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What? Our Own Troika?



Traffic Signal Project

Throughout the city, crews have been busy the past two months installing modern traffic control signals at principal intersections, eliminating the "one-eyed" signals which have long been the bane of local motorists.

A large number of the new signal installations are now in operation and others are nearing the day when they will begin operating.

The HERALD long opposed the center slung signals on the grounds that they were hard to locate—especially by motorists traveling in the city for the first time—and that in many cases the signal added to the hazards of the intersection.

This view was shared by a number of city officials and others, and at long last the City Council was able to find enough money to make the major signal improvement.

The HERALD commends the councilmen for choosing this project and with the installations nearing completion, can add thanks for the thousands of motorists who will benefit.

A Battle Won

What many believed was a serious threat to the recreational use of the beaches and coastal waters of the Torrance-Palos Verdes shoreline has been alleviated with the decision of state officials to deny an application for prospecting right to 3,000 acres of the ocean bottom a few yards off Torrance beach.

Action of the State Land Commission came surprisingly fast after officials weighed the number of protests and after Assemblyman Charles Chapel made a surprise appearance to oppose the application.

More than 150 protests from the area were filed with the commission and public officials stated the emphatic objections of several cities.

The HERALD believes the commission made a wise decision. While resources of the state are for the benefit of its people, a major recreational facility should not be jeopardized by development of those resources in exchange for a nominal return to the state.

Those residents who wrote to the commission, and those officials who mounted a campaign against the proposal have earned the thanks of all area residents who will benefit by the state's action.

Opinions of Others

"If you are too busy to take an interest in government, feel that getting mixed up with politics is bad for your business or beneath your dignity, then at least take time for one thing . . . Teach your children to count in rubles." — Sidney Yudain, Washington (D.C.) Roll Call.

"They say truth is stranger than fiction—and it's surprising how many people refuse to associate with strangers." — Charles W. Koenig, Long Island (N.Y.) Graphic.

"There is, so to speak, a greater resemblance than appears on the surface between prayer meetings and peace conferences: the people who need them least attend." — J. W. Richards, Pageland (S.C.) Journal.

"If you've been thinking of our days as the Aspirin or even the Atomic Age, you're behind the times. Evidence is mounting that we are living in the Age of the Accountant." — Henry S. Mullen, Lincolnton (N. C.) Times.

"His thoughts were slow, his words were few, and never formed to glisten; but he was a joy to all his friends — you should have heard him listen." — Gerald K. Young, Blakesburg (Ia.) Excelsior.

"Running a newspaper is one place where you cannot get lost because we've got half of our subscribers telling us where to go." — A. W. Karcher, Inwood (Ia.) Herald.

There never has been a race horse that went as fast as money bet on him.

Viewers With Alarm on Left Flayed From Right

By JAMES DORAIS

Probably no group has expressed greater or more consistent alarm at the specter of anti-Reds under every bed than the American Civil Liberties Union. Last week they were at it again.

At a large San Francisco meeting, Northern California ACLUers were given dire warnings of a "resurgence of McCarthyism" promoted by an "unholy alliance" of "the military, radical right wing groups of fundamentalist religious sects."

One of the manifestations of frightening "ultraconservatism" cited by the ACLU, which might fairly be described as an alliance—holy or unholy, depending on one's point of view—of pacifists, radical left wing groups and liberal religious sects, is of course in "Facts About Communism" currently sponsored by the Berkeley adult High School.

On the same night of the ACLU gathering, 2,200 people jammed the Berkeley High School community theater for the first of a series of "Facts About Communism" lectures.

The speaker was Leon Tichinin, a Russian-born University of California farm adviser, who has traveled exten-

sively in the U.S.S.R. According to newspaper reports, Tichinin criticized the Soviet system in "moderate fashion" and concluded his lecture by chiding Berkeley voters for failing to pass a recent school bond election.

But if the ACLU was fright-

ened at this evidence of concern on the part of 2,200 people for information about the threat of communism, its members must have been scared out of their wits by a phenomenon that took place a few nights later, when 15,000 people jammed the Hollywood Bowl to participate in a three-hour mass rally sponsored by the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade.

Gains and Brains

The arrival of the machine age in which we live was called the Industrial Revolution. The machines were called benefactors to mankind. Long hours and low pay brought degeneration, hopelessness, resentment. Workers became a savage lot. Improvements began. Then, came organization of workers. More unrest followed. Men have always longed for a better world, but in the struggles to obtain it, methods of destruction have been used. Good things for which man labored can be destroyed by force and oppression. To create takes long; to destroy only a minute.

Monitors and Courts

The main role of a court is to decide a legal dispute. If one party does not abide by the decision, the other party may take steps to enforce that decision, and find assets to collect his judgment or maybe even tell the court when the other party does not carry out a judgment.

Of late, courts have become active in enforcing their orders by special officers called monitors, masters, or receivers.

At English early common law, the master was a clerk of the chancellor (a judge of a special court). He helped him take oaths and do special tasks such as making investigations and recommending decisions and penalties. Our federal courts have often used a master, a referee, an auditor, or an examiner.

The court might call on the master to look over hundreds of documents or engineering reports such as in the water dispute between California and Arizona over Colorado River waters. He may oversee a corporate or union election. Courts often refer matters of specialized knowledge, continuous supervision, and lengthy law suits to a master. Otherwise, a court would be too busy for its regular work.

Receivers are court officers. They hold, manage, and sometimes liquidate property, and turn the proceeds over to the parties named by the court. They may run a business, take care of a city's financial affairs, or supervise a private or public trust.

As a rule, no court names a receiver unless the business is going broke, is mismanaged, or fraud or dissension

may tie up its normal operations.

Monitors do not take over the whole business or union, but recommend action to the court and seek cooperation.

These non-judicial aids have helped the court with their special knowledge where the court needs it.

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

In Berkeley and Hollywood last week, the news was indeed bad — for Moscow.

The three-hour spectacular opened with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and closed with "God Bless America."

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AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Happiness Takes Time; Don't Expect Miracles

CHICAGO . . . This is the last of five columns on the happier life . . . and we gratefully acknowledge the many letters from our readers across the nation. They made us feel wonderful.

The happier life requires that we all keep on learning on any subject that intrigues us. We should keep on learning more and more about ourselves . . . for it is our own point of view that rides with or against the tide of the world around us. We want to be sure when it is best to swim with or against that tide.

If yours is a kind of humdrum life and you really want an out . . . start making the effort today. Start now . . . end do not expect miracles overnight. It will take you as long to get out of the rut as it took you to get in it . . . not in days or months or years, but in effort.

Do not set your mind on absolutes . . . black or white . . . all or nothing . . . but rather on the principle of practical flexibility, without fixed rules. Even in science the facts of today are subject to change with the new facts of tomorrow. Nothing in life is so firm, or so fixed, as to be taken as final. Happiness is like a guitar . . . it has to be constantly tuned to a key.

Train your mind to produce original ideas as to your place in life . . . the contribution you can make in your own way . . . and the kind of happiness you want to attain. If your happiness drives you toward a house, a particular car, sailboat, hi-fi, clothes, or what have you, make this a part of your over-all goal. But not the whole goal.

After you attain one or all

of these, for heaven's sake don't go repeating again on the same things. Reach out for something else. To go hog-wild about any one thing is to reach an extreme of coveting possessions at the expense of other important things you can do with your life. Fishing or golf or boating week after week end, even though condoned by your family, is not only selfish but thick-skinned.

The happier life leans on the side of maturity, rather than youth . . . but, of course, belongs to both in relative measure. Too many adults are given to the fantasy of looking back upon youth as something beautiful that has been lost . . . not as something beautiful to build on.

Memory is not something to reflect on joys that have faded, but to remember past joys as stepping stones to greater joys. For if you were wise enough to be happy some years back, you are wiser now to be more happy, barring, of course, sickness and physical deterioration.

Some adults have a tendency to indulge in a kind of self-pity for what they refer to as a drab existence. They do not realize that the happier life is not measured by the calendar. It is not ushered in and out of any particular age at the sound of trumpets, drums and finials.

Happiness is ushered in any time, any place, any year, suddenly or little by little, as the wise ones discover it. Happiness often sneaks in through a crack in your heart you never realized you left open.

Don't tell your age to people who are trying to classify you by the numbers on a calendar. If you are 60 and feel 40, act

like it. Establish your age by your interest and enthusiasm. If people or friends make your age a condition, drop them . . . most likely they are frustrated and unhappy.

You never find the happier life . . . you make it. In the course of making the effort, you will run into emergencies that will test your iron.

Real happiness is cheap in dollars . . . the high prices we pay are for counterfeits. Happiness cannot be attained without some price and some pain.

You cannot find happiness through someone else alone . . . for it is as personal as a toothache. Happiness is right where you are going. It is always present . . . it's we that are often absent.

Too many people mope out on happiness because they waste too much time on unhappy thoughts. Joy is not in things, but in us. A person, unless in the midst of misfortune, is perfectly stupid to be unhappy.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "Happiness can be only four feet in front of a fireplace."

An old Chinese proverb I once heard in Macao puts happiness in this light:

"If you wish to be happy for an hour, get yourself drunk. If you wish to be happy for three days, take a beautiful woman on a trip to a lonely beach. If you wish to be happy for a week, kill a prize beef and eat it. But if you wish to be happy forever, discover yourself, enthusiasm, real values . . . set up endless goals . . . discover a Faith, and faith in mankind and the miracles of love and nature around you."

And to which we add . . . To thyself be true.

Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

30 Years Ago

"The best Halloween trick that could be played this week by boys and girls would be to creep into the yard of a needy family and pound the front door good and loud and then leave a big basket of food and hide."

So said Chief of Police G. M. Calder before 1931 Halloween. "Modern youth is learning that the better fun comes not from destructiveness but from a good turn. I hope all our boys and girls will refrain from destructiveness this year."

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Mrs. Baker Smith was hostess at a luncheon at her home on Madrid when she entertained an intimate group.

Clarence Mills, formerly of Torrance, was a visitor from Portland, Ore.

20 Years Ago

Following a patriotic breakfast to which the public was invited in the Civic Auditorium at 7 o'clock, the 18th selective service contingent of 21 men were to leave Torrance Tuesday morning, Nov. 4. The breakfast was planned by the Torrance American Legion Post and the selectees were honored guests.

"County Food for Defense Week" will be observed at Torrance high school on Wednesday, Nov. 5, the HERALD said. All farmers of the area were requested by the County Defense Board of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to fill out a questionnaire indicating their production for the coming year. Every farmer would be given an oppor-

tunity that day to decide whether he could increase his food or feed production in 1942.

By unanimous vote of the City Council, Torrance Labor Council was granted free use of the Civic Auditorium on Nov. 26 when a benefit dance was to be held for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of the proposed Labor Temple on Border Avenue.

My Neighbors



During This Week

Oct. 29, 1796—Capt. Ebenezer Dorr brought his ship, Otter, into the harbor at Montey, Calif. The Otter carried six cannon and 26 men. The mission was one of curiosity, concerning Spaniards and to verify reports that the new country extended so far west.

Oct. 30, 1794—America's original commercial installation of ball bearings was made at Lancaster, Pa., where they were used in a weather vane on the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. The church janitor designed the weather vane and installed the bearings.

Oct. 31, 1835—America's original mutual fire insurance company was incorporated at Providence, R. I. The Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Rhode Island had been organized entirely for benefit of factory owners. First policies cost 60¢ per year for a \$2,500 policy. At the end of a year the cost was 29.4¢ per \$100.

Nov. 1, 1781—The Massachusetts Medical Society was

incorporated in Boston, to become America's first, permanent, state medical organization. The purpose was to unite doctors to better prevent spreading of ill practice by unqualified persons.

Nov. 2, 1785—James Knox Polk, future 11th U.S. President, was born in Mecklenburg County, N.C. In 1865, Warren Gamaliel Harding, future 29th U.S. President, was born in Blooming Grove (now Corsica), Ohio. Polk was the first "dark horse" to win the presidency. Harding was the sixth president from Ohio.

Nov. 3, 1863—Patent No. 40,451 was granted to J. T. Alden, Cincinnati, Ohio, for his "improvement in preparation of yeast." Alden's invention was ancestor of today's compressed yeast cakes.

Nov. 4, 1948—The first unfarmily observed U.S. election day was held. On Jan. 23, 1845, congress established "the Tuesday after the first Monday in November" as time for holding presidential elections every four years.

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.			
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