

EDITORIALS

Still A Great Day

This day with millions still in political and actual slavery; in many sections of the world independence day holds as much significance as the day the founders of this republic gathered in Philadelphia for the immortal Declaration.

Modern Americans who think it brave to stand up for their principles should realize the real risks taken by that band of courageous colonists who boldly placed their "John Hancock" on what may well have been their own death warrants. Many of them would die with a great deal to live for. They cast material interests to the four winds in a document that has influenced the course of thinking over the world over.

Russian men and women behind the Iron Curtain still are doing in a revolt against tyranny that temporarily at least seems due for tragic failure. Yet these men, too, will not have died in vain and some day their actions and sacrifices will trigger a chain reaction that will tumble the tyrants from their throne of hate and revenge.

American boys a glorious heritage, unexcelled by any nation in the world. It is well that they continue to observe Independence Day with fervor and gratitude. This Wednesday should be a happy day, an occasion of real celebration and a time for reflection on the enduring principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

It appears to me that most people are so constituted as to see what is wrong with things more than is right. For that reason we believe that a critical view of political history would show political agitators prone to cater more to our "hobbies" than our "likes." We have set in political campaigns of both parties and the techniques of some professional politicians are not too different. They both seem to emphasize the "wrongness" of the opposition with more a word for the "rightness." They advise their candidates to get the voters to have something of somebody.

Between now and November 1st as the people are going to be excited to observe the 50th anniversary of the nation. We have been conducting presidential campaigns since Hoover-Roosevelt in 1928 and every political year seems to be more critical than the last in the nation's history. This is just now as it has not been so. It is most unfortunate that some political orators have the mistaken notion that the most critical moment in the nation's history is that moment when they are making a political speech.

It's a wise voter who can tell the difference between a statesman and a politician. The only contact most people have with their chosen representatives is via radio, TV, or personal appearances at service clubs and political meetings. It is in the realm of personal appearances where a voter can get close to the candidate and take advantage of the opportunity to ask specific questions on issues.

Even then it's hard to pin some of the boys down. For some of them are masters with words and experts in usually avoiding, straightforward commitments. More and more voters are becoming aware that most political oratory is rich in abstractions, in evasions, in contradictions, in half-truths, in flippant exaggerations and in statements. Most political oratory we have heard includes all or one of these categories. It is rare political speech which at close examination is devoid of a tyranny of words intended to convey the impression that the opposition plans to destroy the Republic.

political "state" more and more when political speakers lose contact with fact and common sense. The young voters especially are mounting specific and concrete charges of the candidates if the candidate is blustering "bravery"; they want to know what officials are referring to. Those include members of his own party who help to frame the laws, or just the opposition?

When the political candidate blazes as "monopolies" is he blustering all monopolies back to industry and the giant labor unions or just the category which suits his political purpose?

When he pits "Wall Street vs. the Common Man" does he include those of his political party who made their money on Wall Street, and since when is finance what he is in Wall Street or La Salle Street or Boston Street or Spring Street which provides the funds for business? Is he "common man" the one who wears a white collar at \$100 a week or a blue one at \$25 a day? Who is the "common man" in 1936?

When he sheds extended tears about "Big Business vs. Small Business," does he mean that big business is bad because it is big and that small business is virtuous because of its size? Doesn't he know that if it were not for big business and mass production, we would have to pay at least \$10,000 for a small car and at least \$1000 for a TV set? And if it were not for the small business, big business could not market the automobile and TV sets, or service them?

We heard a political aspirant condemn "government economic planning" as Communist. Is he not aware that most every successful business, every successful enterprise practices "economic planning"? General Motors and Yale university and the church around the corner all practice economic planning for their very survival. Were these candidates resorting to "fictitious fear to divide and confuse the voters?"

Since the first political campaign we covered between Hoover-Roosevelt in 1928, we have been exposed to candidates in both parties who proved to be dishonest and a disgrace to their high office. The fact that we have survived and prospered as a great nation is proof that these always have been in the great minority. Most of those we are privileged to know on the national and local level are men and women of the highest integrity and dedication. For most of them to be in political life is a thankless and non-rewarding job. We like to believe that many men and women enter the political arena to help, not hinder, our national unity. There will always be some who get in for less hon-

orable reasons. There is a growing crop of young and untried voters all over the nation beginning to take serious stock of political statements as they can better identify the difference.

Out of the Past

From the files of THE TORRANCE HERALD

10 Years Ago This Month

July, 1926

The HERALD was out with a special issue called "Welcome Home" and dedicated to the many veterans returning from World War I. . . . Miss Frances Barrington was officially crowned Miss Torrance of 1926 at the 10th of July Veterans Banquet. . . . Capt. and Mrs. Robert Jackson, Shirley Qualls, Lloyd Knudsen, L. Carmen Anastasia, L. S. E. Black, L. and Mrs. Alfred Testefahan, and L. Fred Lincoln were back in town after a Civil Air Patrol flight to Emsade, Baja California.

20 Years Ago This Month

July, 1916

J. W. McQuaid was installed as president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. According to Postmaster C. Earl Conner, postal receipts were the highest in the history of the city, totaling \$34,107.17 as compared to the previous high, set in 1910, of \$30,389.24, an increase of \$3717.93. . . . Louis Zamperini took a second in the semi-finals of the Olympic trials at the Los Angeles Coliseum, but almost missed a chance to compete in the final trials for the team in New York when most officials announced that there were not enough funds available to pay travel expenses for the qualifying athletes back east. Local residents got together and raised enough money to send the Torrance Olympic distance prospect to the final meet.

30 Years Ago This Month

July, 1906

The J. B. Lancasters left to spend the summer vacation in Alaska. . . . Reports that Almee Sample McPherson was staying at the La Venta Inn, Palos Verdes Estates, were made by a group of local women who were at the Inn for a bridge party and noticed the Evangelist in the lounge. . . . The Torrance Chamber of Commerce received assurances from the Los Angeles City Council that the portion of the "Hoisting Strip" would soon be paved. . . . Mrs. Effie Jane Hayden, military instructor, was in Los Angeles on her way to an educational convention at Huntington Lake.

Just Between Us Arabs



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I attended a wedding recently and tried to find out if anyone in the receiving line paid attention to what was being said to them by the hundreds of well-wishers who flit past. I shook blankly politely and remarked: "My grandmother died today." The replies were: "How nice." "Thank you very much." and "So sweet of you to say so."

Tell me, Mrs. Landers, how business can people get? I like your comments on this. . . . These people aren't insincere, they're simply exhausted! Their faces are still from smiling. Their hands are swollen. Clutches are they don't know many people from the other side of the family and are making a noble attempt to appear friendly to all. . . . With all this going on — you're kidding to see if they're listening to every word that's being said? Silly boy!

I'd take the quarter and say "Thank you very much." Then I'd buy a pretty card for 50 cents—being it home.

Dear Ann: My husband and I both work like dogs and we both work like dogs to make ends meet. You found out when we are on the job we'll drive by dozens of nice clean places where we could buy lunch—then stop at a crummy joint where a certain waitress sits at the stool next to him and talks to him. This waitress has ordered flowers from us three different times. He insists on following them personally.

But this isn't the end, Ann. The other night he took me of our kids on the beach and went into that joint to get coffee. He bought the coffee and some orange juice. When he came home he said he had had wanted an orange, so he took her there. I know he was being about who wanted what because she said he "didn't ask me if I wanted a pear and I said no." How do I handle this problem?

You'll be preparing a funeral wreath for your marriage unless you change your approach. At your husband works "like a dog" he should be off the beach long enough to select the place where he wants to get someone pointing at lunch time.

Say no more about the waitress or soon he'll figure if he's got the name he may as well have the game. To pump the kid is unforgive.

Knock off the garbage work and don't employ your children as Peewee Eyes. If you'd show a little faith and trust, your husband might deliver a bouquet to you now and then—as well as to the customers.

Dear Ann: I'm 17 and at my wife's end. I'm not very close to my parents and have never been able to discuss my problems with them. I'm in love with a serious man overseas. I've known him four years but we only had two dates before he left. Through our letters we became engaged and want to be married. He won't be home until 18 and writes that I should come overseas and become his bride.

I'm saving every cent I can because life without him means nothing. . . . If you're going to marry this boy whether he's 16 or 17, I hope for your sake it's 16. Only a little food would mean an ocean to marry a boy on the strength of two dates and a handful of letters tied in blue ribbon. If this love is genuine and will last "forever"—it should be able to hold together for another two years.

M. AND M. Joint purchase? Joint ownership? . . . Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of THE HERALD.

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