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A Significant Year

A look at 1961 from the viewpoint of its final day shows a number of significant gains which will accrue to Torrance and its surrounding communities in years to come.

One of the most decisive accomplishments of the year was the establishment of Torrance as the site for the proposed multicourt branch of the Southwest Superior Court, and plans are now being completed to construct a huge court building on the city's civic center.

When completed, the Superior Court complex will provide quarters for eight courtrooms, and will be so designed that four more courtrooms can be added when needed.

This, of all projects during the past year, should assure Torrance of living up to its role as "The Capital City of the Great Southwest."

The year 1961 also saw a great development in the city's booming retail business, led by the continued development of the huge Del Amo Shopping Center, the opening of two major discount stores, and the development and expansion of other retail centers such as Rolling Hills Plaza.

Major improvements in city streets, in traffic control signals, and in flood drainage were completed or progressed to a great degree during the year.

Most significant is the deepening of the Waleria Lake basin to hold storm waters from the southwest area of the city, and completion of the Dominguez Flood Control Channel through the city.

Other storm drain projects in progress include a huge line to drain the 190th and Crenshaw area into the storm system at Western Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

Progress on construction of the Harbor and San Diego freeways in this area have reached the point at which motorists can begin to visualize the future benefits of those super highways in this area.

Like most year in the past decade, 1961 was a banner year for Torrance. What 1962 holds can only be surmised, but most sources would agree that it should be another banner year.

So on to 1962.

Morning Report:

There may be a lot of soft jobs in the government. But some of them are plenty rough. I'm thinking of the fellow who had to read the text of the five-hour speech Castro delivered on Dec. 2.

In that epic, Castro admitted he was a Communist and then went on for 30,000 words. That's a lot of reading without a plot.

Our expert finally decided that Castro made the speech to worm more aid out of Russia. This could be, but how can he be sure Mr. Khrushchev read it? He's usually pretty busy himself making long speeches. If Castro needs more aid, why doesn't he just send a ten-word telegram? Or even one word. Help!

Abe Mellinkoff

Opinions of Others

Can you imagine the Russian workers at the testing or launching site of guided missiles going on a strike for any reason? This difference in attitude between the enslaved laborers of Russia and our own free laborers could be the difference in whether we survive or not. — Unionville (Mo.) Republican.

Out of the Past

From the Pages of the HERALD

30 Years Ago

One Torrance and one Waleria man celebrated a little too damply New Year's Eve and, as a result, found themselves booked along with two Los Angeles residents for drunkenness and possession of liquor charges, police revealed this week.

Reports that the deep test Higgins well on Palm Street in south Torrance flowed at a rate of about 25 barrels an hour for several hours early this week were not confirmed this week by the Higgins brothers.

Mid-Year commencement exercises will be held for 16 students who will be graduated from Torrance High School on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Jan. 21, according to Principal Herbert S. Wood.

A meeting of the local committee in charge of the Torrance observance of the bicentennial of Washington's birth, a national event, which will be observed this year, was held Tuesday evening.

A petition for cancellation of delinquent city taxes on property owned by the Veterans' Welfare Board was taken under advisement by the City Council this week. The board asked that the

City Council notify the county tax collector that all holdings of the Veterans' agency in Torrance be exempted from the taxes.

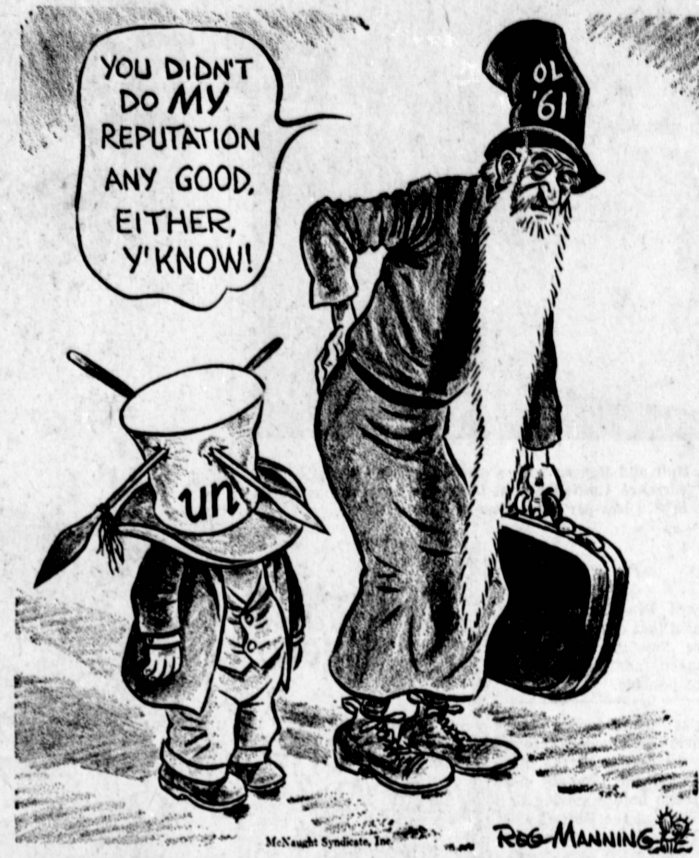
What Torrance needed in the new year of 1932, according to the HERALD's year-end edition of 1931, was "prosperity 'till it hurts; a city owned and operated water system, and a municipal park with playgrounds galore."

Guy Rowell won first place in duration flights with his glider off the cliffs of the Hollywood Riviera with a 35-minute performance. Ted Jenks, also of Torrance, won first place in duration of secondary events and first place in the sailplane event. The flights were part of a series of six pre-Olympic meets.

Santa Claus turned up at a municipal Christmas party after area church groups had presented a program of carols, tableaux, and Bible readings. It was estimated that 1,650 children attended the event.

Members of the Kiwanis Club were scheduled to install their new president,

Don't Blame Your Troubles on Me—



James Dorais

U. S. Stand in Congo Dispute Under Fire

Reading the U.S. State Department explanations of the reasons for U.S. policy in support of United Nations military action against the Katanga province of the unhappy former Belgian Congo, it is hard to determine whether they are more inspired by the fantasy of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland or the "newspeak" of George Orwell's 1984.

Ever since Belgium granted the Congo independence a year and a half ago, Katanga, under the leadership of President Moise Tshombe, has declined to become a part, other than through a loose confederation, of a central Congolese government.

Elizabethville, the capital city of Katanga, has proved to be the most civilized and stable center of the Congo, and Europeans living there were not subjected to the terrors of murder, rape and pillage that befell their counterparts in Leopoldville and Congo settlements in the period of anarchy that followed termination of Belgian rule.

Mineral-rich Katanga is a valuable area, and far more industrialized than the rest of the Congo. Tshombe is firmly anti-Communist, and has not yielded to the temptation of racialism in reverse that has caused other rulers of new African states to expel European technicians needed to keep the industry of the region running.

Under the circumstances, it would seem unarguable that American policy should be one of friendship and encouragement for the Tshombe regime.

Instead, since the death of Communist-backed Patrice Lumumba, the U.S. has been committed to a policy of support for Premier Cyrille Adoula, whose Leopoldville-based government seeks to impose a central rule over all of the Congo. Although allegedly a moderate, Adoula has many pro-Communists in his regime, including his vice premier, Antoine Gizenga, the Communist leader of the third major Congo city of Stanleyville.

The United Nations has taken no action against Gizenga, although soldiers under his command massacred 13 U.N. airmen — Italians who were apparently mistaken for Belgians — chopping off their hands and dis-

tributing them to the populace for good luck charms.

But last week, when two United Nations officials visiting Elizabethville, where the U.N. is conducting aggressive warfare, were arrested, roughed up and released after several hours, Newsweek reported the U.N. now considered it had a mandate for its attempted subjugation of Katanga.

Half of the cost of the U.N. war against Tshombe is borne by the U.S.; our airplanes are carrying the U.N. troops to battle. Meantime, our British, French, and Belgian allies take a dim view of the whole madness.

Six months or a year from now, when the Communists are in firm control of the entire Congo, our State Department will be busily justifying another failure and pleading that hindsight is easier than foresight.

Law in Action

The law does not favor private penalty clauses in contracts and the courts will not enforce some of them.

In a recent case Mr. Cello got Mr. White to agree to buy some land from him. White deposited \$2,000, but backed out just before the deadline. Soon afterwards another buyer offered Cello more money.

UNDER their deposit agreement, if White did not go through with the deal, Cello could keep the \$2,000 deposit

A Bookman's Notebook

Around the Corner From Christmas on Book Beat

William Hogan

Publisher's Weekly, bible of the book trade, notes that most publishing houses will not launch their important titles of the spring season until February or later. Yet the post-Christmas season will not be slack, according to announcements we are receiving now. Some January previews, picked at random: "The Fox in the Attic," by Richard Hughes (Harper), is the first novel in 14 years by the author of "A High Wind in Jamaica." It concerns an Englishman who witnesses the beginnings of Hitler's political rise in the Germany of 1923.

"The End of the Battle," by Evelyn Waugh (Little, Brown) is the third and final unit in this novelist's series about the experiences of an English gentleman in the second World War (previous titles being "Men at Arms"; "Officers and Gentlemen"). "The Centurions," by Jean Larteguy, is Dutton's big fiction candidate — a prize-winner and an enormous seller in France. It concerns French paratroop officers in Algeria who see themselves, like Roman centurions, betrayed by their government at home.

"The Guns of August," by Barbara W. Tuchman, is Macmillan's big non-fiction candidate for January — a history of the first crucial month of the first World War, August - September, 1914, which brought the German armies almost to the suburbs of Paris. Among those present: Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty); Foch; Clemenceau; Joffre; Hindenburg.

Most sobering January title: "Has Man a Future?" in which Bertrand Russell examines the causes that have brought the world to its present nervous state, and his plan for peace.

Voice from the past: William Saroyan's experiment in autobiography, "Here Comes, There Goes You Know Who."

"The Sierra," by W. Storrs Lee, the Berkeley writer, is due from Putnam. After a quick preview, I find it to be a lively, readable account of the history and geography of the range — earthquake to mountain humor.

"Barry Goldwater," said to be a laudatory biography and expression of the Arizonan's political philosophy by Stephen C. Shadegg, is due from Fleet. The author, who subtitles his book "Freedom Is His Flight Plan," is a friend who worked close with the

senator and his family on the project.

"Portrait: The Emergence of John F. Kennedy" (McGraw) is a large-scale photographic record which follows the rise of the Kennedy clan and especially John F.'s path to the White House. Jacques Lowe, Mr. Kennedy's campaign photographer, contributed both words and pictures.

NOTES ON THE MARGIN

A late juvenile: "St. Jerome and the Lion," by the British novelist Rumer Godden, illustrated by Jean Primrose. For all ages, and very pleasant. (Viking; \$2.50). "The World of Isak Dinesen," a critical study of the Danish literary stylist, Eric O. Johannesson, spearheaded both words and pictures from the University of Washington Press (\$4.75).

Around the World With

DELAPLANE

"Can you tell me what is expected in tips in Germany? And about the money?"

The Westmark (for Western Germany) is roughly 4 to U.S. \$1. A 10 per cent service charge is added onto the restaurant bill. You can leave a little loose change, maybe bring it up to 15 per cent.

Hotels add 15 per cent service to the entire hotel bill. Better give additionally two or three marks to the hall porter—the man who hands you your keys, your mail and makes theater reservations. (This depends a lot on how much you use him.)

A mark per day per couple is welcomed by the room maid.

These are city tipping rates. In the country, cut it in half.

"Can you give us advice on tipping in New York?"

Undoubtedly the worst of the world's great cities. Tipping in New York has become legalized, brow-beating extortion.

It is rather amazing that New Yorkers, who consider themselves most sophisticated, stand still for it. Anyway, here are the going rates:

The bellboy: 50 cents per bag, \$1 minimum up to the room. Airport porters charge 35 cents per bag.

The hotel doorman expects 25 cents when he opens the cab door.

The taxi driver will scream insults if you give him less than 25 cents for the ride. All New York hackies consider themselves arbiters of social fashions and heavy philosophers.

Hat check chicks get 25 cents. So do the attendants with the towels in the gentlemen's and ladies' rooms.

Walters have to split themselves into two tip-groups: Waiter captains and waiters. Split a 15-per-cent-of-the-bill tip for them—5 to the captain, 10 to the waiter. Headwaiters are tipped \$5 to \$10 if they don't seem to know how long it will take to get a table.

"... how much do you tip in France. Don't they have a service charge?"

They do, indeed, have a service charge—15 per cent (plus 9 per cent tax on hotel bills).

However, the French feel a few francs should be added. (The new Franc is 5 to the U.S. \$1.) Bring the tip up to 20 per cent and everybody beams.

The wine waiter is tipped separately—about a franc an bottle.

Taxi drivers get 10 per cent. Or they will follow you into the hotel to explain the local customs. Half a franc for hat checks, powder rooms, and theater ushers.

"... about tipping in Tahiti?"

There is NO tipping in Tahiti. Ask the waitress for a dance instead.

Stan Delaplaine finds it impossible to answer all of his travel mail.

For his intimate tips on Japan, Italy, England, France, Russia, Hawaii, Mexico, Ireland, and Spain (10 cents each), send coins and stamped, self-addressed, large envelope to the Torrance HERALD, Box RR, Torrance, Calif.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"Does it sound like someone who wants a New Year's Eve date?"



TEN YEARS AGO... Johnny Newborn and Billy Morris ponder over chess game while several colleagues look on at a YMCA program during the Christmas vacation period here in 1951. The YMCA had recently moved into quarters it presently occupies at Arlington and Washington. (Herald Photo)

CALIFORNIA now regulates penalty clauses in installment sales contracts. At one time buyers in default on time payments had to forfeit all their rights, payments, and interest in what they bought. Today the seller must give notice to the buyer before he can take defaults or forfeitures, and the buyer has many rights to redeem his good or cut his losses.

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