

# EDITORIALS

## It Happens Here

A sudden screeching of brakes, followed by the ear-splitting sounds of metal being ground together. As simple as that—four lives are snuffed out. What minutes before had been a gay, carefree group of youngsters now is a torn mass of mangled bodies.

It's an old story, written everyday by newspapers. But it's an impersonal tragedy—it happens to someone else. Readers gaze at the story, feel a trifle sorry for those involved, and go on about their business.

However, in the last two weeks in Torrance, it hasn't happened to "someone else." It's happened here—at home, where it hurts the most.

In eight days, traffic accidents have resulted in six deaths in this area. All of them equally tragic. A young sailor, first, then a woman who was formerly president of the Los Angeles Traffic Women's Club, finally three children and a teen-ager.

These people were killed in Torrance—the All-America City.

Like the survivors of these dead, local residents must be asking themselves why? Why did it happen?

The answer is pretty simple. Drivers who caused these accidents didn't follow the simple, basic rules which govern safety when behind the wheel of America's most deadly weapon.

Everyone worries about the damage that could be caused by a hydrogen bomb. But every day on the highways the American people are being killed just as fast as any bomb could do it.

As the shock wears off—Torrance residents will forget the six deaths which occurred here.

How much it would help if every driver could carry a mental image of just one fatal accident! The picture would serve as the best reminder that he has control of a deadly weapon—he alone can decide the fate of those on the highway.

## A Need for Streets

The All America city doesn't have All America streets. Responsible city officials should hang their heads in shame after driving over Engracia Ave.—the thoroughfare that is the main traffic artery for Torrance Memorial Hospital, two large churches, and the Torrance Women's Club.

Visitors especially, must be shocked when they drive to the hospital to visit sick friends. The gullies, bumps, humps, and cracks in the pavement are enough to send drivers to the hospital as patients rather than as visitors.

Certainly the city's street department, which is charged with the responsibility for maintaining the city's 300-plus miles of streets, has compiled an impressive record of efficiency throughout the years; and it has operated at a high level of efficiency on a low-level budget.

However, one might guess that the department has shunted this important project into the background to give priority to more pressing street needs.

The number of people inconvenienced daily on this relatively short stretch of roadway, however, would indicate that the time has come to do something about Engracia's four or five city blocks.

Why, even the horse and buggy had better roads to travel.

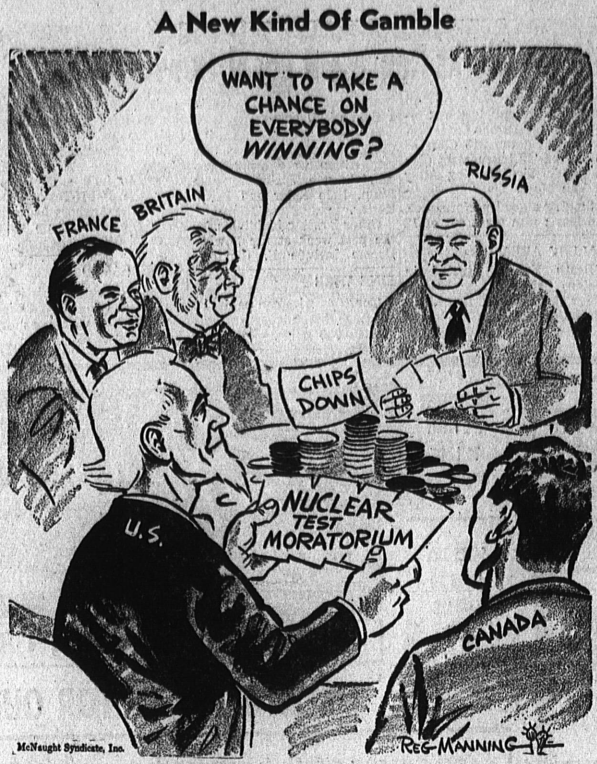
## Opinions of Others

Vice President Nixon believes that last year's uprisings in Poland and Hungary were the beginning of the end of the Communist empire. Would that he is right. —*Liberal (Kans.) Southwest Daily Times.*

If the trend since 1929 were to continue for another 50 years, about 99 per cent of our economy would be socialized and only one person out of 100 would be privately employed. . . . We now spend one third of our working days each year working for the government. We are one-third socialized. —*Santa Paula (Calif.) Daily Chronicle.*

Who will be next? Whose life must ebb away because of this high speed nonsense? Fifty miles an hour will get you there—alive! You can save time—to the graveyard—at 60, 70, 80, or 90. —*Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News.*

### ONLY YESTERDAY



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YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

## Her Hubby Sponsors Escort

Dear Ann: I'm in a difficult situation and need help. Five years ago my husband took a young man into his business. I'll call him Jack. The fellow showed promise and got along with everyone.

My husband brought Jack home to dinner often, since he was unmarried. Then he'd fall asleep in the chair and I'd have to entertain the guest. After a while my husband suggested Jack take me to the movies, the theater and so forth. In fact he supplied the tickets and would beg off because he was tired.

I enjoyed his company and we had much in common. He liked to browse in galleries (my husband detested this) and we had fun playing badminton together which my husband couldn't do because of a slight heart condition.

Last week I jokingly asked Jack why he didn't find a girl and get married. Out of the blue he confessed he was in love with me and would never marry. Believe me, there's never been anything out of the way between us and I was shocked and upset. I'm not sure whether or not I love Jack but I don't want to mess up my life. Can you help me? — IRIS.

I can't help you—but you can help yourself. For five years you've been squired around town by Jack, enjoying each other's company and having a gay time—now when he tells you he's in love, it's "out of the blue." Who ya' kidding?

You say you don't want to mess up your life but the chances are 10 to 1 you'll do just that if you continue to play with dynamite.

If your husband can't play badminton with YOU, then play checkers with HIM. If he hates art galleries, then browse with the girls. But don't be so stupid as to think you can continue to dance indefinitely—and not pay the fiddler. Life isn't like that, Lady.

Dear Ann: What can I do to make my husband a decent father to his children? When they ask him a question I have to nudge him or he won't even answer.

Every night when we sit down to dinner he lectures them on how stupid, lazy, and worthless they are. It takes the heart out of me. He spoils everyone's appetite with his criticism and cutting remarks. The older boy is a junior in college and can't make a decision on the simplest thing for fear he'll made a mistake and be ridiculed by his father.

My husband reads your column every day and thinks your advice is good. Please say something about this problem. He may listen to you. —MISERABLE MOM

and browbeats his children is an immature, frightened kid himself. His dad must have been a beast.

Try to build confidence in these boys by dwelling on their ability and their success. Give them as much praise and approval as possible. Urge the older boy to make a decision and point out that a wrong decision is far better than NO decision. Let him learn the wisdom of Goldsmith's famous words, "The greatest glory is not in never falling—but rising every time we fall."

Dear Ann: I have a very beautiful girl friend and all the kids at school think I'm the luckiest guy in town. But I have a hunch she's only interested in me for my money. I am 14 and she is 13. How can a fellow tell about things like that? Can you help me? It bothers me a lot. —RICKEY

How comes she thinks you are loaded, Rickey? Have you been putting out propaganda about your vast holdings, or do you try to be the Big Wheel at the soda fountain? Why not tone down the talk of your assets and see if she still pokes around with the geiger counter? If she continues to smile sweetly when you no longer shower her with pizza, you'll know it's pure, unadulterated love.

CONFIDENTIALLY: T. D.: If you let this boy continue to throw you out and take you back like a yo-yo you'll never land him.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.) (C) 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

## Spreading Sunshine

When vacation time rolls around, who travels most and why?

According to my mother, who was here on a trip from the Midwest, it's Californians by a wide margin. To pass away the time while traveling, she kept track of the license plates she saw. California cars were the most numerous throughout the west, aside, of course, from the particular state in which she happened to be traveling.

Otherwise, the most numerous plates included Illinois, New York, Arizona, Washington, Ohio, Texas, Utah, and Missouri. She saw license plates from all but the three most distant New England states—Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire—whose residents seem to vacation else where.

Although this report was far from scientific, a look at the parking lots of Los Angeles area tourist attractions would seem to bear out these findings.

Californians, used to traveling long distances to get where they want to go, seem to be an extremely migratory breed. Since almost all Californians used to be from somewhere else, they have to hop in their cars to take a look at the old home town every now and then, just to remind themselves why it was they came to California in the first place.

Old relatives and friends are always delighted to welcome these sun-tanned, fast-moving Golden Staters. So are the constables of the wide places in the road en route. They hide behind signboards advertising "Grandma's Chicken Feed" and nab the wary freeway drivers who zoom through 25 mile speed zones.

The folks back home are

### REYNOLDS KNIGHT

## A Boom in Nuclear Energy

An industrial equipment manufacturer, large or small, casting about for a new product line would probably find it worth his while to take a second glance at making equipment for nuclear energy enterprises.

It takes a lot of equipment to make electricity, even when it's produced by conventional plants. And to produce is from nuclear energy demands equipment of special materials and design. As a result, a huge market is opening up.

Sales of this new equipment are expected to amount to \$27 billion a year by 1980. This is based on an estimate just made by the Small Business Administration as to the nation's annual output of atomic-energy-generated power in 1980—227 million kilowatts.

There should also be a market for facilities for disposing of nuclear energy waste, if the SBA is correct in its estimate.

CARTON MILK FLOOD — Production of paper milk containers by the industry is expected to reach an all-time high of some 14 billion units in 1957, according to American Can Co., which made the first successful milk cartons in 1934.

Use of the carton has grown from one billion in 1940, six years after its development, to five-billion in 1949, to 13 billion in 1956, Canco said. The company noted that the convenient container is also being used to package a widening variety of foods other than milk. Some of these include childe orange and grapefruit juices, lemonade and pancake batter mix.

Half of the nation's milk now goes to market in paper containers, Canco said, and noted that 95 per cent of all milk sold through retail stores is packaged in paper.

THINGS TO COME — To eliminate costly extension of central heating systems to add-on rooms, there a new baseboard glass radiant heater unit three feet long that can be installed without being recessed

and extends only an inch and three-quarters from the wall. . . . Added to the wash-and-wear, no-ironing wardrobe for men is a shirt of pima cotton that will not yellow when washed with bleach or detergent and is said to have shrinkage held down to one per cent. . . . A packaged "home protector" system provides fire detection by monitoring temperatures in as many as 30 separate areas of the house, and also has an emergency alarm to frighten away prowlers or summon outside help.

RESORT TREND — Resort operators generally expect motorists this summer to make briefer stays, stop at more places. One reason, those who spot business trends in the resort picture say, is that the new toll superhighways are making longer-mileage vacations possible.

More Midwesterners will motor east this year, and more Easterners will essay longer trips into the Midwest and West, according to tour directors of motor club travel bureaus.

Florida is looking forward to its biggest summer ever. One airline alone plans to fly 100,000, "package" vacationists into Miami. Increasing popularity of the big Florida resorts easily reached by plane means that, generally speaking, resort rates will be cheaper on the Sunshine State's West Coast than on the East Coast.

Some Atlantic Coast resorts may feel the pinch this summer because their traditional customers can get farther faster, i.e., to Florida and the Caribbean. At least one Cape Cod place offers to cut rates for the last half of August.

MORE WHITE COLLARS — As technology improves our ability to transfer repetitive manual of mental tasks to machines or electronic devices, great numbers of people will be released from the boring routine of unskilled and semi-skilled jobs.

How will business and industry keep these people pro-

ductively employed? They must be educated for new jobs, for the many more "white collar" jobs which our new technology will require, says Paul B. Wishart, president of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.

"We expect a gain in the proportion of technical, scientific, sales and managerial jobs relative to mechanical and clerical jobs," according to Wishart. "The very machine and devices which take over the routine jobs will require an even greater number of people in their production, setup and use. The fundamental requirement will be for more capable, better trained people."

Industry's most important single need, Wishart believes, is to "find capable people, to train them, and to help them plan their work experience so that they will be equipped for responsible jobs in the future."

BITS O' BUSINESS — Of the \$45 million the 15 railroads operating in New York State paid in local real estate taxes last year, New York City pocketed the lion's share, \$21.7 million. . . . After dropping in March to an eight-year low, private housing starts rose through April and May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 990,000 units. . . . Output of man-made fibers in 1956 totaled 5.9 billion pounds, a new world record, up 5.5 per cent from 1955.

## Three Large Tanks Stolen

Somebody who uses large tanks was active in the Lomita area Tuesday, stealing three of them, according to Sheriff's deputies.

The Lomita Blue Print Co., 2373 Pacific Coast Hwy., reported the theft of a developing tank, 5 by 2 1/2 by 8 from the rear yard. Chester Axtell Sr., valued the tank at \$25. . . . At the Thrifty Trailer Sales 1914 Pacific Coast Hwy., William Landis reported the theft of a 5.5 gallon standing butane tank worth \$25 and a stainless steel oxygen tank worth \$5. They were taken off the tongue of a house trailer, he said.

Fireplace Blamed for Small Fire on Roof

Sparks from a fireplace apparently set a small roof fire at the Fred Lincoln Jr., residence, 1229 Cota Ave., Torrance, Firemen reported Friday.

The blaze which covered only a small area was extinguished by a neighbor with a garden hose.

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