

EDITORIALS

Big '57 Predicted

Optimism based on knowledge of the plans of the nation's leading corporations, was the keynote of the views expressed by the Board of Directors of National Sales Executives, Inc., at a meeting in Washington this month.

Ninety-nine per cent of the directors quizzed in a survey stated that the economic outlook in their areas was "good" for 1957. Reasons for this expected high level of activity were: industrialization in their region, expansion of industry, better administration and higher take home pay.

Wage increases seem to be in line for workers in 78 per cent of the companies whose directors attended the meeting, while 54 per cent of the panel revealed that price increases were likely in their companies.

Capital investments within the year will be increased by 94 per cent of the companies despite the fact that 53 per cent have found a lack of money for loans. This low availability of credit was attributed to current Federal Reserve Board policy and the increased demand for the use of money.

Looking at prospects as gauged by consumer reaction, 68 per cent of the reporting companies said that they have encountered no reluctance to buy. All members of the NSE board of directors felt that consumer desire would continue high through 1956 and 98 per cent expect no letdown through 1957.

SALISBURY, N. C., POST: "Things are really looking up for the Soviet worker. Now he can no longer be thrown in jail for quitting his job. . . . Under the new labor decrees those guilty of infractions of work discipline will not be hauled into court. Instead they can be fined, demoted or deprived of bonuses and seniority by management. Grand, isn't it?"

The Schoolosophy Corner

"Is There a Place for the Expert in Democracy?"

When Thomas Jefferson said, "I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves," he was showing shrewd insight and judgment. But when he added, "and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education," he was exhibiting the sheer genius of which he was capable.

There is still a very strong segment of American leadership that shows lack of faith in the ability of the people to make important decisions. It should be noted, however, that Jefferson himself highly qualified his faith in the people. This is perhaps more clear in his statement that, "if a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and what never will be."

This is no statement of blind faith in the people—it is a statement of faith in enlightened, intelligent, educated people.

It means more than that. It is an expression of the responsibility we have of providing adequate educational opportunity for all if we are to remain free.

Many times in a professional career in public life one has cause and reason to ponder and evaluate these and other statements of Jefferson. The one which one needs to re-read once in a while to keep his sense of values is Jefferson's reference to a free press.—"the only security for all is in a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted, when permitted freely to be expressed. The agitation it produces must be submitted to. It is necessary to keep the waters pure."

Thinking these things through for many years and on many different and specific occasions, one is led to conclusions about them that require some explaining.

In order for the people to be a safe depository for a power, the power or decision must in the first place be something for which the people can legitimately and justifiably assume responsibility, and that definitely isn't everything.

All too often under the guise of democracy in government or administration of any kind, we see the spectacle of the pooling of ignorance to arrive at a decision that can much more effectively be answered by an expert, and in much less time.

Jefferson didn't say let the stupid decide. He said let the enlightened decide, and if necessary, educate them first.

Democracy is, therefore, necessarily dependent on education for success. Only Dr. Salk and his professional colleagues have the knowledge to guide the polio vaccine program.

Only the members of a public body which has all the facts before it can make intelligent decisions in certain areas. It would be folly to ask those who had no information on it what to do about a given matter.

That is perhaps why a representative republic is better than a pure democracy. Several times in public life the writer has observed an elected representative of the people sampling the opinions of his uninformed friends and neighbors to help him arrive at a decision on how to vote on a subject that only he, the other members of the public body, and its staff have sufficient knowledge to make a responsible decision.

The folly of his procedure is obvious. The blind can lead the blind over the precipice with complete irresponsibility and, therefore, aren't qualified to lead.

The folly of the public attempting to determine and prescribe the teaching method to be used by the schools is also obvious.

Because one has been to school some time in his life doesn't make him an educator nor an authority on teaching methods. This fact everyone seems to overlook as they permit the clamor for spelling bees, or phonics drills. Hazy recollections and dreams of a school of the past do not make for good decisions about teaching for today.

The question is—when shall we depend on the expert—and when shall we take a vote on it? There is a proper time to do each.

Installing An Engine



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Mrs. Landers: Recently I had a house guest from another city. We've been friends for years and I had a party for her (friends of my husband and myself). The results have made me almost ill. Please tell me if I did wrong.

We served cocktails and the "guest of honor" got pretty stiff. When someone suggested we play charades, she put on a show that was disgraceful. The girl almost disrobed and her behavior was most unladylike. I tried to laugh it off and said, "please don't mind her—she's had a little too much to drink." She started an argument with me—shouted she was just as sober as I—and rushed to the basement to be alone.

The next morning she said I'd made a fool of her and left on the next train. I tried to square things but it was impossible. She left without saying goodbye and I fear our friendship is over. She's my little girl's God-mother and I'm just sick over this. Please let me know your views on the mess. —MRS. P.A.

There's plenty you can do about it. If you can't afford a lawyer look up Legal Aid in the telephone directory. Throw—not only the book—but the complete library at this woman!

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 13 and everywhere I go I have to take my 11-year-old brother along. He can't dance and just chases girls and acts silly.

Whenever refreshments are served he's the first one to the table and makes a big pig of himself. My folks say I have to take him along to parties so I won't be walking home alone in the dark. I'm perfectly willing to be home by 7 or let my mom or dad come for me. I've not been invited to a few parties recently and I'm sure it's because the kids are fed up on this little brother of mine. What is your advice, Mrs. Landers? —E.G.

Your parents are being unfair to you. A girl who has permission to attend parties shouldn't be saddled with an 11-year-old brother. He alternatives of coming home before 7 or having mom or dad pick up on sound extremely sensible. I'm with you —and good luck.

Dear Ann: We, the undersigned, are 20 red-blooded American gals who are employed in an office with a bunch of dead-heads. We'd appreciate the names of those 20 red-blooded American boys who haven't been pinched in years. Neither have we. —FS, LJ, GW, JB, MAD, SLC, LG, BR, LS, EEE, KCW, RL, SL, MD, AG, IB, SB, JF, DG, and MZ.

Dear Girls: Wish I could help, but you'll have to find your own pinchers. It's against the rules for me to reveal the identity of those who write to me. So—ooo sorry!

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper. Copyright, 1956, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

It's easy to understand why Irene Dunn was presented in a recent TV film as the mayor of a city. The male voters must have liked her platform. . . . Largest glazing job in the world was completed at the Commonwealth Promenade Apartments and the Esplanade Apartments in Chicago. Exactly 10 acres of glass. . . . Auto insurance premiums will soon be increased, mostly due to serious accidents by drivers under age 25. Once again parents are suffering for the sins of their children.

When Elvis Presley performs, the antics of his audience are much more entertaining than Mr. Presley's. . . . Bob Vincent tells about the young Western Union employee who dashed out of his office, spread his legs far apart and took a flying leap into the air. He landed in the gutter, arose, brushed himself off and said bitterly: "If I ever get my hands on the guy who moved my bicycle!"

Eddie Howard and Eddie Heywood are two orchestra leaders who bear the initials "EH". . . . Bell and Howell's new 16 mm movie camera has a built-in meter permitting you to shoot from light to dark without adjusting your f-stops. . . . Walter Mendelhall describes middle age as the time when your get up and go has gotten up gone. . . . And Walt chuckles over the 105-year-old man who claimed he reached that ripe old age because he quit running around with women when he was 103.

Real estate prices and new construction will soar even higher during the next 12 months. . . . Dizzy spells from his recent auto accident may sound the final quarter gun to pro-footballer Vic Janowicz' career. . . . A teen-age girl is a person who phones her boy friend only 8 times in one night in order to play hard to get.

Lathers and plasterers will soon have 60 cents deducted from their pay checks to pay for an advertising program which will teach the public that plastered walls and ceilings are better than dry walls. . . . The late Dudley Field Malone explained why he was once so badly in debt: "I spent some money on liquor, some on women and the rest foolishly."

Ken Murray doesn't agree with Jack Benny's perennial age 39. "I'll admit I gladly everytime I have a birthday. . . . If I ever get my hands on the guy who moved my bicycle!"

Hollywood is where husbands and wives can't manage their home affairs together, so they separate in order that the husbands can continue to manage their wives' business affairs. . . . Janet Blair and Manny Frank and Kay Starr and Hal Stanley.

I've vowed it before, and I'll vow it again. Nobody is going to draw me into a political discussion. I made up my mind to that a long time ago. . . . A party member told me: "But you're wrong. Political arguments are sound." I'll say they're sound—real loud, noisy sound.

Editor's Note: The current political campaigns reflect the decisions and strategy at the recent political conventions. Veteran reporter John Morley, who was there and who will travel with both Eisenhower and Stevenson during the campaigning, takes his readers behind the strategy at the conventions as a guide to the current campaign. This is Part 4 of a series of five columns.

The "Dump Nixon" campaign, masterminded by Harold Stassen, was not confined to the ranks of the Republican party. Much of the financial support Stassen received came indirectly from Democrats who hate Nixon for personal or other reasons. Among these Nixon-haters are Democrat, as well as Republican Hollywood movie moguls, who were hurt at the box-office by Nixon's Communist investigation a few years back. We picked up enough information in Chicago and San Francisco to convince us that the Stassen "Dump Nixon" drive was not exclusively Stassen or exclusively Republican.

Benjamin Swig, owner of the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, the headquarters of the Republican National convention, was a delegate to the Democratic National convention at Chicago and we heard him drop several hints of the anti-Nixon feeling in Hollywood. The other most prominent anti-Nixon supporter of Stassen's was Harold F. Johnson, president of Johnson Wax Co., Racine, Wis. But most important was the fact that Democrats were identified in their support of Stassen's drive against Nixon.

Stassen is probably the best speaker and campaigner in the Republican party and one who can match Adlai Stevenson on the platform. With President Eisenhower unable to campaign as vigorously as Stevenson, the brunt of the campaign falls on the shoulders of Vice President Nixon. The Democrats would have liked Nixon out of their way in spite of what they say to the contrary.

Harold Stassen's dislike of Richard Nixon did not originate in recent months, as we are led to believe. In our opinion Stassen was motivated by personal reasons, not for the good of the party as he stated. We don't believe that Stassen went after Nixon because he wanted the nomination for himself. He never had a chance and he knew it. We believe Stassen's main reason for the "Dump Nixon" campaign stemmed back to the time Stassen was a delegate in the organization meeting of the United Nations and pale around with his old friend, Alger Hiss. Senator H. Alexander Smith, a Republican liberal like Stassen, let the word get around in San Francisco that it was the Hiss case which soured Stassen against Nixon. Smith said that "an underground movement exists by those angered by the part Nixon had in exposing Hiss and those liberals around him." Senator Smith added that the anti-Nixon movement "was not necessarily Communist-inspired but certainly inspired by those close to Hiss who felt that Nixon put too much steam behind the Hiss case for his own political reasons." Looking back now it is apparent that the Hiss case did bring Nixon to prominence as a congressman and played an important part in his election to the Senate and to the vice presidency.

Perhaps the "witch hunt" references of his Democrat opponent Helen Gahagan Douglas in California, and former President Truman, had as much to do in focusing the Hiss case before the electorate as any reference to it by Nixon. What brought prominence to the work of Richard Nixon in the Hiss case was the campaign of vituperation engineered by the Communist and left-wing network within the nation at that time and which is still going on.

President Eisenhower had the power at any stage of the Stassen anti-Nixon campaign to stop it at the bud. He knew

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Stassen campaign against Nixon stood the strong factions of Dewey and Knowland, which culminated in a compromise that killed the Stassen push. It was Dewey who stopped Stassen in San Francisco and not Stassen's conference with President Eisenhower. Dewey passed the word to Sherman Adams that it had to be Nixon or the Republicans would be split too far for victory in 1956. Sherman Adams confided to Leonard Hall and the word got around to Stassen to close shop. While the President was not involved in any of this strategy, he allowed his strongest supporters full flexibility to run the show.

Richard Nixon, throughout this revolt within his party had the full support of the elder statesman of the Republican party, Ex-President Herbert Hoover, who aligns himself with the conservative wing. Nixon's recognition of Hoover during his acceptance speech was not merely a gesture of respect, but of appreciation for his personal support. The name of Herbert Hoover was conspicuously absent of any reference during Eisenhower's acceptance speech, although he was sitting right behind the platform during the entire final session.

President Eisenhower is very fond of Richard Nixon and sincere in praise of his work. If it were left to the President, Nixon would be his first choice on the ticket. For Nixon has shown the kind of loyalty to the President which is rare and refreshing in high political office. That is indicative of the character of Richard Nixon by all who know him intimately and who hold him in such high respect and affection.

Local Moose Lodge Marks 32nd Year of Service Here

Loyal Order of Moose, the city's oldest family fraternal order, is one of Southern California's oldest lodges and this year is celebrating the 32nd anniversary of its founding. Under the leadership of Gov. Dan Desmond, the Torrance Moose has grown in membership, added new club facilities and kitchen equipment to its six-year-old lodge home, received several state and national awards for its civic affairs and public relations activities, and accentuated a family service program during the past year.

A one and one quarter-million member organization, the Loyal Order of Moose has a world focal point of inspiration and incentive — Mooseheart, Illinois. Men of sound minds and great vision planned the beautiful city of Mooseheart, not for themselves or their own children, but for the children of others less fortunate—for children who had lost one or both parents.

Unique Dream So strong was the faith of the founders and so unique their dream that the Moose fraternity grew in great strides during the movement to build Mooseheart. As the physical plant grew on the banks of the Fox River in Illinois, the influence of the "Child City" spread, until today, Mooseheart is nationally known as a model city that combines vocational training, through education, citizenship, and religious training with friendly surroundings.

The present Torrance lodge home was built six years ago under the leadership of J. A. Evans, present secretary; Cecil Smith, Al Hill, Marvin MacArthur and Desmond. The first home of the local fraternity was located at the corner of Fortola and Torrance Blvd., but later moved to quarters above the bowling lanes on Carson St.

Fast Governors Past governors of the lodge include A. H. Bartlett, city clerk; Jake Lepkin, pioneer Torrance businessman; Tom Wilkes, who held the office for six terms; Joseph Platt, who was also a vice president of the California Moose Assn., and Dan Desmond, who has held the post of governor for three terms.

William Olson is the junior governor of the Torrance lodge. Other officers are Dave Harrison, prelate; Fred Lydy, treasurer; Stanley Heiman, past governor; Gordon Jones, sergeant-at-arms; Burl C. Beddo, club steward; George Clay, ways and means chair-

man, and Joseph Platt, public relations chairman. The Torrance Moose lodge meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in the Carson St. hall, and the Women of the Moose meet every Wednesday.

Records of the lodge indicate that the local group was one of the first organizations in the country to ask, by organization resolution, for a revision of state statutes concerning narcotics violators. The Torrance Moose also passed a strong resolution calling for a strict enforcement of curfew laws, and voted unanimously to endorse the bond issues which resulted in the new Torrance city hall, swimming pool, and other recreation facilities.

Shrapnel Hurts Lomita Boy, II

A 11-year-old Lomita boy was injured painfully Monday after he set off a blank .30 caliber cartridge of ammunition in the garage of his home, sheriff's juvenile officers revealed.

Injured is Robert D. McKenzie, 11, of 25037 Andree Ave. Authorities said the boy apparently found a cache of shells.

He reportedly put one of the shells in a vise in the garage, then tapped it with a screwdriver and a hammer. He received shrapnel injuries to his right hand and forearm.

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