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**EDITORIALS**

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**Guideposts Needed**

A basic question of conduct of government employees in respect to political campaigns has been raised with the filing of charges against a Torrance fireman on allegations that he took an active part in the recent election.

Let us say right here, that we do not propose to have the answer . . . but we do have some questions.

Is it wrong for a city employee, in this case, to express his preference among candidates for a city office?

Apparently, according to the charges filed against the fireman, this constitutes taking an active part in the election contrary to provisions of the city charter.

A number of persons have come to the defense of the fireman, claiming that to limit his activities in his off-duty time and in his own name is an infringement of his rights as a citizen.

If this is true, where does it stop?

The preference of one fireman—or one policeman, or engineer, or stenographer—may or may not have a great impact on the outcome of the election.

But, to make a point, supposing it had been the fire chief, police chief, or others of prominence who must be guided by the same rules that apply to their departments. Should they be permitted to voice preferences in city elections?

As we said earlier, we don't propose to know the answers, but we do know that you can't have different rules for chiefs and indians.

The current case, while clouding the name of an able fireman, should prove a valuable aid in determining the rights of individuals to speak out on political matters. The outcome can provide a much needed guidepost by which other city employees may govern their campaign activities.

And if putting candidates' bumper stickers on a private automobile is taking an active part in a campaign, city employees should know that, too.

**Paul Reverse**

It always seems to happen in historical reruns. The centennial counterpart of the first pony express team to reach Sacramento arrived by truck, 24 hours late. Last year, an anniversary replica of a stage coach was unable to complete its historic arrival at San Francisco because it couldn't make a left turn off Market Street. And now William Dawes has fallen off his horse at Cambridge.

Dawes, as it will be remembered by those who got to school before American history took a back seat to the social graces, was the riding companion of Paul Reverse on the historic gallop to warn the Colonists that the British were coming. The other day, on the 185th anniversary of that famous ride, the man impersonating Dawes reached Cambridge Commons on time, all right, but halted too suddenly and fell off his horse. He couldn't get up until he had pushed the nag off his old fashioned cloak. To his credit however, he straightened his tricornered hat, remounted, and rode off to Lexington.

Next time, fellows, don't ride—telegraph.

**Opinions of Others**

WASHINGTON, (IOWA) JOURNAL: "Gradually the Federal Government seems to be moving into the field of business, in direct competition with private enterprise . . ."

"It is a trend that should be strenuously opposed, the name of government ownership and management is Socialism. At its worst it becomes Communism the perspiring candidate who says he favors government ownership only in cases where private ownership can't do the job, is seldom willing to give private enterprise a hearing."

**Law in Action**

**Ethics and Rules**

Twice a year a room full of young men and women stand before the California Supreme Court and take their oaths as lawyers.

Besides the oath, American lawyers, since 1908 have imposed upon themselves canons of professional ethics sometimes more strict than the law itself.

In California lawyers have also adopted and enforced rules of Professional Conduct. Each year the State Bar names committees in every county to hear complaints and the Supreme Court considers recommendations of the Board of Governors for disciplining lawyers found breaking the rules or violating their oath.

California law sets forth an attorney's duty:

- (a) To support the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State.
- (b) To maintain the respect due to the courts of justice . . .
- (c) To counsel or maintain such actions, proceedings or defenses only as appear to him legal or just, except the defense of a person charged with a

public offense (a crime).

(d) To employ, for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to him such means only as are consistent with truth, and never seek to mislead the judge or any judicial officer by an artifice or false statement of fact or law.

(e) To maintain inviolate the confidence, and at every peril to himself to preserve the secrets, of his client.

(f) To abstain from all offensive personality, and to advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which he is charged.

(g) Not to encourage either the commencement or the continuation of an action or proceeding from any corrupt motive of passion or interest.

(h) Never to reject, for any consideration personal to himself, the cause of the defenseless or the oppressed.

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



**Behind the Scenes**

**Compact Car Craze Cuts Into Steel Industries**

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

The steel industry is often called a "bellweather" industry; its state of health affects millions of workers and hundreds of management teams in other businesses. Now it appears that a trend in American tastes is posing a sizeable threat to steel's health.

It's the acceptance American cars are giving to compact cars. The U.S.-made compacts use considerably less steel than the traditional standard-size models; one source says the difference averages 1500 pounds.

The tremendous growth in popularity of imported small cars in the past five years seems to have heralded a definite trend to smaller autos. The pattern suggests the U.S. is actually undergoing an automotive revolution—with larger cars as the victims.

If the trend proves more or less permanent, the steel industry will face the loss of a market of several million tons annually. This could cause serious dislocations unless other steel-using industries are prosperous enough to take the slack, or some new uses are developed.

Saving Defense Dollars — Anybody who reads the papers knows the cost of military hardware is considerable, with roughly 40 per cent of the national budget now going to defense. So any company that can save millions of dollars on the cost of its hardware is indeed doing the nation a favor.

A pace-setter among companies successful in paring costs is Republic Aviation, prime contractor for the F-105 fighter bomber. Some nine months ago this company launched an intensive cost-reduction program aimed at not only its own manufacturing activity on the F-105

but also the scores of other companies turning out specialized equipment and parts for this sleek, faster-than-sound jet plane. Subcontractors such as General Electric and Bendix Aviation and, in turn, their suppliers actively joined the campaign. Recently Republic announced the total savings has topped \$26 million — amounting to just over 20 per cent of the cost per aircraft.

Subcontractor companies are so interested in the program they've been having "seminars" in which they meet with their own suppliers and discuss developments in production efficiency, manpower utilization, and the like. Even Republic's competitors are "let in" on cost-saving technical secrets.

What's In a Name? — Catching the eye of the buying public with new product names is a problem to which many U.S. business men have devoted. And the tactic of linking the new product to today's news is still as effective as it was when a candy manufacturer named a new candy bar after the world's most famous baseball player.

One large company that introduced a new product aptly named to today's headlines is Buloca Watch Co. It calls its new spring feature watch "The President" and describes it as the newest "candidate" for the "popular vote" in 1960. Some models are waterproof and of a new one-piece construction for dust and rust protection. Election-year campaign materials are being used to help 18,000 jewelers solicit a landslide of votes for the new "candidate." They include slogans, flashing displays in a fireworks motif, and lavish

use of red, white, blue and gold in store display materials.

Things to Come — Coming to market is a credit card "organizer" that resembles a fancy wallet in that it has space for 24 credit cards plus a money compartment, phone index and note pad . . . An 18-foot boat with a small in-board jet engine is slated for debut early in 1961 . . . Recently placed on the market is a swimming pool selling for under \$1000; it has 256 square feet of swimming area, the maker says.

Annual Report Gimmick — American business has devised many unique methods of reaching its shareholders with the annual report. Latest is an audible report from a big life insurance company. Enclosed with the regular printed report were a few choice words from the president on a phonograph record of unbreakable plastic.

Some years back a major coffee company hoped to inject an aroma of roasted coffee into the pages of its printed report. But the attempt was dropped because of technical problems.

Bits o' Business — For the first time since 1940, an American hat company is exporting hats in quantity to Britain . . . A woman stockholder of an Eastern utility wants the company's annual meeting held Saturdays so more shareholders can attend and participate; the plan will be voted on in a few weeks. . . America's corporations added a record \$9 billion to their working capital during 1959, according to a government report . . . Voting machine manufacturers are having a busy, prosperous year; it's estimated that 105,000 machines will be used this fall, compared with barely 80,000 in the last presidential election year. And 77 of our 100 largest cities now plan to use the automatic vote-counters.

**STAR GAZER**  
By CLAY R. POLLAN

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

<b>ARIES</b> MAR. 22 - APR. 21 10-12-15-35 5-7-20-25 28-41-45	<b>Taurus</b> APR. 21 - MAY 21 5-7-20-25 28-41-45	<b>GEMINI</b> MAY 22 - JUNE 21 10-12-15-35 5-7-20-25 28-41-45	<b>CANCER</b> JUNE 22 - JULY 22 10-12-15-35 5-7-20-25 28-41-45	<b>LEO</b> JULY 23 - AUG. 23 1-8-9-27 46-51-62	<b>VIRGO</b> AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23 4-11-14-17 26-43-51-57	<b>LIBRA</b> SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23 2-13-40-61 67-72-83-88	<b>SCORPIO</b> OCT. 24 - NOV. 23 40-52-53-55 71-72-75	<b>SAGITTARIUS</b> NOV. 24 - DEC. 23 37-39-42-57 64-77-84-86	<b>CAPRICORN</b> DEC. 24 - JAN. 20 18-21-23-26 31-38-79-85	<b>AQUARIUS</b> JAN. 21 - FEB. 19 8-19-22 3-6-19-22	<b>PISCES</b> FEB. 20 - MAR. 21 11-12-13 33-44-47-58 59-70-76
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28 Ill 58 Pressure 88 Indicated  
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Good Adverse Neutral

**My Neighbors**



"Of course that price doesn't include the federal, state, local, excise or sales taxes..."

**From the Mailbox**

By Our Readers

**Candidate Defends Fireman**

Editor, Torrance Herald  
I am writing this letter as a Citizen of Torrance.

I have nothing but the highest respect for Loradelle and Richard DeArmitt.

We could use quite a few more people in the City of Torrance with the honesty, high ideals and unselfishness of these two people.

They give willingly of their time wherever it is needed—Scouting, Little League, Church, YMCA work and others that I can't even begin to recall.

People that take an all around interest in their City as the DeArmitts do should be commended—not deprived of their means of livelihood simply because they feel they have the right to express their opinions and desires in their choice of man running for a public office.

I believe it is the right of all people "to think for themselves." No government, City or State, has the right to take this privilege from any individual. If there is a code in our Civil Service Laws of this nature there must also be other unfair codes. I personally feel that all of the Civil Service Laws should be reviewed one by one and their rights given back to the City employees. Could it be that these unfair codes are there to protect men already in office that are afraid of the knowledge that some city employe might have and could use against him—if it was not for some such code as the one in question?

Mr. DeArmitt is a working man and he feels strongly for this class. He is continually striving for better working conditions as is shown by the fact that he is the president of the Firefighters Union. A man that stands on his own two feet and speaks for a group as Richard DeArmitt does in his capacity as President of the Firefighters Union would not be popular with his superiors. It is common knowledge that there has been unfairness in the Department in the advancement of personnel. Isn't his activity in the Union the real cause behind his suspension and not the camouflage of his using bumper stickers on his truck?

I feel we are very lucky to have these two people as Citizens of Torrance and to have a man of this caliber serving us in our Fire Department.

MRS. JANE HOGUE  
4630 Toucan St.

Editor, Torrance Herald  
I would like to have my say as a citizen in regard to the suspension of Richard DeArmitt by his Chief in the political matter in which he is supposed to have participated.

Since I am one of the candidates he was supposed to have campaigned for, I feel I have a right to speak. The campaign matter in question was given to Mrs. DeArmitt at her home by me personally.

As for the rights of Mr. DeArmitt, as a citizen, the City, State, or Federal government has no control over his private property or what he puts on it.

This has been proven in a court case by one of the leading car manufacturers in the past two years. Regardless of the Civil Service rules this man's Civil Rights are being challenged and every citizen in Torrance should protest. This—"All American City"—who said so?

I might add also, that the morale of our Fire Department is the Chief's responsibility. Is this helping? Will this give our Firemen incentive to work? Just what do we offer? Has anyone bothered to check with other cities our size, regarding pay scale, the number of men needed, the hours worked and etc.

The City can't continue to use its fast growth as an excuse for not improving conditions. Our City Fathers are responsible for the hiring of the proper personnel to administer our Cities business; if they can't do the job then it's time to make some change.

This is not the first time that there has been trouble in our Fire Department. This is just the time when the Department has had its fill. I have no doubt but that every Union man in Los Angeles County will back Mr. DeArmitt in this fight.

As for Mr. DeArmitt, as a Citizen, I feel he should be commended for all his Civic activities. I for one am very pleased to be considered by he and his wife as being worthy of the office of City Council. I will support him in every way I can—now and in the future.

R. PAT HOGUE  
4630 Toucan St.

Editor, Torrance Herald  
I read your recent editorial on "The City Election" with great interest and under the heading of "Better Late than Never" would like to make a suggestion.

Why doesn't Torrance make it easier for people to register? The only time I've seen any registering done was after an "open house" at the school. The line was so long people got discouraged and left without registering.

When I moved to Torrance, nobody informed me where to register. One day I went to Sears-Inglewood and in front of their door a woman was seated taking registrations. It was so simple I registered with her.

We have a Sears and a great many large stores and markets in Torrance. Couldn't people be placed there at peak hours to take the registrations of people in Torrance?

Try it! I'll bet it works.  
HELEN ROTH MALINI  
Torrance



It's strange how the ignorant refuse to study and the intelligent never stop.—North Vernon Plain Dealer.

America is that wonderful land where it's trashy to sit on the front porch in your undershirt, but gracious living if you've got nothing but shorts.—Tom Dobbs.

I'm proud to pay taxes in the United States. Only thing is—I could be just as proud for half the money.—Arthur Godfrey.

We (Americans) are acting like a family where the wife spends what she likes without bothering to find out how much money her husband is making.—Rep. Joseph W. Barr (D-Ind.)

There are few things certain in this world, and one of them is that no woman is wearing shoes too large for her.—International Teamster.

**State Committee Seeking Ways to Cut Cost Corners**

By RICHARD RICHARDS  
State Senator

Having just finished paying our State income taxes, we are keenly aware of the continued need for curtailment of any and all unnecessary governmental expenses. As chairman of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Local Government, it has become the purpose of this Committee to do just that, namely to seek out and recommend changes where wasteful duplication and overlapping of government agencies exist.

In line with our policy, this Committee (composed of Senators Rattigan, Rodda, Arnold, Erhart, Johnson, and myself) has scheduled two days of hearings on these matters in the Southern California area.

These meetings are open to the public, and are to be held on May 5 and 6, starting at 10 a.m., at the State Building, Civic Center, Los Angeles. All who are interested are invited to attend.

It is the intent of this Committee to look into the extent of duplications in public services, the reasons for their existence, and the opportunities for improvement.

In previous years, our Legislature has been able to eliminate quite a few semi-defunct and nonfunctioning governmental and county agencies. It has been pointed out that there is still a need for legislation to simplify present district laws, so as to create a greater degree of workabil-

ity a deficiency in these areas.

Recent legislative reports demonstrate that both counties and cities are interested in cooperating with the State to eliminate special districts wherever these functions can be combined, without curtailing the public welfare and savings.

It is not the intent or the purpose of this Committee to do away with any necessary public agency, but we are determined to expose and remove those areas of inefficiency which, under the guise of worthwhile "public services," result in needless tax expenditures.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

1-Containers	7-Cushion	39-River in Siberia	48-Compass point
2-Snake	8-Helium month	40-British	49-Tuberous
3-Arabian garments	9-Insect	41-Fuel	50-Ship's name
12-Kind of duck	10-Part of electric machine	42-Girl's name	51-Enemy root
13-By way of	11-Cow	43-Ship's name	52-Chaldean
14-City in Wisconsin	12-Heavy cord	44-Sheet of city	53-Supposing that
15-Likely	13-Exclamation	45-Formerly	
16-Peruse devices	14-Large bird	46-Temporary	
18-Note of scale	15-Kind of duck		
20-Mountain	16-Physician (colloq.)		
21-Exclamation	17-Piece of lumber		
23-Symbol for silver	18-Exist		
24-Jumps	19-Chapeau		
26-Waver in judgment	20-Young boy		
28-Part in line	21-American essayist		
29-In what manner?	22-Kidney fat		
30-Away!	23-Tidy		
32-Communist	24-Deceive		
33-Mocasin route			
34-Girl's name			
35-Dutch town			
36-Temporary bed			
37-Healed			
38-Part in play			
40-Lean-to			
41-Symbol for calcium			
43-Exist			
44-Vegetable			
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47-Number			
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51-Distant			
52-Announcement			
55-Condescending look			
56-Mature			
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