Your Right to Know Is the Key to All Your Liberities

EDITORIALS THOUGHT FOR TODAY-1 might go and live in

Switzerland permanently. I have always dreamed of a country where the mountains are higher than the taxes. —Elist Blaise Cendrars of France.

Freedom's Textbook

Freedom is expressed in many ways by many people, but almost universally, freedom has been stimulated and taught in the pages of a free press-free to seek out the truth and free to express these facts.

Never has any part of human society been called on more consistently than the press to play a significant role in protecting the rights of individuals. Your newspaper today is not only a key to better living, but it is truly freedom's textbook.

To limit the press in its attempts to obtain accurate and factual information would be to limit your right to know —a basic concept in a free society. Despite this role, there are those who would deprive newspaper readers of this freedom.

The barring of reporters from town council meetings, trials is in a real sense an infringement on your right to know; a restriction on your newspaper's right to the report report

Certainly, these practices should be condemned.

But we could hardly take such a stand without first looking to ourselves and knowing full well that we practice what we advocate.

Let's take as an example our relations with our advertisers. The most important function we serve for them is in providing the circulation which gives the audience to their printed sales messages. We feel that each advertiser has a right to know all the facts about his audience before he is invited to tell his sales story through our advertising columns.

Just as the reporter should not be denied the facts on events or transactions having public interest, neither should anyone with a legitimate interest be deprived of information which is essential as a sound basis for investing his advertising dollars.

Just as we believe that complete information regarding the advertising value of this newspaper should be available to our advertisers, so do we fight for the right of our readers to be fully informed regarding subjects affecting their - interests.

The press, as the recognized medium for informing the people, should be given every opportunity to obtain the facts. Only after every door closed by a public official has been opened to the press, shall we have complete freedom of information.

Only so long as this is true can your newspaper effec-tively serve as freedom's textbook.

Drawing the Line

The question of taxpayer-financed trips by our public officials has been raised here again with the authorization for members of the board of education and nearly half a dozen school administrators to attend an annual convention of school officials in Atlantic City early next year.

The authorization-which school officials contend does not mean all of those authorized will go-raises a question in the minds of many of the city's taxpayers: Where does it end?

The Herald also questions such wholesale convention attendance, especially at retail prices. We don't neces-sarily oppose such expenditures in money and time. But we ask that selfish consideration be given in assessing the gains of such activities against the costs.

Much useful knowledge can be gained at meetings addressed by leaders of any profession, and the interchange of ideas between representatives from a large segment of the nation is a healthy activity. But could that knowledge be obtained at far less cost to the taxpayer by obtaining

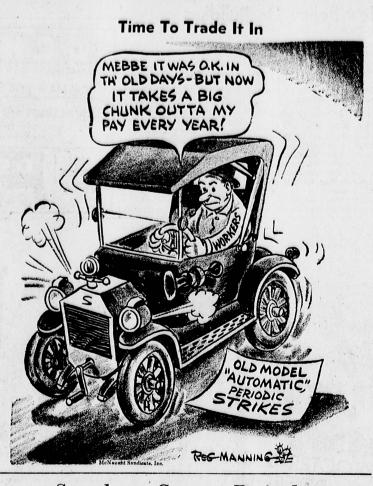
Be obtained at far less cost to the taxpayer by obtaining seports of the convention, or by sending fewer delegates? Is the wholesale attendance at such a convention as the school officials meeting in Atlantic City or the conven-tion of the League of California Cities in San Francisco this week worth the thousands of dollars it will cost?

Just as private business and industry must take a hardboiled look at appropriations for conventions because of the terrible expenses involved, the schools and the city must maintain reasonable limits on such trips.

Top city and school administrators and the legislative bodies must adopt the same realistic attitude because the taxpayers cannot continue to provide a blank check for such purposes.

Persons in authority must re-examine convention policies in light of growing expenditures and rising tax rates, making sure that each dollar spent on such items is returned to the taxpayer in increased efficiency in the departments concerned.

To do less



Symphony Concert Praised

orchestra played with dig-nity, straightforwardness and freshness. Miss Elyse Aehle, Friday evening, Oct. 16, 1959, the the Redondo High School Auditorium, Redondo conductor, carried the orches-Beach, California, the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony tra through the overture with a great deal of verve. One critical part of the perform-ance, however, was the inton-ation of the woodwind section which did not come up to Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony was heard in a concert of very difficult works. The in-troduction, offered by Jan Darian, president of the Civic Symphony Association, and a greeting, given by Charles H. Wortham, past president of the association, started the festivity with a note of wel-come. which did not come up to Miss Aehle's usual standards.

* * * Miss Colette Nance was fea-

tured soloist in the Piano Concerto No. 1, in E flat, by Franz Liszt. Miss Nance gave her utmost to this very diffi-Piano Opening the program with the Overture to the Opera, "Mignon," by Thomas, the cult composition which is us-

Degrees of Evidence

sult in misconduct and a new

cases, our rules call for the on the criminal, like cases involving civil fraud or un-due influence, the court may most careful presentation of evidence and the highest degree of proof.

The stakes — life, liberty, and one's good name — are higher in criminal cases than in civil cases. Long ago the What is a conservative? To our mind, it's one who courts came to demand great-

surors must look at all the in the book that evidence and say to a "moral (S. C.) Observer, certainty" that the charge is true. Or the judge might merely tell the jurors to ac-quit the prisoner if they have reasonable doubt about his guilt. Maybe we need a new perspective toward the juvenile problem. Maybe it should center on parents who are onery or too busy to accept the responsibility of living exemplary lives themselves and of teaching their children to do likewise .- Fort Piece (Fla.) News-Tribune.



A 'Best Ever' Christmas **Predicted by Reporter**

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT Christmas 1959 is shaping up as the best ever for retail $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow$ that a change in the indus-try's sales pattern already is

sales. The predicition comes from The predicition comes from retailer groups across the country as they start, fclly two months ahead of the hol-iday, their Yuletide promo-tions. It's made confidently, the effects on the economy generally of the long steel strike, "tight money" and the housing slowdown. One indication of a happy holiday for the tradesmen:

holiday for the tradesmen: Christmas Club payments are expected to reach \$1.5 billion, the most on record. Last year the average check was \$105. But it turned out that only 31 per cent was actually spent on Christmas shopping, so retailers will start their so retailers will start their ad pushes earlier to snare a bigger portion.

Most stores expect to spend Most stores expect to spend more on advertising than last year, and there'll be more joint promotions, with mer-chants in both shopping cen-ters and downtown areas co-operating. Their primary tar-get: the first four days after Thanksgiving, which last year accounted for 15 per cent of all Yule buying. Toy industry estimates are for 10 per cent sales increase over 1958. Greeting card manufactur-

Greeting card manufactur-ers look for a big season for Christmas cards, and there pliances. will be a continuance of the A quiet revolution is going on in the American kitchen. It started when manufacturtrend toward greater elegance.

"Although the more ele-gant cards frequently are priced higher," says D. M. Gray, director of sales and merchandising for Hallmark Cards, "the customer seems to regard this additional expenditure as justified by the fast that Christmas cards often, represent a once-a-year contact with many of his ac-As of now, the top model ranges of more than 20 manu-facturers have earned the award. Although they were introduced only on Jan. 1 of this year, the Gas Appliance

ually performed by a man. There were high points when the technic of the concerto soared and carried its mes-

sage beautifully. The entire performance was very lyric

and at the same time power-

ful. The orchestra played an excellent sustaining role to

For an encore, Miss Nance brought to life again the of-ten-played "Clair de Lune,"

by Debussy, performing quite-ly and artfully after the strenuous undertaking of the

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For the final work of the program, the orchestra play-ed Dvorak's Symphony No. 5 in E minor ("New World"). This beautiful and well-loved

the soloist.

concerto.

quaintances." The greeting card, Gray pointed out, is one of the few items that is always purchased as a gift — never to be re-tained by the buyer — and therefore is always expected to represent the sender's

robber and kidnapper on sen-tence to Alcatraz.

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betray that trust .--- William F.

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learning less than anything else is doomed—UCLA Chan-cellor Verne O. Knudsen.

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bot ideas, and the curbing of labor racketeers, it would

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Manufacturers Assn. reports that a change in the indus-try's sales pattern already is evident. The number of ranges shipped in the first eight months of 1959 has in-creased 12.6 per cent over the comparable period of 1958, and their dollar volume has increased by 18.4 per cent.

Gray predicts that relig-ious cards will reach new highs ih styling, beauty and variety this year, reflecting the nation's renewed atten-tion to spiritual values. In the past decade purchases of re-ligious Christmas cards have soared as much as 500 new cent. cent. This dollar bulge, GAMA points out, is due less to the effects of inflation than to offering an improved product and the consequence upgrad-ing of consumer tastes.

ligious Christmas cards have soared as much as 500 per cent in some types of holiday greetings, Gray said. The public's preference for all types of Christmas greet-ings — ranging from boxed assortments of cards by not-ed churchmen to elegantly styled cards for personal im-print—has more than doubl-ed since the end of World War II, Gray added.

tional features. The list rang-

ed from automatic ignition of all burners to the "burner-with-a-brain" which converts every pot in the house into an automatic cooking utensil.

with its discount. Consumer with its discounts. consumers report that many discount War II, Gray added. ★★★★ An "audio analgesiac" ma-chine for dentists produces a combination of music and masking sounds which when heard by the patient through earphones is said to block out the sensation of pain in . 90 per cent of cases . . . A new battery-powered automo-bile travels 50 to 100 miles on a charge and has a built-in charger that plugs into any electrical outles to rejuvenate the 12 four-volt batteries . . . house clerks seem to have the atitude that "At thesep rices I'm doing you a favor in accepting your money." Printer's Ink magazine, in commenting on the situation, editorializes that "some of the big discount houses may be driving some consumers back to the department store

and smaller retailer . . . This doesn't mean the the departdoesn't mean the the depart-ment stores and other retail-ers should become complac-ent. Many of them still have a long way to go in providing a congenial shopping atmos-phere for the consumer. But they are certainly getting a lot of help from the (discour-teous) discourt clerk." the 12 four-volt batteries the 12 four-volt batteries A new kitchen aid combines an electric can opener and a clock-and-timer that can be be used to control other ap-* * *

* * It's no secret that the pub-

lic in search of a bargain has had to take some dicourtesy

* * * Los Angeles World Series games "late" by virtue of time difference, proved a boon to East Coast companers and gas utilities got to-gether and created a Gold Star Award and insignia for gas ranges with 28 new "must" improvements and at least two of five other op-tional features. The list range boon to East Coast compan-ies in that employes had to look or listen "on their own time"... Banking plan for bowling leagues has spread to 37 cities, helps keep track of amateur leagues' funds, cut down on losses which in 58 superiod exception. cut down on losses which in 58 reported cases last year ran to \$46,668... Pipe man-ufacturers have launched a program to win more colleg-ian puffers by promoting the pipe as a "symbol of mascu-line assurance in an overly distraught world."

COOD QUESTION





notorious one, may well re-The prosecution in criminal cases must show guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt"; but in most civil cases, one trial. * * * side wins merely by proving his case by a "preponderance of evidence." When civil cases verge up-Since the stakes are so high in life and liberty in criminal

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

This beautiful and well-loved folk-cultured symphony gives one the feeling that Dvorak knew and loved this country, even though he spent only a short time here. The orchestra, under the very capable direction of Miss Aehle, performed with a magnificent sweep and grandeur. About 800 persons attended his concert to wit-ness the tireless efforts of this sincere and talented group and to give them trib-ute for work well done. Richard L. Bradford M.A., Mus. Doc.

Opinions of Others

courts came to demand greats which is the consolution of the first of the who of a crime. What is "reasonable believes in reasonable, sensible progress based on the ex-periences of the near and distant past. Not one who be-lieves in rushing off in all directions trying every nostrum doubt"? Jurors must look at all the in the book that some hair-brain may devise.—Greenville widenee to the transformed of the

will be considered a misuse of public funds.

STAR GAZER*** By CLAY R POLLAN To dever lop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign, People 31 You 61 Visits Scorrg 61 Visits 62 Worthwh 63 Make 64 On 65 Your 66 Gain 67 Lave 68 Connection 59 Generosity APR. 21 MAY-21 SCORPIO Today You Clandestine For All 314-18-24-2 54-55-66 estigate 30-39-42-49 0-78-81-86 5 People Corefully Will Who Angles Pleasural Friends For And Pursuits Reaching Your Of GEMINI SAGITTARIU OV. 23 9 Is Appreciate What Travel You You're And To 212-15-17-40 52-75-79-87 0-25-33-36 CANCER CAPRICORN DEC. 23 JAN 20 15 H 16 Harmonious 17 Possible 18 On 19 Make 20 Wonderful 45 Social 46 Health 47 Will 48 Can 2- 9-11-1 Mok Importu 80 Be 81 Purchasinr 82 Aggressi 82 Aggressi 9 Sympat 16-22-28-45 Compression Hold And LEO JULY AUG AQUARIUS AN. 21 EB' 19 26-32-35-4 53-58-74 VIRGO Realizing 19-21-38-50 FEB. 4. 6.34-3 Neutral 3- 5- 8-23

or acting under provocation. The burden is on the accused to prove these "affirma-tive defenses," which are to justify his acts. * * *

The accused may try to jus-

tify himself; he might say he acted in self-defense (this was

no defense in the old days); he may claim he was insane

guilt.

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Law in Action

ask for "a clear and convinc-ing evidence."

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Unless a fact is put in evi-dence neither side may use it to persuade a court or a jury. One prosecutor state a lour of a long. One prosecutor state at that he wouldn't try the case unless he knew the accused was guilty; another told the jur-ors they should be afraid to meet their fellow-men if they dight convict, the accused didn't convict the accused. Both statements were "mis-conduct," and a court had to try these cases over again to be fair. * * *

Evidence may be too in-flammatory: Revolting pic-tures and sensational exhibits cannot be brought into court solely to shock or to arouse the jurors' anger or indigna-tion. Remarks to a jury com-paring their case to another

labor racketeers, it would have been a much worse Congress.—Congressman Joe **CROSSWORD PUZZLE** Holt, Van Nuys. ACROSS AUNOUS 1-Noveity 4-Singing voice 8-The urial 12-Native metal 13-Native metal 13-Native metal 14-Granus of Harasses 14-Granus of Harasses 15-Temporary ruler 17-Moneylend-er the commies thought could whip us they'd tomorrow morning. they start tomorrow morning. Don't be deceived by smooth Bishop of Kwangju, Korea. er 19-Staff 20-White poplar 21-Smooth 21-Smooth 24-Pound down 24-Pound down 25-Confederate 35-Confederate 36-Confilmann 30-Chait in (abbr.) 31-Rosed for measure 35-Chait in "Freedom is indivisible. When any one of its facetseconomic, political or relig-ious — is weakened sooner or later the others will be in jeopardy." — George Fern. * * "Maybe I'm just too old to comprehend the modern eco-nomic theory that a man or a nation can live in perpetu-ity on the cuff."—Inez Robb. "Economic literacy is a national necessity if our way of life is to be preserved." — Dr. Lillian Kay.

"The work place in God's world is to rest on your laurels — it's too comfortable there." — James Thurber. 53-River in Wates "Women will be the last thing civilized by man." George Meredith.

