

# EDITORIALS

## From 2000 to 15,000

Enrollment in the Torrance city schools is expected to show an increase of 750 per cent this fall over the enrollment of 2000 in 1947. This situation, of course, reflects the remarkable growth of this city and points up the problems and responsibilities of our school administrators.

Back to school can mean any one of a number of things to parents, teachers, businessmen, and motorists. Parents may regret or secretly enjoy this period with at least a small measure of anticipation. The children will now have their programs of daily living outlined for them and parents will be glad of the opportunity to turn it all over to the school system. The businessman looks upon the period as a seasonal sales stimulus and logically tries to appeal to parents and relatives to buy now for the busy school days just around the corner. The motorist, if he is conscientious, realizes that the time is at hand for him to be driving more cautiously.

This is a very important period in the life of the community and a most important occasion in the life of the young one attending school for the first time. Crowded conditions notwithstanding, it is still up to our school authorities to provide a good education for all and to fail any one child is a risk no community can afford to take. In this most noble and essential effort, they must have the support and cooperation of all.

It is expected at least 15,000 children will be returning to classrooms in Torrance on Sept. 14. This is 3000 more than one year ago and similar increases in the next several years are a certainty. It should remind us all of the tremendous problems imposed on our teachers and school administrators and the magnitude of the problems accruing from the great population growth in Torrance.

## Atoms for Peace

A deterrent to war which is more powerful than the atom bomb is fast becoming apparent. It's the industrial use of the atom.

At the recent Atoms for Peace Conference, scientific, economic, and political experts from all nations exhibited their eagerness to industrialize the atom.

There is increasing evidence that the Soviet Union intends to use the industrial atom as a strong instrument of foreign policy.

The world for some time has looked enviously at the American standard of living... a standard which has been achieved primarily through private American industry in a free enterprise economy.

Hungry peoples with low standards of living are anxious to emulate our ways. Extensive industrialization of the atom can mean abundance for many of them.

Giving private American industry as free a hand as possible consistent with U. S. security, especially by lessening some of the bureaucratic secrecy surrounding the atom which experts say is unnecessary, can be a positive aid toward peace.

Those peoples which are given a chance to help themselves by American industry are more likely to copy our economic system and our form of government instead of communism.

## A Common Tradition

It might have been any town in America. Men and women were lined up patiently at the polls. Each voter entered a private booth and made his selection. Then he placed his secret ballot in a ballot box.

But it didn't take place here. It happened in the Middle East, 6000 miles from here. It happened in Israel.

Side by side in the voting lines stood Moslem, Christian, and Jew. They were alike in the eyes of the government, one vote as strong as the other in this third General Election. And although Israel is only seven years old, its democratic rights already have become a tradition. It is a tradition we in America have cherished for 179 years.

The United States helped foster this new republic of Israel. We have a Western brother in the Middle East.

## IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

**HOW MANY PAIR OF SHOES DOES AN AMERICAN HAVE?**  
-Answer-  
NEXT ISSUE-

**SAMUEL SIDNEY MCCLURE**  
American publisher started the first NEWSPIAPER SYNDICATE in the U.S. in 1874. TO BRING "BIG NAME" FICTION WRITERS INTO THE FIELD...

**EUROPE'S SMALLEST ARMY**  
THAT GUARDS EUROPE'S SMALLEST STATE... FAMOUS SWISS GUARDS OF VATICAN CITY (FOR SERVICE) WERE THE SAME UNIFORMS DESIGNED CENTURIES AGO BY MICHELANGELO... (EXCEPT FOR GAS MASKS!) (SOME WEAR "BAMMY GUNS") 100 IN NUMBER, THEY ARE PICKED MEN FROM THE SWISS ARMY...

**SOLDIER AIR**  
HAVE JUMPING BAGS THE SIZE OF THEIR BODIES...

## If U. S. Recognized Red China--



## Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

The court case was derailed. The defendant had no attorney. Courtously, the judge inquired: "Would you like the court to appoint a lawyer who will protect your interests and represent you without any cost?" "No, thanks," declined the defendant. "I don't need a good lawyer so much--what I need right now is a heckuva good witness." So that's how a woman catches a husband! She sees a man hanging on to a branch, she kicks the tree hard, holds out her apron and lets him drop in... Woman I know says her children wear her out faster than their shoes.

So that's what copyrights are for! They're for copycats!... Here's a good sign for every married woman to hang on her vanity mirror: "Be to his virtues very kind. Be to his faults a little blind"... If you've been enduring the same summer heat we caught recently, now you know why it's called the "meat summer temperature". Nice part about our employees is that they're always hurrying back from coffee breaks so they won't be late for quitting time.

A married couple in the backwoods had been arguing for three weeks, with the wife doing all the talking and the husband doing all the listening. (There's another way?) In disgust, the wife called in her mother-in-law to see if the elder stateswoman could budge her recalcitrant son. The first thing the mother did was to whap her son over the head with a two-by-four plank. The lad didn't budge. His mother whacked him again with this, his motherhood until the young wife howled: "Hey, you aimin' to kill my husband?" "Guess you don't know nuthin' about my son," said the older woman. "First off, you gotta get his attention!" Happiness is nothing more than good health and a poor memory... Ever notice it, too, that when a neighbor is out of work it's a recession, but when you lose you job it's a depression?... His teenage daughter mids her bed without even shaking the sheets and blankets. When Dad objected the girl replied: "I sleep in it. It feels good enough to me." And Dad answered: "Like mud feeling good to a pig?"

The six-year-old announced he was out prospecting for a new ore. "What new ore?" asked his uncle. "Newranium," replied the youngster... The business man had received a letter addressed to an other business man of the same name. He replied: "Dear Madame: I am not the man you thought I was. Even my wife tells me the same thing"... In his hometown Flavor column, Korwin Hoover quoted this one by Gib Welch: "When I was a little boy I was too fat to run and too timid to fight, so I found out that none by the sadistic would hit a guy who was smiling. So I cultivated a smile that I faced the world with and, to my surprise, even yet, most of the world's smiles back at me." (P.S. I tried this plan yesterday, Gib. Went around smiling, just like you say. At the

end of the day, a big burly truckdriver jumped out of his cab, ran over to me and yelled: "Alright, wise guy, what's so funny?)"

His chief claim to fame is he stood behind Marilyn Monroe and inhaled the smoke from her cigarette... Glen Ingles, my Reseda editor, saw a boy reading a magazine in a drugstore. Guess what he was reading, smiles Glen: "Sintova, U.S.A." (the little devil)... How come all the dog food companies have every flavor in the books excepting the best one of them all--cat flavor!

Insurance companies are now offering policy discounts if you will install safety belts in your car. Fasten your belts, men we're being followed by a lady driver!... Lowell Nussbaum, Indianapolis Star columnist, remembers the days when folks used to snicker at newspaper ads reading: "Ladies dresses half off," but nobody snickers anymore because ain't it the truth nowadays! Harry Neighbors in his Connecticut Confidential Column, says it's easy to know when you're grown up. It's when you're hurt more by the brush-off than the hair brush...

You can always tell when a teenage boy is in love with a teenage girl. You'll usually see them twisting each other's arm and slapping each other's face... I lift this item from my Executive Lifter Reid Naudy, about a plan of attack against mosquitoes who are now able to resist DDT. We'll breed mosquito that likes DDT so well he can't get along without it, so you simply kill him by taking it away from him.

In case you missed the fact, another Missouri resident recently became president in the White House. This one is stood behind every American... I lift this item from Chicago Tribune's Washington Bureau, and he was elected President of the White House Correspondents Association... Leo Guild tells about the stout fellow on a diet who happily announces: "I'm a Chicago new cross my legs with only one hand!"

Teenage talk: "Sister, if you look at me like that, so help me, I'll kiss you!" Girl: "So kiss me! I'll help you!"... Running after women will never hurt you, mister, it's catching them that does the damage... In the good old days, juvenile delinquency used to be settled out of court in that little woodshed which stood behind every American home... It takes a lot of experience for a girl to kiss like a beginner... How to distinguish a city girl from a country girl. In a high wind, the city girl grabs for her hat; the country girl grabs for her skirt... This is why life is enough to drive any man crazy. When he is born, his mother gets the praise. When he is married, his bride gets the presents. And when he dies, his widow gets the winters in Florida.

The only difference between a careful and a reckless driver is the way he drives during and after taking his driver's examination... Did you hear

about the Marine who claimed he could strike out every batter who faced him? The game was called when the umpire took away the Marine's hand grenades... Having fun with the English language: It's okeh to tell a girl that time stands still when you look at her; but never say that her face would stop a clock... Twist your tongue on this one: That, that is, that, that is not, is not; but that, that is not, is not; that that is; nor is that, that is, that is not... I wish I had said it before I did it: "To marry a woman for her beauty is like buying a house for its paint."

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## The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHIE, Herald Staff Writer

Do you like the name your parents gave you? Chances are you don't. Seems as if all the Marys wish they had been called Deborah, and all the Deborahs wish they had been called Mary. I've never seen any survey, but it seems as if about nine out of ten people wish they weren't named what they are.

HERALD writer Mildred Hunt made a survey of names given youngsters at Torrance Memorial Hospital. She discovered that the old standbys--John, William, Michael, Robert, and James--were still as popular as ever for boys, but that monickers for the fair sex were likely to be more "faddy".

Among the most popular names for girls now are Deborah, Donna, Sandra, and Linda, whereas a few years back, it was Beverly, Shirley, Jean, and Marcia. Still a few years further back it was Sophronia, Ella, Emma, Minnie, and Myrtle.

Whatever handle eager parents may take onto their offspring is likely to affect his whole life. The poor little guy who is called Percy or Percival or Hector or Isalah has two strikes on him from the beginning, since he usually has to fight off the taunts of his playmates.

In our minds, most of us connect certain names with certain characteristics. For instance, what kind of person do you connect with the name, Timothy or Esther or Alexander or Irma?

## The Squirrel Cage

By REID BUNDY

Those bright orange crosswalks that have been popping up around town are not just a street painter's nightmare, they are there because the State Legislature, in its infinite wisdom, has decreed that shall be so.

Disturbed at the apparent callousness the average motorist has toward school crossings signs and school crosswalks, the Legislature earlier this year voted to require all school crosswalks in the state to be designated in the new color.

You'll see it wherever you go in California (similar markings is vogue in Arizona, too) so you had just as well get used to the idea of taking it easy when you see the yellow.

With school opening in a couple of weeks, now is as good a time as any to start practicing on that 15 mile-per-hour crawl through the school zones--that's the law, you know.

Here's today's food for thought, reprinted here without comment exactly as it was published last week in a nearby daily paper.

**WRONG WILLIE**  
BUCKINGHAM, Va. (AP)—Every time the New York Giants' Willie Mays hits a home run friends tell Buckingham's Willie Mays "you're hitting like a mighty powerful man." And Mays says: "I'm no kin to him. Says Barclay.

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## 5 Choices Open to Draft-Age Youths

When Joe Teenager graduates from high school, one of the main things he has to think of when he makes plans is the demands of his Uncle Sam.

Under the terms of a new law passed by Congress, Uncle Sam can offer Joe a job for as long as he wants it--as a soldier, sailor, airman, or marine. Men of draft age have five alternatives in working out their military obligation to their good Uncle.

Almost every man of draft age who hasn't seen service is affected by the new bill. A high school graduate between 17 and 18½ has five alternatives:

1. Enlist in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, serving two three years in the Ready Reserve and the next year in the Standby Ready Reserve. Ready Reservists would attend 48 weekly drills and a 17-day field training session every year, while Standby Reservists do not train and are called only in case of war.

2. Join the Ready Reserve, finishing from three to six months of active training, and completing an eight-year obligation in the Ready Reserve.

This three to six-month period of training can be deferred until the man graduates from high school or reaches 20. He must attend weekly Ready Reserve drills and attend field training, however.

One alternative to the weekly drills and summer training for a Reservist is serving 30 days on active duty annually. It is expected that some 250,000 will be accepted yearly as Ready Reservists.

Anyone who fails to participate satisfactorily in the Ready Reserve program may be ordered to active duty for 45 days or inducted into the service on a top priority basis.

3. Join the National Guard, serving until he is 25 and past draft age. Guardsmen also attend weekly sessions and field training and would be subject to induction if they did not attend meetings.

4. Wait for the draft board to call him, serving two years on active duty, three years in the Ready Reserve, and one year in the Standby Reserve.

5. Try to qualify for technical or research jobs in a critical industry. This would eliminate the weekly drills and summer field training requirements.

Men under this program could attend college, and preferably graduate school as well. After graduating, they

must find employment in a critical job in a critical industry, as outlined by the Defense Department. In school, they must pull high grades to face the draft.

Meeting these requirements men must take three to six months of military training. They will then be placed in the Standby Reserve.

Provisions of the new law do not affect men now in service who will be required only to serve their two years on active duty and six years in the Standby Reserve. This was provided under a 1951 law.

However, men now in service who have served more than 12 months may apply for immediate release if they sign up in the Ready Reserve for three years. This move, limited to 150,000 men per year, would strengthen the Ready Reserve as the program is being organized.

Men who leave the service after finishing their required two years may join the Ready Reserve for only one year and serve out all future military obligations. Only 200,000 each year will be accepted for this program.

Both of these programs will be in operation only until July 1, 1957.



"The man who says that only time will tell, hasn't had much experience with women." —Anthony J. Pettito.

"One thing a girl does is keep an unfortunate situation from spreading." —Peter Arnell.

"The husband's the head of the house the pedestrian has the right of way. And everything's fine until either one of them starts to prove it!" —Charley Jones.

"A college diploma is often the receipt a young man gets for the bills his father paid." —Harry Toffel.

"A philosopher's a guy who doesn't cry over spilled milk, but consoles himself with the thought that it was four-fifths water anyway!" —Mary Mayo.

## LAW IN ACTION

### TOUGH GUYS

Somebody seeing the dictators at work has called out the Age of the Tough Guys. Like other ages, we have had to learn anew how to keep tough guys from shoving us around.

How? Some brave man must stand pat on the law. 1. Socrates on trial himself told how he stood up against public opinion and tough guys.

"My tribe presided when you tried the generals for leaving bodies on the battle field. You wanted to try them in a bunch--against the law. Alone I fought you, voted you down. You shouted--as now: but I risked death--with law and right on my side--rather than share wrong with you.

"Once more the tyrants asked me and four others to get Leon from Salamis for them to kill. They did not scare me. When we left them, the others went for Leon. But I walked home, which in those days was as much as your life was worth."

2. Cicero alone dared to defend Roscius whom Crispogonus, the Roman tough guy, had condemned for his wealth. Against the court and Rome's most powerful man, Cicero shamed the court into freeing Roscius.

3. Backed into a corner, England's chief justice, Lord Coke, still told King James to bow to the common law like other people. The law is above the king.

4. John Adams, later our president, but then a revolutionary, risked his life and career to defend the hated British soldiers who shot the people in the Boston Massacre.

And so, when our forefathers had won our freedom, they put the right to counsel in our constitution.

This you get a man sworn to defend you, no matter how unpopular your cause may be or who's against you.

No wonder that all tough

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