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Public Schools Week

Most Californians no longer take their excellent public schools for granted. Most of us have learned of the value of the schools and of their contribution to our communities and to our state.

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One of the observances which has served well to acquaint us with our schools has been the annual Public Schools Week celebration each April.

This year's observance—the 48th annual event—is being held this week under the theme, "Insure America's Future—Knew and Support our Public Schools."

Our public schools have advanced greatly during the 48 years that Public Schools Week has been observed. At its beginning, the successfu! completion of the eighth grade was considered a mark of accomplishment. Today it is only a beginning point.

This week's observance of our system of public education is a continuation of the program begun nearly half a century age by the California Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

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In calling for support of the 1967 Public Schools Week program, Grand Master Laurence E. Dayton recalled that public schools are "a major factor in the lives of our children from the time they are five years old, and exerts a continuing influence upon them during most of their formative years."

Many schools of the community are joining in observance of the week with open house, programs, con certs, art shows, and other special events.

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Good Omen for Libraries

Passage of Torrance library bond issue for \$2.35 Citizens for Better Libraries who are supporting a bond proposal for \$57.8 million for the Los Angeles Public Library which will be on the Los Angeles ballot

The library issue has more than passing interest for residents of the Southwest and Harbor Areas as much of the area is dependent on Los Angeles city

Proposed for the funds to be made available on approval of the issue is a new central library, 14 other new libraries, the replacement of 35 old and inadequate libraries, and \$5 million in new books.

Samuel J. Leask, chairman of the Citizens for Better Libraries in Los Angeles, was happy with the

"Although the size of the Torrance bond issue and the size of the city is on a much smaller scale than Los Angeles, the fact is that citizens did not hesitate to vote the needed money to provide better library

service," he said.
It's an omen which pleases Mr. Leaske.

Opinions of Others

Altoona (Pa.) Murror: "One of the things that hadn't been said about the Johnson Administration was that its Commerce Department is suffering from a splitpersonality syndrome and billboard schizophrenia. . . . Rep. William C. Cramer of Florida has pointed out to his colleagues in the House that at the very time the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration is busily putting up roadside signs to plug its projects, the department's Bureau of Public Roads is just as busily drafting regulations to eliminate roadside signs."

Abilene (Kan.) Reflector-Chronicle: "A news story tells how a generous Congress has pushed the salaries of its top employes to such levels that \$20,000-a-year jobs (staff jobs, that is) are becoming commonplace. There are 494 of them ranging up to \$28,500 paid to the head doorkeeper of the House. That sounds like a lot of pay for a 'doorkeeper'. In fairness, this job may be misnamed, since it carries much more responsibility than the title implies. However, it is purely a political pay-off type of job. And the salary is only \$1,500 less than a member of Congress."

Petaluma (Calif.) Argus-Courier: "We don't like to rake over old coals, but it's important to point out that the controversial textbook 'Land of the Free' has be-The thing that does bother us about this text is its negative approach to our own glorious history. There are always those among us ready to point out our black marks in history and they completely distort our great heritage by failing to balance it with the shining moments that have made this country the beacon of freedom in a weary, troubled world.'

Morning Report:

I want to be as patriotic as the next fellow but it's not easy. Unlike baseball, somebody keeps changing the basic rules.

When the Russians wanted to buy heavy equipment from us, it was patriotic not to sell. Because the equipment would increase their war potential, and leave us nothing but some Russian gold. Which in itself created a storage problem. But now they want to sell us six 60,000-kilowatt generators for the Grand Coulee Dam. This will make us mightier and they will have to store our gold. But there is a great cry against the

It's very confusing. By the dawn's early light, I'd like to be able to see on which side my patriotic bread is buttered.

Abe Mellinkoff



HERB CAEN SAYS:

He's Got the Classiest Garbage Disposer in Town

Speaking of the garbage problem (and the same to you), Ingle Shankel has a friend who lives in a glorious new high-rise overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge, and a fine pad it is: air conditioner, built-in hi-fi, color TV, balcony, wall-to-wall everything. The builder forgot a garbage chute. "Every few days," reports Ingle, "he used to put the garbage in an old suitcase and carry it out through the lobby, but he soon ran out lobby, but he soon ran out of suitcases. Now he stuffs the garbage in I. Magnin,

Saks or Roos'Atkins bags, puts em in his sportscar, drives downtown and parks. Then he lurks in a nearby doorway till somebody steals the packages. Downtown San Francisco being what it is, it's usually a short wait." I In the red: For years I've entertained the notion that the right wing has all the big money, but I could be wrong (What Me WRONG?). Item 1: The phone number for Let Freedom Ring," the E. Bay's recorded voice of doom, has been disconnected No leggeral to the second second could be second to the second second

ed. No longer, alas, can we hear the warnings of Freddie Hutley, down on all fours, peering under beds for Reds. Item 2. An anguished letter from Dr. Fred Schwarz, leader of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, reports that "Our ammunition is running low and I am compelled to appeal for

A Letter...

older. Will I be your buddy?

How do you see me now? An arm to lift you to

What will be our relationship when you get

Somehow, I don't think so. I'd rather be your

There will be some things we'll share, but

During your lifetime, you'll have any number

father. I don't think you'll want your dad to be your

there will be some things I think we'll never have

in common, I share some things with my buddies,

and you with yours, and that's the way it should be.

of buddies, but there only one of me. I think our re-

lationship ought to be a little special. You'll have

fights with your buddies and they aren't your bud-

dies any more, but if you fight with me, I'm still

your father. No matter what you do, you're still my

I hope we'll like each other and be friends, but I

don't think I want to be your buddy

You'll look to me for experience and example.

Yours for better things

equal, Bruce, because that's what buddies are.

see over the back wall? A hand to give you a banana

or start your top? A face to give a smile when you do something cute? All of these, I suppose?

generous contributions. We need a minimum of \$50,000 a month to sustain our work. During February and March, we fell short by \$30,000. We are engaged in a fierce battle is being fought on a wide front extending from Vietnam through Thailand to

San Francisco

Berkeley, California." Hold on, brave Berkeley. Help is on the way. Let Freedom

Add infinitems: Doesn't break me up, but every-body's telling the joke about the guy who goes into Lupo's and orders a pizza and the waiter says "Shall I cut it into eight pieces or six" Guy: "Better make it six—I could never eat eight." Ha?

1 could never eat eight." Ha?

On the other hand, I do like this classified ad in the Hillsborough (Calif.) Boutique, a weekly: "Horsewoman trained in European equitation will exercise your

equitation will exercise your horse in exchange for the pleasure of a mount. 347-2812," and don't all start dialing at the same time.

As for that "Personals ad in the Berkeley Gazette — "Hitler's Sons, please contact Mike" — you're right: that would indeed be our old friend Mike O'Brian, No. Calif. Sterm Leader. Calif. Storm Leader of George Lincoln Rockwell's A merican Nazi Party. O'Brisn: "We couldn't get started in San Francisco. Got

in one day. In Mill Valley, we lost two houses in two days. Now we're in Oakland. Have a good group of 28. Of course, a lot of kooks tried to join up but I've weeded them out." Of course.

There's one tradition that will never die here and that's the daily parade of ladies jaywalking a cross Stockton St. between City of Paris and Macy's, despite the patient cop in the loudspeaker car who warns them they're taking their life in their feet. "Now go back to the sidewalk, ladies, and cross at the corner," he says in that tired-nice voice, but no chance. Maybe they think he's saying they're cross at the coroner. Are you always faintly surprised, too, when you pick up a table lighter in somebody else's house and find that it works? The ones around your own house never do, There's one tradition that works? The ones around your own house never do, right? ... John Gracie nominates for oblivion: "Those jokers who get married in the daytime wearing — God help us — white dinner jackets!" Nomination secured. onded. . . I still want to know if a fat hipple is a hippe but nobody will tell me.

Assemblyman Collier's plan is a simple one. It would involve a student signing up, when he enters college, to repay the university which now is supported by taxpayers, for his college education, the repayments to be made after he has obtained the education, and becomes an individual with an comes an individual with an

Collier's idea was presented long before Governor Ronald Reagan suggested tuition fees for the univertuition fees for the university and state colleges. It has a decided advantage over tuition, in that it conceives of the individual who receives the education as the individual who would reimburse the state, rather than have parents come up with the tuition money, which they would have to do in most of the cases at present.

earning capacity. * * *

AFFAIRS OF STATE

SACRAMENTO - For

some years, Assemblyman John L. E. Collier, R-Los An-

HENRY C. MacARTHUR The assemblyman's contention is that a college education increases the earning capacity of an individual who could well afford after his entry into economic life of the state, to repay the state for making possible John L. E. Collier, R. Los Angeles, has been attempting to put over his idea of delayed tuition for higher education in California. And once again he has been deprived of the opportunity to try the plan through the action of the Democrat members on an education subcommittee, which heard the bill.

Delayed Tuition Measure

Dies Again in Committee

Sacramento

the opportunity to advance his earnings for the rest of

Collier maintains there is no sound reason why taxpayers of the state, over-burdened now with the task of taking care of the aged, sick, and elementary phases of education, should continue to be charged for education on the higher level, when there is every reason for the individual who benefits to repay the costs.

The idea is opposed, of course, by the professors of the University of California and the state colleges as Assemblyman Collier's

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producers who provide them with funds, salaries and facilities are not qualified to make any decisions concerning education and that their sole status in the picture is to foot the bills.

Where the educators miss the boat, despite the advanced learning they must have to become educators, is in failure to come to the realization that the producers of the state can produce only so much, and that eventually, funds for something are going to run out.

And when funds run out, there's only one solution. That's to shut up shop, or curtail to the extent the field of higher education have little or no value, as far as instruction to young people in the field of living is concerned.

About the only solution now will be for Collier to carry out his expressed intention of causing his program to be submitted to the people through a constitutional amendment, and for

well.

They hold that California should not break with tradition and interfere with the lengthy tradition in this state of providing education for everyone at no cost to anyone except the taxpayers. This attitude only continues the long-time conception that educators have of taxpayers, which is that the

ROYCE BRIER

Lessons of Custer, Red Man Not Lost on Reagan

There was a picture recently of Governor Reagan wearing an askance look as he held a chief's headdress presented to him by California Indians.

Though importuned by photographers, the best importuners in the business, the Governor declined to don this gear, and it may have been a mistake, You remember Cal Coolidge wore a war bonnet in the Dakotas awhile back and got more mileage of publicity out of it than Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse together.

and Crazy Horse together. The Governor's diffidence is odd, too, because you also remember he was once an actor in the westerns, and doubtless looked up from many a campfire in the val-ley to behold the braves sil-houetted against the sky on

houetted against the sky on some escarpment back of Santa Barbara.

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Those were tumultuous days for the white man at the correction with the santal with the correction. his campfire, usually with some doll clinging to him and expecting him to shield

her from all those arrows, but the day is gone. Now all you see is Marlboro Country, with some joker on a head-land gazing at the Golden Gate Bridge, which is more

World Affairs perilous than Injun arrows if you communite, at that. Still, Mr. Reagan skinned out of every ambush surviv-ing to be honored by the

very Red men who would scalp him if they could in the old westerns.

But they couldn't because they were to a man bum shots, couldn't hit the broad side of a barn with their silly arrows. Later, when they got rifles, they were still as cock-eyed and all they ever drilled was some poor old camp cook to give

In short, the Indians in the westerns, while they could curdle your blood with the their yells, were practically harmless in warfare, while the lily white wagon train

dead snots, and dropped the Injuns off their mounts like a meteor shower.

This strange immunity of

the whites (excepting the camp cook) and vulnerability of the Injuns, has been a bother to the skeptical for

bother to the skeptical for many a year,

But it needn't be, because there is a precedent. Did you ever read a history of the Punic wars written by a Carthaginian? No, because the Romans clobbered Carthage and wrote all the histories themselves. In these the Romans were noble fellows and the Carthaginians were obnoxious, and bumblers withal, who couldn't hit the broadside of a Roman barn with their spears.

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Yet there was one exception to the befuddled Indians rule, and it was quite an exception — the Custer Massacre, now being made into a film, they say.

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George Custer was a grandstander and not notably competent in the Civil War, and some of his contemporaries held him as obnoxious as a Carthaginian. Whether or not, his strategy at the Little Big Horn has been boggling military experts for nigh a century. They are now saying he had hoped for a stupendous victory over the Sloux, which would make him a Presidential candidate with conventions imminent, so look who tions imminent, so look who we got — Rutherford B. Hayes. He was a pretty good general in the war, though, and never had any truck with the Injuns, which shows you how smart he was.

WILLIAM HOGAN

Most Manchester Reviews Favorable, Survey Finds

... To My Son By Tom Rische
High School Teacher and Youth Worker cases its appearance has given critics a chance to air their own feelings about the Kennedys, 'the "Kennedy the Kennedy-Manster battles, Democratic tics, "instant history," politics, "instant history," Manchester's limitations as historian, or reporter, and regrets that the work is not

Some have been excessively long critical essays, such as Tom Wicker's in the New York Times Book Review. The Times' Washington bureau chief finds this "a book to be quibbled over for the ages," a "monument" which tends to perpetuate the "Kennedy myth." Wicker agrees that Manchester is a "talented, sensitive, personally anguished writer," but one "whose loyalty and devotion to the late President inevitably bob to the surface; indeed, he makes little attempt to hide them . . ."

* * * In the Los Angeles Times the Washington reporter Robert J. Donovan found the

Reviews of William Man- book "powerful, dramatic all McLuhan calls the global Reviews of William Man-chester's 'The Death of a ... a work whose strengths village'..."

President' were generally outweigh its weaknesses."

In a fairly non-committal n found the quality of writing uneven, "at times strong and taut, at other times flighty, florid, sentimental." On the whole this "epic book" seizes the reader with its narrative force

Books

and is "one that will be read for a long time."

Book Week (New York World-Journal-Tribune) car-ried essays by both Alistair Cooke, American correspon-dent for the Manchester dent for the Manchester Guardian of England, and the novelist and political commentator Gore Vidal. Cooke's piece was the most negative I have seen. "Manchester's method," he observed, "is what you might call non-selective documentary, an assembly line of infinite ingredients whose monotonous movement is teased, for the lack of suspense, by stopping and starting and flashbacks... a best-seller written for the snooper's world that Marsh-

review. Gore Vidal saw the book "very much a work of love, even passion." He describes Manchester as a "starry-eyed" writer who, in spite of the bickering, "did pretty much what the Ken-nedy's wanted him to."

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My own view was that Manchester had written a powerful and moving pageant, a glowing piece of historical writing marred only by what seems to be interminable detail.

In the daily New York Times, Eliot Fremont-Smith wrote the most enthusiastic review of all I have seen: "An extraordinarily impressive, fascinating and obserbing piece of work." This was not to say the book is without flaws of fact, emphasis and taste, but to say that these are not lethal. "Given both the traumatic nature of its subject and the circumstances of its writing, it is remarkably clean, penetrating and emphatic. In toto, a far more impressive work than it seemed in partial serialization..." tial serialization .

Quote

Governor Ronald Reagan:
"Every time we tried to effect an economy in this state, I have found that there are certain individuals directly involved whose only approach to the econgmy seems to be to make the cut where it will hurt the most and be the most damaging in order to muster public opinion on their side."

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Assemblyman Winfield A. Shoemaker, D. Santa Barbara, on bill to overhaul state's divorce laws: "We feel that a family court concerned with solving family problems, instead of just deciding whether one partner or the other is guilty, will do much to reduce the divorce rate in California."