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This Week's Motto:

Many who act like ladies and gentlemen, are merely doing impersonations.

One Day of Government

There are people who say millionaires have more money than most people, more money than anyone needs, so why not make the millionaires pay most, if not all, of the nation's taxes.

These people who attempt to escape reality by applying the balm of wishful thinking to ease the pain of their tax bruises, ought to give a little thought to that old song which points out "wishing won't make it so."

Here's why:

There are only 244 taxable incomes of a million dollars or more, according to the Internal Revenue Service. And these incomes are taxed to the hilt now, with the top rate an incentive-cooling 91 per cent.

Moreover, says the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, the taxes actually paid by the millionaire group are just enough to run the government for 25 1/2 hours—just one and one-half more than one full day.

And even if millionaires were taxed 100 per cent, the increase in revenue would merely support the government for another 14 1/2 hours.

It all adds up to this cold fact—there just isn't enough money in the big or even the middle income groups to operate a \$90 billion a year government.

So, who must pay the bill for huge Federal Government spending programs?

The lower income people.

Since "wishing won't make it so," it's obvious the only realistic way to reduce taxes is to stop asking the Federal Government to do more and more things which take more and more of your tax dollars.

Opinions of Others

"Every one of the great countries of Europe that has become infected with socialism in the years since World War II has lost in world prominence and power,—and is now being partially supported with foreign aid dollars contributed by the taxpayers of free-enterprise America." —W. L. Plourde, Fullerton (Neb.) Nance County Journal.

"Three-fourths of the earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It's clear that the Good Lord intended a man should spend three times as much time fishing as he does mowing the lawn." —J. Francyl Howard, Greater Oregon (Albany, Ore.)

Law in Action

Marshall Opens New Court Door

Two years before his term expired, President John Adams named John Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.

And two days before he left office, Adams named one Marbury a justice of the peace in Washington, D.C., one of the land's lowest judgeships.

Between the highest and the lowest judges, you can find out why the U.S. Supreme Court may hold a state or national law void.

Marshall swore in Thomas Jefferson as President. Once in office, Jefferson would not let his new Secretary of State James Madison give Marbury his commission. Marbury took his case to the Supreme Court, and Marshall's court held that Marbury should have his job. But Marshall went on: the

law passed by Congress, which let this suit start in the Supreme Court, violated the Constitution.

The Constitution says only cases which affect ambassadors and the states can be started in the Supreme Court. As a rule, all other cases must come up from lower courts.

This curb, Marshall held, meant that suits like Marbury's should not start in the Supreme Court. For Congress to give such cases to the Court were against the Constitution. So the act of Congress was void.

Such was the first case where the Supreme Court overruled Congress.

Said Marshall: The Constitution is supreme and is binding on all who act for the United States. It curbs and defines the citizen's rights.

Suppose Congress could trample the citizen's rights? Then, said Marshall, the Constitution would vanish, and Congress would rule supreme.

Hence the judges must uphold the Constitution over Congress. They must void all laws not grounded in the Constitution.

Said Marshall: "A law repugnant to the Constitution is void; and the courts, as well as other departments, are bound by that instrument."

Still the Supreme Court avoids constitutional questions where it can find other grounds for reaching a decision. For the court has a policy of trying to respect the power of the legislature (Congress), as well as the executive (the President) branches of government.

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

Proof of Genius



From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Your article on the "Hess-Mace Co. truck hazard" was very funny. "You have spent three hours riding in one of their trucks." I drive on the highway with them every single day, to and from work. My letter will contradict almost everything your article had to say; so no doubt it will go no further than your waste basket. At least you will know you missed the boat as far as your fact finding went.

In my humble opinion, the Hess-Mace trucks should be barred from the highway during the rush hours. Either that or the drivers should be taught the highway laws of common courtesy. The way it is now, they are nothing but a public menace. I have witnessed them running cars off the road (including my own, earlier this week), also running countless stop signs.

Just because they drive big trucks, they seem to share an opinion between them of owning the highways. They are the rudest truck drivers I have ever seen. Usually truck drivers are the most courteous that can be found, but this bunch sure breaks the record.

JO R. WILLIAMS

(Note: We do not feel that Jo Williams letter contradicts everything in the article to which the letter had reference. The article clearly points out the fact that common courtesy is lacking among the truck drivers. While we did not observe any drivers plainly breaking the law, we do not feel that merely obeying the law is sufficient to avoid creating hazards. Courtesy is as much a part of driving — truck or car — as stopping for a red light. — Ed.)

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Congratulations on your editorial and comments on Thursday, Aug. 3. It is the voice of many who deplore the socialist route we are taking into the jaws of atheistic communism.

We pray you will continue such comments, that you will continue to print select news items which will accurately inform and alert us to the subversive elements abroad which are stealing our liberties every moment of every day while we sleep. We are currently engaged in learning about these evils and are campaigning for more coverage and expose by our news media, so your efforts are certainly appreciated.

We were noting the close similarity between the 10 points you mentioned and the 10 steps to slavery written by Karl Marx in "The Communist Manifesto" in 1848. It is a pity we have permitted

government to march backward into the past.

ROBERT W. DEMERS

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Your editorial page is confusing me! I'm sorry I didn't cut the other article out, but I think you will recall that there was an article concerning mining off Palos Verdes Peninsula. As I remember, the article stood against any such drilling or mining.

On July 2, which is enclosed in this letter, is an article concerning Point Reyes. Point Reyes is one of the last water front areas left to be preserved. What has fog got to do with it?

Take what happened to Lake Tahoe — subdivided! How many people can enjoy that area that is left, compared to the need?

I would like to see the editorial staff get together and coordinate their ideas on conservation and present some of the facts to the public. We are indeed worried about our own waterfront (don't we have a little fog now and then?), but let us not be lulled into thinking that we all need not fight for land all over the U.S. to be preserved. I'm sure the Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Tower, 220 Bush St., San Francisco 4, would be glad to send some information.

Mr. Dorais says that the situation is confusing — indeed it is! Perhaps the Torrance Herald could do a public service by doing some research and then printing it (the facts man!). Also it might be an idea to include names of congressmen to whom the public could write to express their views.

I am also enclosing a clipping from a privately published magazine in which I think Torrance citizens would be interested. I have often heard of people asking the "city" (not necessarily Torrance) to eradicate street trees because they are so messy — their blossoms make a clutter, roots push up a sidewalk. I'll admit the root-sidewalk situation could be a problem, but in general, should we not be thankful for the creation of a tree?

MRS. DELORES BRADEN

Editor, Torrance Herald:

I am concerned with some of the policies of our government, both past and present. It is probably generally agreed that our government's attitude towards the Cuban dictator Batista is partially responsible for this tyrant Castro.

Another notorious dictator, Franco, has not only largely avoided our government's wrath, but has been given substantial aid to help him along. If a dictator such as Khrushchev gets the works he

cause he is oblivious to human rights, so should every other tyrant be in the same classification.

D. J. M.

In the mail this week, the HERALD received a letter from a Nigerian boy requesting pens in this country. The letter and the boy's address in the capital city of Nigeria is published below:

I am an African (Nigerian) boy of 19 years. I am five feet, nine inches tall and have dark brown complexion. I would like to have pens of any sex or age in America that I will be corresponding with, also exchanging items made in Nigeria such as handbags made of lion, tiger, leopard, hare, and elephant skins and other things such as ebony carvings, etc., with American items such as a camera, shorts, hats, shirts, etc.

I shall be waiting for letters.

GEORGE ADE AJAYI
62 Foresythe St.
Lafaji, Lagos, Nigeria
West Africa.

30 Years Ago

Back in 1931 Torrance was being urged to participate in a program of planting wild flowers in vacant lots and parkways as its share of making the entire Los Angeles area take on a gala appearance at the time of the 1932 Olympic games.

Councilman Carleton Bell, a member of the Torrance Chamber's parks and recreation committee, suggested arrangements could be made to disc vacant properties whose owners would agree to plant seeds.

Anticipating an enrollment of at least 100 boys, Lt. Col. Robert Ingersoll, founder and superintendent of the Torrance Military Academy at Artisan and 220th St., was rushing all construction and installation work to completion so that the fall term of the school could open on Sept. 5.

Eight representative local citizens who would act with Don Findley as a committee to direct the Torrance campaign for the Metropolitan Water District bond election Sept. 29, were named.

Will Rogers and Gloria Swanson were featured players in attractions at local movie houses. Preparing for school re-opening, there was a drive on for old clothes to dress children suitably for classrooms. One of the stores advertised young boys' hats.

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Berlin Only a Symptom Of Communist Challenge

It is a dangerous mistake to think of Berlin as an isolated problem however critical and decisive it may appear at the moment. Soviet strategy is much more active in other, more important areas of the world than Berlin.

The danger of Berlin and West Germany is still some way off as a military base for attack. Soviet strategy is active in Turkey for control of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus . . . in the Middle East for control of oil . . . in Africa for control of diamonds . . . in South East Asia for control of tin, rubber, lead and rice . . . and in the Far East for a bigger share of trade.

Soviet strategy is geared to constant pressure against us and the western alliance all over the globe. It is a strategy for fomenting "crisis": military, political, economic, ideological, with every medium of propaganda and manpower it can command.

This goes on around the clock without letup. Communist setbacks or failures do not change the pattern . . . only the timetable. Soviet strategy is directed to "threatening a crisis" . . . "supporting a crisis" whose origin may come from another quarter.

This strategy is directed to keep us off balance, force us to greater and greater military expenditures, while generating apathy and indifference among our citizens.

Unfortunately, it is the kind of strategy that the West cannot match, for our purpose is to reduce, not increase, tensions.

So long as the military power of our western allies was dominant, they could maintain their hold on strategic political areas and

profitable markets. Britain, France, Holland, Belgium, until recent years, maintained control by exerting that power. But the rise of Soviet militarism, supporting the fanatical drive of communism dedicated to destroy capitalism around the globe, has resulted in a major challenge to the western monopoly.

Also Khrushchev has been under pressure at home to increase availability of civilian goods . . . which means increase in world trade. Russian space achievements have given the Soviet politicians and their followers "power-fer" to gain a share of the colonial gravy. But favorable trade can come only with control of raw materials and markets . . . and these for the most part have been denied the Russians.

Also, while Soviet prestige has been growing all over the world, it has not been reflected in growing acceptance by the western alliance. The West thwarts Russia everywhere where prestige and trade are concerned . . . not to mention our diplomatic stronghold inside the UN and in world conferences.

Russia has been cowed for years by the U.S. monopoly of the atom bomb . . . and by U.S. bases around its frontier. Note the alarm here at the possibility of only one Soviet missile base in Cuba. We have observed in Russia a genuine alarm because U.S. missile bases are surrounding them.

Now that Russia has beefed up her military strength, second only to ours, she is driving for recognition as the world's second power. She is determined to advance the communist-bloc on an equal basis to the capitalist-bloc and not sit indefinitely as a

minority in world conferences before the western alliance.

It is this constant humiliation . . . plus the fanatical dedication of communism to defeat us . . . that generates Soviet strategy to reduce our prestige and political influence.

The world's colonial areas are not the only fertile ground for communism . . . but essentially, from our 30-year eye-witness experience, the ripest for communist expansion. We often said that most of that world is starving, while most of our world is dying.

Some 75 per cent of the productive land of the Far East, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America is under the control of a few rich landowners. Most of the peoples in these areas live in sub-human squalor and slums. Of 14 million Congolese, for instance, less than 200 were allowed a college education by the Belgians. This is not to ignore much good that colonialism created . . . but the bad has thrown this off balance.

Soviet and Red-Chinese pressure will continue to be enormous in all the colonial areas, from where much of the world's raw materials are derived. Transfer of control of these raw materials to communism could mean the difference between our economic survival, as well as our capacity for defense. This is the challenge of Russia in the big picture.

Berlin, Cuba, Laos, Congo, Formosa are simply separate symptoms of the ever present challenge of communist global strategy to displace the whole western alliance—or at least some of its members.

State Demos Spurn Move To Blast Newburgh Plan

By JAMES DORAIS

At its convention in Fresno last year, the California Democratic Council adopted a series of resolutions and section reports so loaded to the left that Republicans jumped with joy and middle-of-the-road Democrats squirmed in embarrassment.

At their convention this year, apparently as a result of maneuvering by party "pros," the CDC resolutions were more restrained.

And last week, when the

Council's board of directors met in San Francisco, the old liberal fire seemed to have been flickering lower still. Surprisingly, the board beat down an attempt to place the CDC on record as branding the widely publicized restrictions on welfare abuses recently adopted by the city of Newburgh, New York, as "primitive" and "degrading."

Tabling the proposed resolution was surprising because ever since the Newburgh

Plan became national news, the New York community's effort to curb freeloading has been roundly castigated by the liberal press.

Left wing commentator Murray Kempton, writing in the New York Post, charged that the Newburgh Plan would "deny relief to any illegitimate child born to a mother while she is on relief. This stands on the doctrine, condemned by every religion except Stalin's and Hitler's, that the child is to be punished for his parent's sins."

The Washington Post's acid cartoonist, Herblock, outdid himself with a cartoon depicting Senator Barry Goldwater (who had the temerity to endorse the Newburgh Plan) as a gorilla, fists ready to strike, hovering over a frightened little girl labeled "illegitimate children on public welfare."

The New York Times, however, which had editorially attacked Newburgh, has run several letters-to-the-editor columns devoted to the controversy, with virtually every letter opposed to the Times' stand. Other newspapers have reported a tremendous outpouring of popular support for Newburgh's determination to curtail welfare abuses.

The California Democratic Council, like the Supreme Court, apparently reads the election returns — in this case the mounting evidence of general public approval of courageous action of the New York city.

Does this approval indicate that the public is anti-humanitarian? Hardly. The two Newburgh Plan points dealing with illegitimate children are:

"All mothers of illegitimate children are to be advised that should they have any more children out of wedlock, (the mothers) shall be denied relief."

Prior to certifying or continuing any more Aid to Dependent Children cases, a determination shall be made as to the home environment. If the home environment is not satisfactory, the children in that home shall be placed in foster care in lieu of welfare aid to the family.

Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

The city tax rate was upped by the city council in its meeting Aug. 18, 1941 to make possible an increase in the wages of all city employees who had been paid at the rate of 71 1/2 cents per hour. The new scale advanced them to a flat \$130 per month.

An army of crickets invaded the business section of Torrance in 1941 and had merchants and business men plagued with thousands of the pesky visitors that ate up valuable papers and destroyed dry goods. Long Beach also suffered from the invasion.

Discussion of a proposed freeway from San Fernando Valley to the Long Beach area to be known as the "Harbor Freeway" was under way. Congressman Gordon M. McDonough was author of the plan.

The Old Timer

"Some people have read so much about the effects of smoking that they have given up reading."