

EDITORIALS

That City Hall Issue

The special bond issue on Oct. 19 will give Torrance voters the responsibility of deciding whether they will authorize \$750,000 in bonds for the building of a new city hall and \$250,000 more for the construction of a municipal swimming pool. The issues lost by a narrow margin last April, but proponents believe they now are sufficiently organized to assure success six weeks from now.

Those opposed to incurring this indebtedness, or fearful of the consequences of removing the city hall to a location on Torrance Blvd. between Maple and Madrona, are disposed to the belief that present quarters could be enlarged or extended at a much smaller cost. As yet they have not come forward with a practical plan, something they should have done immediately after they were victorious at the last referendum.

Those favoring removal to the new location point out that the city hall as such is no great asset to the retail business district. They argue that the present location adds to the parking problem and that present quarters are inadequate today and will be hopelessly so within the next decade.

There are few who will not admit that the present city hall is inadequate to take care of the needs of this fast growing city. Furthermore, they agree, any extensive remodeling would be expensive and might represent, in a short time, wasted investment.

The Oct. 19 special election represents an important decision in the life of this community. Because of its importance The HERALD again welcomes the opinions of all. Letters addressed to this newspaper will be given every consideration in the hope of presenting all points of view.

Need for Signs

Torrance could spend money no more wisely, we think, than to erect new signs at the several key entrance points to the city.

Present signs are either completely out of date and inadequate or have been knocked down or removed. A case in point is the sign on Palos Verdes Blvd., formerly marking the city limits at Palos Verdes. This is one of the most important locations from an advertising standpoint for few persons realize Torrance city limits actually extend to the ocean. Grading for a new subdivision evidently caused this casualty and in its place are the temporary signs of highway vendors of salt taffy and ice cream.

Attractive signs should be placed at all main highways leading into Torrance calling attention to the city limits and perhaps using a slogan with more universal appeal than "The City of Industrial Opportunity."

There is more than industrial opportunity in Torrance. It is an ideal place in which to live, work, and play. That is the theme that ought to be shouted to the thousands of travelers who pass through Torrance without ever knowing it.

Let's Have Harmony

The controversy over the barricading of streets by nearby municipalities and threatened retaliation by Torrance creates a situation that can very well lead to some unhappy results. Before the situation degenerates into an interurban clothesline battle, it might be well for city fathers of Torrance, Redondo Beach, and Palos Verdes to get together across a table and resolve their differences.

If some motorists are turning narrow residential streets into dangerous speedways, there must be some means, other than barricades, of meeting the problem. We can not live in neighborhood peace if barricades are the only answer.

Certainly there are two sides in any dispute. Mothers, whose first consideration is the welfare and safety of children, quite understandably are concerned over speeding on streets where children are crossing or are at play. Persons who have sought the quiet and safety of a residential neighborhood certainly have a right to expect the protection they have paid for.

Irrespective of varying community interests, there is little to be gained by bickering and back-biting. Let us hope the current disputes will be resolved and that we all soon look back upon them as merely one symptom of growing pains.

Golden Gleams

Physical beauty is the sign of an interior beauty, a spiritual and moral beauty which is the basis, the principle, and the utility of the beautiful. —Schiller.

Beauty is the mark God sets on virtue. —Emerson.

LAW IN ACTION

CLOSING THE LOAN

Suppose you are buying a house and paying for it with the help of a loan.

After your house is ready and you have arranged the financing, the lender will set a date for "settlement" or "closing." Settlement day comes when the property officially becomes yours. It is the "paper-signing day." Among the papers is the note, bond, or other evidence of the debt. It is your promise to pay the loan with interest within a set time. It will show the repayment terms. You will be liable for such payment until you pay off the debt in full.

Another paper you sign is the "mortgage" or "deed of trust." It sets out the security for the loan. This document outlines what rights the lender has to enforce payment (including his rights to "foreclose the mortgage"), should you not pay promptly the interest, principal, taxes and insurance, or should you neglect the property so that it is not in a good state of repair. This document is recorded with the

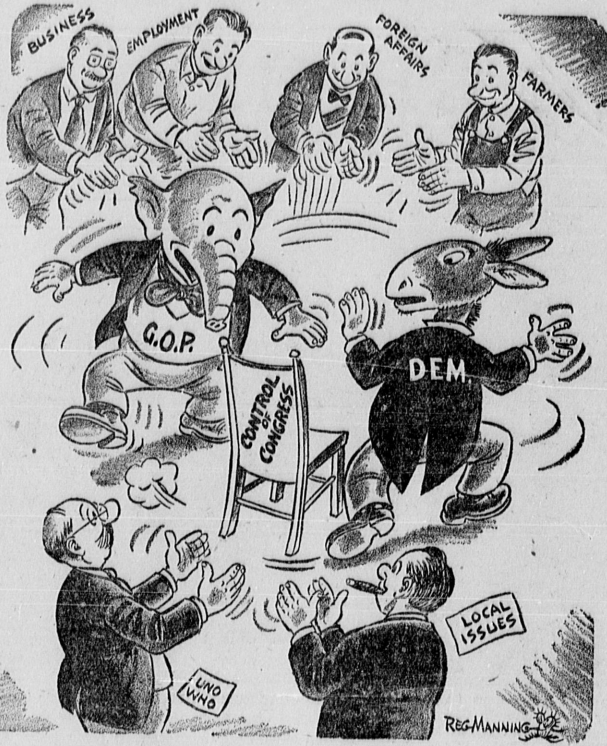
county recorder where your property is located. It remains on record as a claim against your property until you pay the loan.

At settlement, you get important papers for your files. You get receipts for your payments, or a copy of the survey showing the boundaries of your land, and perhaps evidence of your title. You may also get a copy of the deed, or other evidence that you have purchased the property. This paper may go instead direct to the recorder.

You must sign your name to various documents. Don't be rushed; be sure you know what you are signing. Do not be afraid to ask questions. It's a good idea to have a lawyer attend the closing with you. At settlement, get an itemized statement showing how much you owe for the down payment, and how much you have already paid.

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.

"Musical Chairs"



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 letters used in answer which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

YOUR HEADLINES OF THE FUTURE:

Shocking royal scandal astounds world! . . . New method found of locating precious metals! . . . Strange objects in sky terrorize New York City! . . . Famed Hollywood star suicide! . . . Science discovers amazing vitamin which prolongs early youth! . . . Truman denounces critics of his administration! . . . Japan signs new trade pact with United States! . . . Northern Africa becomes trouble spot of world! . . . Insanity cured through delicate operation . . . Canada votes new money standard in spite of British objection! . . . Great Lakes area industrial expansion! . . . Abortion ring stopped in St. Louis! . . . Bai-yan dance craze sweeps nation! . . . Peron issues new edict! . . . Bumper wheat and oat crop insures agricultural prosperity!

WHAT YOU WILL DO IN 1999:

Here is what I predict you will be doing 45 years from today—in 1999: You will arise in controlled temperature, have your first breakfast snack of one pill which will be orange juice, ham and eggs, buttered toast with jam and coffee, all contained in one tiny capsule. There will be no overweight, no sickness, no stomach disorders, for this will all be controlled through enforced diet. You will only work three hours a day at an assigned job, and have the rest for relaxation. You will not permit anything to worry you, due to enforced scientific thinking, you will be free as an individual, and content with your lot! Speed the day!

JUST FOR YOU GIRLS:

Your housekeeping chores will be easier in 1955 through the miracle of deep freeze! Complete dinners will be available, Chinese, Mexican, Italian, and all the American foods! These packs will reduce the cost of food by 25 per cent. . . . One of the easiest of cosmetics to make in the home is an antiseptic scalp lotion made of one pint of witch hazel, one pint of water with two drops of carbolic acid, scented with three drops of your favorite perfume. The bandeau will be back in style in 1955, and the rage will be to have your first name spelled out in sequins or rhinestones, which will prove to be a beauty-cherisher! . . . Your eyebrow line will be classic in 1955!

WATCH OUT FOR THIS FRAUD: One of the worst swindles of the 20th Century will more than likely be tried in your area very soon. A well-dressed man will approach all properly owners slyly with a very high offer for your property. He insists that you put up \$5.00 in good faith, which is return-

able to you upon completion of the sale. You are given a contract, when-and-if stated clearly, and the man leaves town. There is nothing you can do but kiss your money goodbye, for it is very legal in every way, as only an offer was made! Beware of this fraud — he may be working your area now!

Dear Criswell: How many puppies will the dog have? Should we keep any of them? Martha 400

My dear Martha: Your dog will have a litter of six, two males and four females. You will keep one of each for these are dogs of excellent breed, and you will make quite a bit of money later on with them. Your son will return home by late summer and he will remain there for several months. He will marry a girl of your selection for he realizes he must settle down soon.

Dear Criswell: I don't mind a drink or two before dinner but my husband insists on having a full fifth of whiskey. He always gets too drunk to appreciate my cooking and he insists I make apple turnover for him all the time, from his own recipe. When the time comes to eat them, he throws them in my face and complains they don't taste right. Last week he poured a hot bowl of soup down my dress and held my hands behind my back while the scalding liquid made passage down my entire body. I'm still treating the burns. What have I done to deserve such treatment? Is my husband insane? Mrs. Eloise R. G.

My dear Eloise: I want you to report your husband to the Alcoholics Anonymous at once, for he is a complete drunkard, and his physical condition is deteriorating as well as his mental balance. Your husband will be placed in an institution where he will remain for quite some time. When he returns to you, it will be too late for you will meet someone else who wishes to marry you, and you will accept this proposal. I couldn't possibly mention the things this man has done to you.

Dear Criswell: My home has been broken into several times, and quite a few very fine articles taken. I insist that my father-in-law take extra precautions but he simply laughs and says he'd rather have the thieves clean out the house. He calls my priceless antiques junk! Is there any recourse or must I just sit here and watch every Tom, Dick and Harry break in and make their selections? I have a feeling I'll some day be buying my own antiques back from pawn shops. Lucy R. D. 13

My dear Lucy: Make a complete report of

these thefts to your local police department, and I suggest that you personally see to it that your windows and doors are reinforced in order to discourage further thefts. Your father-in-law does not like antiques as he does not have any appreciation for art.

Dear Criswell: I sure do long for the good old days. There's a man I used to go with when I was a girl, and his wife just died three weeks ago. I know he never quite got over me, but I married someone from another city and he realized I was lost to him. Now that his wife has passed on, do you think he'll ever marry?

Eleanora P. 55
My dear Eleanora: There will come a day when you will be able to marry this man. He is a very sensitive type of person, and not too farward. I know you respect the passing of his wife, and some time will go by before you even consider dating him, but as you know, death belongs to the dead, and life belongs to the living. This man will be most anxious to become your husband.

Dear Criswell: When my mother threatened suicide, my father just laughed at her. That night she was dead. Now I feel exactly as she did. Will I have the same fate? I just can't fight it any longer. Mrs. Angie O.

My dear Angie: In prayer you will find great strength and power. Your burdens will soon lift. Do not let these people trouble you for they are not worth your time. You are so superior to them that they cannot reach your level. Accept these invitations for you must get out more than you have.

Dear Criswell: My husband was handsome when I married him, but now he'd make a monster like King Kong look good. Will he ever improve his appearance? F.O.A.

My dear F.O.A.: Refuse to prepare another meal for your husband until he shaves, washes, and wears clean clothes. You have been much too tolerant with this man.

Dear Criswell: My daughter just brought home a young sailor. Will she have to marry him? Mrs. Eva D.

My dear Eva: You will find that your daughter and this young sailor are already married but they have not told anyone as his ex-wife is in the community at the moment. Later on all will clear. You will see a grand mother.

The Bible Speaks

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

Suppose the dream of some scientists comes true, and there is built a "space platform" buzzing around the earth, some thousand miles away, like a little moon? Suppose this thing is equipped with telescope sights and atomic weapons? Such a thing—and it is now technically possible—would give its possessors power over the whole earth such as no conqueror has ever had. The question then would be: What kind of people are running the thing? Do they really take an interest in the human race, or suppose they didn't care, and started blasting away some fine morning just for fun? E. B. White's famous story, "The Morning of the Day They Did It," imagines what would happen then.

Learning to Belong That may not be true as prophecy looks at a planet, blown out of existence because two men who do not care anything about it or anything else, take a notion to blast it. But it is quite true as a picture of human attitudes. Neither senator nor common citizen will do anything to help a country or people for whom he feels no special attraction; and he may very easily injure or destroy it without much conscience. In war, this is a picture of how each nation looks at the enemy; it is a picture of the lack of social responsibility which plagues every country in the world. "Do what you like with it—it isn't mine," may possibly be all right when you are talking about your neighbor's patch or automobile. But when you are talking about your neighbor's nation, you are talking about something that is just as much yours as his. We all begin life as little egotists, each of us the center of his little highchair universe. By degrees we learn to say "we" about our family, our gang, maybe our town or high school or lodge. But it takes church members a long time—some of them—to say "we" about the church, and even longer for even Christian citizens to say "we" about their country. Having no special feeling for it, they don't care what happens to it, and may even take part in doing it harm, just because they have never learned to belong to it.

Christian Citizens Needed The Apostle Paul was a citizen of a great empire, and he was proud of the fact. He believed that every Christian, whether a citizen or not, had certain duties of obedience, responsibility and support, toward the Roman Empire. If this was true in those days, when the government was non-Christian, corrupt and oppressive, when Christians had for the most part no chance whatever in sharing the responsibilities of government, how much more true it is in a democracy!

With a confessed Christian population, with the vote in our hands and our representatives no farther away than the nearest mailbox, we have even more reason and opportunity to make our presence and our influence felt. Christian citizens, then, should have been possible in the time of Paul and Nero. Any Christian who is old enough to vote and educated enough to read and write, might well ask himself a few questions to see if he is much of a Christian. Quiz for Christian Citizens

Do you know the names of your senator, your congressman? Did you vote for them? Why? Do you know whether they are Christians by profession? Do you know how they have been voting on important questions? If so, do you find they they have been taking a Christian attitude as reflected in their votes?

Have you ever taken the time and spent the money to write or wire your congressman or senator to let him know how you and your neighbors stand on important matters? Have you felt that international affairs were somehow beyond your scope, or have you realized that had relationships between nations always brought disaster to happy homes? Do you realize that our nation, and others, have developed weapons of such terrible force that to use them can destroy the race of man? Do you have any idea what your congressman and senator, your personal representatives, are thinking and doing?

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AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of five columns on Communism, as John Morley saw it as a correspondent in Europe since 1931 and from twelve secret missions behind Russia's and China's Iron Curtain in the past four years. This column is syndicated in the U. S. and abroad.

PART 3

How Communism Grew

In all the 37 years of modern Communism no people of any nation ever voted the Communist party into power, in Russia, China, the Balkans—in every nation now under Communist domination—the Reds gained power by conspiracy, by revolution, by blackmail, by deceit, by political subterfuge.

In every Communist country I secretly visit each year power is being held in the same way. The uniform and secret police are everywhere. Any opposition, verbal or otherwise, is punishable by severe fines, imprisonment or death.

In all the 37 years not once have the Communist-commissars ever allowed the people to express their free-will in free-elections.

Despite this record of Communist oppression against God and human dignity, British Labor Party leaders are now in China accepting the hospitality of Communist gangsters as a prelude to more blood-trade and an all-out effort to help Red China to a seat in the United Nations.

By spearheading the drive in the Congress to outlaw the Communist party in the United States, the Democrats outmaneuvered the Republicans into legislation long overdue. It was good politics and it was good for America. President Eisenhower's prompt approval of the bill gives notice to friend and foe alike that the U. S. is united in opposition to any future appeasement of Communism. To say it was long overdue is to suggest the understatement of the century.

The following facts prove it. The Russian Reds started their conspiracies in 1917 . . . 37 years ago . . . with some 50,000 members. The rest of the world had a total Communist membership of another 50,000. From less than 100,000 Communists in the world they have grown to over 250,000,000 card-carrying members today. In the recent elections, today, who in turn control and reduced to slavery over 800,000,000 people on earth, while the free-world debated and is still debating on how to halt this scourge upon mankind.

In three trips around the world in the past four years I covered some forty countries, all but one (Turkey) permitting the Communist Party to function. Here are the most accurate figures I could gather from the underground and from published reports on Communist memberships in some of the leading countries of the world.

Soviet Union has 6,000,000 Communists; Italy, 3,100,000; Red China, 2,800,000; East Germany, 2,100,000; France, 1,700,000; Yugoslavia, 1,600,000; Czechoslovakia, 1,400,000; Poland, 1,200,000; Bulgaria, 1,150,000; Romania, 1,000,000; Hungary, 850,000; Indo-China, 450,000; Brazil, 250,000 (with Vargas dead it will be worse); Austria, 225,000; Indonesia, 180,000; Sweden, 125,000; Japan, 115,000.

United States 85,000; Greece, 80,000; Belgium, 75,000; Holland, 75,000; Great Britain, 65,000; Chile, 65,000; Norway, 60,000; Iran, 60,000; Argentina, 60,000; Finland, 55,000; Switzerland, 50,000; Cuba, 50,000; Canada, 35,000; Spain, 35,000; Peru, 35,000; Puerto Rico, 30,000; Venezuela, 30,000; Mexico, 20,000; Egypt, 8,000; Israel, 7,500; Guatemala, 2,000; Norway, 2,000; Turkey, 0. Turkey is now on Communists. The party is outlawed and extreme penalties to capital punishment are handed down for Communist activities.

The above figures tell only a part of the Communist growth. In recent elections I covered abroad the Communist

vote is much greater than the membership figures. For instance . . . France has 17,000,000 card-carrying Communists; yet in 1953 elections I covered over 5,000,000 voted the Communist ticket and became the largest single party in France. Italy has 3,100,000 registered Communists; yet in the 1953 elections I covered the Reds polled over 6,000,000 votes. In the East German elections I covered in 1950, 1951, 1953, the Communist party (Socialist Unity Party, as it is called), with a membership of 2,100,000, polled from 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 votes, or about 6 per cent of the total in 1953. In Western Germany in 1953 the Reds polled less than 8 per cent of the vote.

Ever since the Communists in the Third International in Moscow in 1949 adopted the program of Lenin . . . world revolution, defeat of capitalism, eradication of all religion, proletarian dictatorship, controlled one-candidate elections . . . they began their plot of conspiracies against free man. From that time until the present, as declared by Malenkov, "the Soviet Union in its 37 years of success for the workers of the world, has set the standard pattern of world revolution against the veiled dictatorship of the capitalists."

Today they are using the fruits of labor of millions inside Russia and its satellites, depriving them of the necessities of life, to pursue their revolutionary tactics with military aid and propaganda, in every nation of the world. On Communist posters abroad I read the same slogans: "The freedom of the motherland was the first step toward the freedom of the workers of the world."

In view of this fantastic conspiratorial record of atheist Communist imperialism, any suggestions by the well-meaning, or by the deceitful, that co-existence with Communism is possible, appears to this reporter to be an invitation to catastrophe. A case could have been made by those who favored Soviet recognition in 1933, as factual experience was lacking on the basis of our experience with Communism since, any suggestion of trusting them, or trading with them, is a flagrant insult upon the intelligence of the American people to identify a proven fraud . . . and a mockery upon the sacrifices of the thousands who died in Korea.

Part 4 . . . "The Seven Perils of Modern Communism" will appear in the next issue of the column. We wish to acknowledge the most generous comments on this series thus far.

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