

EDITORIALS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY—The history of liberty is the history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it.—Woodrow Wilson.

Tuesday's Election

Torrance voters Tuesday will be asked again to approve a huge bond issue to permit the building program of the Torrance Unified School District to continue.

At stake Tuesday is a bond issue for \$15,000,000, which would permit the construction of a new high school, completion of North High and South High, and additions to Torrance High.

It would also permit construction of three elementary schools and additions to at least 17 of the city's present elementary schools.

The money is needed to qualify the system for state monies because the state, and rightly so, will not make its funds available until the local districts can show that they are making the maximum effort. The schools may bond up to 10 per cent of their assessed valuation, and the new issue would permit the district to keep its bonded indebtedness at that level.

The city needs schools for its burgeoning population cannot a moment, and THE HERALD therefore urges a Yes vote on the issue Tuesday.

However, it should be pointed out that taxpayers here and across the nation are feeling the heavier bites of taxes each year and the local administrators and trustees should be cautioned again that even closer scrutiny of their expenditures can be expected in the future.

Costs of constructing classrooms and providing facilities to educate the children will and must be borne by property owners of the city. But with the increasing costs of government on all levels, the property owners can be expected to insist that they get the maximum benefit for their tax dollars.

The Torrance school system has been subjected to very little criticism in the building program which has expanded the system by more than 20 school plants, and THE HERALD hopes the voters can be assured that the taxpayers will receive full value for every dollar spent if they approve Tuesday's \$15,000,000 bond issue.

There is money only for essentials—not for frills.

Proposition N

The one proposal which voters will find on their ballots here next November 4 which most directly affects a large segment of the city's population is Proposition N, a \$225,000,000 bond issue for construction of storm drains throughout the county.

If approved by Los Angeles County voters at the general election, the bond issue would provide funds for storm drains throughout the county, including Torrance and neighboring cities, which would go far in reducing the annual flooding which has been a plague and expense to property owners.

In Torrance, the funds would provide relief in the Waller Lake area, in Hollywood Riviera, Pacific Hills, North Torrance, and the industrial area of north central Torrance.

Proposition N has been endorsed by the Property Owners Tax Assn. of California, and approval of the proposal has been urged most strongly by top officials of the county, including the County Flood Control offices.

The bonds provided by the citizens of the county six years ago have been expended or committed, and the storm drains installed under that program have been a substantial force in easing flooding problems here in Torrance. Many serious problems, however, remain as last year's heavy rains demonstrated, and the new funds are needed to continue the flood control program.

The HERALD believes Proposition N should be approved.

Opinions of Others

In our younger days we helped milk a herd of cows and, at times, we came to the conclusion that some members of the bovine clan were dumb.

We have had to change this opinion somewhat after learning that a herd of cows gave 227 pounds more milk in a month while listening to soothing music.

Another herd had to listen to rock 'n roll and refused to produce more milk. The owner said the music made the cows jittery—which is understandable.—Waynesville (N.C.) Mountaineer.

STAR GAZER... Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth signs.

Anybody Got A Road Map?



THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Eddy

A Story Out of The South

A former Arkansas resident now living in Torrance told us this week he doesn't think the West Coast is being supplied with all the Little Rock stories, and presented this one he had clipped from the Memphis Press-Scimitar.

A woman who said she wanted to see if members would "practice what they preach" took a Negro woman to an all-white church in Little Rock yesterday.

Mrs. Roy T. Morrison said she and her companions whom she declined to identify were asked to leave the Pines Heights Methodist Church, but remained throughout the service.

Mrs. Morrison, mother of four, said she would take more Negroes to the church if the pastor, Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, continued to speak in favor of school integration.

Shamblin said the incident "is a good example of the extremes some will go in order to force everyone into two radical positions and destroy any rational approach to the problem we face."

The Rev. Woodrow Smith, assistant pastor, termed it "an effort to embarrass our pastor."

Mrs. Morrison said her action was prompted by Shamblin's sermon last Sunday calling for school integration as the only way to re-open the city's four high schools closed by Gov. Orval E. Faubus in a move to thwart integration.

"What's good enough for our children is good enough for us," she declared.

None of her children have attended integrated schools.

Mrs. Morrison said an usher asked her and the Negro woman to leave. The pastor did not speak to them, she said.

She added that she was not a member of any segregationist organization "but I have believed in segregation all my life."

Looking at a new sack dress the other day, an irreverent wit cracked: "There may be a destiny that shapes our ends, but you don't have to put bows on 'em."

Sign on truck: Have wife, must travel.

The National Geographic Society has defined the "three Easts," for the arch-chair strategist. Says the society:

Near East—Turkey, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, the Arabian peninsula.

Middle East—India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, and Ceylon.

Far East—China, Mongolian Republic, Korea, Japan, Formosa, Philippines, Indo-China, Thailand, Burma, Malaya, and Indonesia.

Which shows that the recent excitement over there was really in the Near East, not the Middle East. At least, according to the definition of the National Geographic Society.

FROM OUR MAILBOX by Our Readers

False Principles Opposed

Editor, Torrance Herald: One of the high officials of the Torrance school system has been quoted that "if the bond issue fails, the district cannot expect more aid from the state, since a school district must remain bonded to its capacity in order to get state financial help."

That's just like saying, "My rich uncle won't give me any money unless I'm broke, so by all means, let's stay broke."

Heaven help us if that is our attitude toward things these days; but then, I guess it's old fashioned (and certain unrealistic) to believe that there is any of the old "Spirit of '76" left anywhere any more.

The school board very probably needs the money to be raised by the proposed bond issue, but let's not give the younger generation the example of such false principles by using such arguments as these.

D. P. BEAVER Hollywood Riviera

Another Runaround?

Editor, Torrance Herald: Once more county officials and their representatives are giving taxpayers the "run-around"—or is it they are too involved in red tape or politics to do the necessary things?

At 247th and Walnut, Mr. Jones has been promised a driveway to replace one taken out by subdividers who were given permission to regrade Walnut to drain water from the subdivision down Walnut to Comitz Blvd. The street dirt was used by the subdividers. A cut of 48 inches was made at this point although Mr. Jones was told it was to be 18 inches. He must have a retaining wall in before it rains or he may lose his garage and fireplace.

To date no one has attempted to put back the driveway—probably because it would not be usable as too steep. The Jones family has already lost one tailpipe from their car going up the bank to their garage.

The road department groomed Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and State Senator Richard Richards' secretary to correct the situation. Mr. Winters, Supervisor Chace's assistant, says it will be fixed, but to date his promised call to verify plans and date to start work have not come to either the Jones or myself—and normally, he and his associate, Mr. Newton were not available Friday either at their Torrance City Hall office or Redondo Beach. Why?

This same thing happened before. Will this sort of thing continue? How much more "pushing around" will home owners take?

We are asking for just treatment before the rains set in.

DESSIE G. MYERS

Vote Aid Asked

Editor, Torrance Herald: Last month the Board of Supervisors decided to place before the county voters a \$225,000,000 storm drain bond issue for consideration at the Nov. 4 Election.

As one who constantly comes face-to-face with the problems of several communities you realize, I am sure,

the importance of a Yes vote on this measure which will be known as Proposition N.

The bonds will provide financing to continue the integrated flood control program initiated in 1952 after the disastrous storm of that year. From the standpoint of public safety and welfare Proposition N may well be the most important measure on the ballot.

We know from experience of the past 12 years that Los Angeles County is going to continue to expand in population and development. In the case of flood control we must be prepared for that growth because failure to compensate for the loss of nature's storm channels can mean DISASTER.

This new bond program provides for 184 projects which directly involve or affect the flood control system of every community in the county.

Funds are limited in this campaign for a Yes vote on Proposition N, so we are depending a great deal on community newspapers to help us carry the message to the people. Many editors and publishers already have given us assurances that they will endeavor to devote prominent space in their publications to this subject between now and Nov. 4.

We, of course, hope that funds will be available to launch an advertising program the last phase of the campaign. In the meantime, may we count on your support in this important local cause?

HAYDEN F. JONES, Chairman, Committee for Health and Safety.

Don't Write France Off, Herald Publisher Warns

PARIS—This concentrated junket of editors and publishers to four major capitals of Western Europe has offered a lot of highly instructional sightseeing and intimate meetings with international leaders who are helping to shape the destiny of the free world.

The 100 publishers and their wives on this National Editorial Assn. European study mission have been impressed in their own individual ways, but, outstanding has been the experience of attending the birth of the Fifth French Republic. We were on hand for the last minute scenes, at the ballroom bedside and watched thousands of happy, cheering Parisians (whose overwhelming "Oui" had fathered the new government) enjoy the first flush of victory.

As you learned quickly, the people of France gave General de Gaulle and his associates a blank check to re-work the strange constitution of France that has seen 27 governments flourish and fall in the last 12 years. Frustrated and tired of machinations of the socialists and communists, Frenchmen turned out in record numbers to give the austere De Gaulle the clear-cut mandate any Frenchman has had in two decades.

A new constitution will be submitted that will give the president, who probably will be De Gaulle, much more power with a pattern much along the lines of our own chief executive. If the program succeeds, and most Frenchmen believe it will, De Gaulle will bring stability to France, easily the keystone to a strong, united Europe.

On the Friday before Sunday's historic election, we enjoyed the very special privilege of an intimate interview with J. Soustelle, minister of information, and one of the principal architects of the Fifth Republic.

Soustelle met us in "Maison de l'Amerique Latine" in effective English he described France's problems and the need for a change in the constitution. He emphasized that free speech and a free election was guaranteed and placed the entire blame for France's problems on the communists. He charged Moscow with financing the opposition to the proposed new constitution but conceded that there were some deduced persons who would oppose it in all sincerity.

A few days before Soustelle had been the target of an assassin's bullet, one of the shots cutting through the sleeve of his coat. He seemed to be completely unconcerned over the experience and answered direct questions from our group forthrightly.

Following the great conference, Soustelle and other top leaders in the government joined in a cocktail party served on the historic premises at 86 Avenue d'Iena. It was so informal as any of its kind one might attend at home. Soustelle proved to be an easy conversationalist, seemingly uninhibited and apparently unimpressed with the significance of his position in world affairs.

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Paris was crowded and looked prosperous. Some of the economic experts told us the people were living it up, accounting for the great number of automobiles, flourishing restaurants and bistros. While the country has staged a remarkable industrial recovery, they said, there are cancerous factors in the economy resulting from the unrestrained activities of socialist and radical labor unions that have serious implications unless the new government succeeds.

Rent controls are still in effect and, as a result, landlords are forced to neglect their properties while leaseholders black-market their premises. Some of the most beautiful buildings in the world are crumbling in ruins.

France suffered greater destruction during the last war than did Germany. One in 10 buildings throughout the country was destroyed either by aerial bombs or by destruction from occupying forces. Many of the buildings have been rebuilt and 1958 should see one of the greatest building booms in the history of this highly industrialized nation.

Presently top income for a laborer is about 80 cents per hour but he has cheap rent and other fringe benefits that make his lot bearable. He spends about 25 per cent of his gross take-home pay on food. He loves

LAW IN ACTION

Basic Opinions

A basic unit of legal thinking is a court opinion. There a judge explains his reasons for deciding in favor of one party or another.

Later on under the doctrine of "stare decisis" other lawyers and judges may apply his reasoning to similar cases.

Opinions are "not harsh nor crooked as dull foos suppose," but frequently full of color.

Take a case the other day: The court of appeal first had to decide if the prisoner could appeal his case at all. His papers missed the deadline. Yes he could, the court held, because he had written them soon enough, but a short handed prison staff had failed to mail them to the court in time.

Next, was his conspiracy, possession, transporting, selling, etc., of narcotics, one or more than one criminal act? If one, he would be guilty of only one crime—and his sentence might be lighter; otherwise he would be guilty of multiple crimes—with a prospect of a longer sentence.

The three judges found that the "sale" itself was a single act and that some of the things he was accused of were merely incidents to that act.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS: 1-Start food; 2-Word used in a game; 3-Grain; 4-Word; 5-Word; 6-Word; 7-Word; 8-Word; 9-Word; 10-Word; 11-Word; 12-Word; 13-Word; 14-Word; 15-Word; 16-Word; 17-Word; 18-Word; 19-Word; 20-Word; 21-Word; 22-Word; 23-Word; 24-Word; 25-Word; 26-Word; 27-Word; 28-Word; 29-Word; 30-Word; 31-Word; 32-Word; 33-Word; 34-Word; 35-Word; 36-Word; 37-Word; 38-Word; 39-Word; 40-Word; 41-Word; 42-Word; 43-Word; 44-Word; 45-Word; 46-Word; 47-Word; 48-Word; 49-Word; 50-Word; 51-Word; 52-Word; 53-Word; 54-Word; 55-Word; 56-Word; 57-Word; 58-Word; 59-Word; 60-Word; 61-Word; 62-Word; 63-Word; 64-Word; 65-Word; 66-Word; 67-Word; 68-Word; 69-Word; 70-Word; 71-Word; 72-Word; 73-Word; 74-Word; 75-Word; 76-Word; 77-Word; 78-Word; 79-Word; 80-Word; 81-Word; 82-Word; 83-Word; 84-Word; 85-Word; 86-Word; 87-Word; 88-Word; 89-Word; 90-Word; 91-Word; 92-Word; 93-Word; 94-Word; 95-Word; 96-Word; 97-Word; 98-Word; 99-Word; 100-Word.

Illustration of a man and a woman, with text: "The candidate who challenged his opponent to a lie detector test might start a new trend in political campaigning."—Sally Stratton.

his little automobile of any kind of motive power equipment. We saw a family of four riding on tricycle scooter in the rain and enjoying themselves. There are one million motor vehicles in Paris and traffic at times attains a state of almost complete paralysis. It is a harrowing experience to cross a boulevard as a pedestrian and somewhat of a thrill to ride in a taxi.

NOTES ON THE PARIS SCENE

Skirts and living costs are going higher and Parisiennes still manage a chic compearance that is a joy to behold—the Lido and Folies Bergere still are a must attraction and nudity is more prevalent than in years— the food is good everywhere and very expensive—you still pay for water in a restaurant, the waiters still insisting it is to be used only for bathing—despite what some travelers tell you, the French are courteous and hospitable—there is no discrimination because they seem to take just as much delight in taking their fellow citizens as they do Americans—the franc is worth about 450 to the dollar and one has to carry lots of lettuce in his pocket-book to make even small purchases—the Arc d'Triumph is as magnificent as ever as are the Louvre and the gardens of Versailles. Don't write France off. It has a very important part in your future.

But, before he packaged and sold the heroin he had divided it and had kept some. And, what he kept was no part of the sale, so, he was guilty of two criminal acts—selling and possessing.

This objective analysis of a man's rights makes good reading against dark alleys, informers, dope peddlers, and the like also described in the opinion.

Besides, this opinion may one day affect the rights of an innocent person, perhaps you.

NOTE: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

and I Quote

"The candidate who challenged his opponent to a lie detector test might start a new trend in political campaigning."—Sally Stratton.

"Kind words can never die, but without kind deeds they can sound mighty sick."—Missionary Tidings.