

# EDITORIALS

## Time Runs Out

The parking problem will continue to plague the business community of Torrance until definite steps in the right direction are taken to provide more off-street parking and to make available more short-stop spaces at the curbs. No one enjoys paying for the privilege of parking his car but thousands of cities over the United States have found parking meters the only immediate solution to an ever more serious problem.

The city of Torrance, like most every other city in the United States, cannot afford to buy outright valuable lots for off-street parking. While owners of commercial property can afford to make some contribution to the cause, they certainly cannot stand the impact of an assessment to carry the full load.

The city council held a hearing last week at which public discussion on meters was invited. The patent objections to meters were heard and the general fallacy—that meters do not create extra parking places—was again expounded. Fortunate for the cause of foresight, we think, was the calm, businesslike and effective address made by President Paul Loranger of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Loranger made a strong plea in favor of parking meters and his classification of the several types of parkers, showed a thoughtful approach to the problem. His position is further strengthened by the fact that, as an automobile man, he might be expected to be opposed to any form of assessment or expense added to the cost of motoring.

Councilman Albert Isen also revealed himself as taking a broad and determined view on the question. He spoke out in favor of a trial for the meters, while admitting that only a short time ago he had been opposed to them. This is the sort of thinking that will help bring an early solution to the problem.

No one has presented any alternative or practical method of meeting this crisis other than installation of parking meters. The need is great and time for action grows short.

## New Foreign Service

A major reorganization of the Department of State was announced recently in Washington. A committee, headed by Dr. Henry M. Wriston, President of Brown University, made a study of the State Department and Foreign Service of the United States and recommended the following changes:

1. The creation of a new recruiting service for foreign service officers, which would include a program of scholarships for college students in U. S. universities.

2. Expansion of the foreign service to a size almost double the present 1,800-man service.

3. Reorganization of the present Foreign Service Institute so that the institute might serve as a training school for foreign service officers.

These changes, if adopted by Congress, would tend to make the U. S. Foreign Service more of a professional organization. There has long been criticism of the United States State Department and its foreign service personnel on the ground that U. S. diplomats were amateurs—lacking life-long training—compared with diplomats of other countries.

In a sense this criticism is justified. In Britain, there is a system of training foreign service personnel which has worked successfully for many decades. Students, deciding upon government careers, adapt their college training to their future profession and the government contributes its cooperation toward the production of highly trained foreign service personnel. The net result is that when young men and women begin their service at the Foreign Office in London, they are already specifically trained for their job and prepared for the situations they are likely to face.

The recommendations of the committee, headed by Dr. Wriston, are sound, based on the study of experiences in other countries and in the best and vital interest of the United States. It is no exaggeration to say that the democracies have lost about as many battles on the political and diplomatic front in recent years as they have lost on the military front. The Russians certainly employ skilled and hard-boiled diplomats on every major occasion, and the United States should quickly move to improve the training, ability and effectiveness of its State Department and Foreign Service officers.

## Fourth of July

Shortly we will have an opportunity to re-dedicate ourselves to the cause of independence when we again celebrate Fourth of July. To some it will mean fireworks; to others a day at the beach; to some death on the highway and to thousands upon thousands it will mean merely an extra holiday with pay. A few will be thoughtful enough to be looking around for a copy of The Declaration of Independence, for it was on July 4, 1776, that this historic document was passed by the Continental Congress. Actually it was not signed until later.

Now after many years the people of the United States appreciate the significance of the action taken many years ago, when the delegates of the colonies went on record in favor of the proposition that all men "are endowed with certain inalienable rights" and that "among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The rights of the individual, so long accepted by the so-called civilized world are now under challenge from those who do not agree with our famous declaration that governments derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed."

This world of 1954 is far removed from that of 1776 but, in one respect, there is little difference. Again the liberty of men requires courageous action on the part of liberty loving people. Our rights as free men are not now being questioned by planes, guns and motorized equipment, but there is still lacking an adequate assurance that the issue will not soon be joined.

While it is well for us to be jubilant over any celebration associated with birthdays, the aspects of Independence do certainly call for some sober thought by those who have attained the status of adulthood. Of course it should be a great day for the children and the young people have a right to be gleeful over this extra day in their lives. But the fact that Independence Day this year falls on Sunday makes it an especially opportune time for sober thinking individuals to observe the day in the right place—church!

One month ago we observed Memorial Day and in these very columns there was a reprimand of the Torrance school authorities for their failure to release the children on Monday, the day after the real Memorial Day. Actually school was the right place to be, in our opinion, on such a serious occasion as a day set aside legally and officially as Memorial Day. Children and their parents could have paid no greater tribute to the men and women who have given their lives to this nation than in spending the real Memorial Day—Sunday—in church. Certainly, if there is any worth to a man's giving up his life on a battlefield, the least he can expect for his sacrifice is recognition from those mortals who day after day are expounding the spiritual side of this complicated life. Generally, they are found in some church, irrespective of its denomination.

If you can't go to church, if you can't attend some special observance by a patriotic organization, then why not make a special effort this year to read a copy of the Declaration of Independence? Perhaps you'll discover there are lots of things in this freedom of yours you have been taking for granted.

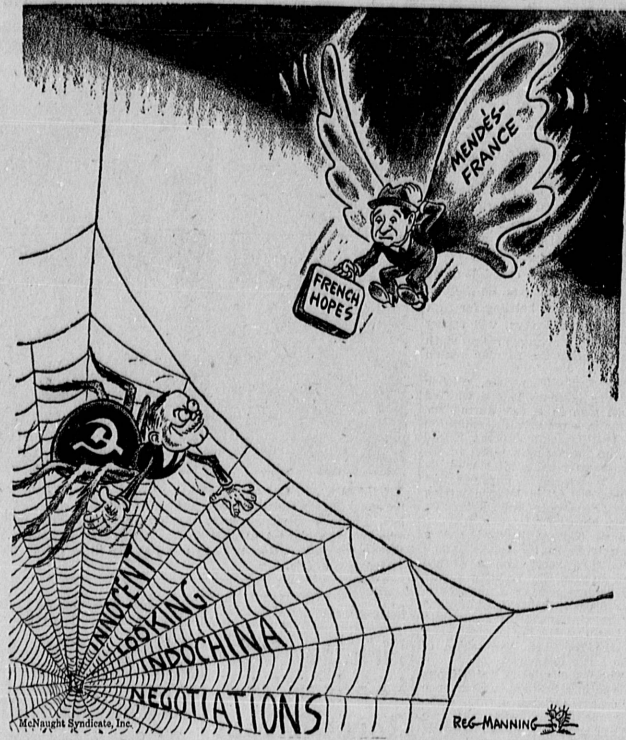
## BIRDS TAKE OVER

London—Mrs. L. B. Sandall was surprised when, as she went out into her garden to cut a cauliflower for dinner, she was driven away by an irate lark, who had made a nest and had laid four eggs inside the vegetable.

## SQUIRREL BITES PLAYER

San Leandro, Calif. — Dennis Carlson, 9-year-old third baseman on an elementary school baseball team, chased a grounder into a left field. The ball went into a hole and when Dennis reached into the hole for the ball, a ground squirrel bit his finger. Dennis wound up receiving a tetanus inoculation.

## Poor Butterfly



## Criswell Predicts

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### YOUR HEADLINES OF THE FUTURE:

Famed scientist suicide over fear of the future! . . . Secret move made by Japanese women to place woman ruler in power! . . . Startling news out of London shocks world! . . . Thousands flee Dutch lowlands as dike breaks! . . . East coastal areas battered by fierce storm! . . . Chicago makes bid for midwest industrial center! . . . Strange objects in sky terrorize Bolivia! . . . Ex-Senator dies quietly in sleep! . . . Summer draws record tourist trade to all resorts! . . . French crisis grows despite United Nations action! . . . New homesteading plans for Alaska! . . . Federal Tax collectors swoop down on manufacturers of bogus labels! . . . Western wastelands reclaimed thru new project! . . . New cheaper way of freezing food found! . . . Outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease in Mexico.

### FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES:

Cecil B. DeMille: Your coming production of the "Ten Commandments" will win the acclaim of Churches everywhere! . . . St. Louis: You will soon have a new highway bridge in 1956! . . . Liberace: Your Hawaiian series of concerts will be sold out the day they will be announced! . . . Denver: A shrine will soon be built in your area to the memory of a great American! . . . Calvin Coolidge: Your private correspondence and personal papers will soon be released in book form, which will give the American public an insight into the aftermath of the Teapot Dome scandal of the 1920s! . . . Greta Garbo: Your most famous motion picture "Camille" will soon be re-released!

Ohio: Watch for new in British lawyers! . . . Mary Roberts Rhinehart will permit her famous, mystery story, "The Bat," to be made into a Broadway musical! . . . Millicent F. A.—I know how embarrassing it is living next to these people for you are a most moral and upright individual. As you know, they have moved quite often and I do not feel that they will be in your neighborhood much longer.

Mixed-Up—Do not go back to your former husband, for he left you stranded and is not worthy of you. He proved what a heel he is and you should not subject yourself to any more of his cruelties. Marry this banker, for he has financial security, realizes the obligation of marriage, and will truly make you most happy.

Fran 760—Do not regain this weight for your doctor advised you to go on this diet for health reasons as well. Your husband refuses to admit it, but he is actually very pleased with your appearance. You will retain your present weight and it will bring a great many compliments.

Glady's V. 347—Your daughter is merely a child and this is a case of puppy love which she will soon overcome. This boy is a good companion, but your daughter should not marry until she finishes her schooling and is much more mature. Then she should be quite selective in choosing a husband.

A. D.—By all means continue your writing. You are now on the threshold of a promising career, and these people have offered you a contract which sounds absolutely wonderful. Do not worry about your family, as when the money starts rolling in they will suddenly change their attitude.

Mrs. Gleina D.—I only wish I could print your complete letter in this newspaper for I know our readers would be absolutely shocked at the facts it contains. I advise you to shut your husband out of your house for he has used you long enough and you have been much too good to him. When the moment comes, I suggest that you rid yourself of this man and marry someone who will treat you with the love, respect, and devotion you deserve.

Mr. Robert A. 1870—It is my suggestion that you check into this oil stock further through your friend at the bank. If the bank would be willing to make an investment, then you can be assured that it is safe, but you will be wise not to put any cash into this venture until you have established the possibility of a return. I advise you further to revise your budget for there is a way to save money, but you must be more careful of your expenditures.

## It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

**Blueprint for Conquest**  
**BEHIND THE SCENES:** Senate Majority Leader William Knowland (R. Calif.) has recently placed a document in the Congressional Record which he said he believed "substantially states the Communist policy on world revolution." When he did not say, and what the press did not say, is that substantially the same information has been available to the executive department of our government since around 1925 and was brought to the attention of Vice President (then Senator) Richard Nixon, and others, early in 1951.

In December, 1948, a private American citizen, Mrs. Alice Widener of New York, found in the New York Society Library an unpurged (English) edition of Stalin's "Marxism and the National and Colonial Question" which, together with the Communist pamphlet, "China in Revolt," obtained at approximately the same time, constituted the same blueprint for conquest now dusted off by Senator Knowland and the nation's press as something entirely new.

"WHY NOW?" Mrs. Widener made repeated efforts to bring these Communist plans to the attention of the proper authorities in our government and to the people; but except for the publication of her article on the subject in the Freeman magazine of July 2, 1951, and some feature articles by David Snell in the New York World Telegram and Sun in January, 1952, no action was taken and very little interest was aroused. Now, in the June 14 issue of the publication U.S.A. (P. O. Box 134, Lenox Hill Station, New York 21, N. Y.), Mrs. Widener tells the whole story under the title, "Why Now?"

She points out that the supposedly new Communist document recently brought out by Senator Knowland was nothing more than a progress report to the Kremlin on the 30-year-old original plan which she had brought to Richard Nixon's attention early in 1951 and in which she had tried so hard to arouse official and national interest.

Obviously, the Administration, through Senator Knowland, had a reason for releasing this Communist blueprint now, and for not releasing it previously. Since over the past two decades the executive branch of our government has been less and less inclined to take the people into its confidence, we can only guess why this Communist document was brought out at this particular time.

**REASONS:** Two logical reasons present themselves: (1) to distract public attention away from the Pentagon-McCarthy hearings at a time when they were proving embarrassing to the Administration; (2) to condition Congress and the people for our active military entry into the war in Indochina. Wars and threats of war have for a long time been the lifeblood of political administrations. Franklin D. Roosevelt, while professing to hate

war and promising never to send our sons to fight in foreign wars, cunningly told Winston Churchill in a message dated Nov. 9, 1941, ". . . I may never declare war; (but) I may make war, if I were to ask Congress to declare war they might argue about it for three months." So Roosevelt "made war," as the Pearl Harbor story proves. When Harry Truman needed and wanted a war he blatantly ignored the Congress and went to that spurious and treacherous organization, the United Nations, for his authority to send American forces into a foreign war.

**OLD STORY, NEW STYLE:** Now the present Administration is flirting with an Asian war through a situation which it did not make but which certainly has taken no decisive steps to un-make. In its eagerness to please everybody except Americans who place American interests first, the executive department seems determined to follow the foreign policy lines laid down by the Communist-infested Roosevelt and Truman administrations.

Admittedly it would be an unfortunate thing for the United States should all of Asia fall to the Communists. But it is not clear how a repetition of the Korean debacle could prevent this from happening. What is clear is the dedication of the President and his advisers to that One World organization, the U. N., and their determination to keep what they fatuously hope is a leadership finger in every international pie.

American leadership will not be accomplished through continuous conferences with the Communists nor through kneeling to our so-called allies. Nor will it be accomplished through a UN-directed "police action" in Indochina. But we can, and most likely will, continue to spill American blood and spend American dollars all over the world through the international ambitions and desires of our political leaders.

### WAR TENSION GROWS:

Again we are hovering on the periphery of a foreign war. Again our President and his advisers show every indication of wanting to commit American troops to battle; but this time, with Korea so fresh in our memory, they doubtless would prefer to do it with the approval of the Congress and the people. Hence we now have the long delayed release of the Communist plan for conquest.

As Alice Widener pleads in her article in U.S.A., "if we go into this war, then let us fight to win." But such sensible action does not seem to be in line with the internationalist policies of our hybrid Administration. We are likely to go in—but fight to win? No. So long as our government is guided by internationalists and New Fair Deal holdovers, we will continue to fight anti-Communists at home and we will make an expensive show of fighting Communism abroad, but we will not come to grips with the real issue. We will not fight Communism to win!

## IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL

**EDDIE RICKENBACKER**  
AMERICAN "ACE OF ACES"  
World War I  
NEVER SAT IN A COCKPIT BEFORE REPAIRING FOR FLIGHT TRAINING AT TOURS, FRANCE  
HE SHOT DOWN 26 GERMAN PLANES IN 7 MONTHS WITHOUT RECEIVING A SINGLE SCRATCH!

**HUMMINGBIRD HANK MOTHE**  
FEED BY DAY, HOVERING NEAR FLOWERS AND THRUSTING OUT LONG TONGUES IN HUMMINGBIRD FASHION

AMONG THE SHENG-LL THE BRIDE'S FACE IS TATTOOED ACCORDING TO A CHINESE RUMOR BY THE BRIDEROOM!

WHERE IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPPLY OF MAGNESIUM?

—Hainan—

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## LAW IN ACTION

### JUSTICE IS WHAT WE MAKE IT

Your city may have fine law enforcement agencies, good judges, an alert bar, and well equipped courts. Then thank some one or some group in your city. For good courts do not happen by chance. Most of us want speedy, sound justice. You can get good justice, like liberty, only at the price of watchfulness. Do you work with a group which takes an interest in your city's brand of justice? Its jury system? Its judges? Has your group had a judge or lawyer speak lately on your courts? Do your school children hear such speakers or visit courts in session? Do you know any local judges? Have you seen your local courts at work? Do you like the way they handle their cases? Do you know the special services they give?

Is your local court run with dignity worthy of its work? How much does it cost taxpayers to run your courts? Are they properly housed? How long does it take for a case to come up for trial in your city? Do you know what your local bar association is doing to improve court service? How do costs of handling an average case in your county compare with other counties? Does your city provide legal service for the poor? Do you feel that the law, courts, and the bar are giving you the protection you want in your personal and business affairs? These are vital questions for us to answer when our system of justice is under fire at home and abroad. NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

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