# EDITORIALS

## Dependence on County

Evidently there was some tongue-in-cheek talking when Richard Newton, one of Supervisor Burton Chace's alert deputies, wrote the City of Torrance a letter last week.

The letter was provoked by a recent resolution of the city in which Torrance went on record as being opposed to the so-called "Lakewood Plan" of the County in offering municipal services. Torrance, incidentally, enjoys 10 such services including the important health and library services.

In his letter Mr. Newton suggested that in view of the city's resolution the County was assuming Torrance wanted these services cancelled. Now Torrance would be in a predicament if the County officials took the resolution at face value and, we suspect. Mr. Newton knew as much before he wrote that letter

The situation does point up the interdependence of The situation does point up the interdependence of of cities throughout the county and their collective dependence upon county government. Many cities are municipalities in name only for they "farm out" some of their most important functions to the county building. There are many distinct advantages in this policy that is not unique in California but is far more prevalent here than in other metropolitan areas throughout the nation.

This little exchange between the City of Torrance and L. A. County will serve to point up how much this city depends on the county to make the local governmental machinery run smoothly. The economics are obvious and we have heard few complaints about the loss of home rule.

### Policemen in Peril

The heinous killing of two El Segundo police officers mphasizes the great risk taken almost daily by our ce officers in line of duty. The wave of vicious crime throughout the country places every officer doing even the most routine task in jeopardy.

The El Segundo officers were apparently making an arrest for a traffic offense when they were shot down by a mad killer who even now may be repeating his crimes most anywhere in the country. Every other policeman in the area will have that tragedy in mind every time he questions a suspect or makes even the most trivial arrest. And no one will blame him.

Besides commanding the respect of the public, a policeman doing his duty should have complete cooperation of the lawabiding citizen. Instant compliance with an order or signal to halt for questioning is called for and will be given by any pedestrian or motorist who values his own safety. Armed officers must not be placed in a state of mind where they will be prone to shoot first and ask

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#### Too Many Lifeguards



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

# Too Young to Camp Out

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 14 and need some help. Four of my girl friends have permission from their parents to pitch a tent in the public park and spend a couple of nights there. My folks say I can't go because there will be no chaperone.

The people at the park office said it would be all right because the other campers would watch out for us. Also, there are State Police in that area at all times. I don't see any good reason why my folks are so narrow-minded on this subject. It would be lots of fun and nothing bad could happen to us. Will you please tell me what arguments I can put up so they will change The people at the park office said it would be all right
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Leave THEIR minds alone

Leave THEIR minds alone and change yours. Fourteenyear-old girls should not be permitted to sleep in a public park. Your parents would be mightly stupid if they ok'd such an idea on the slim hope that "other campers" would look out for you.

The "other campers" could be five or six translent bums who are just passing through town. Don't you kids ever read the newspapers? Stay at home and sleep in your own heds if you can't go on a real camping trip with adults present.

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A A Am. My husband and I just, had the suspicion confirmed that we are going to be blessed with our first child. He's so thrilled he wants to shout it from the house-tops. I'd like to keep the secret as long as possible.

Do you think I'm selfish to insist that he remain quiet until I get ready to break the news? His theory is the proud papa-to-be should have the pleasure of spreading the word as soon as its "official." As a compromise, he wants to tell JUST his parents, but I know they'll leak the news to the rest of the family and it will be all over town in a day, Please let us know your opinion.—P.G.

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Wonderful that your hus-band is busting his buttons, but this announcement should come from YOU, whenever you want to make

whenever you want to make it.

Most men don't understand these things, but hand him this column and I'll attempt to explain the Facts Of Life.

Nine months is a long time—even when you AREN'T preguant. The woman who breaks the news as soon as lit's "official" in variably wilds up being plagued by friends and relatives. When they see her five or six months after the announcement (it seems like 10 to them)—they start with the stock phrase "Are VOU still walking around?" This is not only embarrassing but annoying. It's the female who must put up the front (in more ways than one) so she

Please mention this in your column and suggest a long dry spell. It would be a welcome relief.—S.S.S.

Dear S.S.S.: In the absence of that "long dry spell" I can suggest another form of re-llef. One of the shortest and most useful words in the English language is "NO." Try it.

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

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

## Me? A Father

My wife called me at the office the other day.
"You're a father," she take care of his brood.

cried. "Yes dear," I murmured,

"Yes dear," I murmured, from force of habit.

Then, I stopped to think. If my wife had been about to produce an heir, she had neglected to tell me about it, although she might have planned it as a surprise. Still, she hadn't shown any outward sign of making the two of us three. The thought startled me.

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"What was that again?" I asked, breathless.
"You're a father. We have kittens," she hollered into the phone.

This announcement also startled me a little because we didn't have a cat.
"Have you been drinking?" I asked her.
"No, no, and they've ruined a whole box of my stuff," she gasped. "I don't know why they had to pick our garage."

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I calmed her down a little and managed to piece together the stirring saga of my fatherhood. It seems my ever loving had gone out to the garage to sort through a box of her belongings. As she opened the box there was a streak of brown and white fur, and inside were three little balls of fur, obviously not long in this world.

mother, accounting for her attitude."

A couple of neighbors suggested that we drown them, but I couldn't bring myself to do it. After my previous excursion through the neighborhood, I knew that I could not give them away. Somehody else suggested the Humane Society, but they sometimes put the little fellers to sleep, I hear. That seems kinda heartless.

Still, we've got four extra mouths to feed now, when we could barely feed the two we had before. Technically, we've only got one extra mouth right now, since Mama is still supplying her little ones. It won't be long until the little fellers go out on their own, however.

Kittens, anyone?

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# Changes Behind the Curtain

YALTA, RUSSIA (Delayed)
— In a recent report on
Russia's financial crisis we
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the government's desperate
attempts to avert bankruptcy
by postponing the redemption and interest payments of
Russian bonds another 20
years. This was the third
postponement since some of
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Baffled by these and other economic problems, the Russian Communist government is openly turning to capitalism in the United State for is openly turning to capitalism in the United State for solutions and relief. This cannot be kept from the Communist and non-Communist intelligentsia any longer, as these government employees are needed to handle the enormous paper work on such a project as is now going on in utter desperation for quick answers. Communism is confessing through the back door that its economic system has inherent weaknesses and distortions that are insoluble, short of repudiation or drastic measures. \* \* \*

Probably one of the main reasons for relaxing on travel of Americans behind the Iron Curtain is to pump them for information on how capitalism overcomes the inevitable economic problems which come up in large nations. Through many financial, industrial, agricultural and other delegations they make contracts for information, booklets, technological reports, operating manuals, techniques, catalogs, etc, which they need desperately. In addition they use neutrals like India to secure for them U. S. production and financial information not readily available on the general public level.

I have heard of estimates as high as \$5,000,000 which the Russian government spends a year, just for U. S. magazines, industrial and financial trade papers, scientific and technical reports, produced both by the U. S. government and private sources. Tons of free material, including executives' speeches and reports at U. S. conventions, advertising and marketing brochures, and even telephone books, are collected and shipped to Russia from Soviet agents and commercial attaches in the U. S. and from other capitalistic metalons.

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The chances are that the Russian government will receive a copy of the latest annual report of everp principal corporation in America about the same time that the average U.S. stockholder will get his. For it is a known fact that Russia has, under assumed individual names, at least a few shares of every major stock on the New York Stock exchange, not only for in vest ment, but for quick access to the operations reports of the various companies.

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We have seen volumes of
U. S. material sent to Russia
by U. S. college libraries in
exchange for Russian material. The catch is, however,
that the volumne from the
U. S. to Russia is probably
100 times greater, and one
wonders why we go to so
much trouble and expense.
In Russia they have full control of what material goes
out...while in the U. S. it is
up to the discretion of some
private individual or librarian to conduct the exchange.
We have seen evidence in
Russia of requests to U. S.
companies for-house organs,
trade and e mp lo ye e- magazines, price lists, operation
manuals, catalogs, blueprints
for product designs, etc. The
unusual thing is that most of
this material is sent to Russia
at the expense of the American companies. We recall
questioning an executive
back home on this. His reply
was: "So what; at least my
son collects stamps and I encourage this correspondence
with all of them."

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We have seen material in
Russia which came direct
from the Library of Congress,
Smithsonian in stitut and
other official research centers. Most of these negotia-

tions are handled by other than official Russian sources, or even registered Russian agents in the U.S., like the Four Continent Book corpo-ration in New York, which distributes hundreds, of Rus-sion periodicals, books and

ration in New York, which, distributes hundreds of Russion periodicals, books and literature all over America, and collects thousands more for shipment to Russia. The Russian Amtorg Trading corporation all over the world, including the largest branch in New York, purchases millions of dollars worth of printed material for Russian use.

In all probability more than 75% of U.S. know-how is obtained through such non-classified printed matter, available to anyone. Regardless of this non-classification, the U.S. material is the key to our capitalistic success, which Russia is collecting both for the purpose of improving their tottering economy, as well as for the purpose of study for weak spots to penetrate with Communist propaganda.

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Even the casual observer sees much evidence of Rus-sian substitution of U.S. products here There is hardly any electrical gadget, motor car, plumbing appli-ance product packaging, house furnishings and hun-

dreds of every day items, that don't hav ethe appear-ance of substitution of Amer-ican know-how. Russian products are designed pretty

ucts are designed pretty much along our lines, but the linish and the detailed work-manship are far inferior, probably due to lack of experienced workers.

Russia's major weakness is related to inferior working manpower in general. They can produce high quality aircraft and military weapons through a strong concentration of their most skilled technicians and workers. But tion of their most skilled technicians and workers. But there are not enough to go around for the civilian consumer production. So the printed matter and U. S. know-how are useful in establishing procedures and techniques, and only the lack of experienced and versatile workers still leaves the Soviet state in a quandary to how to overcome this deficiency.

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The important thing you observe here is that Russia is fully aware of its Communis-tile economic and production infeciority on the consumer goods level, and they are now on a "crash basis" gathering our business and production know-how on a scale without precedent in our 26 years of reporting the Russian scene.

FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

## **Pork Barrels Hit**

Editor, HERALD,

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School Superintendent Hull
says, "This means a considerable saving to the taxpayer,"
in regard to the \$1,510,000 grant Torrance has received from the federal government. Certainly he knows better. What about the taxpayers of New York and Pennsylvania who have to put up a large share of that million and a half?

Won't we learn that we don't get something for nothing? For every telegram that Senator Kuchel so proudly sends his constituents pro-claiming a federal handout, the New York and Pennsyl-vania senators do the same, for which we Torrance tax-

payers pay.

It's just the old political pork barrel game and so long as the Easterners don't know they're paying for Torrance

they're paying for Torrance schools, they won't kick, and we can't complain about our money being spent in other parts of the country because we don't have any idea how much we do pay for or where it is spent.

We would all be better off solving our problems on a local level than letting Uncle Sam have his finger in everybody's pie. After all, the federal government is the most inefficient money spender there is and we (yes, you and me and our neighbors) pay for that inefficiency whether it be in New York or Torrance.

Let's adopt as our motto, "Keep the politicians away from the pork barrel."

D. P. BEAVER

Bill Gets Praise

Editor, Torrance HERALD, There was nothing unusual about the enactment of the law curbing incorporation ex-

cesses, except the unaware-ness of certain politicians. At the February meeting in Lo-mita our Assemblyman, Vincent Thomas, announced that he would introduce a bill. All of the harbor area papers except one venom sheet in-formed their readers of the passage of Assembly Bill No.

Incorporation promoters could have spent some of their slush fund fighting the bill in the Senate. After it reached the governor's desk reached the governor's desk they had every opportunity to present their case to the governor. They could not have used that humbug about danger of annexation, because the governor knows that no land can be annexed against the will of the majority of the owners. They had no honest argument.

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When the bill had passed both houses, a great handful of messages went to the governor from Lomita, endorsing the bill. Similar appeals went from areas which had been harassed by promoters in the eastern part of the county.

It is not unusual that this predominantly Democratic district has a Democrat as its represent at ive, but

this was not a partisan matter. Some stalwart Republicans in this area joined in urging the Governor to sign the bill.

