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This Week's Motto:

People who talk about their neighbors, are neighbors, too.

Where, But America

Tomorrow's observance of Labor Day — a day set aside to pay tribute to the nation's workers — should have deep meaning for Americans.

Throughout the world, few nations can point with such pride to the accomplishment which have been brought about because of the status given America's working man and woman.

The communists — self-styled benefactors of the working man — have never come close to providing the standard of living for the workers under their domination that the American system has produced.

With the world at the brink of another crisis, possibly the most ominous of all time, the observance this weekend of Labor Day is a fitting time to reconsider the merits of a system of government which has brought individual liberty to workers of all classes in a degree never before attained in the world.

It is a good time, too, to remember that the aims of America's workers and those who provide the jobs are not divergent, but are identical — to provide the greatest benefits possible for the individual American.

Where, but in America, could a man who toils by day in a factory be a member of a board of education, or a city council?

Where, but in America, could the assembly-line worker buy the goods he produces?

And, where else, but in America, is a man's limit set only by his ability?

Tomorrow is a good day to consider the undreamed-of accomplishments of America's workers.

Any accolades they receive will be well earned.

Some 'Ify' Thoughts

If Abraham Lincoln was alive these days, the Rotary club would provide him with a lot of good books, the Lions club a reading lamp, while the Kiwanis club would supply his cabin with a wooden floor.

Abe would have government protection under the minimum wage law and social security.

If the wages he was offered were not satisfactory, he would receive a subsidy for rail splitting, another for raising some crop he was going to raise anyway, and still another subsidy for not raising a crop he had no intention of raising.

The rail splitters union would increase his wages periodically.

Result: He wouldn't be President Lincoln.

Opinions of Others

"It has taken a lot of money and a lot of time to teach children they don't have to work." — George B. Bowra, *Aztec (N. M.) Independent-Review*.

"Community leadership should help the elderly to achieve skills and accomplishments which will preserve and restore a sense of belonging and usefulness. The whole leisure-time program should be designed so that aged will retire to, not from life." — H. Ellis Saxton, *West Allis (Wisc.) Star*.

"The fact that Major Gagarin got into orbit around the earth and then returned to Russia makes you realize that conditions in outer space must be a lot worse than any of us imagined." — E. R. Woodward, *Oberlin (Kans.) Herald*.

Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

30 Years Ago

Property owners who believe they have suitable quarters for the Torrance post-office for the next five years, should submit bids for the rental of such rooms before Saturday, Sept. 5. Postmaster Alfred Guoridier will be glad to give any information that may be desired concerning the details of such proposals.

An extensive schedule was opened by the Torrance Boys' Band last night when the organization, under the direction of Ralph H. Selby, gave a concert at the St. James Parish in Redondo. Saturday the band will play at the Masonic barbecue in Redondo Beach city park.

All Torrance boys who would like to join the band are cordially invited to attend the next practice on Friday at 1812 W. Carson St.

Gene DeBra and Alex McPhail will be the official representatives of the Bert S. Crossland Legion post at the National Legion convention in Detroit, Sept. 22-26. They will make the trip back to Detroit by automobile.

Back in 1931, according to an article on the front page of the HERALD of Sept. 3, it took about \$70,000 to operate the schools in Torrance which were then a part of the City of Los Angeles system. The local taxpayers were concerned because some close checking revealed they were actually paying \$135,000.

Members of the Lafalat club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Charles Corn at Gulf St., Wilmington. The group played 500 and enjoyed refreshments.

20 Years Ago

The State Supreme Court this week eliminated the names of six candidates from a 11-man field in the Torrance councilmanic election next Wednesday when it issued a mandate directing the City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to exclude from the ballot the half-dozen candidates who filed their nomination papers one day late.

This was a special election to name two councilmen after a successful recall election. One week later one of

the recalled officials was again elected in an election campaign that was white hot.

If you ride a hobby, gallop it into the Torrance Flower, Art and Hobby show which will be held three afternoons and evenings at the Torrance civic auditorium.

Even as now, people of the Los Angeles area were looking forward to the Sept. 12, 1941, appearance of Ringling Brothers circus. Mr. and Mrs. Gargantua, the most illustrious gorilla couple in the world, were being billed as a main attraction along with 1800 other animals and humans who made up that year's touring circus.

When enactments of the 1941 State Legislature become effective in Sept. 13 you can cut loose, if you like, and drive 55 miles per hour on any state highway without fear of a traffic cop tailing behind you. Among things you can't do, is pass on to the state the responsibility of caring for your aging parents if you are able bodied and have a job.

Keeping His Protests Sharp



Writer Challenges Stand Of State College Chief

By JAMES DORAIS

Should communists be allowed the privilege of using State College campuses as forums to present communist points of view?

A storm of controversy has arisen over the position of Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, the newly appointed Chancellor of California's State College system, that the "normal freedoms of democracy" include the right of communists to debate on campus. He is firmly of the opinion that communist arguments can be effectively refuted by opposing speakers.

Challenging Dr. Gallagher's position, Roscoe T. Morse of San Diego, state commander of the American Legion, contends that "some of our young people in a few of our universities are too easily brainwashed. I question the ability of our students to combat the 'big lie' now a tradition with left-wingers and others who have been making attempts to accomplish on the campus what communists achieved in the prisoner-of-war camps during the Korean conflict."

Both of these points of view certainly are defensible. But of far more concern to many parents and taxpayers than the propriety of the occasional appearance of a communist functionary before a

left-wing rally is the question of whether the root ideas that enable students to understand and counter the arguments of communism and socialism are effectively taught.

One of these root ideas, certainly, is the nature of the capitalist, free-enterprise system under which the economy of America operates. On this subject, Dr. Gallagher has said "it is impossible to live the Christian life under communism as we know it in Russia or capitalism in the United States."

By no means did he equate the two systems. "Communism," he made clear, "is in flat opposition to Christianity." But, he contended, "capitalism demands many compromises with the Christian ethic."

Actually, capitalism is an economic system under which individuals who wish to do so are free to save part of their earnings to build and

pool capital to achieve economic growth.

In answering a recent Soviet claim that capitalism is in its "last stages of decay and collapse," columnist Roscoe Drummond has pointed out:

"One need only look at the homes, the conveniences of living, the congested traffic, and the stores of America to see that capitalism is distributing the fruits of labor to those who share in their creation as never before. . . . The two countries which suffered colossal war devastation—West Germany and Japan—have achieved high levels of prosperity . . . not by abandoning the private, competitive enterprise system, but by relying upon the free market and free enterprise."

It would be interesting if Dr. Gallagher would explain why the economic system that has made the greatest progress in reducing poverty and human suffering can properly be denigrated as incompatible with Christianity.

SIGHT and SOUND by Ernest Kreiling

Glaring Public Light Focused on Blood Bath

(Sixth in a Series)

The national blood bath by television has recently come under the glaring light of Congressional and journalistic scrutiny.

This wholesale reduction in values on human life indeed deserves the attention it is getting.

Although crime and violence has patently been carried to senseless extremes, the available research into the effects on children indicates it isn't singlehandedly turning them into gangsters, murderers, and thieves.

Television has reorganized the lives of our children, but it hasn't affected those lives independently of other influences.

Here are some of the broad conclusions that have emerged from studies done both here and in England:

● When violence on television is not associated with real life as the child knows it, it is not likely to be harmful. But for the maladjusted or overly sensitive child it can have a deleterious effect, just as the same material from books, comic books, or the movies can adversely affect such a child.

Any of the mass media with psychologically stimulating material can act as a trigger to fire a loaded gun, but neither television or the other

media provide the ammunition.

● The amount of television crime and violence a child sees isn't as important as the setting in which it occurs. Westerns, for example, were demonstrated to evoke little emotional response in normal children, because the action takes place in a world not known to the child, a sort of never, never land.

● Verbal violence between adults is more frightening than most physical violence, and shootings create less anxiety than do scenes with daggers and knives.

● No measurable relation between TV viewing by children and juvenile delinquency has been found.

● All scholars agree that more research is needed.

More important to me than these findings is the fact that no one has proved that such large doses of vicarious violence are beneficial to anyone.

Conflict in some form is a basic ingredient to all drama, and is indeed a fact of life. But some advertisers and broadcasters occasionally reveal the paucity of intellectual and cultural resources they bring to serving the public's interest when they insidiously point out that mythology, Shakespeare, and the Bible are fraught with violence.

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Goals in Life Labeled Keys to Our Happiness

One of the secrets toward a happier life is to keep moving toward some goal continuously.

Having reached one . . . or failing to reach it completely . . . we shift to another plateau. There is no lasting happiness in reaching a goal it becomes a place just to take it easy. Taking life easy, so to speak, is for the birds. There is a difference between changing the routine of your life and just sitting it out.

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A man who visions retirement in an easy chair . . . or holding a fishing rod . . . or just traveling around is in for disillusionment. Happiness to be truly enjoyed, must be an interlude between duty, activity and play.

To be truly happy you must constantly have your teeth in something that serves others as well . . . which means making a contribution to the world around you.

A man who retires to becoming a chauffeur for his family and friends is already dead. Happier creative living calls for a constant goal . . . with the ratio of that goal to your individual capacity.

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Only mediocre people measure life by the calendar. Age is the most deceptive thing about a human being. Insurance companies, some doctors and the pill commercials overplay it for obvious reasons.

While emphasizing the physical wear and tear of age, they overlook the most important functions of the human body . . . the mental attitude, the superior vitality of some older people over their younger counterparts. The years have a mellowing quality, which should add to and not detract from happiness. A person should be judged by his mental attitude, enthusiasm and zest for living, and by the degree of sustaining interest in the world about him.

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A man or woman of, let's say, 60 goes out on the same street as a boy or girl of 6. What makes the child of 6 appear happier is more than the mysteries of an unfolding world. The child of 6 is happier because of his enthusiasm for almost everything he sees . . . while some adults of 60 think mainly of themselves. That's the difference.

The young live with a sense of expectancy . . . the young at heart of whatever age should never forget that secret. For the potential expectancies of adulthood far exceed those of youth.

That is so even in nature's adjustment of sex. Psychologists and anthropologists have confirmed repeatedly the spiritual transition of sex in later life from the physical to the mental. It is only the ignorant who enter this period of life with frustration and regret.

One is never old so long as he keeps on living toward a variety of goals . . . things he sets his mind to attain. Even though the person of 60 is aware of disappointments through the hard knocks of experience he resolves that it is better to suffer occasional setbacks than to approach each day with the thought of being cheated or of being bored.

Happiness is often the courage to break the pattern of popular emphasis on the calendar, even to the point of seeking friends years below your age . . . until you find a mutually stimulating level and happy environment.

All persons of 60 or 40 are not alike in attitudes by a long shot. The physical stamina or chemistry of a person of 60 can often excel that of a person of 40. The mental alertness of a person of 70 can often excel that of a person of 40 or 50.

The calendar appraisal is

as unfair as it is phony. Happiness is doing what is comfortable for you . . . with the courage to insulate yourself against criticism or even scorn. On this question of age . . . dare to be different, but in good taste.

Pursuing the commonplace, or what is commonly acceptable results in commonplace rewards. Pursuing the uncommon, the unconventional, the uncharted, the original and challenging is to pursue the road to happiness. Stop caring what people think.

Life is short and it is your life. Live it as though you recognized the limited time and space you occupy. Common trivia, gossip, pettiness—all involve time which can instead be used to enrich and stimulate your life.

A good book, a good meal, a good performance, several good friends, or turning over the soil of your flowerbeds are all a hundred times better than stewing over the froth and foam of mediocre people and sensational headlines.

There is no percentage in discussing the current murder, disaster, shock . . . for these are beyond your control. Leave them mostly to those who get paid for worrying about them.

Be civic minded moderately and intelligently. Crusade for what you believe . . . but don't try to change the universe from your living room just because you have a captive audience after a good meal . . . (To be continued).

During This Week

Sept. 3, 1772 John Kinzie, then nine, told a New York friend that family disagreements would make him leave home at the earliest opportunity. When ten, he went to Quebec and became a jeweler's assistant. In 1803, he established a trading post on Chicago's present site. Being the earliest white settler, Kinzie became known as "Father of Chicago."

Sept. 4, 1609—Henry Hudson, English navigator and East Indies Company employee, discovered Manhattan Island. His report persuaded Amsterdam merchants to sponsor a trading post there in 1613.

Sept. 5, 1774 — The Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia. Forty-four delegates from 11 states attended the opening session that Monday morning.

Sept. 6, 1757 — Lafayette was born at Chavagnac, France. In 1777, he and 11 companions sailed for America in a personally equipped yacht. He served without pay as a major general and member of Washington's staff.

Sept. 7, 1865—A fly figured in a world championship billiard match, at Washington Hall, Rochester, N.Y. Louis Fox was winning over John Deery. A fly landed on the cue ball as Fox started his last shot. Fox, in chasing the fly, accidentally hit the ball

far enough to count as a shot. Deery won, when Fox became unnerved.

Sept. 8, 1760 — Baron Jeffrey Amherst, British soldier, led a successful attack on Montreal, and ended French dominion in Canada.

Sept. 9, 1850 — Tickets to Jenny Lind's first American concert were auctioned in New York's Castle Garden. John Genin, well-known hatter, purchased one at \$225 as personal advertising investment.

Gains and Brains

In September, comes the time to return to school. There exists a danger that parents may develop undue enthusiasm at the thought of passing some of the responsibility along to someone else. This should never be permitted to become apparent to the child. He has his own troubles. The youngster should be encouraged. No matter whether or not we agree with the new methods of teaching always being thought out, it is to be remembered that the old way was a dismal failure in educating parents.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"Seems hot to me!"