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A Crime Is a Crime

EDITORIALS

In testimony before the House Appropriations Com-mittee recently, J. Edgar Hoover, the nation's No. 1 G-Man, issued another strong indictment on the way juvenile criminals are treated at the hands of juvenile authorities. The "kid gloves" attitude toward youth crime must be ended as a matter of self-preservation, Hoover indicated to the committee

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The communities and the courts must take sterner measures to end the mounting savagery and senseless bru-tality of youthful criminals, he warned. Along this line, he maintained there is no reason for witholding the names of young criminals when felonious crimes are involved—a stand that has been criticized by many leading social workers and juvenile court spokesmen. Mr. Hoover has the weight of evidence riding with

him, however. His statistics show that only about 3.3 per cent of the nation's youths under 18 were arrested last year which indicates that nearly 97 per cent of those in that age group are growing up to be decent American citize

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delinquent label it does not merit to cover the identities of the 3 per cent. The HERALD believes the deterrent effect of public disclosure for crimes far outweighs the threat to a rehabil-itation program for offenders which authorities claim such

tosure poses. As a matter of self-preservation, the communities of prica can no longer afford to "cover up" for the errant because he hasn't reached an arbitrary age of 18. A crime is a crime, and a criminal is a criminal. Ameri just b

A Final Decision

A **L'IIIAI DECISIOII** While we haven't seen details of the proposal under which Dominguez Water Co. would purchase the interest of stockholders in Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3, we do be-lieve that the people of the area who must eventually pay for any water system installed there one way or another shuld be the final judge of the merits of any proposal. The tip council, while not unanimous by any means, fidicated that it might be willing to drop an involuntary assessment district proceedings for the area if the terms of the purchase appear to be reasonable. This, we believe, is a sound move on the council's part— it has at least a moral duty to see that the citizens who look to them for government do not get "skinned" by a private firm for a public utility, but by the same token, the council has no moral obligation to cram a municipal water system down the throats of its constituents when the persons involved have an equally sound solution to their problems. problems

Without commenting on the terms of any such purwithout commenting on the terms of any such pur-chase by Dominguez, the HERALD believes that the council has indicated the proper approach. If it can be shown that the residents and taxpayers of the area can receive equal or more benefits from the private system, it should receive the blessing of the council.

At the same time, it is incumbent on the proport purchaser to see that its terms are reasonable, honest, and fully understood by the residents. Once the decision is made, it will be for a long time, and second guessing could be very, very expensive.

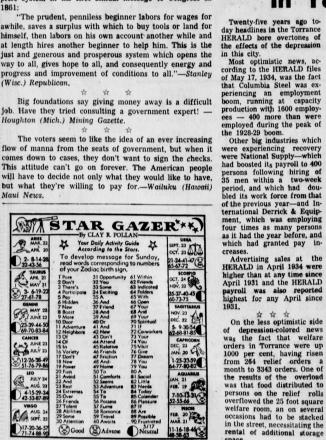
Opinions of Others

Here is how Abraham Lincoln described the free enter-prise system in his first annual message to Congress in 1861:

1861: "The prudent, penniless beginner labors for wages for awhile, saves a surplus with which to buy tools or land for himself, then labors on his own account another while and at length hires another beginner to help him. This is the just and generous and prosperous system which opens the way to all, gives hope to all, and consequently energy and progress and improvement of conditions to all."—Stanley (Wisc.) Republican.

Big foundations say giving money away is a difficult job. Have they tried consulting a government expert! — Houghton (Mich.) Mining Gazette.

The voters seem to like the idea of an ever increasing The voters seem to nke the idea of an ever increasing flow of manna from the seats of government, but when it comes down to cases, they don't want to sign the checks. This attitude can't go on forever. The American people will have to decide not only what they would like to have, but what they're willing to pay for.—Wailuku (Hawati) Maui News.





Back in Your Own Back Yard

RAMBLINGS by Ronnie Saunders

Wants "In" On Good Thing

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Ing a rule from the driver of any vehicle?" $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \pm$ Also, "It shall be unlawful for any person who is intoxi-cated to such an extent as to create a hazard to himself or others to walk or be upon any roadway." Then there is this one: "It is unlawful for any per-son to ski or toboggan on or across any state highway in such manner as to interfere with the movement of vehi-cles ..."

many motorists. Drivers says the law encourages walkers to "daily" while crossing on god "signal, at the expense of vehicular traffic walking to the law encourage of the spense of vehicular traffic walking to the law encourage of the spense to the law encourage of the spense to spense to how, however, is that they may not legally at a torow, and be right. Rec-ords show that a high per-centage of daylight pede-trian accidents are caused by the morpore walking maneu-tory. Jaywalking, of course, is prohibited, and many cities

American Public Holds Key To Mail Smut, Officials Say

(Ed. Note: This is the second of two articles on the growing threat of obscene mail and what can be done about it. This article explains how the American public can drive the dealers in obscenity out of business.)

oning of the minds of our children." All the average citizen needs to do if his home is in-vaded by unordered and un-wanted mail solociting the sale of filthy, lewd and las-civious films, slides, pictures or other obscene or, porno-graphic material is to com-plain to the Post Office De-partment. This is done by mailing the objectionable ma-terial itself, and the envelope it came in, with a signed note of protest to the local Post-master.

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and what can be done about it. This article explains how the American public can drive the dealers in obscenity out of business.) The American public, if it wants to, can destroy the half billion dollar a year mailbillion dollar a long mailbillion dol

be taken to the nearest Unit-ed States District Court for decision. $\mathcal{L} \neq \mathcal{L}$ Where the material in ques-tion is clearly pornographic, criminal action is sually tak-en by the local prosecuting authorities with the coopera-tion of the Post Office De-partment. Convictions in such cases provide for both jail and dollar fines for the deal-ers in obscenity. Testimony given recently in Washington by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summer-field before the Subcommi-tee of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee indicates that no longer do dealers in smut and dirty pic-tures serve only a few adults. Instead, they are increasing-by soliciting youngsters, send-ing their unwanted and un-ordered material indiscrimi-ately and without conscience into the homes of the nation. $\mathcal{L} \neq \mathcal{L} \mathcal{L}$ Postmaster Conner empha-set that the Post Office De-partment is intensifying its lis chief opposition in doing so comes from those who reap huge profits from unrestrict-ed mailings, and from some son for those who reap huge profits from unrestrict-ed mailings, nd from some son for those edealers in obscenity. Congressman Kathryn E. Granahan, chairman of the

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

A California farmer has dropped a note to William A. Burkett, superintendent of banks for the state, which could set high finance back a hundred years, according to the California Taxpayer's Assn. The farmer wrote: Dear Sir

Assn. The farmer wrote: Dear Sir: I read in the newspaper where England has negotiated a loan from the United States iteresting to me I have been wondering why we can't have some banking like that done here in California. As I understand it, al-though I ain't settin' myself standing these things, the Great Britain four billion dol-In recent years have wared an allout campaign against this once common pedestrian violation. The code says a pe destrian crossing a street at a point other than a cross-I understand the United

in recent years have waged an all-out campaign against this once common pedestrian violation. The code says a pe-destrian crossing a street at a point other than a cross-walk shall yield the right of way to "all vehicles upon the roadway." * * *

hese the pank could do when me. I understand the United States is makin this loan be-cause it is worried about Eng-land goin under, and the same thing would apply in my case. I could meet them terms satisfactorily. But it is my opinion that England and it in no serious danger as long as there is Englishmen left smart enough to negoti-ate them kind of loans. roadway." $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ But even here, the pedes-train is protected by the law which says: "The provist.ms is protected by the law of this section shall not re-live the driver of a vehicle from the drive of exercise due castrain upon the roadway." Of course, we all know that " no pedestrian shall walk upon any roadway out-side of a business district otherwise than close to the totherwise than close totherwise than close totherwise than totherwise than close totherwise

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If you know of any bank in California dealin in inter-national loans I will appreci-ate you lettin me know as soon as possible, as I hope to get there before the money's all gone. gone. Yours faithfully, J. A.



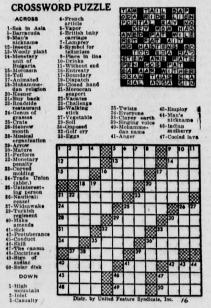
"It is when we forget our-selves that we do things that are remembered." — E. P. Bertin.

"If all the economists in the world were laid end to end, they wouldn't reach a conclu-sion." — George Bernard sion." Shaw.

"Every dollar of federal aid Indiana gets costs us \$1.53-Gov. Harold Handley.

"It is hardly lack of due process for the government to regulate that which it sub-sidizes." — U. S. Supreme Court.

"If at marriage you don't succeed, try a gun." — Joe Laurie, Jr.



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Pedestrian Rules In Code Reviewed

payroll was also reported highest for any April since 1931.

In Years Gone By

A suggestion by the Cham-ber of Commerce that a 30-hour work week be instituted came in for its share of criti-cism from local labor unions while the chamber board in turn voiced its objections to the unemployment insurance plan, calling it an imposition on employers in troubled times.

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highest for any April since 1931. 文 京 京 On the less optimistic side of depression-colored news was the fact that welfare orders in Torrance were up 1000 per cent, having risen from 264 relief orders a month to 3343 orders. One of the results of the overload was that food distributed to persons on the relief rolls overflowed the 25 foot square welfare room, an on several occasions had to be stacked in the street, necessitating the rental of additional storage space.