

Juvenile Delinquency

Police officers in Franklin Township, near Middlebush, New Jersey, have tried a new system to curb acts of juvenile vandalism. After rounding up a group of children who had carried out various escapades in their neighborhood, the police took them to headquarters and made tape recordings of their confessions.

tional experience for them. The police believe that if the juvenile delinquents are not corrected in time, one or more of them could develop into a serious case.

Annual Baseball Prophecies

This is the time of year when baseball managers were optimistic on their chances for improving 1953 records. Before mid-April, when the major league baseball season begins, there will be six or eight first-division clubs in each of the two major leagues.

There will be many challenges from the underdogs through the stretch of hot summer months.

This is only natural and that part of human nature which makes the game so interesting. On opening day, no doubt, there are at least six or seven managers in each league hoping to have a first-division berth.

The Four Minute Mile

Gunder Haegg predicted recently the man who would break his record, and run a four-minute mile, would be Great Britain's Roger Bannister.

This year both the leagues will stage pennant races, carrying with them somewhat unusual interest. In the American League, of course, there is a new club—Baltimore. It has been a long time since the Orioles were in the major leagues and baseball fans everywhere will be watching to see if the Orioles can do what the Braves of Milwaukee did last year.

Haegg said outstanding runners in the world today included Bannister, John Landy of Australia, West Santee of the United States, Gordon Pirie of Great Britain, Josy Barthel of Luxembourg, and Werner Latog of Germany.

This year there is obvious pennant fever in Milwaukee and the Braves are expected to push the Brooklyn Dodgers all the way, even though the injury to one of their star hitters, Bobby Thompson, is a mildly discouraging note to Braves fans.

Of that group, he thinks Bannister has the finest chance to run a four-minute mile. He compliments the British runner by saying Bannister has the brains and physical ability, and that he does not over-train.

In the American League, there is also abnormal interest because of the fact that one team—the New York Yankees—is entering season play with an all-time record of six straight pennants in World Series victories going for them.

He says he thinks the four-minute mile definitely can be run and that, if he had concentrated on it in his prime, he believes he could have accomplished the feat. The present record, set by Haegg, is 4:01.4. It would seem the one and two-tenths seconds—all that stands between the world's greatest runners and a four-minute mile—is a small enough obstacle to overcome.

The enthusiasm of the managers this time of the year is only a parallel to the enthusiasm of fans. It looks like a great season and although it would be nice for six or seven teams to wind up in the first division, in each league, that is an impossibility. Only four will be there in the fading days of September, when this year's pennant races end. That is a long time off, however, and, in the meantime,

However, it has defied the world's best for many years. Like the last mile, the last second is the hardest to overcome and Haegg is probably being a little over-optimistic in his appraisal.

THE MAIL BOX

Bond Issues Plugged

Torrance has been growing at a phenomenal rate: population in 1940 was 9,950; in 1950, it was 22,201; in 1952, it was 31,834; and the last Special Census in 1953 showed Torrance to have a population of 44,914. All of this tremendous growth has gone on without any real expansion of the park and recreation facilities. While play space has been growing less, the number of youngsters looking for a place to play has increased.

provide a place to play for all members of all the families in Torrance.

I ask you to vote YES on the recreation bond issue so that the children will have a safe place to play off the street, and so that Torrance families will have a park to go to for family recreation. Remember, families that play together, stay together. Provide for parks in your neighborhood. VOTE YES ON THE RECREATION BOND ISSUE.

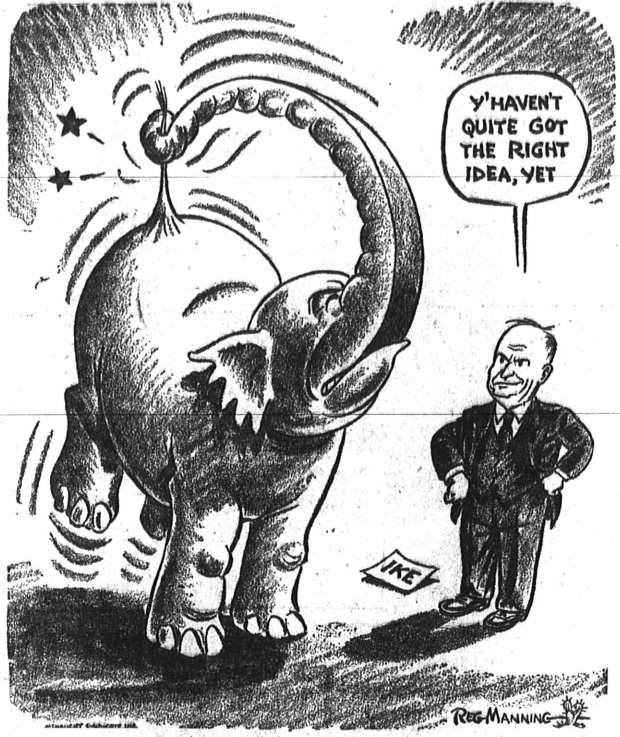
VICTOR E. BENSTEAD JR.

"Affairs of State"

Several weeks ago this reporter (?) sent an item to the Herald telling of the Hampton players next production. I very properly told you who was in the play, namely, Jim Reeves, Mary Woodson, Bruce Sutton, Pat Rodgers, Carl Rodgers, and Frank Callahan. I mentioned that it was a sophisticated comedy set in the Washington scene. I pointed out that Bob Farnsworth was directing it. Twice, I mentioned the dates of the performances: April 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th. Then, very impressed with my literary ability and the crafty methods that I used to sneak in all of the pertinent facts, I sent the article off and relaxed, confident that my journalistic ability career had been launched auspiciously.

I was rudely awakened when the article was published, however. I had neglected to mention the name of the play. Puzzled by the faux pas, the editors ran it in the "Mail Box" with the caption "Nameless Drama." The shame of it all!

So don't plan dinner at eight because the curtain will go up at eight-thirty at the Redondo Union High School. For the same money that you would spend on a movie you can come down and see real live people acting. The settings are designed by Raymond Wallace, who has done fine work on several shows for the Los Camaneros Choral Group.



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answer which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

JUST FOR YOU GIRLS:

The Plumbers Union will be almost frightened out of its wits by the increasing number of women who seek to join this profession. Many of you girls are adept plumbers, without even knowing it, for you are able to face any crisis in your own home. You girls are more thorough than men, work more rapidly, and by natural instinct, know the seat of the trouble. Whether they like it or not, the Plumbers Union will be forced to open their membership to women—within the next three months! . . . Some owners of unsavory hotels will not hire you women as managers any more, for you will not permit the shocking vice and immorality to continue with your natural sense of decency. When a job of this kind is refused you, 9 out of 10 times, unspeakable conditions may exist in that very motel!

which will be most welcome!

The next diet fad will center around cabbage juice, boiled cabbage and raw cabbage. If you will eat cabbage with every meal you will be amazed at its thinning effect! . . . The next hostess fad will be the "Low-Calory Buffet" which will delight your feminine as well as your masculine guests! . . . Spring is nearer than you think!

the man never marries the woman.

You will work up this man's emotions and before he knows it, you will be man and wife. Saturday night he was quite worried about reverses in his business which accounts for the way he acted.

Dear Criswell:

What kind of work should my husband try to get? Mary D. M. Your husband will soon get work in aircraft, and will make very good money. You will find that the coming three months will be the most eventful for you. You will soon have a visit from old friends.

Lilly Dew:

By all means report this to your local authorities for they are eager to receive all news of flying saucers. Pay no attention to your husband for it is your first duty to believe in yourself. You will get quite a few letters from other people who have spotted saucers and you will build up quite a collection of facts and will later join a flying saucer group.

Linda:

You will remain there for the time being, but the house will be sold by mid-year. You will make a move for the better, as you will rent a house with an option to buy. Your husband's faithful to you.

Victor:

Sell this property now, for you will not get a better price. There is no oil in your vicinity.

Mary C. B.:

There is nothing strange in writing your newspaper for advice, for it is generally known, your paper is the pulse of your community and no one on your paper is an actual stranger to you. This column is for your use, there is no money charged, and the answers are free. I do know that you will get over your unselfishness for others. You have gone until you have practically dropped in your tracks. Do not remodel your home. You will be able to sell it and buy income property. You will buy a new car. Thank you for your kind interest in my feature and in the Torrance Herald.

Nellie:

This man is in love with you and you will marry him, but remember it is the woman who marries the man.

LAW IN ACTION advertisement featuring a scale of justice and text about truth and relevancy in court cases.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

THE TRAGEDY OF FRANCE France's failure in Indo-China can be traced to France's failure at home. For while the Indo-Chinese war is aggravating France's economic and political dilemma, it is neither the prove any remedy. It is the fault of the French government, loaded with corruption, tax-evasion, and indifference to the needs of the Nation. The picture is more depressing now because the Communists are increasing their power. I learned in France that more and more Christians, who hate Communism, are voting Communist as a protest against their own government.

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U. S. Billions Help Little Since 1945 we have given France just under \$13,000,000,000, with another \$1,500,000,000 on the way for this fiscal year, to take care of military commitments in Africa and Indo-China. The Indo-Chinese contribution will run close to three quarter billion dollars from Uncle Sam, in addition to this France will receive another \$200,000,000, which is the 43% United States share of the 14-nation NATO program in France alone. In spite of all this financial assistance, France is on the verge of bankruptcy, financial and moral, unless a strong leader can rise and clean house.

The Indo-China Dilemma The basic failure in Indo-China is principally due to the low morale of the Indo-Chinese troops (Viet-Namense), the colonials and the mercenary French Legion fighting the war. The regular French Army is not in Indo-China and never has been there during the entire seven and a half year war against Communist Ho Chi Minh. French law prohibits the use of any of the 500,000 regular French Army for conscript to Indo-China or any other place outside France. I found the morale of the troops and civilians at a very low ebb in Indo-China each year since 1950 that I have been there. The people appear to lack the heart to fight for the French and do so only because they hate Communism. These are the facts of life in Indo-China and all the millions we have contributed in that war have not made better fighters of the Viet-Namense who are trying to defend their soil from the Communist invader. The Communist Viet-Minh is comprised of Red-fanatics who have shown at least a zeal to pursue their Moscow-dominated conspiracies upon their fellow Chinese in the Viet-Nam. General Henri Navarre, one of France's foremost military strategists, is greatly handicapped by the lack of well trained troops and by the lack of fighting-heart in the bloody masses of the long war in Indo-China.

Prior to the present war there was a political upheaval inside the Viet-Nam, which included Annam, Tonkin and Cochinchina. There was considerable resentment against France for trying to maintain a sort of "British Commonwealth of Nations" setup, against the free will of the 23,000,000 Chinese in the state of Viet-Nam. This reaction still exists in spite of the greater menace of Communism in the present war. It is not the sort of political and ideological atmosphere which lends itself to a determined popular effort against Communism. All of the three States in the French Union (Viet-Nam, Laos, Cambodia) are demanding absolute independence, which means removal of all French troops from Indo-China. The French puppet in the Viet-Nam, Emperor Bao Dai, is a notable exception in this popular protest. He is very pro-French. The other two heads of state, King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia and King Sisavang Vang of Laos, have joined their people for complete independence.

France Confuses European Defense Secretary of State Dulles in the recent Foreign Ministers Conference in Berlin was successful in getting Blaut and France closer to acceptance of the program under the European Defense Community. At the moment France is still holding up the six-nation military agreement because the right-wing French delegates in the Assembly are opposed to German rearmament in any form. Faced with the prospect of losing some \$1,500,000,000 of U. S. aid per year, if EDC is not approved, they may change their minds. Our State Department is worried, however, because France has the right to exercise her veto and prevent integration of a German army (or national defense force, as it is officially called) into NATO. Under such French reluctance the U. S. is forced to activate another arm or air division (probably the 4th Armored) for defense of the Rhine, in compliance with our commitment made at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Conference in Lisbon in February, 1952.

The picture in France is indeed dark. It will get darker (through renewed Communist pressure in France and Indo-China) unless the French Government gets the Nation on its feet economically. The first step appears to be for the French-élite to pay their taxes. Since we are contributing \$1,500,000,000 annually to France's support, it is to much to ask the well-to-do French to pay their just taxes and share the burden of government expense with their underpaid masses—and the taxpayers of the United States.

1954 Budget President Eisenhower presented a \$65,570,000,000 budget to Congress for the 1955 fiscal year. The program, it is stated, will lead eventually to "the twin goals of a balanced budget and tax reduction." However, while expenditures are cut \$5,300,000,000 below this year, the revenues are estimated at \$62,642,000,000, leaving another deficit.

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