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This Week's Motto:

A lot of us rank with the government. We can't balance our budgets, either.

A Giant Step Back

The cult of the superstate—some call it creeping socialism—took a giant step forward recently with the passage and approval of a new state law usurping the right of cities to control the operations of trailer parks within their own jurisdictions.

Under a California law which became effective last month, cities no longer have any laws controlling trailer parks—or mobile home parks, as their promoters prefer.

Legislation rammed through Sacramento by the Western Mobile Homes Assn., renders null and void all city ordinances on the operation of such enterprises and transfers the entire responsibility—and revenue—to the state.

Torrance's ordinance covering such operations called for payment to the city of \$7.50 each year for each space set aside for trailer occupancy. It wasn't a huge source of income, but it helped with the city's task of providing fire and police protection, health services, and the hundreds of other services which residents of such homes expect—along with the rest of us.

The new law offers the city nothing—almost.

Like all paternalistic, supergovernment programs, it does toss the city a bone. If Torrance wants to assume the responsibility of enforcing the new state law, it can claim 50 cents (not \$7.50) for each trailer slot.

One other *ex post facto* right accrues to the city—it can decide beforehand if a proposed trailer park is in the right zone.

Unfortunately, Torrance already has several extensive trailer parks in operation, but the city officials can apparently write these off to experience.

One other bone—state officials have indicated it probably is all right for the city to levy a business license fee on the operators of the various parks—\$25 or \$30 per park, city officials have been told.

If the City Council is awake on this matter, it has probably approved its final mobile home park plan for all time.

Getting tax dollars to support our city and school system after state and federal governments have scraped off a confiscatory slice is tough enough without turning potentially taxable land over to developers who will owe neither allegiance nor money to the city coffers.

Besides, if the state is so strapped for money under the current enlightened administration that it must grovel for pennies among the trailers of its cities, what will be next?

Main Street?

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Primitive Rites

Editor, Torrance Herald

It seems in this modern world we still practice some primitive rituals—that of human sacrifice.

A woman gave her life in payment for left turn slots

on Sepulveda at the Del Amo Shopping Center. I wonder how many other places in our city are death traps—waiting for a victim before the necessary improvements are made?

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Torrance

Is Not U. S. Student Riots, Nikita—



AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Demise of UN Illusion Shocking to Free World

NEW YORK CITY — How ever tragic the death of U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, it was rather the death of an illusion that shocked the free world. For Dag Hammarskjöld personified the dream and spirit upon which the United Nations and its predecessor, the League of Nations, were founded. If the nations could make the U.N. and the league work, they would have no use for either of them.

This is the tragedy of our time. There are those who believe that a peaceful world can be planned by men—before men's minds and souls are purified. Love or hate, peace or crisis, begin in the minds of men and it's the minds of men which first must be rid of selfishness and greed. There is rot in the fiber of too many men and too many nations in the world we cover.

The greatest tragedy surrounding the U.N. is in the gigantic illusion that Communists can be trusted. This myth has been exposed repeatedly, but foolishly denied by otherwise sincere proponents of the U.N. A flagrant instance was at the time of the Korean War when Red Russia openly violated the U.N. charter by assisting those fighting the U.N. troops in Korea. Russia, a member of the U.N., should have been voted out for the violation. Failure to do so in 1950 hurt the U.N., just as failure to vote out Mussolini after his attack on Ethiopia doomed the League of Nations.

Another illusion in the U.N. is the fantasy that a nation the size of an average U.S. city deserves equal voting power with the whole United States. This kind of unrealistic thinking has no practical application in a world infested with horse-thieves, connivers and Communists. For sooner or later these will gang up against us as a matter of perverted instinct.

So long as the U.N. was a

body of 60 nations, most of them dedicated to freedom, the balance of power weighed heavily against the forces of evil. But the influx of newly independent nations—raising it to a total of 100, many united by age-old hatreds of colonialism, real or imaginary, financed and encouraged by organized Communism within the countries—are fast shifting the balance of power. It's pretty much like labor gaining the balance of power here in recent years, making management more and more a minority voice.

Proof of the Western alliance coming closer and closer to becoming a minority is in the present case regarding discussion of admitting Red China. For 10 years our strength has been reduced until this year it was apparent that we did not have the votes to stop it, so we allowed it to be placed on the U.N. agenda without a showdown.

The Communist and so-called non-aligned nations (and non-alignment is a phony word at best) are using the U.N. not as a truly international body working impartially for the welfare of the entire world community, but on the contrary working against rich powerful United States and the free world and against the principles of freedom they represent. Russia uses the U.N. as a platform for her falsehoods and vindictiveness against the free world under the pretense of helping the newly emerging nations.

Another imposition against the U.S. is in the financing apparatus of the U.N. Today the U.N. is faced with a \$100 million deficit mainly because the Communist and other unfriendly blocs have refused to pay their assessments. This tactic of withholding financial support of the U.N. even though voted by the majority of U.N. members, throws the entire burden on the Western alliance, which in reality

means that a major share falls on the United States.

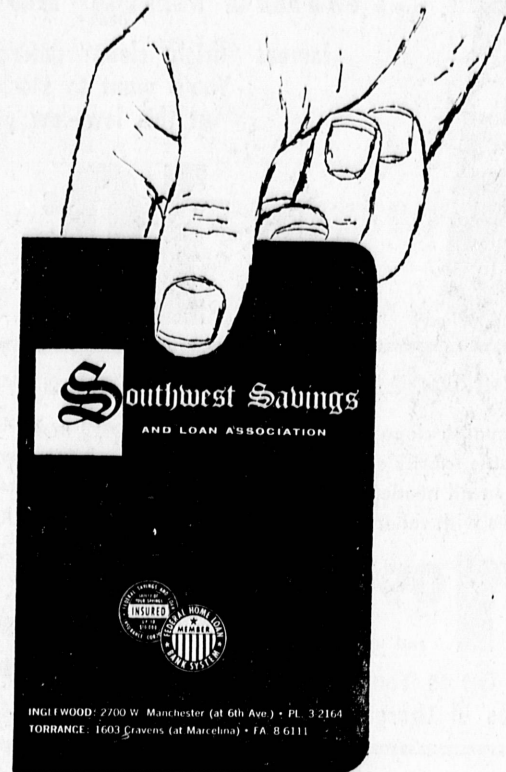
Under the current U.N. formula the U.S. pays 32.5 per cent of the U.N. budget of \$73 million, while Russia's share is 16 per cent. This does not include special assessments like the Congo, Gaza,

which Russia and her allies refuse to support and are now in arrears some \$14 million. All told, in 1960 the U.S. contributed \$115 million to U.N. activities, compared to only \$18 million by Russia and her satellites.

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But then, according to the U.N. charter, Russia should have been voted out of the U.N. in 1950 for supporting those engaged in killing U.N. troops in Korea. The U.N. is becoming a greater and greater illusion by condoning greater and greater frauds and violations of its own charter.

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