Your Right to Know Is the Key to All Your Liberities **EDITORIALS**

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY—He said they that were seri-in ridiculous matters would be ridiculous in serious matters .- Plutarch (A.D. 46-120.)

On Missing Boats

Apparently the Herald "missed the boat" last week when it asked in an editorial that city and school officials maintain a reasonable limit on convention trips.

It turns out, to our surprise, that attending conventions throughout the nation is considered by some to be a fringe benefit for underpaid officials.

"Editorial writers seem to forget," Mayor Albert Isen pointed out during Tuesday's council meeting, that city officials take a lot of time away from their business to serve the city "for a pittance," And conventions take time, too, he indicated, but they're worth it.

"You should see the national stature Torrance is gaining at these meetings," he emphasized.

Other councilmen pointed out that topics of discussions at the conventions covered points with which the city is deeply concerned, such as transportation, traffic problems, and finances.

Anyway, having 'expressed their pro-convention polithe councilmen voted authorization for anyone who cared to attend the 36th annual American Municipal Government Congress in Denver, Colo., to be held Nov. 29 to Dec. 2.

The representatives are going to talk about traffic and transportation. And the money it will cost to get a sizeable Torrance delegation there would probably pay for a mod-ern, four-way traffic control signal at one of the city's "horse and buggy" intersections.

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Law in Action

False Confessions

Every rule of evidence goes back to some injustice which the rule seeks to remedy.

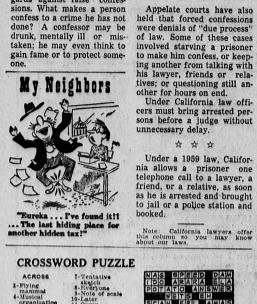
Take confessions. A couple f years ago, a man confess-d killing of a man confess-tor confession of the confession of t of years ago, a man confessed killing his wife and got sent up for life. The other day another man confessed to the same murder, and clearly proved the husband's innocence.

The courts of appeal may reverse convictions based upon forced confessions. In one case, an officer made a superstitutous man view a victim's body; in an-other, a drug addict got no narcoites until he "confes-sed." In both cases the courts upset the convictions. The govenor pardoned the husband,

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Such cases do happen from time to time. Our courts have set up the

Our courts have set up the rules of evidence as safe-gards against false confes-sions. What makes a person confess to a crime he has not done? A confessor may be drunk, mentally ill or mis-taken; he may even think to gain fame or to protect some-one.





Effects of Steel Strike **Reach Other Industries**

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In their competition for a

major share of the TV audi-ence at any given time this season, sponsors are attract-

ing viewers with the most varied headline fare in the history of the ad-and- enter-

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT So, before a California court will "admit" a confes-sion in evidence, the district

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT The effects of the steel strike will continue to be feit long after the men in the mills are back at work. The strike had little impact on industrial production in the third quarter; big users like the automobile manufac-turers were well inventoried as they started turning out new models. nodels But going into the fourth

said. But going into the fourth quarter, auto assembly lines bogged down for lack of steel. Dealers find themselves unable to promise delivery at a time when many buyers, in-trigued by new-car gadgetry, come into the market. The construction industry is now feeling the hurt, too, with shortages of boilers, water heaters, nails and structural steel. Sparks pointed out that his group is supporting actors ship programs among 10 arc-titectural institutions in this country. The plan operates at a group of schools for an interval of at least three years and then moves to an-other group, until all institu-tions are covered. Good news for the fat man: steel. Good news for the fat man: One manufacturer is making

Baters, hais and structural steel. $\nota \ a \ a$ But the long-term effects could be even more serious. Crude steel production in six European nations hit a rec-ord 5.5 million tons in Sep-tember, up a half-million tons from August and almost 10 per cent above a year ago. Canadian mills are operating near capacity. Red China claimed it produced more steel during the first nine months of 1959 than in all of 1958. Other countries are putting in their first plants, looking toward self-sufficien-ty. All this adds up to an in-creasingly tough fight for the United States to battle for world sales. shoelaces of a textured yarn that will remain tied until the wearer wants to remove his shoes... An electric home peeler for fruits and vegetables — the one kit-chen utensil not in existence that a survey of housewives reported they would most like to have — is now on the market.", . Plastic duck de-coys that are inflatable have a tough, flexible hide that sheds water like a read duck sheds water like a real duck.

world sales.

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

The nation's ceramic tile manufacturers are trying to pry open new markets with architect's T-squares. John C. Sparks, president of the Tile Council of Amer-ice recently announced plane a few seasons ago one "name" was enough to garner a top Trendex rating for an adverica, recently announced plans for a campaign to publicize the essential role of archi-

Sparks told 500 members Sparks told 500 members of the Tile Contractor's Assn. of America in Chicago recent-ly that the new program would also serve to better ac-quaint architects as well as the general public with the superior features of ceramic tile made in this country. Domestic tile makers are "in serious jeopardy from unserious jeopardy from un-limited importations," Sparks

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Ann Landers in Russia

ON MOVIE SET . . . Ann Landers, whose human relations column appears each Sunday and Thursday in the Herald, stops to talk to women prop handlers for a movie being filmed in Moscow. Miss Landers has written a 12-part series on her experiences in Russia which is being brought exclusively to readers of this area by the Herald.

People's Court Gets

Crowded Home Spats

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"Mr. Seminoroff peeks behind the curtains when my young daughters are undressing..."
"The Nerodnovas get drunk and fight all the time. We haven't had a good night's sleep in months. My husband cantot do his job in the medi-cal laboratory without rest..."
"THE HOUSING shortage in-evitable has hatched a multi-tude of moral problems — in-cluding incest.

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