

EDITORIALS

A Critical Situation

Striking teamsters who have held up Southland construction by refusing to deliver sand and gravel as the result of their strike against employers which has been under way since Oct. 3, have a chance to turn their walk-out into a disguised blessing for schools of the area, according to a proposal being readied this week by school officials.

Under study by several district superintendents is a plan to ask the union to consider school construction an emergency situation and to continue to deliver materials which would assure continued work on the badly needed schools.

Should the union see fit to do this, it would give schools of Torrance and other mushrooming communities a chance to narrow the gap between home construction and school construction—a gap which has been widening at a sickening pace.

So far, efforts to obtain sanction of officials to permit delivery of materials to critical school sites have been unsuccessful, according to Torrance Superintendent J. H. Hull, who has been attempting to reach some agreement on the matter.

We think the suggestion offered by school officials deserves serious consideration by those responsible for the work shutdown.

Feel Good--Give Big

Everything points to the fact that forces are being rallied for an all-out attack on the city in the near future by housewives, businessmen, doctors, teachers, and others who have enlisted in the Red Feather battalion to raise funds for the Community Chest.

This year, as in years past, Torrance residents will be asked, and will respond enthusiastically, to contribute to the fund which is split up among Southland hospitals, family and personal counseling agencies, rehabilitative groups, and services to dependent and neglected children.

Statistics on the need have been and will be carried in the news columns of the HERALD during this campaign—there is no denying the fact that most of each dollar collected is used to provide services which, for the most part, are unobtainable through any other source.

When the Community Chest volunteer calls on you, why don't you remember the Red Feather slogan for 1955: "Feel Good--Give Big."

Dial and Error

Berkeley, Calif., has just acquired the first telephone exchange west of the Mississippi which provides direct dialing of numbers in New York, Chicago, and many other eastern cities. It is another long step in the steady march of industry toward ever closer communications between all people.

With the highest of respect for this newest development of an inventive and progressive industry, we cannot avoid a wry thought about some of its human implications. What, for instance, of the trans-continental dialing phone owner imposed upon by one of those incorrigible telephonist addicts, who think that Long Distance is the shortest path between two old buddies?

We fear that under such circumstances not even the engineering genius of Pacific Tel and Tel can assuage the financial anguish of those for whom the tolls swell.

IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

CYNICAL MEANS DOOLIKE!
(From GUY KING'S, 1955)

U.S. MINE SWEEPERS
REGULARLY FLY MATERS OF NEW YORK HARBOR—TO SATELARY SHIPPERS AGAINST STOLEN FLUENT MINES SWEEPERS ALSO OPERATE ON THE WEST COAST, AT SAN PEDRO, SAN DIEGO, ETC.

NOW WERE THE GUY BEBERT DINOSAUR FOSSELS DISCOVERED?
NEXT ISSUE

WAS KARL KONZEN, OF LOS ANGELES, THE BROTHER OF KARL KONZEN, WHO WAS BORN ON THE 27TH OF A MONTH?

United Nations



AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

TAIPEI, FORMOSA—I talked with people recently in Singapore, Saigon and Hong Kong—as well as in the United States—who sincerely believe that the West should sacrifice Formosa to Red China in order to end the crisis in the Far East. Most of these people have never been to Formosa, nor do they have first-hand knowledge of the complicated problems involved in the "Formosa question."

First, there is the issue of international morality... our promise to defend free men against Communist attack. Then the question of peril to the U. S. if the Reds occupy Formosa. Then the reaction of Formosa's fall in areas like Indo-China, Malaya, Korea, Philippines, Japan, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia, Singapore, Burma, Hong Kong. Then the effect all this would have on the Communist drive to enslave the world. The fall of Formosa could set off a reaction that could destroy the last outpost of freedom in the Far East, from Japan to Southeast Asia.

Our top military leaders—General Douglas MacArthur, Admiral Radford, General Bradley, Marshall, Van Fleet.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

Want to be a football expert? You might as well. Everybody else is getting into the act. Even before the season opened, we learned who was going to win how many games, who would beat who, who the All-Americans would be, who would win the conference games and go to which bowl, and what the scores of the bowl games would be. All this happened on Sept. 1, four months before the bowl games started.

If you eye the papers, you'll find all kinds of predictions—ranging from a grading system of one to 100 expounded by one "expert" to the older study of the schedule-and-pick-type. Some pick only the teams, while other more daring individuals try to pick the score too. If they hit the right score once in a while, they can hold it up and say, "What a good boy am I!"

Millions of laymen get into the act every week. After looking at what the "experts" have to say, they consult their pocketbooks and offer to give their neighbor "UCLA and six points." If they win they're happy. If not, they try again next week.

Figsin-wise, there's also a lot of prognosticators who think that the southern division of the Pacific Coast is getting stronger and the northern division weaker. Some of the boys have been trumpeting that the southern division should concede from the northern division were fairly well silenced when Washington dumped SC, 7-0.

Ridgway, Clark, Taylor, have privately told this reporter and publicly testified before several joint hearings of the Senate that "it would be dangerous to the security of the United States if Formosa falls in Communist hands." In spite of these warnings, the United States is being pressured to drop Formosa by some of our "trade-hungry" allies, Communist propagandists inside the U. S. and a small but powerful force of misguided internationalists, liberals, socialists, pacifists, intellectuals, who believe that we should trade off Formosa for peace with Red China. Let us suppose that these groups succeed and we stop our aid to Formosa as the first step toward recognition of Red China into the UN.

If our military aid to Formosa ends it will be only a matter of time when it will fall to Red China, in one way or another. A military invasion of Formosa by Red China is not logistically possible at this time unless Russia intervenes, which is not likely. The Nationalists can annihilate a Red invasion of Formosa, since we are committed by treaty to help them defend it. But Formosa can be lost from another direction... through a Far East Munich.

The first step in that direction would be to drop the Republic of China from the UN, which some of our allies advocate. Red China would then be voted in. As a compromise, Formosa for the time being would be placed under a UN trusteeship for a "period of time," which is the diplomatic language for "go ahead and grab it at the first opportunity." The U. S., as a member of the UN, must either honor the UN decision, or resign. The chances are the U. S. would not pull out of the UN. Then the U. S. Seventh Fleet will be forced to end the protection of Formosa and the U. S. military mission and our equipment would return home.

With Formosa in Red hands and Chiang Kai-shek and his staff dead or exiled, the U. S. will lose a loyal anti-Communist army of over 600,000 and 600,000 reserves in the Far East. It will also lose millions of Chinese friends in Asia. Then Formosa would become a base for the Russian fleet, while ours is pushed back 5000 miles to Pearl Harbor. With the Red navy and air force patrolling the Far East, it will be only a matter of time when the Reds will overwhelm the last breath of freedom from Japan to South East Asia.

With Russian submarines and warships plowing between Formosa and Vladivostok, Japan and Korea will crumble to Communism. With Red warships patrolling Formosa and Hanoi, the Philippines are as good as gone to Communism. "Formosa will give Russia and China a military and naval base of fantastic proportions, with the ability to strike in any direction and win," said General Douglas MacArthur to the Senate.

Russia and Red China see Formosa as a military and psychological barrier to conquest of the Pacific and ultimately the world. Only the U. S. and the indomitable spirit of the Republic of China and President Chiang Kai-shek stand between them and success. Unemotional reflections will reveal that the defense of Formosa is primarily a defense of the United States... of freedom of nations in the Far East in their life battle against Communism... and only incidentally a defense of Chiang Kai-shek and Free China as allies toward a common goal.

and I Quote

"It is fashionable among leftist business leaders who have no sympathy with our system of free enterprise to attack businessmen in government." —NAM President Henry G. Riter, 3rd.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Measurements in time and space are relative things as we were reminded the other evening when talking to San Pedro's ace photographer, Herb Phillips. Herb, who is a head taller than three kegs of beer, has a pat answer for ordinary people who look up at him and ask "How tall are you?" Herb always says, "I'm only five foot seven." He is, too, at least.

On the other hand, measurements in time can be just as relative. For example, a couple of early season critics were being discussed the other evening when one fellow remarked to his partner with the sniffles, "now you can doctor that cold yourself, take all the home remedies you ever heard of, and in a couple of days it will go away. But, if you want to go to the doctors and get some shots of penicillin, ACTH, B-1, and mixtures of aspirin, beladonna, and codeine, he can cure you in 14 days."

It's like the elevator ride down into the bowels of Hoover Dam which I told you about last May. It takes a minute and a half to go down but only 90 seconds to come up. Somebody always wants to know why it takes longer to go down.

Our nomination for the understatement of the week goes to the remarks of Capt. George R. Reinjohn, commander of the Los Angeles station of the California Highway Patrol, who was describing the delivery to CHP of 100 new 1956 automobiles and the test runs made on the test track at the first 10, 000 miles of the record run were accomplished at an average speed of 105.43 mph. Capt. George R. Reinjohn, commander of the CHP station at Los Angeles, agreed that it seldom is necessary to change a lawbreaker for such protracted periods of time.

One of the world-famed Einstein's I don't know which because I can't tell them apart) told Harbor area pressmen and members of the San Pedro Elks Lodge the other evening that they were "all amendment Americans." Those fellows are a very interesting story to tell.

It occurs to us that Arthur Godfrey has stumbled on to the perfect publicity gimmick. Any time he wants to make the front page any more, all he has to do is fire some more of his dwindling staff.

Here and there: The water situation in the City Hall corridor has been solved—temporarily. A bottle of spring water in a Dixie cup dispenser has been set up beside the malfunctioning electric cooler while it sits waiting for parts from Connecticut... We weren't alone in wondering what the chip had in mind when he voted the S.T.O.P. mark on pavement at 182nd and Crenshaw. The Council ordered the holes filled... week—with some remarks we wouldn't care to repeat... Slightly miffed resident leaves the Council chambers Tuesday night after sitting out a matter for nearly two hours only to find it was set for discussion on Nov. 8: "For this I missed the \$54,000 question." (He could have missed more.) Fire Chief J. J. Benner, looking over one of the Council Chamber tables and seeing the Planning Secretary, Police Chief, and assistant to the City Manager seated at a table moving a chair up to the press table between HERALD and Long Beach reporters.

Ooooo, what that Stan Freberg does to the memory of Stephen Foster with his new melody of Foster favorites.

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Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Irving "Pat" Epstein, his wife Sis, and their son Michael, live in West Los Angeles where THREE television antennas may be seen adorning the shingle roof of their dwelling. Now three antennas on any man's roof indicates clearly that there are three members of the family who want to watch programs of their individual selection. Such was the original intent in the Epstein domicile but somehow the blueprints of Operation 3-TV were fouled. On any quiet evening at home, the three Epsteins may be found grouped comfortably in front of ONE television screen arguing friendly-like over which program to watch. The ironic note being that they found it too darned LONESOME to lock themselves in separate rooms.

Herbert E. McLean, Valley newspaper publisher, ran a protest by a Valley postmaster that residents were either hiding their street address numbers or omitting them completely from their homes. Thus did Mr. McLean, erstwhile publisher turned reporter, apply the legwork to check the facts, ma'am, and what do you think he uncovered, among other things? The post-office building itself didn't have any street address numbers. Gene Sherman, Times pillarist, tells about the Los Angeles parents who insisted that their son attend U.C.L.A. The boy objected, but then agreed: "Okay, I'll go there if you and mom move to San Francisco."

Reid Bundy, newspaper editor who deals in the large economy size of human interest yarns, reminds me that there is at least one father who is happy to see his children go to the dogs; the father in this case being a flea... Yma Sumac, the Peruvian songstress whose high notes climb the Matterhorn, says that a reckless driver uses his rearview mirror to avoid motorcycle officers, but a capable driver uses it to avoid accidents.

Readers are invited to contribute bright sayings of their own youngsters. Today's KUTEST KIDDY KRACK: Edison S. Stewart, age 8, listened to his teacher's story how Sir Isaac Newton discovered the law of gravity while sitting on the ground looking at a tree. "Isn't that wonderful?" she asked her youngsters and Edison replied: "Yes'm. He wouldn't have discovered 'em if he had to be in school looking at books." ... Someone on Peter Potter's Platter Parade almost created an international crisis when he said that Danny Thomas couldn't sing the blues. With easy informality, Danny later admitted it was true. "I'm doing so well on television and am making so much money," said Danny, "how can I possibly sing the blues?"

Displeasure contorted the features of the husband at the dinner table as the cost of living hit his wife: "Don't give me so much meat and potatoes! I'm an office worker, not a truck driver!" Waving her ever-ready olive branch, his wife soothed him: "Okeh, okeh, so leave what you can eat for me." "It's too late!" screamed her husband. "I finished it!" ... Gene Sherman comes up with another dandy, this one about the gridiron schedule mentioning the San Francisco State vs. San Diego State game, and emphasizing the fact that it will be a "home game" for San Quentin.

Songwriters Phil Moody and Pony Sherrill say it's a fair accomplishment that the cost of living has soared so high they'll just have to write a new song titled: "I Found a Five and Ten Cent Baby in a Million Dollar Store" ... Robert O. Vincent, one of my literary friends who is always reminding me that I don't know a split infinitive from an ablative absolute (and I don't), tells me the tale about the man who bought a new automobile. When the salesman asked: "Would you like to drive out to see his children go to the dogs; the purchaser threw up his hands and protested: "No! No! Let it stay right here. I'll never find a parking place as good as this one."

Send us your youngsters' bright sayings. Here's today's KUTEST KIDDY KRACK. When asked by his visiting aunt when he intended to be married, 8-year-old Augie Sherman replied: "I'm never going to be married. I've lived with married people all my life."

Art Ryan, Pasadena's contribution to the literary arts, knows a fellow named Reese who works for Life Magazine. With which Mr. Ryan sings: "Ah, sweet Mr. Reese of Life, at last I've found you."

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT
BY FRANKLIN J. MEENE
Editor, American Peoples Encyclopedia

MEETINGS ON HORSE RACING EXCEEDED 2 BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY WHEN ATTENDANCE DURING THE 1955 SEASON TOPPED THE 28,000,000 MARK.

ORPHANAGE

THE STATE OF KENTUCKY OPERATES 100 BOOKABLES IN 100 OF THE STATES 120 COURTESY TO OTHER READING MATERIALS WHERE NO LIBRARIES EXIST.

There are approximately 175,000 children in foster homes in the United States. 2 children under 21 years of age in institutions total 95,000.

Did you know that

YOU MAY GET CASH TO PAY OLD BILLS!

Here's good news for you. If you are worried over unpaid bills, or installment payments that are too large for comfort, you may get cash here to clean them all up... you will then have a smaller payment, one place to pay each month, and you will HAVE EXTRA SPENDING MONEY.

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