

# -Readers' Open Forum-

## RE-DO THE COURT HOUSE

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

The new Downtown Mall will likely restore the area to a respectable position as a retail shopping district. However, eventually the mall should be extended to at least Twelfth Street and Eleventh Street might also be closed off to autos between Orange and Market Streets. Additional parking facilities could also be provided at the southeast corner of Tenth and Market Streets and also the same corner at Eleventh and Market Streets.

The "big question" is the Court House facing on Main Street. As it now stands from Tenth to Eleventh on Main is almost a dead block as far as the generation of retail business is concerned and will remain that way until something drastic is done.

I would like to suggest that the front, older portion of the building be removed and a new building be built, possibly 4 or 6 stories high, utilizing the land area more fully and also designed to complement the mall. The street floor of this new building could also be leased to private interests who would establish new retail stores on this lower level. These new private uses might include a restaurant or cafeteria, drugstore and several other possible commercial uses.

The upper floors would be used by the county government for court rooms and county offices of one type or another.

FRANK J. VOGEL JR.

Riverside

## PEACE VIGIL

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

In response to Edward Machniak's condemnation (Open Forum, Nov. 10) of the 24 hour peace vigil staged by the Students for a Democratic Society on the Riverside Court House steps last Nov. 4 and 5:

I did participate in the vigil and, on the whole, was pleased with the receptiveness of those who said that they would read our leaflets. Our suggestions for ending this war and starting negotiations are by no means radical, however, many people ignored us, refused to listen, and were very belligerent towards us. I was shocked at the rudeness and obscenity from these people.

I can only stress that the group on the courthouse steps was not belligerent towards any one, and we did give direct answers. Our answers obviously just did not agree with Mr. Machniak's. Also Mr. Machniak's generalization of all of us as "young beatniks . . . LSD wax-bearded cowards" was utterly absurd and made him look rather ridiculous for saying such a thing, regardless of his political convictions.

VICKI ABERNATHY

Norco

## RED CROSS DEFENDED

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

Recently you received a letter from a mother who was upset because school teachers used class time to collect money for the American Red Cross. I would like to comment on the accusations made by this parent.

She feels that teachers have more important things to do than to collect money for a worthy cause; I disagree. Part of a teacher's job in our public schools is to educate with books, another part is to educate by example, and another is to teach humility, charity, and faith. Faith.

Yes, faith in America, what we stand for, and in our future. The American Red Cross offers a child an opportunity to feel a part of something worthy of his support. This mother's child came home upset be-

cause he didn't contribute and receive a Red Cross pin as his reward. He felt left out and not a part of something his friends were enjoying. This has a competitive nature to it, but competition is part of the American way of life.

In high school—I am a '64 graduate of Norte Vista High—I was president of our High School Red Cross Club. I cannot express in words the joy I received working with underprivileged people in various hospitals, the sick, the poor, the aged, the mentally ill. I had fun also, I was given an opportunity to lead others of my age who were also willing to help—they had charity.

And we too were given pins, and much more. We learned about other things in this world besides our warm beds and pretty homes. A reward is part of the Red Cross to interest people in participation, but after a start, most no longer need to be prodded by rewards. God bless those who sacrifice a few minutes of class time to teach charity.

JOHN DI PERRY JR.

Riverside



## WALTER LIPPMAN

### Back from Europe do to keep

What struck me most in Western Europe was how far theory has been overtaken and surpassed by the facts. The ideas and issues we have been so hot and bothered about during my lifetime have in these days become largely irrelevant, like old maps of cities that are being rebuilt or the snapshots and the invitations and the theater programs which we accumulated when we were young.

The old fighting faiths have faded out, and for the generation that has grown up since the war they are for the most part curiosities that are no longer interesting.

The modern world, as I am using the term, is the world that is being shaped by the new industrial revolution of this century. Its core is, of course, the very rapid technological advance, indeed explosion, which includes the whole gamut of inventions from the jet engine and computers to the synthetic fibers and the contraceptives, the almost indescribable multitude of products of nuclear, electronic, chemical, metallurgical, medical and agricultural ingenuity.

An integral element of the new industrial revolution is the growing knowledge of how to manage a modern economy for the promotion of progressive affluence.

In the advanced countries the kind of life men are living today was not even imagined when they were still at school. Therefore they are not prepared for it. Because their ideas are out of date while their lives are being changed so rapidly, modern men are driven to concentrate their attention and their energies on working out the detailed consequences of change for themselves and their families.

They have become, they have had to become, "pragmatic" in the sense that they deal with the details of living and making a living and have put aside the great world. They do

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budget preparations, the forthcoming State of the Union message, and the next legislative program.

It is not only a matter of his physical strength. He ought to allow himself a little respite in order to do some very careful thinking about where the country goes from here in the light of the election results and the fast-moving international events.

## Readers' Open Forum

### TALON EDITORS DEFENDED

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

As a past editor of the Rubidoux High School Talon, I am very familiar with the student publication and have been for now five years.

I have read the editorial that Bill Sheets and Brad Chaires are responsible for printing. It is one of the most competent pieces of student journalism that has ever appeared in the Talon. It is this kind of journalism that stimulates the student mind to intellectual action rather than noon fights and after-school rumbles.

An education should be based on a guiding administration and faculty—a group that will teach the students to use their minds, not just memorize facts and feed those facts back to an examination paper.

The high school student is more responsible than many people care to admit. His greatest problem is immaturity. But if the right kind of school representative works with, not against and molds, not forces the student, then even immaturity is overcome, and the teen-age student makes dynamic contributions to the entire community. Such potential exists on the Rubidoux High School campus. It should be developed, not obscured.

JAMES W. PARSONS

Riverside

### FULL AGREEMENT

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

I refer firstly to an article printed in the United Students' publication, IT. This article expresses a feeling similar to the one I experienced while reading your article in The Press, concerning the impounding of an issue of the TALON, Rubidoux High's school newspaper. IT's article, entitled "A Need For IT," stated that since so much censorship was being placed on school newspapers in Riverside, IT was needed for students with opinions they wished to express freely. After reading the above mentioned article in The Press, I agree fully with that statement in IT.

DOROTHY KUPCHA

Riverside

### PLEA TO THE COUNCIL

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

I am sure that the (City Council) is well aware of the fact that for the last two or three months, there has been but one place the teens could go if they wished to dance. And I think the council is also aware that for the Riverside area there are but two or three bowling alleys. It is also a fact that in all places the teenager picks for a likely place for congregating, a squad of police officers is always present.

Does the council feel that this is necessary? Does the council also feel that it can keep the youth at home by not providing adequate recreational facilities? If so, you are mistaken because if there is no place for the teenagers to have respect, as human beings, and fun, then they will find a place where they can at least have fun.

DAVID M. GARZA

Riverside

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### THE ONE-THIRD

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

Ever since President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that one-third of the nation was ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed, to which we might add under-educated and marginally treated medically, the national elections, and many state and local elections concerned themselves almost exclusively with what shall the two-thirds do for that one-third.

This last election was supposed to indicate that the people wanted the government to "slow up." The question is slow up on what. The Viet Nam war costing two billion dollars a month and countless lives was not a so-called election issue. I heard nothing in the campaign about farm subsidies, oil depletion allowances, subsidies to the transportation industry, etc. The targets were welfare, aid to education, rent subsidies, Medicare, Social Security, slum clearance and the like. All the issues seemed to center around benefits to the disadvantaged third of the people about whom President Roosevelt was so eloquent.

The fact that such a large proportion of the lower third economically are non-Caucasian appears to complicate the issue since this backlash seemed to have so much significance. Yet many Negroes were elected to office, even very high office as in Massachusetts. The New Deal, the Fair Deal, the New Frontier and the Great Society addressed themselves primarily to the people who needed the most help. It will be interesting to see how a Republican oriented nation handles the situation.

HERBERT F. HASS

Palm Springs

### PROPER CHANNELS

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

As chairman of a Citizens Committee appointed about two years ago by our Beaumont City Council, to try and help figure out the best course for our governing body, I will state that we recommended a City Manager to work with the City Council. Subsequently a Mr. Flannery of Riverside was engaged and I feel he did a good job towards putting our city affairs in order and by putting in practice several changes in several of the city's departments which proved economical. Also his salary was nominal.

After a short term, I understand pressure was brought against him which resulted in his resignation. In due time another City Manager was engaged. He was, I believe, quite competent, but apparently not too diplomatic. Also it appeared at too regular an interval our governing group met and up went expenses. Also the manager's salary.

Perhaps we could best pay our councilmen something to administer our small city or possibly find a qualified and competent, semi-retired man at a reasonable salary who could steer our group through proper channels.

CARL E. MELLOR

Beaumont

### SOMETHING'S ROTTEN

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

Something's rotten, and it isn't in Denmark. Six thousand rioting Turks have destroyed our Red Cross building in Adana, damaged the U.S. Consulate, Information Center, and 45 autos of U.S. personnel stationed in Turkey.

I wonder how many of those Turks knew that the Red Cross has

just contributed \$15,000 and 3,000 blankets to aid the thousands left homeless in Turkey since the recent devastating earthquakes there?

Did they know that CARE donated \$5,000 in medical supplies and another 5,000 blankets? That the World Council of Churches is collecting \$100,000 from its member churches (mostly in America) to help repair homes and rebuild their wrecked villages?

That the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service has freighted by air 40 tents, 1,300 blankets, five tons of clothing, as well as huge supplies of antibiotics and vitamins to aid the suffering Turks?

Surely this is just another example of the senselessness of rioting and that our Public Relations Program overseas is at fault. Shouldn't this whole fetid affair be shoved back on the Turks' doorstep for full financial settlement?

In any event, many heads should be hanging in shame — those of our own airmen, as well as those of 6,000 Turks.

F. W. EDWARDY

Riverside



TOM WICKER

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Once again the nation has been fortunate. It has passed without incident through a period, this time mercifully brief, when its President lay totally incapacitated.

For about an hour and a half, President Johnson was totally anesthetized during minor surgery and at the end of that period he could only scribble brief notes on a pad.

Four hours later, when reporters saw him first, it seemed to some of them that he might still be in that floating, not quite clear-headed mood in which anesthetics often leave patients.

For the same period of 90 minutes to perhaps four hours or more, Vice President Humphrey was empowered by Johnson to assert the Presidential powers "after such consultation as seems to him appropriate under the circumstances."

No necessity arose for Humphrey to take such a step — not even a small one — but it could have happened and there is no guarantee that next time it won't.

Given the frailties of the human body and mind it is all but a certainty that there will be a next time — not necessarily during Johnson's tenure, but sooner or later.

This is a situation of immense danger. It is dangerous not so much because a Vice President, if required to take an initiative, might do the wrong thing but because he almost surely would hesitate and agonize over whether to do anything at all. And in today's world such understandable irresolution in extreme instances could be disastrous.

It is a dangerous situation, further, because any action a Vice Pres-

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## TOO MUCH TOLERANCE

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

I am writing in response to William H. Hey's letter (Open Forum, Nov. 10), crying his tale of woe.

Today as I write, is "Veterans Day." If it were up to this type . . . and the radical coward "Spookey Carmichael," we would, no doubt, not be honoring this day.

Why do we allow such things in a country with such a brave and honorable history.

GEORGE COLFER

Riverside

## NOT TRIGGER HAPPY

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

Still somewhat elated by the Reagan victory, I sit here on this November 11, Veterans Day and remember with disdain, letters like E. J. Pengelley's (Open Forum, Nov. 3) and the critics of the demonstrating peaceniks, as they only recently crawled all over the county court house.

None of us like or enjoy war, least of all those who are fighting it.

. . . American fighting men are not "trigger happy," Mr. Pengelley, because our government won't allow it—it might offend the enemy, you know. Nor do they behead, abuse and torture their captives. In spite of the politicians and the shady, behind-the-

scene manipulators who create and perpetuate these endless wars, the integrity and intent of our servicemen is pure, because their belief in freedom for all men is strong enough to die for.

Somehow, somewhere, sometime, someone has to win this war, and by winning, end it—and I want that someone to be America. The sooner, the better!

RITA BREHM

Sunnymead

## QUICK RESULTS

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

I'm the Norco man who was arrested Wednesday night for the so-called charge of trying to sell a slot machine to a detective. The truth of the matter is that this so called slot machine was an antique that didn't work and was used as a piece of den furniture. Its confiscation was uncalled for.

It's interesting to note that the detectives made contact with me through an ad placed in the Press and Enterprise. Once again it proves, it pays to advertise in the Press and Enterprise

THOMAS R. CIESLA

Norco

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ifornia GOP history. Yet he is marked for extinction in 1968, in the Republican primary, by elements of his own party.

These are mainly the more conservative elements, starting with the rabid right wingers, for whom Mr. Kuchel is not only too moderate, but too independent and too outspoken in his criticism of them. His refusal to endorse the respective candidacies of Senator Goldwater and Ronald Reagan solidified his opposition with-

is a going thing. There has been much proud talk among the currently successful California Republicans of party unity. It is strangely discordant in view of the plan to undo Senator Kuchel.

The issue is not whether the party or the state owes Senator Kuchel anything. It should be whether, spite aside, it is in the interest of the Republican Party, the state and the nation — to retain Senator Kuchel in office.

## Upholding anti-billboard rules

The county planning commission has been doing a generally good job recently in upholding the anti-billboard regulations.

Within the past week the commission denied proposed zoning changes that would have permitted billboards to continue along Interstate Highway 10 at a site near Banning and one near the intersection of Indian Avenue north of Palm Springs.

All the billboards became illegal a year ago, after expiration of a five-year grace period. But the companies that put them up did nothing to take them down—and in the end sought to save them by changing the zoning regulations agreed on back in 1960. Of course the commission's ruling can be and probably will be appealed to the Board of Supervisors.

In another case, in which the supervisors themselves had refused to grant a variance but had asked the planning commission to consider a general change in the zoning pattern, the commission said "no." This case involved eight billboards on Highway 395 just south of its junction with Highway 60 at the top of the Box Springs grade outside Riverside. It is to be hoped the board will

accept the commission's verdict, both in this case and in the cases involving Interstate 10.

A recent case in which the procedure has been less than forthright involves illegal signboards along the Riverside freeway between this city and Corona. Here the commission's hearing board appears to be stalling in the hope that the issue will be settled by an impending annexation to Corona, which has a tough stance on billboards. This is buckpassing and it would be preferable if the hearing board now, and the commission afterward, said a flat "no" to the signboard firm's plea for a variance.

Certainly the outdoor advertisers merit no undue consideration, for they had five years to amortize their investment in the signs and then took a sixth year in defiance of the law. Defiance of the law has become their pattern and policy. They should not be allowed to profit from it.

Failure of the present county-by-county approach to billboard regulation would all the more quickly demonstrate the need, already obvious to a good many, for a co-ordinated state-county supervision of the roadside right of ways.

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### WHAT ALTERNATIVES?

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

As the mother of a 16-year-old girl, I am concerned about the recreational facilities which are available to the young people in our city and the surrounding areas. The Hi-Ho Club offered a meeting place where teen-agers could listen to music, dance, and be with their contemporaries.

I know for a fact that the average crowd consisted of at least 500 persons and when a good group like "The Bush" played, there were over 1,000 in attendance.

Why should the majority of law abiding teen-agers be penalized because of an infinitesimal number of troublemakers? To my knowledge, there has been no property damage and the only complaints have been because of the noise.

Would parents of other kids of this age rather have their sons and daughters out cruising and looking for excitement?

GRACE BRILL

Riverside

### PLACING THE BLAME

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

In response to your editorial on the removal of the teen-age night club, which has disrupted several businesses and motels in the area, I would like to suggest that the blame for the disreputable behavior and appearance of the majority of the teen-agers of the day be placed directly where it belongs — on the parents and the unfortunate exploitation of the T.V. and news media.

I would suggest the closing of all the teen-age night clubs, unless some workable plan could be arranged to enlist the services of the parents on the premises as chaperones and in coordination with the police department.

Secondly I would curtail all drivers licenses under the age of 18, including motorcycles and motor bikes. The school buses should be used for long distance transportation only, thereby allowing the young people to walk off some of their misused energy. All hair cuts and dress lengths should be regulated, as well as the type of clothes, shoes and makeup worn to school and public places, libraries, etc. and the Savage Sexually inspired dancing should be banned from all public dance places.

KATE BYRON CLARK

Riverside

### MORE PEACEFUL?

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

Well, we closed the Hi-Ho Club, and probably next will be the Crazy Cue, Denny's and Tuxie's. I wonder if the streets will be any more peaceful than before. Can the city police tell us they had less trouble with teen-agers this weekend than previously? I doubt it.

Riverside has trouble with its young people. This is normal. Riverside is doing nothing constructive about it. This is shameful. We are all to blame — the parents, who make demands without giving guidance, the schools which merely babysit, the City Council which has forgotten what it was like to be 16.

It is time we had a good teen center. Surely our City Manager and the Recreation Department can tell us how these affairs are run successfully in other cities. Surely, also, Riverside parents have enough energy and good will to initiate such a program.

All of us staid middle-aged folks, especially those who complain the most, could well lend our skills,

and a little of our time, to such projects.

It seems to me that society has never taken such a punitive attitude toward its youth as we now do. Certainly it is hard to get through to them, as everyone keeps saying. But we have to be the ones to make the effort, for two reasons. First, our age is supposed to have given us the wisdom they lack. Second, we have more at stake—they are our future.

JOYCE T. BARRIER

Riverside

### LOSING FREEDOM

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

In response to Miss Vicki Abernathy and the 24 hour peace Vigil (Open Forum Nov. 16) staged on Nov. 4 and 5.

No doubt her intentions were good as no doubt were some of the others involved. However when one considers that nothing is free and especially our freedom, we can see the danger of losing this precious heritage to someone or some political group. They would put us into slavery and subjection.

When we realize this fact we can see the need to defend ourselves and our freedoms from the Reds and make no mistake about it, the Reds are out to bury us and put us into slavery as they have with most of the world.

DON MILLER

Riverside



HOWARD K. S/

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Somewhere in the recent growth of the English language it has become the practice to put the prefix "un-" before any word that is not what it claims to be. For example, those books full of photos showing grotesque facial contortions by Peter Ustinov or Fernandel, with un-funny captions, slapped together for the Christmas trade, are known as un-books. And the male creatures who play feature parts in the new-wave films are called un-heroes.

As the political year wends towards an end, it becomes clear that the Great Debate on Viet Nam was in fact an un-debate kept alive by undissenters.

The debate was begun early in the year when Prof. Kennan and General Gavin appeared before Senator Fulbright's committee. In his testimony, Mr. Kennan recommended both not being in Viet Nam and our staying there in the same statement — a small masterpiece in the art of both eating and having your cake.

General Gavin proposed that we stick to our enclaves and leave the rest of the country to the Viet Cong. Then he said he thought our generals on the ground were doing just the right thing—namely, the opposite of his enclave plan.

The trouble with un-dissent is, it becomes the accepted foundation for other un-dissenters to build on. Thus, Arthur Schlesinger in a wordy un-dissent in *The New York Times* recently re-proposed the enclave idea and said that if the Administration did not know how to do it, it could ask General Gavin who did. Well,

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### TOWER OF BABEL

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

Friends of the Riverside County Court House, it is time to stand up and be counted. As lovers of the aesthetic you have a moral responsibility to protect, for future generations, this precious objet d'art from deliberate debasement.

Our city has become, architecturally speaking, a Tower of Babel. We have watched passively while several blocks of Main Street have been filled with a conglomeration of gewgaws. Waterfall clocks, cheap clay pots and telephone booth kiosks can all be classified under one heading, JUNK.

Alongside the Court House, the new Downtown Mall is just so much boondoggling.

We must act now before the Board of Supervisors proceed with the planned catastrophic modernization of the Court House.

A friend of the Court House, MRS. LAWRENCE CHRISTENSEN  
Riverside

### FULL CEMETERIES

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

Concerning E. E. Baker's letter (Open Forum, Nov. 8) regarding the closing of 31 National Cemeteries. I wonder if E. E. Baker has ever spent any time in one of these cemeteries.

I work for a mortuary and have made many trips to Fort Rosecrans Cemetery with bodies for burial. People were buried at the rate of one every 15 minutes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 5½ days a week, two people to the grave, (husband and wife), whichever died first being buried on the bottom, the other one on top.

These cemeteries are full, except for the spaces reserved for husbands or wives of ones already buried there.

So I can't see where our administration is to blame for the closing of the cemeteries. . . . A large percentage of veterans buried in the California National Cemeteries are veterans of other states. Not that that should matter, they all fought in the same wars, and for the same country, but this is a big state and is getting bigger every day.

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find out whether she goes for the package. If she does, well and good. If she spurns it, then she takes on the burden of self-isolation in the sight of the world.

There is reason to believe that the State Department once was willing to do this, but it backed off after world reaction to the Red Guard excesses made it look as if Red China's admission might be successfully stalled off another year or two. But what is to be gained by stalling off the inevitable? For that matter, by refusing to try to build the kind of communications with Peking that in the end might reduce its paranoia and turn it toward a more rational course?

To delay this experiment merely on an expedient calculation that Red China may not have the votes to steamroller us this year, is a timid and short-sighted reaction. Who needs another study, except perhaps the remnants of the China lobby?

## Exit a superstar

Maybe it is just as well that Sandy Koufax is retiring. The sportswriters, to say nothing of more mundane folk, have run out of superlatives. After incomparable, and greatest, where do you go?

His records are there to stay and to be recalled. His judgment to retire rather than try another season hyped up on shots and pills and risk permanent injury to his arm is better than most athletes in similar condition have displayed.

But there is a sadness about his departure, beyond its effect on the Dodgers. Baseball, which once had so many of them, has about run out of superstars. Mantle is in eclipse; Mays cannot be as ageless as he appears; Koufax is through. What will there be left?

The game will be the poorer, the magic will be the less. And we will have to tell the youngsters, hoping they will believe, what it used to be like, of the legends of the superstars, right down to Sandy Koufax.

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### REAL TREASURE

Editor, The Press and Enterprise:  
Where in the world has the civic pride of Riverside gone that "the powers that be" would even consider mutilating the one beautiful public building we have in our Riverside County Court House? The contemplated six foot wall rising above the sidewalk would eliminate the view of this magnificent building in its proper setting of lawns and trees. Surely enough land has been bought or is available for expansion without putting this drastic proposal into effect.

Why spend thousands of dollars on the Downtown Mall and not take advantage of the already established park-like beauty of the court house block? This is a real treasure in the center of downtown Riverside — let's keep it!

MILDRED BEST

Riverside

### MIND AT EASE

Editor, The Press and Enterprise:

We can trust them. For some years past I've had my doubts about what would happen to the nation when the present crop of teen-agers had to take over the reins.

An incident happened last Monday night, October 31, that changed my views on the "growing up generation."

My wife and I were at a meeting about a block from home when a fire was discovered in a large storage shed next door to our home, about 25 feet from our house (which is frame-wood shingle roof). We had left our two grandchildren, in their teens, and a couple of friends at the house. When we arrived a few seconds later, our granddaughter — 13 — had already called the State Division of Forestry and the grandson — 14 — with one of the other boys was on the roof with garden hose wetting down the roof and wall close to the fire. The flames were roaring over the house and the heat had melted the aluminum window next to the fire. Only the quick thinking and quicker action of these wonderful kids saved our home. My mind is now at ease about the future of this nation.

BILL HAGER

Cabazon

### AT ODDS

Editor, The Press and Enterprise:

I read your editorial ("The case of the impounded Talon") and also The Talon editorial. I certainly agree with the (Rubidoux) school authorities in dealing quickly and forcefully with this kind of agitation which could and has caused student sit-ins, demonstrations, etc.

Since The Press finds itself at odds with its readers so much of the time as evidenced by this editorial as well as the outcome of the election, why does not the management of the paper conduct a questionnaire poll of its readers regarding the readers opinion and reactions to The Press. I'll wager that the readers generally feel that the editorial policies and tone pretty consistently identifies with left-wing and anti-authority elements. I have yet to see any consistent rapport toward private enterprise, law enforcement agencies and those who advocate reversal of the welfare state . . .

S. KNICKELBEIN

Riverside

### HARD TO UNDERSTAND

Editor, The Press and Enterprise:

As a student at Rubidoux High School and a member of The Talon staff, I would like to thank you for your support in our situation. Your comments made us feel the worth in "sticking by our guns" and continuing to seek freedom of the press.

It is very hard for our staff to understand the actions of our principal after we have been taught that freedom of the press is an age-old symbol of democracy that has helped to make America unique.

Is freedom of the press only for those in the "adult world" to use as they see fit? Is it a right that we are supposed to receive only when we have reached the age of 21? Must we be given this right by our administration and, as far as that goes, do they have the right to deny us our request? I'm afraid that I, as only one of very many, do not understand. What are we to think?

It's not like we have been stirring up a bitter rebellion against those in authority above us. We are just trying to figure out what hap-

pened to the old-fashioned idea of freedom of the press and why we have been taught it all our lives if it does not exist . . .

CHERI MARTINEAU

Rubidoux

### COMPARISON DRAWN

Editor, The Press and Enterprise:

It was very enlightening to read Mr. (W. Fletcher) Tarr's letter concerning South Africa (Open Forum, Nov. 11) particularly since the logic of his "considered opinion" was supported by an impressive array of titles.

I would like to comment specifically regarding the large stream of envious neighbors, reported by Mr. Tarr to be flowing into the Union. Such a stream, if it were not barred by the South African authorities, would probably indeed exist but would flow in the opposite direction.

The letters of commiseration which Mr. Tarr is receiving from South Africa sympathizing on his "being exposed to racial violence and turmoil" do not surprise me. They are an equivalent of letters which Germans in the Sudeten were getting from their co-nationals in the "Reich." Such letters are characteristic of groups which "solved the racial problem," after having created one . . .

MICHAEL POLLAK

Riverside



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Six years and 652,478 miles after that first meeting in Palm Beach with young President-elect John F. Kennedy Dean Rusk is still Secretary of State. The enduring qualities he has shown are loyalty, stamina, caution, modesty and a stubborn hold on what he believes to be the fundamentals of America's position of power in the world.

Rusk has been the victim — or the beneficiary, depending on the viewpoint — of peripatetic diplomacy in the pattern set by the late John Foster Dulles. He has long since passed the Dulles' record of 559,988 miles. And President Johnson is about to send him on still another tour of a large segment of the globe.

Early next month Rusk will swing around Asia. While the itinerary has not been finally determined he will go not only to several of the countries that participated in the Manila conference but others as well, including at the start Japan. This will add perhaps another 30,000 miles to his total of 482,060 in foreign travel. The balance of the grand total is within the United States. Although the mileage exceeds that racked up by Dulles, Rusk points out that he has been out of his office fewer days, thanks to the speed of jet travel. President Johnson seems eager to send as many missionaries to Asia as he can, including former President Eisenhower, who almost certainly will not make the trip.

Movement, to some critics it appears to be movement for the sake of movement, is becoming a dominant objective with the President himself. Shortly after his return from his Asian tour he called United Nations Amba-

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run so as not to be community menace some of its detractors have painted it as posing. Given the realistic alternatives—cruising, running too loose on the streets, overrunning the drive-ins and swamping the ping-pong tables—such a nightclub for the teen-agers does indeed represent what one of their spokesmen at Tuesday's council meeting described it as being, a "desperate need."

It is well that this is becoming more generally apparent, and hopefully a combination of private and city effort will now meet the need.

## Readers' Open Forum

### TOO TYPICAL

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:  
The teachers who criticized your recent editorial on the Rubidoux High Talon are typical of most Americans. They support free speech except when it is something that is not in accordance with their views. They are the ones whose duty it is to instill the basic values of democracy in their students: they seem not able to practice what they preach.

The teachers state that an editorial writer's duty is to "get the facts before making a judgment." Where are their facts? They are presenting their view without any factual support. They seem to feel that (Rubidoux) Principal (Harold) Smith is always right. Where are his facts? Could he be wrong? That would be a cardinal sin for a school administrator to be wrong and some of these students right. Has this happened, Mr. Smith?

RON BOLDT

Riverside

### GROUPS AND GROUPS

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:  
Although my children are not yet teen-agers, I felt dismay when I read the City Council's statements on teen-agers in groups.

In my opinion, those councilmen in a group cause more trouble for the people of Riverside than the teen-agers.

I intend to do what little I can to see that my district's one-seventh of this group regains the time away from other business that the council business has taken from him that necessitates his voting for an increase in payment to councilmen, by not voting for him in April's election.

MRS. JOHN TIGHE

Riverside

### DEFENSE OF THE TURKS

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:  
This letter is in response to F. W. Edwary's letter in Readers' Open Forum (Nov. 16).

He states that 6,000 rioting Turks destroyed the Red Cross building in Adana, damaged the U.S. Consulate, Information Center and 45 autos of the U.S. personnel.

While I was in the Army I was stationed in Korea for one year, 1960. Not far from our post the Turks had a detachment. I was fortunate enough to meet several of their soldiers and they were anything but anti-American.

It would be hard for me to believe that the 6,000—probably exaggerated—Turks who rioted represent all the people of Turkey, and especially not the Turks that the Red Cross and CARE is helping.

I certainly do not condone the rioting but I say that this unfortunate incident should not influence these fine organizations to curtail further aid in emergencies.

D. W. PRICE

Indio

chief of state in the event of General Franco's death, illness or absence from the country. This is a step, though not the final one, toward restoration of the Bourbon kings.

✓ A statute guaranteeing religious freedom, an increase in the parliament's legislative powers and labor reforms in the direction of greater freedom.

This all sounds very good. But anyone who expects Spain to become a functioning democracy overnight is no doubt due for a quick disillusionment. Already there have been some gains for religious freedom, a little more room for political criticism, some loosening of state control over the universities. But also there have been bloodied heads to show what happens when the beneficiaries of the new leeway fail to recognize that the field has clear boundaries, and relatively narrow ones.

Clearly to be welcomed is anything that nudges toward the middle of the road the revolution which General Franco made 30 years ago only with the help of Hitler and Mussolini. But the Generalissimo still has a good many things to prove before his reforms can be accepted at full face value.

## Good boss Lawrence

David Lawrence, the former Governor of Pennsylvania who died Monday, was a political boss—pure and simple. Yet, in him the honorable trade of professional politics had one of its best representatives.

His goal was a winning Democratic Party, and he perceived that the way to achieve this aim was to advance good candidates and good legislative programs.

Before Governor Lawrence began to have a say in Pennsylvania politics, the condition of government in that state was notoriously low. Today, Pennsylvania has one of the most distinguished groups of public officials—Democrats and Republicans—of any state.

The Democrats offered under his leadership such men as Sen. Joseph Clark, former Gov. George Leader and Philadelphia Mayor Richard Dilworth. And rather than sit in the background, Governor Lawrence himself assumed the responsibilities of office. Confronted with such worthy candidates, Pennsylvania Republicans had to respond in kind, presenting men of Sen. Hugh Scott's and Gov. William Scranton's caliber.

Governor Lawrence never sympathized with the view that the best way to cure the ills of democracy was to remove politics from government. He was a political boss who demonstrated in Pennsylvania that a strong, healthy party system is in the best interests of good government.

# -Readers' Open Forum-

### CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:  
In reference to an article in the Nov. 12 Enterprise, entitled "Election life-or-death matter for 62 on Quentin's Death Row," a convicted killer states that since our new Governor is not opposed to capital punishment he is in a position to become the greatest butcher Governor in history. Execution (of) 50 men in the next two years would smack too much of the Nazi gas chambers, and that wouldn't help the Governor's image.

What does executing criminals convicted by the court have to do with the Governor? All this implies is that people have been convicted by their peers, sentenced by judges for their hideous crimes and that while the Governor is in office the conviction is being carried out. It's not for them to blame or reflect on the Governor, but on themselves for not realizing what their fate would be if they disobeyed the law. Taking another life is a serious thing and they must have been aware of the law regarding same.

I didn't vote for Reagan but feel that if the carrying out of court decisions happens while he is in office it is not a thing against him, but rather for him, that he is seeing that justice, as decided by the courts, is carried out.

Indio ROYCE J. WHEELER

### WHICH IS GREATER?

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:  
When you sit back and total the money being spent in our beautiful city of Riverside for beautiful and accommodating shopping centers and malls and then total the money spent for clean and properly managed entertainment for our teen-agers—our youth in general—ask yourself, which is greater?

I am not denying the shopping centers or the shopping mall, in fact I am just as proud and happy to see the improvements and beautification in our city as anybody else. But, I am very disappointed with the ignorance our city adults are showing and have shown toward our youth.

Our youth are in majority fine young people and solid citizens, therefore, should not be cast by the wayside. They are our leaders of tomorrow.

In November 21 edition the headline read: "Teen-agers schedule Appeal to Council for Night Club." The question, no doubt, will arise, "A Night Club?" Why not!

Where can the teen-agers go to enjoy dancing—without violating the liquor law? Let's not forget that in the days of our youth there were public dances where teen-agers were permitted; today, there are no public dances as we knew of in our days.

It is time that serious thought be put into this—and our youth given the recreational centers befitting our society; and show them that the adults are not the selfish society so many teen-agers think we are.

L. O. HOFFMAN

Riverside

### 'PIECE OF PROPERTY'

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:  
Remarks reportedly made by juvenile (division) detective J. T. Cochran were most informative and interesting. I wish that I had been able to hear his Wednesday speech to the Poly High School PTA.

As a parent, and a grandparent, I agree wholeheartedly with his statement to the effect that adults cannot demand respect which they have not

earned from their adolescent children. The one sentence which causes me great concern is this: "California and United States law says teens are a 'piece of property' until they are 18."

To say I am stunned is putting it mildly. I cannot understand how any human being can be so classified. How is it possible that a child conceived out of the love a man and a woman have for each other; carried in love close to the heart of his mother during the gestation period; born in love and pain; nurtured with loving care: can be classified as a "piece of property"?

A "piece of property" is supposed to be a marketable commodity which can be bought and/or sold.

I honestly believe that many parents are going to take a look at their offspring and say, "My child is a 'piece of property'?" then proceed to hit the ceiling in varying ways according to their individual temperaments.

Please understand that I do not criticize nor take issue with Staff Writer Tom Green nor with Detective J. T. Cochran;—only with this one quotation of the law. No human being is a "piece of property" to be handed about, regardless of age or condition and I object to such an attitude on the part of officials of both the United States government and the State of California.

M. L. MABER

North Palm Springs



WALTER LIPPI

With the Army now going

A few days after Chancellor Ludwig Erhard returned from his visit to the President I happened to find myself in Bonn. The roof had fallen in.

Even then, in early October and some weeks before the coalition cracked up, it was evident that nothing would ever be the same again. The Federal Republic had come abruptly face-to-face with a radical change in German-American relations. The Washington-Bonn axis, which has been the mainspring of U.S. policy in Europe, was broken.

The shock in Germany was all the more severe because, apparently, nothing had been done in Washington or in Bonn to prepare the way for so radical a change in U.S. policy. What Dr. Erhard learned in Washington was that the Federal Republic is no longer our principal military and political partner in European affairs. He was made to see that the continuing presence of large numbers of American troops depended on offsetting their cost in foreign exchange.

This amounted to saying that the present level of NATO forces was not vital to the peace of Europe. He was told, too, that the idea of nuclear sharing was now subordinated to an effort to induce the Soviet Union to play a more active role in Asia.

These two American decisions gutted the postwar idea that West Germany is the principal partner of the United States in Europe. When Dr. Erhard returned from Washington it had become brutally apparent, to all but those who did not want to believe

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That — Carmichael's possible intent — isn't, of course, the issue. If Mr. Carmichael incites to riot, the law is adequate to deal with him. He may, as the supervisors contend, pose a "clear and present danger," but before he even appears and speaks that threat is wholly in the abstract.

During the campaign Mr. Reagan called upon Governor Brown to join with him in asking Mr. Carmichael not to speak at a scheduled "black power" symposium on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. The Governor declined; Mr. Carmichael, of course, spoke anyway, made some of the outrageous commentaries for which he has become notorious and that was about that, except that he got even more attention than he would otherwise have had.

Something could happen when Stokely Carmichael speaks in Watts. Something could happen any day in Watts, without Stokely Carmichael's presence. But to give even the impression of trying to shut him up, short of the kind of overt action which falls outside normal customary guarantees, was a mistake, per se, and it gave the agitator a little bonus of attention and martyrdom.

## --Readers' Open Forum--

### PSYCHIATRIST REPLIES

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

As a psychiatrist in the community, I feel impelled to respond to a recent article headlined "Officer Says Unruly Teen-Agers Need Some Slapping." The officer, J. T. Cochran, police detective of juvenile division, in addressing the Poly High PTA expounded some alarming and almost unbelievably archaic views. He described teen-agers as "pieces of property," under the law, advocated force as the therapeutic agent, made some unintelligible remarks about homosexuality and narcotic addiction and denoted an appalling lack of insight into teen-agers and their problems. It is discouraging to witness such a lack of knowledge in a responsible official, especially when so much information is available through literature and other sources.

Adolescents can reach emotional maturity only when and if they can achieve self-expression. To attain individuality, self identity and a healthy degree of independence, they must liberate themselves from many years of strong dependency on parents. This process of liberation is reflected in various degrees of rebelliousness. In a small percentage the rebellion becomes extreme. It may become socially destructive but far more often it is only a social irritant at worst. Parents who understand the process are heartened by the healthy assertiveness of their children. There are parents who either do not understand, or who because of some inner hidden psychological resistance to the maturity of their children, become angry or frightened. For many parents, especially for those who need constantly to reassure themselves of their own power and authority, it is a difficult task to allow the adolescent to liberate himself.

Excessive parental opposition to the liberation process leaves the child with two unhappy alternatives:

can confirm, both with the knowledge that the state will be well served by it.

### The new mall

Now Riverside, by design and construction and by formal dedication, has its Downtown Mall. Billed as "the most beautiful mall in America," there is no doubt it is extremely attractive. Moreover, it represents energy and imagination on the part of downtown property owners who got together and shouldered all but a relatively tiny portion of the costs.

Theirs is an investment in the future of the central business district. Since every city needs a commercial and cultural core area, the hope must be that the mall will succeed in rallying the interest of Riversiders.

However, even at best the mall is just a beginning. The field is wide open for embracing it as just one major step in a well-thought out design for the entire downtown area—commercial, cultural, governmental, perhaps ultimately high-rise residential. The possibilities are there, but it will take both dedication and vision to capitalize on them.

## -Readers' Open Forum-

### ANOTHER REVOLT

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

Along with high food prices there are many other issues for the Riverside women to confront and that is the beauty parlors and their continuous rise in prices. There seems to be no stopping place in this category which is making it almost impossible for the patron to keep going. The charges just for ordinary work are anywhere from \$3.50 to \$5.00, plus a tip to the operator — not mandatory, but usually done.

Usually 22 minutes is required for a shampoo, color rinse and set. Then 10 minutes or less for a comb-out.

Down with the prices, not up, and your appointment books will be always filled.

One way to beat this racket ladies is to buy our supplies at a cut-rate and do our hair at home.

Let's join hands.

MRS. J. C. RIDGE

Riverside

### THWARTED AND SILENCED

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

I am a teen-ager. I probably wouldn't qualify for "the great unwashed" for I don't participate in demonstrations. On the outset, I could pass as a clean-cut, right-thinking American boy. My political opinions are only half-formed but at present I am disillusioned with the general morality and values of America. I only hope that I am not doomed to the standard American middle-class existence where the only thing in life is my bank account and the preservation of my almighty property rights; where I fall into a satisfied, nihilistic stupor as soon as I acquire the necessary comforts.

This wouldn't be so bad if dissatisfied teen-agers weren't thwarted and silenced as much as possible. We don't claim to know everything, but where do we turn for answers or remedies if the adult world only offers discouragement? The schools should stimulate us politically instead of demanding unthinking obedience.

And so, we are left to our own devices. We're perhaps unwise but very curious: we want to accomplish something in life and we don't want to wait for middle-age to do it. If this is wrong, educate us to that end. But please don't go on believing we don't exist.

TOM GRIFFITH

Riverside

### REPORT FROM WALES

Editor, the Press and Enterprise,

Following the report of the Aberfan disaster in your newspaper I have received many letters of sympathy from the U.S.A. Some of these I have already acknowledged and I hope in due course to be able to reply to the others personally. Thank you for your coverage which has obviously touched the hearts of many. I have received some correspondence from American citizens who have their roots here in Wales and like the Cymry they feel the pangs of grief and sorrow.

Many families from Aberfan have gone away for a few days. Some have moved away altogether. I am glad to say that members of the Christian church of all denominations who have been bereaved or who have lost their homes and property are weathering the storm in the strength and power of the faith. Two of my congregations at Trinity — English speaking — Methy Vale and Capel Aberfan (Welsh speaking) have lost scholars from their Sunday Schools and we have

with us bereaved parents and relatives, also those who have had to move out of their homes.

REV. EIFLYN PERIS OWEN  
Cymru, Prydain, Wales

### NOT JUST COMPLAINTS

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

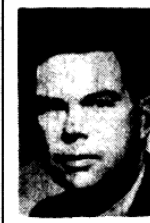
Sunday afternoon my own teen-ager — age 13 — and five other boys were rehearsing their band in our garage. Some adults didn't have the courage or decency to ask the boys to be a bit quieter. They just called the police to come to the house and make the boys stop playing.

What do the boys do now? Where can they practice? Maybe the adult who complained about some non-mischievous boys will offer some other outlet for amusement.

I should think wounding ears is better than other types of wounds or trouble making. What does my good citizen neighbor suggest? Let's have some constructive criticism instead of just complaints. And I'm wondering how or if they voted on the school bonds.

DONALD A. HARRIS

Riverside



TOM WICKER

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"The telescreen received and transmitted simultaneously. Any sound that Winston made, above the level of a very low whisper, would be picked up by it; moreover, so long as he remained within the field of vision which the metal plaque commanded, he could be seen as well as heard. There was of course no way of knowing whether you were being watched at any given moment. . . . It was even conceivable that they watched everybody all the time. But at any rate they could plug in your wire whenever they wanted to. You had to live — did live, from habit and became instinct — in the assumption that every sound you made was overheard and, except in darkness, every movement scrutinized."

George Orwell's bleak apprehension of what 1984 would be like — including the repellent idea of the telescreen — has been evoked this week with sickening force, as the story of government eavesdropping has been grudgingly unfolded in the Bobby Baker case, and with the news that President Johnson's National Crime Commission may recommend authorized wiretapping and "bugging."

But Orwell's vision, acute and haunting as it was, seems deficient in two respects. Even his imagination was not able to conceive the technological wizardry of which mankind in his demonic genius is capable. Nor did he address himself to the question of how the evil potential of this wizardry could be legally and equitably controlled without nullifying its benefits and without the controls themselves impinging on individual rights or group necessities.

It is now possible, for instance, to direct electronic beams from far and

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## MORE PRAISE

Editor, the Press and Enterprise

In light of all the unfavorable articles concerning the teen-agers of today—Sunset Strip incident, Rubidoux fracas, etc. — may I suggest a few more constructive articles concerning the majority of our young people.

To cite but one example, as a chaperone on the "Santa Claus Train" I witnessed first hand a fine group of young adults in action. Theresa Ivory, Ginger Long and Dennis Skag were three of the volunteer entertainers on this trip. They went from car to car playing their accordions and leading the children in the singing of Christmas songs.

After being in just one car with 100 children I can imagine the fatigue this group must have experienced after a 10-hour day with over 3,000 youngsters. Let's give credit where credit is due. I say that most of our teen-agers of today will be the worthwhile citizens of tomorrow. The majority of our young adults are fine young people. "More praise and less criticism," please.

MRS LYNN McCLUNG

Riverside

## NORCO BONDS

Editor, the Press and Enterprise

Being a homeowner in the City of Norco, I would like to say a few words regarding the coming sewer bond election. I recently attended a public hearing. At this hearing many questions were asked and few were answered. There were evasive answers to some of the questions.

One of the things stated was that the taxes would be \$21 a year. I myself doubt very much that this could pay off a \$4,000,000 bond, even if we had twice the amount of people now residing in Norco. I hope this thought comes to other homeowners in the area.

There was talk before this bond issue was brought up that it would attract industry. Now the board says that if industry comes in they will have to pay the expenses of tying in

with Corona in order to get the sewers.

Norco is a young city trying to build itself up, but I fail to see how the Norco Community Services District Board can by-pass the 20 per cent indebtedness law of California. This law was put into effect to protect towns and cities from going into deep financial trouble. We have this overruled by a simple resolution. I sincerely hope that the people think about all the problems that might and probably will arise if this bond issue passes.

F. W. BURKE

Norco

## DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION

Editor, the Press and Enterprise

On Nov. 10, we held our first meeting of the Community Relations Commission. It was a pre-organizational meeting. No action was taken on any subject other than organization, and particularly with reference to "discrimination" of any group. Except for some remarks by the head of the NAACP, only discreet superficial reference was made to the subject at that time by several members of the commission.

But as to this most sensitive subject interwoven into all the fabric of our community relations, how was it reported on Nov. 11, page B-3, of The Press? "Discrimination in apartment rentals to be first concern of relations unit" — and starting out with the first sentence, "Members of Riverside's new Community Relations Commission at their first meeting yesterday agreed that discrimination in apartment rentals will be one of their first concerns."

Good community relations begins with a fair and responsible press, and in this important area there should be a long and searching inquiry by the commission of discriminations, agitations, and social hatreds engendered by irresponsible news dissemination.

JOHN C. PEARCE  
Member, Community  
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## STAMPS APPROVAL

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

All this hullabaloo over (trading) stamps—they have been in stores for 10 to 15 years or more. Yet most food prices didn't start going up until the last couple years.

Cost of stamps, 1 per cent; yet food prices have been reported to have risen up to 18 per cent. After all these years, what has suddenly motivated housewives and politicians to blame higher prices on stamps. Have gasoline prices suddenly risen because certain brands have dollar give aways? That money couldn't possibly lower the price of gas one-tenth of one per cent.

I like lower prices, but elimination of stamps is not the solution; they are a form of savings for most of us. Let housewives quit buying frozen cookies, cakes, TV dinners and any "packs" and go back to fixing fresh vegetables and making their own cakes and cookies.

HYSE BELL

Idyllwild

## RELIGIOUS SERIES

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

For sometime, I have been wanting to write personal thank-you notes to each of the businesses who sponsor the "timely weekly religious series" in the Press. In this day and age of crass commercialism for the sake of profits only, it is indeed heart-warming to see a few merchants believe in helping further the ideas upon which our country was founded, religious freedom for all, and not ignoring God's existence like so many businesses and individuals find stylish in 1966.

The messages these articles bring and the suggestions for daily Bible readings are excellent and I read everyone of their simply advertised businesses listed at the bottom. Many large advertisements screaming for space with their so-called bargains, I pass over quickly, but these plainly stated credits are given my full attention . . .

MRS. DE WAYNE E. IRWIN  
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# Readers' Open Forum

## CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:  
The Readers' Open Forum of Nov. 26 contained two letters on different subjects which seem to me to bear upon one another. The first was from a psychiatrist, Robert P. Cook; the second was from an irate parent, Donald A. Harris.

Dr. Cook decried the "appalling lack of insight into teen-agers and their problems." Mr. Harris was upset because an adult citizen felt that his peace was being disturbed and called police to enforce his right to some reasonable amount of quiet. Mr. Harris wants "constructive criticism instead of just complaints." Very well!

Mr. Harris says that "wounding ears is better than other types of wounds or trouble."

Is it really necessary to have either wounded ears or trouble? Surely teen-agers are not going to suffer any psychic hang-ups from being made to respect the rights of others! Wouldn't some parental supervision prevent situations which cause neighbors to call the police?

... I think Juvenile Officer J. T. Cochran got right to the nub of the problem when he said that "unruly teens need slapping." Everyone should have the right to be responsible for his actions and his smart mouth. As long as smart-mouth punks know that they are safe from adult retaliation, and as long as there is no parental supervision, where can we expect them to wind up but on the psychiatrist's couch or in prison?

Constructive enough?  
JAMES D. THOMPSON  
Riverside

## WHAT LAWS?

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:  
I was horrified to read the article covering the speech to the Poly High PTA by J. T. Cochran, an officer who works in the juvenile division of the Riverside Police Department. His theories on dealing with teen-agers seem to be based on his belief that California and U.S. law says teens are a "piece of property" until they are 18. Slavery was abolished a century ago; nobody is just a "piece of property" and I defy Officer Cochran to show me a law, U.S. or California, which says otherwise.

BOBBEE WOOD  
Riverside

## CONDONING BANKRUPTCY

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:  
What a disgrace for your papers to run the column titled, "It's high camp to go bankrupt" by Joan Wilcoxon in Thursday's Press and Enterprise! You should make an open apology to your readers.

Obviously, Miss Wilcoxon has never been a part of the business world. Every transaction, whether it involves the purchase of a family car or the acquisition of a fleet of planes by an airline, carries the implied trust that both parties have the integrity to fulfill their part of the bargain, and certainly that the purchaser will not try to weasel out of payment.

She not only condones bankruptcy, but encourages any young couple to take this means of welching on their just debts, rather than tighten their belts and meet those mounting obligations. She brags that her father went through bankruptcy 11 times in 30 years, and only regrets that he was born 50 years too soon, now that bankruptcy has become an honorable way of life.

I fully expect Miss Wilcoxon's next article to carry the title, "Shoplifting can be fun!"

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Riverside

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# Readers' Open Forum

## GOBBLEDYGOOK

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

In your Saturday, Nov. 26, issue you carried the longest bunch of gobble-dygook from Robert P. Cook, M.D., taking Officer Cochran to task for a speech delivered to Poly High PTA.

. . . I believe I understand what Officer Cochran meant, and there is no doubt he has much more to predicate his thesis on than would one who has mollycoddling ideas for sale at so much per hour — in most cases too permissive parents who can afford to pay to hear what they want said of their odd-ball children.

We all know that by and large the present generation of pre and present teen-agers, are no worse nor no better than previous times — just the parents are in most cases the ones who've shirked their duties by too much mollycoddling and "buying off" their children.

Perhaps Officer Cochran meant literally what he was quoted as saying; perhaps not. Maybe "firmness" would have been the better choice of words. In any case, he is a much better judge of those comparatively few with whom he comes in contact than one with what I consider just "high-fallutin" theories" — and no couch, yet! . . .

THOS. P. HAMM

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## ARCHAIC VIEWS

Editor, the Press and Enterprise:

As an ex-juvenile officer, I am compelled to respond to a recent article, "Officer says unruly teen-agers need slapping." I firmly support the qualified opinion of psychiatrist, Robert Cook, in his letter to The Press of Nov. 25.

Unfortunately, Officer Cochran's archaic views are shared by many of his peers; generally speaking, this is not true of the better educated personnel of the Probation Department. Unfortunately, the influence of the "Idiot Box" shows itself strongly in the role playing that many law enforcement people play. Impressed by their melodramatic roles in society, and impressed by their authoritative positions, many law enforcement officers have an excellent opportunity to preen their feathers and strut about at the expense of society.

Many segregationists do not like to admit to police brutality and abuses, but what does it lead one to believe when a police officer clearly advocates force as a therapeutic agent, and degrades the dignity of the individual by referring to a juvenile as a "piece of property" under the law.

How can those in authority deal effectively with the socially maladjusted with such a lack of respect for the individual, maintaining such a superior attitude, and having only a calculated form of sympathy? . . .

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