

EDITORIALS

Keep Industrial Zones

Torrance has a precious asset in the land set aside and zoned for industry. Individuals familiar with available industrial land in the Los Angeles area insist that this is one of the few organized communities where industrial sites abound in a climate so favorable to the kind of living conditions sought by reliable, skilled workmen and women.

Having this land is important to the future of Torrance, or, for that matter, any other community. Industries already here of course have contributed directly to the rapid development of the community. Industries to come will assure its future.

Homes, for these working people and for thousands of others who will be attracted here by the advantages of life in this general area, are important; but, the mistakes of the past when industrial land has been rezoned for residential purposes should not and must not be repeated.

Industrial property once rezoned for any other use is gone forever. Those who would rezone for selfish purposes are helping to kill the golden goose. The motives and purposes of anyone, who in the future seeks such a variance, should have the white light of public scrutiny. There may be some instances where some variance is logical and allowable. Generally, however, most of all of the land zoned for industry today should be protected from any change.

Elks Are Organizing

Fraternal and civic-minded men of the community have been meeting regularly in Torrance with the worthwhile objective of organizing an Elks club. They hope to win recognition of the national order and eventually plan to have not only an active lodge but one capable of eventually establishing its own clubroom.

The Elks Lodge is revered throughout America for its benevolences, both to members and other deserving persons. Organized originally by a group of actors, who longed for a "home away from home," the Order has expanded to a position of prestige and influence that places it high among the many fraternal and social organizations that are so much a flavorful part of American life.

A keystone of B.P.O.E. principles is Americanism. Long before others regarded the issue of patriotism as primary to the security of the nation, Old Glory and the familiar Elk symbol have flourished side by side. It always has been taken for granted that an Elk is always a patriotic American and the fraternity as a body has been in the vanguard of those organizations which have fearlessly and assiduously waved the flag in a wholesome, unshamed manner.

The good men who are striving to organize a Torrance lodge are deserving a success in their objective. If they achieve their goal, Torrance as a community will be so much the better for it.

Grounds for Divorce

Mrs. Eva M. Verber recently obtained a divorce from her husband, Otto Verber, because the Austrian-born former U.S. Army intelligence officer had concealed from her the fact that he was a Communist. Verber is now serving a term of three and a half to ten years in Federal prison.

He and his brother-in-law Kurt Ponger, both naturalized Americans, were arrested in Austria last year and sentenced on June 8th, 1953, on a charge of conspiring to spy for Russia.

Mrs. Verber, who has now assumed her maiden name, sought annulment of her thirteen-year-old marriage with Verber from New York Supreme Court Referee Erle Warner. She testified that her husband, on the eve of their marriage, had denied being a Communist when she questioned him on this point.

She said he recently admitted to her—in jail—he was a Communist and explained that he would not admit it to her in 1941—the year they were married—because he knew she would not have married him. Supreme Court Referee Warner found this was legal grounds for an annulment and granted her custody of her two daughters.

We hope all wives of lately-confessed Communists will go to the courts for annulments. Perhaps the infection of Communism would lose some of its charm if they did.

Sunshine friends can rarely stand the heat.

It is amazing how stupid Hollywood plots can get.

Everyone advertises, whether he or she knows it or not.

Why is it that the people who should listen always talk?

Dog days are about to overcome more than the dogs about now.

When it comes down to the dollar, there are few gracious humans.

IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL

Illustration of a man with a sign that says 'WHAT BIRD HOLDS THE ATTITUDE RECORD?'. Text includes: 'ENGELBERT HUMPERDINK—Great German Composer. BEGAN HIS GREATEST OPERA "HANSSEL UND GRETEL" IN SAMPLE TIME FOR A CHILDREN'S PLAY HIS SISTER WAS STAGING!' and 'PAUL REVERE—AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS HORSEMAN. NEVER OWNED A HORSE!'.

Member Of Parliament



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 answers which will appear in relation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO:

Denver, Colorado, will be doomed against further industrial development because of increasing violent winters, the water problem, and the transportation!

German typewriters will flood the market with great success, for these machines will be durable, very light, will stand up under severe punishment, plus having type that looks exactly like print. The new alloy will permit quick mechanism!

Queen Elizabeth II will come into great public disfavor due to her attitude on a coming British crisis! Our scientists will revive a medicine contrived of herbs for the treatment of stomach disorders. This known home remedy will be over 1,000 years old.

President Eisenhower will make world history on September 10th when he will announce a new foreign policy to the world!

Coming Hush Hush Events!

A very famous comedian, who is now convulsing audiences, will come to a bitter reckoning when he will find that he was not legally divorced from his last two wives when the third wife demands a property settlement under the laws of California!

A very respected financial partnership will quietly go on the rocks due to the overselling of stock in a very big oil deal in Texas, which will almost send the two partners to jail, but will be settled out of court by the repayment of all outstanding stock! A very famous glamour girl will turn authoress to write her autobiography with the stipulation that it be printed after her death. This woman is now slowly dying of cancer and her one wish is that the money from this book will go toward fighting this dread disease.

Check these three events as they happen within the next three months! Just For You Girls: A portable reducing steam bath for your own personal use in your bathroom will soon be on the market for less than ten dollars! A boudoir television set in feminine colors will soon be wall-installed! A portable air conditioning set which can be carried from room to room will be yours in 1955! Black and gold will be the favorite colors for shoes this fall! A new method of buying clothes-on-credit at low interest rates will soon be announced by a Chain Women's Store! You will be able to buy your fuel oil by contract price in 1955, with delivery as needed! Your next reducing fad will be based on the tea-apples-a-day diet, which really thins and firms! A new way to make money at home will be the making of lamp shades and

stands out of discarded liquor bottles! . . . 1955 is the fashion year!

What You Will Do In 1959:

By trend, precedent, pattern of habit and the unalterable law of cycles, I predict that on this very day in 1959, just a few years from now (45) you will be able to completely control the seasons as you control the temperature of your bedroom. The atmosphere can be controlled thru a system of radar posts covering the area. There will be found a way to continually grow our seasonable fruits and crops, to rotate our foodstuffs, dehydrate without decreasing the food value, and most of all, to be self-sustaining! You will work three hours a day, sleep three hours a day, and spend the rest in relaxation and hobby! Welcome 1959!

Dear Criswell: My husband and I are elderly. Should we buy the lot on the south side of our property? Should we encourage our sister to buy the lot? Leona L. 1828.

My dear Leona: I would advise you not to buy this lot yourself at the present time, for you want a little surplus money on hand. This would make a good investment for your sister, for your area will soon boom there in real estate. Income property, small units, close in, low rents will always prove to be a good investment. I am so happy that you enjoy my television program, and please tell all my friends hello.

Dear Criswell: Please advise me on this man I am seeing. Does he really want me? Does he intend to marry me? AWS.

My dear AWS: I somehow know you are not as interested in him as you may think. You will be much happier if you permit yourself other social life thru your church.

Dear Criswell: What is a good profession for me to follow? Rose W.

My dear Rose W: From what you have written me about yourself I would advise you to continue your practical nursing, and to take this case offered you. Many widowers marry their nurses.

Dear Criswell: What should I do? M-O-2690.

My dear M-O-2690: You should follow your doctor's wishes and consult another specialist on your condition. I know that you will also go to one of the larger public clinics, and thru the magic of the 20th century medicine, you will be healed of this ailment. I do hope to make a

visit to Torrance area soon, and am looking forward to seeing you in person at that time. You know that I can also see my many friends from the television screen, and it is nice to know that you are always there. The next time I am in the Torrance Herald office, I will try to reach you by telephone.

Dear Criswell: I have never had any children of my own, but I raised three boys. Two of them are married, but the third one still lives with me. He recently told me that he knew I was not his true mother, and he was never even legally adopted. I felt so strange, for he told me he was in love with me. I don't want to break his heart. How can I best handle this situation? MRS. LISA 865

My dear Lisa: You have been a most wonderful and adored woman, and I can appreciate the feeling of this young man. You will be able to speak with him quite diplomatically and he will see his mistake. Later I know he will find a girl his age who will attract him emotionally. May God bless your kindness.

Dear Criswell: I am fighting the battle of the bulge. None of my clothes fit any more, and everything is splitting at the seam. I heard someone call me fatty the other day, and this never happened before in my life. Should I let nature take its course or stem the tide? LAURA E. 215

I know you can control this tendency by seeking advice from your personal physician who can place you on a special diet. Follow his instructions and you will find the results most pleasing.

Dear Criswell: I am the widow of a very prominent man. A gentleman just proposed marriage to me and I told him I would have to give it more thought. This man is so far beneath me that I hesitate to marry him, although he is physically very attractive. He is employed by the sanitation department, and I'm afraid it will affect my social standing. What do you suggest? MRS. GEORGETTE 457A

My dear Georgette: The woman always marries the man, and I know that you possess a great deal of charm and are most attractive. If you really love this man, then I suggest you marry him; but he must make a promise to better himself. He is a college-educated person and I feel certain he can obtain a higher position in this department which will be most respectable.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

AUGUST NOTES — It was nine years ago last Friday that the first atom bomb used in warfare was dropped on Hiroshima. It was 34 years ago Aug. 26 that the 19th Amendment to the Constitution became effective allowing women the right to vote. August is, indeed, an eventful month.

FAIR WARNING—For you superstition-minded squirrels, next Friday is the 13th.

TIME TRIALS—Gal we'll call Sherry recently arose with a start when she noticed by her bedside clock that the time was 7:30—she was due to "punch in" at a local aircraft plant, in 12 minutes. Pulling on slacks, blouse, and a pair of slippers on the way out the door, walked the few blocks to work, punched in on time, and then retired calmly to the ladies lounge where she redressed, took the curlers out of her hair, "put on a face," and got ready for a day in the factory.

SO WHAT—Here's a report that doesn't make sense: A scientist has reported the discovery of an odorless limburger. What he didn't report, however, was why.

VITAL RACE — The Boston Globe recently pointed up the fact that one of the most vital races of all time is in progress: a race between man's genius and his stupidity. Will man's genius enable him to build a space ship in time to get some of us off the planet before his stupidity blows it up?

A PREDICTION—Mr. Criswell, whose predictions appear on this page regularly, says Christine Jorgenson is writing her memoirs in two volumes. She will call the first one "His," the second one "Hers."

SCHOOL DAZE—When Hubert Brier, an eighth grade teacher here, returns to the classroom this fall, he can expect more jests about his "thorny" name. Some of his students at Torrance Elementary School last year, however, have set a hard precedent for any one to follow. A modest sign on the classroom door greeted the instructor one day when he arrived at school. It said merely, "Brier's Patch."

NEW TWIST—Homer King out in Hemet reports this one to his acquaintance said his small returned home from school last spring, went to his room, and stayed there nervously until his father came home from work. Finally the boy gathered up his courage and approached his father. "Daddy," he said hesitatingly, "here's my report card." His father took the card and looked at it silently for several moments. Then he said severely: "Son, how is it that you are at the bottom of your class?" The boy thought for a moment. Then he replied: "Well, Daddy, the boy who is usually at the bottom has been sick."

Illustration of a car with text: 'WILL COURTESY CODE OF THE ROAD!' and 'RESPECT TRAFFIC LAWS, SIGNS, SIGNALS AND ROAD MARKINGS! and keep your car in safe-driving condition at all times!'.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Socialism Creeps On

NO CHANGE. During the 1952 campaigns we heard much condemnation of "creeping socialism." That was good campaign chatter. But two years have passed and Big Government remains the American businessman's toughest and most aggressive competitor. The federal bureaucracy has not shrunk, nor has it shown any tendency to loosen its grip on American life, enterprise, and property.

The change of administration has not retarded our creeping socialism. Today we have about 88 federal corporations and many auxiliary agencies competing with private industry. This mammoth bureaucracy operates on public capital on a tax-free, rent-free, cost-free basis, without inhibiting laws or restraints, without regard for balance sheets, profits and loss statements, or the Constitution of the United States.

Imagine what any private corporation could do if it were given such free rein, such unlimited capital, such enormous advantage as these federal corporations enjoy. Yet the government bureaucrats cannot even keep their alphabetical agencies out of the red. They know they can be as reckless, wasteful, and extravagant as they wish, for they can always milk the taxpayers for more money. It is costing us more than \$19 billions a year to pay their hidden costs and losses.

TVA GIANT TO STAY: Former President Hoover, heading the new Commission on Government Operations which was created by President Eisenhower ostensibly to study the possibility of reducing the federal bureaucracy, called for legislation to wipe out the "oppressive federal giant" in the power field. Mr. Hoover said a reduction in federal investment in the power enterprises alone could save American taxpayers at least \$600 millions a year.

But Mr. Eisenhower recoiled in horror at the suggestion that the giant TVA be sold to private enterprise. "Creeping socialism" or not, he wasn't going to turn loose of TVA. Nor is any federal administration likely ever to turn loose of anything upon which it has fastened its clutches. Today 40 percent of the land area of the United States and at least 25 percent of its industrial capacity are in the hands of free-wheeling federal bureaucrats, while private industry, operating under a maze of federal regulations, controls, and restraints, must compete with the federal corporations in a manner not unlike that forced upon our soldiers in the Korean "police action"—with one hand tied behind their backs.

EXPEDIENTCY: One might ask, do American businessmen want it that way? Strangely and tragically, the answer would be no. They are caught in a cleverly baited trap. In principle, they are against government competition with private industry, and against the end product of such competition, which is socialism or communism. But many businessmen fall for the lure of expediency, taking the fast buck today and letting tomorrow take care of itself.

They don't want the government to subsidize the other fellow, but if they themselves want a loan, a subsidy, or cut-rate power from a federal project, that is a different matter. Unfortunately, the

same indictment must apply to agriculture and organized labor. Farmers demand and get subsidies. Union bosses demand and get federal laws, regulations, and favors.

Thus we are witnessing the constant expansion of the federal bureaucracy. Little by little, industry by industry, the "creeping" socialism is allowed to walk and then to run toward the ultimate objective of the socialist state.

If there is any doubt about this, here are the words of Vice President Nixon spoken about a year ago: "Between \$39 and \$40 billions are spent in government contracts in a year. That represents about a quarter of all the money spent on production in the country. We feel that since we control the purse strings we can deal with 25 per cent of the problem right there."

AMENDMENT NEEDED: With 88 federal corporations already controlling a quarter of the country's production, and competing with private industry for still more, state socialism will be a certainty unless constitutional steps are speedily taken to prevent it.

To effect such prevention, the American Progress Foundation has, after a nine-year study of the situation, sponsored the "Proposed 23rd Amendment," which has already been approved by the State of Illinois and was introduced into Congress last January by Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn as H. R. 123, where it is now pending.

This proposed amendment provides that "The Government of the United States shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution." This, it will be noted, does not in any way change the Constitution. Its purpose is to give force and effect to the original intent and purpose of the Constitution, a necessity brought about by the obvious, deliberate, and successful attempts to misinterpret, circumvent, and override the Constitution.

Further information about this vitally important proposed amendment, and how best to work for its adoption, can be obtained from The American Progress Foundation, 1540 North Highland Ave., Los Angeles 28, California.

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