

EDITORIALS

Wrong Address

Again the Torrance City Council is concerned, as it should be, with the great number of Torrance residents who still get their mail addressed elsewhere.

The problem is not new and efforts now come under the head of locking the barn door after the horse has been stolen.

When large and important sections of Torrance were allowed to lose their identification with Torrance, the ground work was laid for an insidious attitude far too prevalent in this city that has grown to approximately 100,000 inhabitants.

This is no task for individuals or groups with a half-hearted willingness to correct a wrong. It calls for vigorous, time-consuming organization and effort that won't force anyone to do anything he doesn't want to but will succeed in selling him on the advantages of having his address geographically and legally correct.

Great confusion results in many ways from these inaccurate addresses. Aside from errors in mail and delivery, it places the City of Torrance in a position where it cannot easily understand its own strength.

Valuation figures recently released by the Board of Assessors certainly showed Torrance in the pre-eminent position in the so-called South Bay area. Because of these valuations the city has been able to offer its residents quality schools and municipal services that are the envy of many other cities throughout the State.

In union there is strength and the fullest development of Torrance will only come when every single resident of Torrance realizes that he is part and parcel of the community.

If you live in Torrance and know it, write the Post Office department and join any group in your neighborhood to help correct your own address.

Campaign Paying Off

California's anti-litterbug campaign and enforcement of the county's new litter law are beginning to pay off.

The campaign has been picked up by small and large towns throughout the state. Torrance has long been aware of the importance of enforcement of its own ordinances and the local street department carries on a ceaseless war to keep the city clean.

Piles of rubbish are unsightly and are breeding places for vermin. Sunlight magnified through a discarded bottle can cause a fire. Broken glass and tin cans slash auto tires and the unwary many Southern Californians who insist on going about barefooted.

In Torrance, where litter laws have been enforced, the number of brush fires has been greatly reduced and rodent infestations are declining.

People are beginning to use the litter cans along the highways and the number of motorists carrying litter bags in their cars is increasing daily. More people, according to authorities are cleaning up after themselves at picnic sites provided for their convenience by public funds.

However the problem is far from solved. That will come when every individual does his share to keep his own premises clean, doesn't throw his trash in alleys and sees that his neighbor cooperates. There is no reason for a decent citizen to litter. There is every reason for him not to.

SEVEN STATES TO VOTE ON "RIGHT TO WORK"

The issue of "right to work" union laws will be laid before the voters of seven states this fall.

Elections are in prospect in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Ohio and Washington on the measures, which are aimed at "union shop" agreements which force a worker to join a union in order to hold his job. The right-to-work idea has spread so far to states, and the August Reader's Digest reports, the controversy over it is growing steadily hotter. It is a subject, W. L. White writes on which every voter should make up his mind, pro or con.

In the article, "The Right to Work: Our Hottest Labor Issue," White summarizes the arguments for both sides. Those who support the right-to-work laws, he says, argue that nobody should be forced to join any organization against his will.

On the other hand, those opposing the bills argue that under the Taft-Hartley law unions represent both members and non-members. Any benefits won by the union are shared by all, they argue—and therefore, everybody should share the cost of negotiating them. Laws banning union shop contracts, they argue, encourage free riders.

The AFL-CIO has come out for defeat of the right-to-work bills and anyone who supports them, including, notably, Senate Minority Leader William Knowland of California. The union men call them union busting legislation. But, White says, a survey made last year shows that in the very states which have such laws, union membership is as high as it ever was before the legislation went into effect, in some cases, even higher.

I Don't Want To Boast—



FROM OUR MAILBOX by Our Readers

Praises Exchange Student Program

Editor, Torrance Herald:

I am writing this letter in connection with the international exchange programs which abound throughout the "States" and Europe. In 1956 I won a scholarship and today I can truthfully say that the opportunity has influenced my entire future. I must admit, however, that it is a great pity that there are not enough programs for every student and what is more, that the programs today find a very limited backing "State-side". Perhaps the various citizens of Our Town, USA, don't fully understand the

great advantage and significance of such a program. I have heard it said that it would be a fine vacation. I don't disagree with that but it is certainly not the reason why we spend so much time and money to attempt to bring the world a little closer through "junior ambassadors".

I was sent here (Wurzburg is in upper Bavaria in the heart of the "Franken" wine industry) for the summer of 1956 as an exchange student sponsored by the AFSIS (American Field Service International Scholarships)

which is one of the only programs established solely for high school students. (You can find reference to my trip in copies of the HERALD dated May, June and late September 1956.) I remember the various problems which arose and I know my own problems are that of every student who undertakes such a trip. Speaking with other students from all of the U. S., I found that in many cases they were given complete scholarships from their cities. In Torrance we have not been so lucky. In my case I was given some help from our Civic Association and the Torrance Rotary Club which I can be thankful for. I should like to see some action in the future for more support for one very worthy cause. We are all aware of the troubles facing the world today and much can be done just through friendly discussions among the "peoples." I can safely say that I have spent half of my time in these discussions.

Mine is a special success story. Very few exchange students were as fortunate because after my stay in 1956 I returned to the same family. I arrived in Wurzburg on the 16th of October, 1957, after a weeks stay with a former exchange student from Copenhagen, Denmark. Since then I have lived and worked as a German would. I worked for nine months teaching English in a local Berlitz school and now I am preparing to return home. But more is yet to come. Returning with me is the eldest son of the family with whom I am living. He will live with my family as I have lived with his. I plan to attend college in the Los Angeles area for two years and then return to Germany to finish my education. All this stems from the day when I was chosen as an exchange student. Surely there is value in such a program; much more than the average citizen believes. In my opinion you could help this cause with some pointed publicity which I would be more than happy to help with.

Charles Cedertof, editor of the bulletin put out weekly by the Harbor City-Luxita Lions club has an item in this week's issue that credits one club member who knows a man who is so interested in his wife's happiness that he has hired a private detective to check into the reasons for it.

Judge Donald Armstrong this week served notice on unemployment fund cheaters that they will be dealt with summarily. State Employment department officials, too, are determined that only the deserving are entitled to assistance from the office. It is illegal to draw unemployment compensation while holding down another job.

STAR GAZER - A horoscope table with columns for dates, signs, and planetary positions. Includes a note: 'Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.'

Morley Says Nationalism Of Arabians Is Genuine

This is being written on Saturday, July 19, 1958, some six to twelve days before it appears in newspapers here and abroad. Events are moving so fast in the Middle-East that anything can happen. This reporter has lived in this area for as long as seven years at a stretch... and since 1931 has made more than 21 trips in and out of an arc from the Dardanelles to the Suez Canal, to Israel and Greece. Never in all these years has the situation appeared darker to us and the signs more ominous. Our journalistic interest in the Middle-East began 27 years ago during the massacres of Jews inside the walled city of Jerusalem by Arabs, as the aftermath of the explosion over the Walling Wall... and we have been eye-witness to much of the background of the present crisis since. As we see it, either the "experts" don't know, or they don't have the courage to bring all the facts out in the open.

Nationalism Genuine The present crisis in the Middle-East in our opinion is neither Nasser nor Khrushchev inspired. The crisis has been inspired long before either appeared on the scene. Both are merely instruments through which a genuine deep-rooted Arab-nationalism is finding support and expression. It is the "sign of the times" that 50 million Arabs and Moslems, for age-old reasons and causes, simply want the freedom to express themselves, to be recognized, to regain a dignity deprived them by monarchs and foreign powers for centuries past and present. It is ironic that the United States, the very symbol of freedom and justice, to which millions of Arabs rallied for over a century, has in recent years been relegated by them to an area of suspicion, misunderstanding and distrust. This began on the day in 1948 when we recognized the State of Israel and continued to increase in volume and emotion with each incident of financial aid to Israel.

Nasser A Symbol By lowering the British flag at Suez and raising the Egyptian standard for the first time in modern history, Nasser became the symbol of pent up Arab emotions toward emancipation from colonial pressures, and the rallying point for restoration of national dignity and all it implies. Unfortunately, Nasser found himself unable to resolve his ambitions on the side of the West. We do not trust him and with good reasons. His mistrust of the United States for supporting Israel in understandable, although we believe unrealistic, in our most recent interview both he and Arab League Di-

rector, Abdel Hassouna, questioned the friendship of the United States by comparing the size of our economic aid to Israel and that of the Arab States. Their figures showed that Israel received more financial assistance from us than all the Arab States combined, exclusive of the tax-free financial private contributions from U.S. citizens. "You cannot expect us," Mr. Hassouna said to me, "to be your friends when you are friends of our worst enemy, Israel." Right or wrong, this has been the feeling of the Arab no matter how unrealistic it appears to us.

The creation of Israel... the humiliating defeat of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan after their attack on Israel in 1948... our withdrawal of aid on the Arabian Peninsula... The British, French, Israeli attack in 1956... our continued support of selfish, greedy monarchs who demanded "their weight in gold" and who spent most of their discredited lives in the spas and gambling casinos of the Riviera... our coalitions with Britain and France, regarded by the Arab and Moslem as colonial exploiters... our support of an unpopular President Chamoun in Lebanon and King Hussein in Jordan... and other reasons, often misunderstood and exaggerated, created the temper and the atmosphere which has now led us to the brink of war. Obviously the real culprit behind the scenes is the Soviet Union, for Communism thrives on chaos, terror and revolution, as history has shown so indelibly in the cases of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Finland, Albania, China, Indo-China, Indonesia and wherever the Communist arm has stretched its conspiratorial gestures under the guise of friendship. Russia again has appeared as the supporter of the common man in the Middle-East, by distorting the purpose of our military aid to Lebanon and British aid to Jordan. Unfortunately, the temper of the Arab is such that our military intervention is regarded as imperialistic and sinister. The masses in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan have solid reasons for fearing the landing of foreign troops on any Arab soil. Their experiences for over a century, but especially since World War I, when they were subservient to British and French rule, have left marks of distrust and apprehension.

Where Next? At this writing the U. S. finds itself in the worst predicament ever in the Middle-East. If Russia was looking for a reason to push the world into war, she has it now. We do not believe Russia will gamble

LAW IN ACTION

Jurisdiction Means "Right"

JURISDICTION You use jurisdiction often. You say, "Oh, that's out of my jurisdiction."

You mean, "It's just none of my business."

The word comes from two Latin words meaning "right" and "saying." So if something is in your jurisdiction, you have the "right to say" or do something about it.

At law jurisdiction means the right to exercise legal authority (such as the right of a court to decide a given case). It can also mean the scope of a court's power.

No court has jurisdiction over every case, but only such cases as the law allows it to deal with, under the legislature or the constitution.

Trial courts can act in matters properly brought before them, and may turn them down only where there are good reasons to believe that they could not do full justice, for example when local people are so prejudiced against a defendant that he might not get a fair trial there.

A crowded calendar or the cost to the taxpayers are not good reasons for a higher court to refuse a case.

What are California's court jurisdictions?

Our Justice and municipal courts hear and settle small claims, and such cases as disagreement between landlords

everything on war with the U. S., because in our opinion she does not believe she can win. It appears likely that she will bog us down in the Middle-East, like she did in Korea. She will probably send phony "volunteers" into the Middle-East. We are likely, unless the United Nations performs a miracle, to be engaged in guerilla war for some time to come. U. S. lives will be lost, as in Korea. If anything, the fanaticism of the Arab is such that our assistance to Lebanon may yet prove more costly than our assistance to Korea. We doubt the President and Secretary Dulles had information through intelligence of Egyptian and Syrian assistance to overthrow the governments of Lebanon and Jordan and took decisive action. It is academic to suggest that we invited Marines in Lebanon to protect U. S. citizens. We had two months in which to recall them. Since two-thirds of the Lebanese Parliament openly objects to our military intervention proves that President Chamoun is unpopular. Ironically his term of office expires this week... and it is peculiar that we intervened at the request of an official who is leaving high office, without consulting the Lebanese Parliament.

Showdown Imminent Khrushchev and Nasser, in their dramatic meeting in Moscow, no doubt agreed on their next move. The U. S. has warned Nasser to stay out of Jordan and Lebanon. The initiative rests with him, as the stooge of Moscow. This is the showdown and the stakes are the highest of our time. We believe the independence of Lebanon and Jordan is essential to our security. But the Administration should spell out in plain language why this is so. We intervened in the Middle-East to protect U. S. interests, to protect our oil resources and mainly to prevent Communism from filling the vacuum. But we have not spoken plainly of all our aims. We have given the impression of organizing nations, as in the Middle-East, in a military bloc against Communism. Unfortunately, we do not recognize that the Middle-East do not fear Communism... it fears the growth of hunger, imperialism, foreign exploitation. To understand the Middle-East we have to think as the Middle-East. We cannot accurately measure their problems with American yardsticks. To make Nasser the culprit is to fall victims of Communist duplicity. For Nasser is the man we have to work with, unless we are willing to gamble war to remove him. Russia can bog us down into a holy war in the Middle-East. It may be too late next week. The first step is to suspend military conditions designed to stop Russia, and talk about independence, freedom, hope and a better life for the masses in the Middle-East. In our opinion the best way to defeat Communism is to defeat hunger and hopelessness. Like one Arab said to us: "We can't eat guns and we are too weak to push their triggers."

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