

# EDITORIALS

## Faithful Public Service

John Abbinghouse, who has served the Torrance Chamber of Commerce well during the past year as president, shortly will complete his term of office.

Mr. Abbinghouse has steered the Chamber's course through one of its most troubled years. The strains of population growth, political huckstering and other unfavorable factors created several crises that called for safe and sane guidance. Exhibiting rare patience and tireless energy, President Abbinghouse not only kept his own equilibrium but prevented bitter heads from losing their and perhaps jeopardizing the whole future of this very important organization.

It would be unthinkable for a city of the size and industrial magnitude of Torrance to be without the services of a Chamber of Commerce. Now more than ever does this city of phenomenal growth need the guidance of an organization dedicated to all of the best interests of the city.

There are hundreds of firms and individuals who should be members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. They should view membership not only as a civic responsibility, but as a sound expense of doing business, an investment in their own future.

If you are not now a member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, why not join today? It is one way of showing appreciation for the selfless service given by such men as Mr. Abbinghouse and the others who have served faithfully with him during the past year and the years before.

## Need for Signs

The Chamber of Commerce has authorized the expenditure of funds necessary to erect five electric signs in the area that will appease motorists they're passing through Torrance. This is excellent, but we wonder when the City of Torrance is going to get around to erecting city limit signs that will let people know when they are entering the confines of this sprawling city of 82,000?

This writer made a survey on his own last Sunday. Five motorists of the thousands who pass through the Hollywood-Rivers section of Torrance were asked directions to Torrance. Although every one had just driven into the place at Picoa Verdes from the north, not one even knew he had been in Torrance. One motorist thought Torrance was somewhere "over near Long Beach."

While this average might be high, it can be assumed there are very few people who drive out to Westland from Los Angeles who are aware they have been in Torrance.

The need for adequate city limit signs is an obvious, and their value is great. It is inconceivable that we should be getting along without them. Here is one expense item Torrance can afford.

## Short Takes...

**Jefferson (Ky.) Jeffersonian:** "Men and women willing to stem the tide of over-spending should not only be encouraged to run for public office, but should be militantly supported once they decide to make the sacrifice. And a sacrifice is what it really means, to oppose well organized pressure groups that are willing to make demands for legislation for their benefit at the expense of the general taxpaying public."

## The Freelancer

By TOM RICHIE

Schools should accumulate the positive facts about American freedoms, but not quite eliminate the negative facts about Communism. Dr. J. H. Hill, school superintendent believes.

In other words, he believes that Americans should be taught to cherish America and its heritage, while being taught about communism and its heritage.

This makes good sense, because the facts should speak for themselves, or very nearly so.

In the old days, our ancestors used to worship American institutions and the great leaders—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln. This era was followed by a decade or so in which it became rather stylish to sneer at America and show and at its heroes. Many people decided that America was too commonplace for them and thought it should be more like Europe.

At the meantime, communism reared its ugly head. As a theory, communism sounded good, perhaps even better than the American system. In practice, it was something else again. The recent Rosenberg reveals, which have filled the free world with the most profound sense of horror, served to show again that communism is only a nice theory, it does not work when humans enter the picture.

While Americans were sitting around idealistically arguing about what they should do, the communists were plotting to dominate the world. To date, the Reds haven't done too badly. But the Ringier message may have been their big mistake, because they showed all the world what their system really means.

This is what Hill proposes should be taught to local school children.

A parent can hand his child a chemistry set, but if the youngster doesn't know how to use it, he may get hurt. If a child studies how it works, he also may get hurt.

America was built on the idea of freedom for everybody, which presumably includes communists, who have used this freedom to work against freedom. The eventual result is that freedom works against freedom.

Children may have to live with communism all their lives. Nearly everyone in America hopes that this will not be the case, but the situation is in the lap of the gods.

There is, however, a danger in rapid anti-communism. Some strong pro-American feel that they must adopt communist tactics in fighting communism. The Reds purge those who do not agree with them and some Red fighters seem to feel they should do the same, although many of the people who disagree with them may not be communists or even communist sympathizers.

Americans, however, throughout their history have distinguished freedom with justice. America has faults, to be sure, but it is still the best country on earth. May it always be so.



## YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN SANDERS

Dear Ann: You read your column for a long time and have split my sides laughing at some of the fixes people manage to get themselves into. Now I have a problem that may sound funny to the next guy but to me it's no joke.

I've been married four years to a beautiful but impractical woman. Her main interest in life is clothes. Of course she's in the street every day and shows the streets better than the sales people. The bills are murder.

But my problem is her former boy friend who was recently divorced and is now back in town. He's spent an apartment in the neighborhood and hangs around at least four nights a week.

They watch TV, play records and make popcorn. I feel like an outsider. I've heard whispers that he comes over in the afternoons, too. Frankly, I'm worried. Any suggestions?—Biff.

Dear Biff: Just one—tell the old boy friend if he doesn't quit hanging around your wife you'll let him have her.

Dear Ann: My story is a rough one. Maybe you can help me.

Shortly after our marriage, four years ago, my mother slapped my wife during an argument. Since that time they haven't got along together worth a darn.

Her mother hit me with a skilled during a political discussion so we haven't been too friendly. Now my wife is expecting and is very nervous. She needed care I couldn't afford so I took her to her mother's place. After a few weeks she was better so I asked her to come home. Her folks put up a fuss and I had to call the sheriff. Her whole family turned on me and I'm really in the doghouse now.

My wife refuses to stay home because she's afraid my mother may come over. She says she's only happy in her own mother's home. For a woman 39 years old does this sound normal? What kind of marriage can I have if my wife won't leave her mother? I'm uncomfortable in their house.—Caluppy Mat.

Your wife needs professional help and you need a better relationship with your in-laws. If you must wear a crash-helmet when entering their home, small wonder you're uncomfortable. Had that sheriff let their help to comfort you to them.

Perhaps after the baby comes, the feeling will be better. If it doesn't improve, I suggest you move as far away as possible from both your folks and hers.

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 14 and have a problem that's driving me crazy. I've been going steady four months with a nice guy. Lately I've lost interest in him and want to talk it over.

I've tried to break off four different times but he always manages to talk me out of it. I have nothing against him except that I'm bored with his company and want to go out with other fellows. What can I do to get the idea across once and for all? Can you simply write "no" for an answer?—Debbie.

If you don't know how to get a guy to take "no" for an answer, I suggest you stay home for a couple of years or you may find yourself in serious trouble.

Debbie is too young to be harassed and lectured to one fellow. Start to accept other invitations and he'll get the picture.

Dear Ann: I'm being to a club that meets every two weeks. One of the members is rumored to be more than mildly interested in the member of another member.

One of us girls have been suspicious for quite a while and after piecing our bits of information together we are pretty sure they've been meeting secretly. Both parties have families. Do you think we should follow this up and take action?—The G's.

If you want to make a mountain out of a molehill, just leave nothing done.

Since it's "secretive" you girls are looking for why don't you volunteer to be Den Mothers for the Cub Scouts? This will put your energies to work in a fine constructive way.

Confidentially, MRS. M. Your husband's first obligation is to you and his four kids—not his father. Tell him, sister—or.

Ann Sanders will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper.

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## GLAZED BITS

By BARNES GLAZIER

Many men claim they are not interested in marriage, and they have wives at home to prove it. . . .

Our cat is so spoiled, she's been putting on the dog. Most unpopular TV program with husbands: KULE'S "Mildred" which is showing furs for Christmas. . . . Sign on a fish market: "Porgy and Bess."

Sign on the gate of a suburban home: "Psychiatry."

All Torrance, the harpist King, gives us this one devoted to salesman:

The Lord gave us two ends to use.

One to think with; one to sit with.

Your sales depend on which you choose.

Reads you win; talks you lose.

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# AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

At this moment nothing but the power of the United States stands between the State of Israel and disaster. In spite of what is being said about the formidable army of Israel, it is not the army that could not defend itself against the combined onslaught of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iraq, if it were not for the military ability of the United States to defeat all of Israel's enemies including the Soviet Union.

If this were not the case, Russia would have already added Egypt and Jordan to its momentous list of satellites and with the defenders of Israel. This is a commission is shared by the Pentagon military experts who have talked to and it is shared privately by Israel spokesmen who confided to me that Israel would face catastrophe if it were not for the United States.

Publicly Israel boasts that it is capable of annihilating Egypt at any time. This means that a nation of about 1,000,000 can attack and defeat Egypt, a nation of 23,000,000, on its own soil, and do it with its supplies coming only by sea. . . . and with its tanks open to attack from the north, the center and the south, which would be the case as Syria, Lebanon and Jordan would certainly attack Israel if a state of war existed with Egypt.

Russia openly supplying military weapons to Egypt and Syria, it is wishful thinking for anyone to conclude that Israel can win.

Today Egypt camps in the field an army of 3,000,000 men to Israel's 500,000. And another 1,000,000 from Egypt's Arab and Moslem allies and you have a force which will be indeed difficult to annihilate. This is not to discount Israel's well-trained, well-equipped army. But this army is trained for defense, not for attack against the entire border of Israel. Any other commission is inviting disaster for Israel, unless the United States is ready to go to war in the Middle East to help them.

We have reported in these columns direct from the Middle East that the Arab-Muslim states are not politically united, nor are they culturally united. They are united through religion only. On some issues they are poles apart, on others definitely divided for any kind of united and concerted effort. They agree only on their hatred for

Israel. The West should make no mistake about that. Over 50,000,000 Arab-Muslims are united from Turkey to Pakistan against the existence of Israel on Palestine soil.

The most formidable foe of Israel in this Arab-Muslim lineup is of course, Egypt with 23,000,000 people. Opportunist Nasser, still writing from his recent Israel defeat, has vowed revenge on Israel by his most recent statement: "I will join the devil himself if he will help Egypt to annihilate Israel." With Russian military assistance and prompting, he can explode the Middle East at any moment.

Jordan's population, 1,500,000 has the second strongest army on the borders of Israel, which includes about 60,000 Palestinian refugees for a total of about 100,000. Jordan has a military pact with Egypt and Syria and has the longest open border with Israel.

Syria's population, 3,500,000 is closer allied to Communism than any other Middle East nation. Its army and security police are headed by a pro-Communist. It is Egypt's closest ally, already having broken relations with Britain and France when they invaded the Suez canal. It recently destroyed the oil pipeline and stopped the oil flow to the Mediterranean ports and will continue to block all oil through Syria until the British, French and Israeli leave Egypt.

Lebanon's population, 1,500,000 has more than 150,000 Palestinian refugees, most of these male adults being trained in suicidal underground units based on the northern border of Israel. While Lebanon supports the Arab-Muslim line, she is not as hostile to Israel as the other members. Lebanon is pro-West in policy, especially toward the United States.

Saudi Arabia's population, 7,000,000 is another pro-U.S. league. Although King Saud publicly supports Nasser, he does not favor Nasser's policy of endangering the operation of Suez for fear of losing oil revenues, nor does he support Nasser in his plan of becoming the leader of the Arab-Muslim league. Saudi Arabia is probably the most anti-Communist nation in the Middle East and has openly expressed its policy against Soviet infiltration.

Iran's population, 25,500,000 is another pro-U.S. state, but sides strongly with Egypt on the question of Israel. Like

Iran, she is a member of the Baghdad pact against Communist infiltration of the Middle East. Iran opposed Nasser's seizure of the Suez canal because it did threaten reduction of oil revenues. The closing of the canal has already brought economic hardships to Iran.

Iraq's population, 5,400,000 is the only Arab country in the Baghdad pact, but since the British and French invasion of Egypt proclaimed its abstention from any Baghdad pact. It is a member of the Middle East and has proclaimed her support to Nasser and to his policies against Israel.

Israel's able foreign minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, said upon her arrival in the United States that "peace will only come to the Middle East when the Arabs and Muslims realize that Israel cannot be destroyed." This is sound reasoning, but an oversimplification of the crisis between Arab and Jew. It is not the existence of the State of Israel that keeps the pot boiling in the Middle East, but that the Arab and Muslim is convinced that the State of Israel was created on land they occupied for 1,400 years, and that some 600,000 Palestinian Arabs have lost their homes and property to which they are unable to return in Palestine.

Mrs. Meir says that these refugees could return to their Palestine homes as soon as a peace treaty has been drawn between Israel and the Arab States. But no such treaty has been drawn for the past eight years and no peace treaty is in sight in the next eight years, because the Arab-Muslim league doesn't want it if it means the existence of Israel on Palestine soil.

The big question Mrs. Meir failed to answer is, "why doesn't Israel allow these refugees to return to their homes in Palestine without waiting for a peace treaty which may never come?" She also failed to explain where the Jewish people would go who now occupy the Arab homes in Palestine when the Arabs are allowed to return.

Israel with a population of 1,800,000 exists today because of the fanatical dedication of its people. . . . their miraculous success in industry and agriculture. . . . and the financial assistance of the United States and its Jewish and Gentile supporters abroad.

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135,000	1968	3.75
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