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EDITORIALS

Don't Believe Signs

Signs posted along major streets in Torrance telling corists that they are entering or leaving our city could stand a little revision.

A prime example stands on Western Ave. near 238th St. It proclaims for the thousands of motorists passing each day that the city of Torrance has a population of 22,241.

It has been several years since Torrance posted that population figure-and it has obviously been several years since this sign was posted for the guidance of visitors to the area.

Torrance is now a city of an estimated 60,000 persons nearly three times the size indicated on many of our roadside signs. If we are to tell the world about Torrance, a good place to start might be right at home.

The HERALD still believes that we should shout from the housetops about the city in which we live. It has one of Southern California's finest residential possibilities, it is the potential business and commercial center for the entire southwest area, and is a leading industrial community of the Southland.

It is time we started telling people about it.

Outstanding Young Man

Selection of Fred Hansen as Torrance's outstanding young man of the year by the Junior Chamber might serve as an inspiration to other young men of the community.

Judges who chose Mr. Hansen out of a list of nominees sented to them, found that he had been active in organ presented to them, found that he had been active in organ-izing a "get out the voic" campaign, in Civil Defense work, in the promotion of the huge Torrance Community Fair last summer, as a new director of the Torrance L-mita Board of Realtors, that he had an outstanding record in community welfare work, and had been instrumental in organizing a clean-up campaign throughout the city.

As an active member of the Junior Chamber of Com merce. Hansen also had contributed greatly to the success of that virile organization during the year

Torrance's first "Young Man of the Year" has set a pattern for future selections which will keep other young Torrance men busy during years to come.

Our Greatest Wealth

Our financial experts and economic prophets generally agree that the existing business boom will continue through 1955. They envision a year of prosperity, with little unemployment, and with the American people in-dulging in substantial purchases of all kinds of consumer goods.

This is happy news. It is the sort of intelligent op nism that creates an atmosphere of security and confidence

But we must at all times remember that material But we must at all times remember that material progress, however gratifying, is not in itself sufficient. There is a greater wealth than the mere acquisition of tangible things. It is the wealth of honest leadership. It is the power of civic guidance untainted by corrup-tion. Our greatest wealth will always be those dedicated men and women of unshakable integrity who place public welfare above self-interest.

With so many temptations to make easy money from public office, it should be a matter of national pride that the great majority of office holders are fundamentally

We remember the old story about the ship's captain We remember the old story about the ship's captain who was offered a \$250 bribe by a smuggler to condone a shady transaction. "Sir!" roared the captain, "I am a man of honor!" Whereupon the smuggler raised the ante to \$500. Another indignant refusal followed. When the bribe was increased to \$1,000, the captain yelled: "Get off my ship! You are getting too damned close to my price!"

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote: "The true test of civilization is, not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops, but the kind of man that the country turns out."



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REG-MANNING

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or "Scurrilous Libeler." THESE TWO MEN were be first of many to pay for an privilege I now so freely

THINGS OF ALL

Printing Week (Jan. 16:22), we brag about our industrial importance, our high-minded duty to the public, the power wielded by the smallest per-iodical over the nation's elect IN LOOKING BACK upon the columns I turned out in 1954, I find that I have had occasion to criticize the city, state and national governiodical over the nation's elect-ed officials . . . and we forget those who helped give us this blessing . . . for a blessing it is, when used with tolerance and understanding.

ment. I have criticized the police, demanded prison reform and kicked about treatment of rookies in the armed forces, This, without fear of retri-bution. is, when used with tolerance and understanding. WE FORGET William Frynne, whose cheeks were branded and ears were snip-ped. John Twyn, who was hanged; Harris, jailed and fined and pilloried . . . the countless others who paved the way for the freedom we ow enjoy. T was Franklin who prayed: "Deal with me, and with all men according to Thy Holy Will, but let the printed word which brings men light, which makes men free and through which Thy word is spread, go on and on forever." This, without tear or rece-bution. In England a few hundred years ago, John Twyn was hanged for just that. William Prynne's ears were snipped, and when he persisted in ex-tension envoymmental inefficient ag governmental ineffici-se, he was fined and the rs "S.L." were branded is check. The letters stand "Scurrilous Libeler."

the privilege I now so freely cnjoy. Another was Benjamin Har-ris, who published the "Dom-estick Intellitgmeer" in Eng-land. He stepped out of line in an editorial and was fined, pilloried and imprisoned for awhile. Rather than be sub-jected to further persecution, he field to the New World after his release from prison. A printer and book seller, he opened a shop in Boston, and before long got the old "bug" again. In 1660, he produced "Pub-lick Occurrences, both For-elgn and Domestick." It was America's first news-paper. aper, And Harris was promptly uelched for "printing with-ut Authority." That was the rst and last issue of "Pub-

FIVE YEARS LATER, Har returned to England, ere he re-opened his book

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man, he started the London Post. Fourteen years passed be-fore another newspaper was started in America. John Campbell, also a bookseller, was appointed Postmaster of Boston. Among his duties was the writing of monthly news-letters to high officials. The conglomeration of items was printed and put into eir-culation for the first time on April 17, 1704, under the title: "Boston News-Letter." It läst-ed tor 28 years.

Africa, but we can see from the ads that it would be well worth your while. "YOUR DOG WILL quickly learn to remind you when it's ime for his Boh Martin's." one of the ads informs' us. "Don't they taste good to him --and don't they do him good! Bob Martin time is a big mo-ment in any dog's day!" (He used to be quite a shine with the women, too!) And furthermore: "Put your dog on Bob Martin's today and see what perfect condi-tion means to him ..., clear bright eyes, lovely coat, and he's a credit to the who le family. Just watch him beg for his Bob Martin's!" Well there yon are. GIVES A FELLOW a warm feeling, knowing that a mane-sake of his is doing so me sode in this wide, wide world. Some people are named after providents and fam ou s generals. Well here's one guy who is proud to inform you that he has been named after a vitamin table for man's best friend! Thoston News Letter." It last-do for 28 years. **TODAY, MORE THAN 1500** faily newspapers are printed in Andreica, Printing is fifth in the nation in industrial im-portance, and eighth in sal-ries and wages. Benjamin Franklin is known us the Patron Saint of Print-ers.

ers. We Farton of bifocal glass-cs. founder of the University of Pennsylvania and the Amer-lean Philosophical Society Franklin discovered that light-ning is electricity. "He wrote "Poor Richard's Almanae," set up the first fire department and haugurated cleaning, paving and street lighting in Philadelphia. A Governor of Pennsylvan-

lighting in Philadelphia. A Governor of Pennsylvan-ia. Amhaasador to France, Minister to England, Franklin was a statesman, author hum-orist, inventor and patriot. **BUT WILEN** he made out his will, it started: "1, Ben-jamin Franklin, printer" In observing International

ntally, we see that

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}} \dot{\mathbf{x}} \dot{\mathbf{x}}$ Matt Whittlesey, who re-turned last week from a holi-damily in Detroit, reports that bis wife, Melva, insisted on keeping her wristwatch set on california time during the couple's stay in the east. This little trick robbed him of sev-present and say. "Goodness, the set of the set of the set of the watches, and say. "Goodness, it's nearly -1:30." Melva would while up her arm, Too'r, eat. the California time on her watch and counter, "Why, in Cali-fornia it's only 10:30." That was usually good for a least another hour of visiting, Matt claims. $\dot{\mathbf{x}} \dot{\mathbf{x}} \dot{\mathbf{x}}$

BURN

By Robert B. Martin

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the firm is giving out a free booklet. "The Care of Your Dog." Hill & Murray Ltd., P. O. Box 3070, Johannesburg, Union of South Africa. We'll have to send for a copy. Hope the offer's still good! $\# \ mathbf{k} \ mathbf{k$ Hey dad! Have you been giving the little woman the dickens about spending so much of your hard-earned dough on groceries. We heard of a guy who demanded to know "where is all the gro-cery money I gave you go ing?" Her answer was short and to the point, we hear. "Stand sideways and look in the mirror," she said.

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It is influence we omen have had in naming Torrance area structs? There are a lot of streets in this city with hames which must have been chosen to perpetuate the me-mory of some woman. For example, there are such streets here as Florence, Ex-clyn, Martha, Lucille, Janet, Kathryn, Henrietta, and La-deene. How about the men! I don't recall seeing any George, Frank, or Richard streets. There is an Earl St., however.

best. ★ ★ ★ SPORTS: The Roller Derby's taking on many of the as-pects of . professional wres-ting some of the .plays and hassles look as though they're proceeding according to script. We can be wrong. X X X X * * *

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Message to "the Peoples" TRUE TO FORM: Any State of the Union message delivered during the past 22 years

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By REID BUNDY

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Bank of America manager Dean Sears must have set some kind of a record during this past week, Monday eve-ning, he showed up at the American Legion hall for the regular meeting of the Kiwan-is Cub-where he had a ham dinner before going on the Douglas Aircraft tour. Thurs-day evening he was back for the club's "Young Man of the year" judges. On the menu was bank, Friday evening he was back at the Legion hall again where the Torcane-Lo-mita Board of Realtors were having an installation dinner. You guessed it ... ham.

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I've found the perfect mate, he sighed,

No one could ask for more

The only trouble with her is, married the guy next door.

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It's Your Country

By JOHN BECK

V BECK with pride and deep gratitude about the UN general as-sembly sending a Swede half-way around the world to plead with a Chinese com-munist bandit for the release of American service-men "wrongfully detained by the communist re gin e." Wrongfully detained, indeed! 15 If for-this.sort of thing that we should support and strengthen the United Na-tions? When our chief execu-tive is permitted to place the fate of innocent and helpless Americans in the hands of a bunch of dublous foreign-ers, certainly something needs to be supported and strength-end; but it would a p ear io be the backbone and, moral courage of the American peo-ple rather than the United of the Union massage deliv-ered during the past 22 years which did not resound with praise for the administration and promise more things to more people – all over the world – would have shocked listening Americans, President Elsenhower's fatest message to Congress, delivered Jan 6, shocked no one, it was all there, wrapped up in ne w phrases but following the old familiar pattern. The President says he is for freedom, justice, and peace. Who isn't Even the communists affirm, their de-dication to freedom, justice, and peace. In the past year, according to Mr, Elsenhower, there has been progress to-ward those noble objectives, and the "free nations" are collectively-stronger than at any time in recent y ears, Stronger because they ha vo "forged new bonds of unity," These new bonds of unity," These new bonds of unity, "trigred" at the expense of the United States, consist of a myriad of treaties and ex-ceutive agreements-soma al-ready ratified, some ready for-ratification, which will impose of any of about 41 foreign countries, many of whom are unwilling or unable to lift a finger in their own defense. NATIONS AND PEOPLES: To Americans who have al-

ened; but it would a p p e ar io be the backbone and, moral courage of the American peo-ple rather than the United Nations. In the face of continuous communist aggression and the proven worthlessness of communist promises, and aggree-ments, it is difficult to un-derstand Mr. Eisenhower's in-sistence upon armaments con-trol by the United Nations, but that is what he wants. He also wants to share our atomic resources, lower lariff barriers, expand International trade and investments, conti-nue negotiations, keep the "peoples of the world" (which we hope includes the "peo-ples" of the United States) advised of our actions and purposes, continue foreign aid, and carry forward our edu

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finger in their own defense. INATIONS AND PEOPLES: To Americans who have al-ready been sold on the idea that national sovereingth is a "silly shibboleth." to quote former U. S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts; and-to those who agree with President Elsenhower's bro-ther, Milton, that we are mak-ing "very real progress to-ward a genuine world gov-ernment." the idea of an American-Dresident <u>Speaking</u> to a U. S. Congress on the need to protect "our nations" and "our peoples" doubtless seems natural and proper, To Americans who stubbornly think first of the United States of America, it may seem a little odd. The President says 'that to ur response to agression will be "swift and decisive." which brings to mind "mas-sive retaliation" and "agoniz-ing reprissal," and that we shall never buy peace at the expense of honor or faith. Our response In Korea wa as swift, so swift that Congress wasn't even consulted; but to call it decisive must amuse Malenkow and Chou En-ai as much as it distresses Syngman Rhee. As for honor or and faith, porhags the least said the best said, for some of it might tagikle through the Bamboo Curtain to the untold hundreds of U. S. and UN captives still held in slav-ery and torture by the Chi-nese communists. FOR THIS: The President, Swend NATIONS AND PEOPLES:

EPITAPH: To advance these efforts, the President wants more treaties ratified a nd more fractises and the result of the United States of Amer-ica, but such an epitaph will not be complete without the inclusion of "foreign a id." Since the end of World War II, we have poured more tha 20 billions into Britain and France (Huma, Eyents, 1835 K St., N.W., Washing-ton 6, D. C.), U. S. aid in enormous amounts has also gone to 'many other foreign countries, to include In d ia and Yaranee (Huma, Eyents, 1835 K St., Nuw, Washing-ton 6, D. C.), U. S. aid enormous amounts has also gone to 'many other foreign countries, to include In d ia and Yugoslavia, both of whom are turning more and more to Moscow and Peiping. No domestic issues, the President came through with what was, in essence, the typ-ical welfare state platitudes and promises, some of which entail 'nuther encreachment upon States' rights and a widening of the activities and powers of the central govern-ment — a continuation and expansion, well-wrapped in Progressive Moderate phrase-ology, ef the policies I al id down by the New and Fair Deal administration. So bi-partisan, indeed, was Mr. Eisenhower's address that some political observers, re-ferring back to his reported statement of a few years ago that he wished to be nom-linated by both parties, believe he may have sounded the first, noles of his campaign on hoth-party tickets. But perhapa they underestimate his ambi-FOR THIS: The President, like all devotees of world government, says we must support and strengthen the United Nations. He speaks even m satisfying

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ATTIONAL EDITORIAL

The recent installation of parking meters on our streets has brought forth some rather unique impressions, b oth for and against them. Mostly the diehards, or objectors, blame the poor unfortunate police officer who is charged with the responsibility of enforcement, at least from their facile expressions. Tarking control, though it may surprise you, is not a true police function because injury to persons or property. Because there is no one else around who knows what to do with or about it, public demand the had by the first of the second strength of the second streng

to script. We can be wrong: RECORDS: Quite a few peo-ple are kicking about the song Teach Me Tonight." Give s teenagers the excuse they're looking for to get some of that worldly wisdom, th &y say. But then again, what are we old fogies kicking about? In those dear old days beyond recall, a song entitled "In -My Merry Oldsmobile" might have provoked a neck-ing party or two.

A A A SIGN LANGUAGE: Sign on the rear bumper of a car-"Woman Driver." New switch on the "Don't Blame Me" signs pasted on the rear win-dows of automobiles which made an appearance around the country during the past year. Someone put one up in his new eight-cylinder sedan the other day after clipping the first word. It read "Blame Me, I Voted Democratic." From the looks of the big oar he was driving, it must have paid off.

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