIBSON, M.D.

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

A balance of terror still hovers over us.

The United States' MIRV and the Soviet's SS-9 weapons have frightening power. These weapons have more than one warhead. One missile could hit more than one target in a single strike. A first strike with one of these weapons might cripple the second strike potential of the other country.

The SALT conference must try to reach an answer to arms limitation soon. In three to six months the United States testing of the MIRV will go beyond the point of no return. Once the weapon is deployed, aerial inspection by the Soviets would be impossible. On-site inspection will never be agreed to by either country. No inspection means no proper enforcement of an arms treaty.

Right now both countries are about equal in their nuclear power. Nuclear arms limitation should start when there is such a balance of power.

MARY WRIGGLESWORTH

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

As one of the "straights" who attended the rock festival at Altamont with my wife, I wish to express my disappointment in the emphasis which newspapers place on the violence that took place there.

True, the incidents did happen, and they were unfortunate, but more could have and should have been said about the spirit of camaraderie and friendly helpfulness that was also present, and in much larger doses, at the concert.

LARRY PASQUINI

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

We the "older generation" often wonder about the "revolt of youth" but find it hard to look at our own hypocrisy.

Our "experts" (usually "well along" in years) prepare non-books called "readers" for use in schools and we wonder why so many children "can't read." Examine such non-books. Why would anyone want to read them?

We tolerate legalistic hair-splitting decisions (on the part of many politically-appointed persons) that give criminals freedom to continue their careers of rape, robbery, and murder, and we wonder why the crime rate leaps upward every year.

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate for the stormy present . . ." said Lincoln in 1862. We have no Lincoln today, but older generations must at least stop playing Rip Van Winkle and help put up some sandbags against the 1969-1970 "hurricane" by closing that "generation gap" before it's too late.

A. R. WAGNER

Now it seems certain certain there will be an advance in Social Security benefits, you should write your representatives in Sacramento and request a ruling that will allow you to keep the bonus and not have it deducted from OAS benefits.

The addresses of such men may be found in the Vallejo Times-Herald.

OVER 70

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Alcatraz Island would make an ideal base for our United States Air Force — where our planes can take off and land. Also a beautiful sight from the shores of San Francisco and her Golden Gate.

Another stepping stone for taking off for victory — fast and furious. Our government should take over Alcatraz Island at once and wise up — no time for dreamers at this day and age. Wake up America — "ding how." It is a must.

E.A.W.

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Land for our Indians? Certainly, but they need farm land and mountains, where they can expand a little in far off places — where they would be more contented than on Alcatraz Isle.

Don't fence them in, and they need space for their war dances, too. Eh what?

READER

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

LaRae Kuhn I don't have anything to give you for Christmas, but thoughts. They are: Using your words "I have known so many great people, and they have done so much for me" I think you bring out my greatness, because you have always made me feel important and useful, in place of old and tired. I can't remember any need you didn't fill in one way or another. I look forward to your visits, it is time well spent.

Don't bring me any more oatmeal cookies. I don't like them.

GLEN D.

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

In disavowing the 1950 resolution banning Communists from the faculty, the Academic Senate of the University of California may have made a mistake of the most serious kind with far-reaching, disastrous consequences.

The Communist is basically different from ordinary partisans and politicians. He is dedicated to an ideology and system of government and a way of life diagonally opposed to ours and would accomplish his objective by subversion, sabotage and all violent means.

Once the Communists achieved power, they would tear up our Constitution and deprive us of all the freedoms of speech, thought and so on. To allow Communists to teach and influence our youth is like permitting a fire to burn and spread in our parlor, allowing it to burn down our home.

People are apt to say that all citizens are entitled to constitutional rights, but they forge that the Communists intend to destroy our Constitution; then why should we protect their right to do so?

Ask them: Do the Communist countries permit people to teach capitalism and democracy — I mean true democracy — in their universities?

H. Y. FUNG

★ ★ ★
OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE:

Finally I have discovered a way to overcome slanted newscasting and ultra-liberal propaganda programs on television and radio. Just shut the set off.

CHARLES SMITH