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An Envidable Record

Mayor Albert Isen, who faces a major test at the polls on April 10, has demonstrated through the seven years of his administration that he is eminently qualified as mayor of a burgeoning city such as Torrance, and that he should be retained in the post he has served with skill during his term as an appointed and elected mayor.

Probably no other individual has brought such recognition to Torrance as has Mayor Isen during his term in the city's top elective post.

One of his first moves was to abolish the "pre-council" meetings, which he termed star-chamber sessions, and he has since insisted that all business of the city except for matters pertaining to individual employes be discussed in open meetings. For this he has won the plaudits of a large number of thinking citizens and organizations.

He fought for and obtained municipal operation of the city's airport and its rubbish collection, moves which he and others feel have been greatly beneficial to the citizens of Torrance.

In an effort to widen the participation in city affairs, he has established a Civil Defense and Disaster Commission and established a Traffic Safety Council, both now thriving commissions in the city.

As mayor, he has traveled to many points of the nation to meet with top municipal officials and discuss mutual government problems.

All of these have made Albert Isen an asset to Torrance, and when added to his training as an attorney, his experience in conducting more than 400 meetings of the City Council, and his obvious interest in the welfare of the city he has called home for nearly 50 years, it makes him the logical choice for election as mayor on April 10.

The HERALD has considered the qualifications of all candidates for this important post, and has paid particular attention to the campaign of his principal opponent, which appears to be based more on personal than municipal issues.

The HERALD reaffirms its recommendation that Mayor Albert Isen be re-elected April 10.

Retain Mrs. Leech

Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, who has served a total of 17 years as city treasurer and has experience as a business-woman in Torrance during a 35-year residency here, is seeking re-election on April 10 to her city post.

No challenges have been issued with respect to her capable performances of the duties of city treasurer, and the HERALD can offer no reason to recommend a change in that office.

Mrs. Leech is an administrator of competence, a woman with integrity, and capable of fulfilling the duties required by the office.

For these reasons, the HERALD recommends the re-election of Mrs. Leech as city treasurer.

Out of the Past

From the Pages of the HERALD

40 Years Ago

An atmospheric prologue preceding the showing of Jackie Coogan at the Torrance theatre last night was one of the most artistic scenes attempted so far by the local management. Special scenery had been prepared by Manager McVey representing a church with Master Ray Flood as the soloist. The scene was opened with a quartet behind the scenes singing "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight." The wandering boy responded with the song, "Mother." Another selection was rendered by the quartet, the whole affair being greatly appreciated. This will be repeated tonight.

The City of Los Angeles must take steps immediately to stop draining its sewage into Ballona creek as the result of a ruling handed down by Judge J. Perry Wood following a trial that lasted two weeks. The turning of the waste into the creek was termed "an intolerable nuisance" by the judge in ruling against the City of Los Angeles which had maintained the rapid growth of the city had overtaken its main out-fall sewer.

30 Years Ago

A notable new Southland attraction, providing an un-

surpassed view of the ocean, valleys and mountains of this entire section, will be provided within two months when 10 miles of scenic highway on the crest of the Palos Verdes hills from the Miralote section of San Pedro to the Coast highway section near Palos Verdes Estates will have been completed. This \$200,000 private enterprise has been under construction since last June by the Palos Verdes Corp. of which Frank A. Venderlip of New York City is president. The project is outside the holdings of the Palos Verdes Estates Corp.

Authorization to extend the Los Angeles City house numbering system to the area north of Wilmington and east of Torrance has been given on request of Postmaster Alfred Gourrier of Torrance, it was announced today.

Ben Olsen, popular night policeman, passed away Friday morning at Seaside hospital in Long Beach. He became the first city marshal in 1921 and was highly regarded by all who knew him.

In 1932 the city was in the throes of an election campaign that had 11 candidates seeking office. One of the issues at stake was the position of the Ministerial asso-

ciation in the campaign. The ministers, through their president, found it necessary to make public their position in the campaign which denied endorsement of any candidate from the association as an organization. The ministers were free, the statement emphasized, to support individual candidates as they saw fit.

20 Years Ago

Under a second evacuation order issued by the Army Monday night, all Japanese must leave two critical areas, one including most of Torrance and all of Lomita in the Harbor District, by next Sunday at noon. The order, issued in San Francisco, will affect nearly 3,000 persons.

The HERALD of April 2, 1942, printed a letter from one of the individuals affected by the order, which was signed, Bob Ueda and family.

"To my many friends in Torrance and Lomita whom I regret to leave I wish to extend my thanks for courtesies and consideration shown me and my family during the years I have lived among you."

The Ueda letter expressed the sentiment generally felt by the Japanese residents caught in the position of being suspect by birth.

Free Trade, Communist Style



James Dorais

Brown Bamboozles Public On Budget, Counties Say

Governor Pat Brown may have public takers for his claim that he has presented to the Legislature this year a balanced budget with no need for new taxes, but county supervisors around the state aren't buying the argument at all. The counties are going to have to pick up the tab in increased taxes on property owners for a part of the Brown budget.

One irate chairman of a county board of supervisors from a large California county spells out the budget game this way.

If, this supervisor contends, it is conceded that Governor Brown has the State Budget balanced without resort to new state taxes — and this man doubts that it is balanced in this respect — Brown still is raising taxes on Californians this year to pay for that budget.

The supervisor points to the welfare category of the Governor's budget. In the aid to needy children, old age security, disabled and blind aid and old age pension grouping, he points out, Brown's 1962-63 budget has increased \$100 million over 1959-59 when Brown took office. Approx-

mately 18 cents of every tax dollar represented in the budget now goes to support these programs as against less than 12 cents four years ago.

But these are state tax dollar problems. What makes the supervisor wrathful is that the total California welfare budget is over \$750 million this coming year and the counties must pay \$118 million of it.

The state sets the rules and regulations for much of the welfare program, but the federal government and the county governments pick up the majority of the tab — and in the case of California county taxpayers, they are the same people who are paying state taxes as well as federal taxes. The various

levels of government may carve up the taxpayer for their purposes, but in the end it all comes from the same pocketbook.

So while Governor Brown is claiming the 1962-63 budget is balanced without resorting to new taxes, county supervisors know that there will be additional taxes levied to pay the bill for Brown programs this year. The bill, they say, will be paid by increased county property taxes.

And the final irritation, of course, is that the supervisors — not the Governor — will bear the burden of complaints for increasing county property taxes, even though the increased cost is the result of a state program.

Law in Action

Most lawsuits arise out of some kind of personal injury — auto accidents, slips, falls, and the like.

To prove such cases, a lawyer needs expert medical facts, a doctor's expert testimony.

Courts try to get such facts to check fake claims and to give awards for genuine injuries. Besides, such testimony tends to save trial time.

1. Courts now have "pre-trial" discovery. Either side can get the other side's medical reports. The defendant can look at the plaintiff's medical reports or demand that his own doctor examine the plaintiff. The judge may even order in a third doctor to examine the claimant and report before trial. Knowing all this may encourage the parties to settle the case outside of court.

2. State laws often call for

impartial medical testimony in criminal cases. If an accused claims to be insane, the court may name a doctor to examine him. Reports go to the courts.

3. In the workmen's compensation cases where medical facts are in dispute, the Industrial Accident Commission, like a court, often gets independent examinations.

4. Without a request from either party, both the state and federal courts on their own may name an impartial doctor to make an examination.

It is up to the trial court or jury to decide which doctors to believe.

Once a judge or jury decides what to believe, it must decide how much the injury is worth.

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



With you learning to drive, no wonder President Kennedy says we're living in a dangerous age!

A Bookman's Notebook

Paul de Kruif Outlines Life as Microbe Hunter

William Hogan

In "Sinclair Lewis: An American Life," Mark Schorer tells how Henry L. Mencken poured Lewis and Paul de Kruif onto a ship in New York one day in the mid-1920s. They were headed for the Caribbean to work together on "Arrowsmith," the novel of medical research which was one of Lewis' best and for which he declined a Pulitzer Prize.

A mountain of a man who was a doctor of bacteriology, de Kruif provided the medical data and background for "Arrowsmith." Lewis, who did the writing, Schorer tells us, found de Kruif to be "a man with a knife-edge mind and an iconoclasm that really means something." But a parting of the ways followed the publication of "Arrowsmith" when de Kruif, who received 25 per cent of the profits, claimed he got little or no credit for the book.

In a personal memoir titled "The Sweeping Wind," de Kruif, now 72, gives his side of the controversy and of his erratic relationship with Lewis. He tells about that long voyage to the tropics; their drinking bouts, arguments, friendship and collaboration.

I found this to be the most interesting section of this

frank, blustery, rambling experiment in autobiography by a turbulent man, doctor, writer and husband. It is another of these voices from the 1920s that keep cropping up time after time, and lend substance to the legend that America was indeed living its golden years in that decade.

Later, of course, de Kruif became a successful writer on his own, as the author of such popular and pioneering books about medicine as "Microbe Hunters," "Hunger Fighters," and "Men Against Death."

This memoir begins when he loses his position as an associate in pathology at the Rockefeller Institute in 1922 because of "Our Medicine Men," an anonymously published book in which he exposed scientific research and harpooned some of his Rockefeller colleagues in the process. It was the best thing that ever happened to Dr. de Kruif, for it did push him into a successful career as a science writer with savvy and gumption.

De Kruif is still a hard-boiled writer (to use an expression from the '30s that I haven't heard for years). Although this is a minor collection of historical notes

from the Age of Wonderful Nonsense, de Kruif remains an interesting and vital character with an unusual personal story to tell.

Who did write "Arrowsmith" by the way? After all the arguments, de Kruif notes: "There is a small school of friends who erroneously believe it was not really Sinclair Lewis but de Kruif who wrote it. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Sinclair Lewis wrote it. Yet there is evidence that, during the early phases of the book's composition, Red thought I'd been of some help to him..."

Notes on the Margin... "The Sound of Bow Bells," a new novel by Jerome Wideman, is planned for fall publication by Random House. It is about an author who has his sense of values on the road to a fabulous success. Setting is New York City.

Any Seton has published a long historical novel about the Radcliffe family of Northumberland, England, which eventually reaches tidewater Virginia later in the 18th Century. The title: "Devil Water" (Houghton Mifflin; \$5.95).

The Sweeping Wind. A Memoir by Paul de Kruif. Harcourt, Brace & World; 270 pp.; \$5.95.

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U. S. Loses Election With Menon Landslide

We, the Americans, lost an election recently, indeed, the biggest election, numerically, ever held.

In a Bombay district, Krishna Menon, Foreign Minister of India, won by a landslide his seat in the Indian parliament.

Mr. Menon is the unlikely pal and right-hand man of Prime Minister Nehru. Pandit Nehru campaigned for him and threw the support of the dominant Congress Party his way, but he was also supported by the Indian Communist Party.

This is classically in accord with the Marxist tenet, expounded in the Manifesto, that Communists should support revolutionary democratic elements which are not Communist, as a matter of expediency looking to the future.

In this future, says Marx, the Communists dump their benefactors. They never cease... to instill... recognition of the hostile antagonism between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat...

Nor has Mr. Menon ever ceased to instill, in Indians, "hostile antagonism" between India and the Western democracies. There is no substantial instance where, an issue having arisen between the West and the Soviet Union, Mr. Menon did not side with the Soviet Union. He is an inveterate apologist for any questionable Russian foreign policy, and he puts questionable interpretation on any foreign policy act of the West, particularly of the United States.

Anti-colonialism is understandable in Pandit Nehru and in Mr. Menon. What is not understandable is Pandit Nehru's cleaving to the

Menon brand of anti-colonialism which disregards Russian colonialism.

All this is pretty trying to Western statesmen who must deal with Mr. Menon diplomatically and in the United Nations, and who have experienced personally his arrogance and malice.

There is a persistent tendency in such cases to say, the hell with it — why support an India which retains Mr. Menon as a spokesman. But history teaches that this is not far-sighted statesmanship, that in the instant case, keeping India free and strong against Asiatic despotism, must transcend antipathy for

any one man, however unfriendly and designing he may be.

My Neighbors



Morning Report:

In 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt announced the "Good Neighbor Policy" for Latin America. Now, 29 years later, President has proclaimed the "Alliance for Progress."

Between the two Presidents, the biggest change has been Fidel Castro. He can't keep the busses running on time, or even running, in Havana. But he's got us scared.

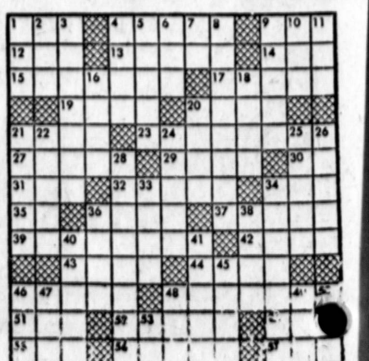
So we dropped the "Good Neighbor Policy" — which didn't cost us a cent. In fact as we promised to keep our Marines out, we actually saved dough. Progress, however, is going to come high.

Abe Mellinkoff

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- 1-Chicken
 - 4-Showy flower
 - 5-Nahour sheep
 - 7-Din
 - 14-Face of lettuce
 - 15-Disease marked by muscle spasms
 - 17-Furrier
 - 19-Mountain of Europe
 - 20-Uninteresting
 - 21-Italian support
 - 23-Belonging to a group of dinosaurs
 - 27-Turkish decree
 - 29-Horse's neck hair
 - 30-Title of respect (abbr.)
 - 31-Yellow ocher
 - 32-Dress material
 - 34-Bishopric
 - 35-Bone
 - 36-Veans of bearing
 - 37-Leavigne
 - 38-Unnecessary
 - 43-The kava (pl.)
 - 43-Oriental West European country
 - 44-Story
 - 46-Country of Asia
 - 48-Indefinite number
 - 51-Employ
 - 53-At that place
 - 54-The seal
 - 55-Ship channel
 - 58-Diner
 - 57-Canine

- DOWN
- 2-Girl's name
 - 3-Innate
 - 4-Girl's name
 - 6-Spirits
 - 8-It is (contr.)
 - 9-Furral ending
 - 10-Dave lack
 - 11-Trophy of victory
 - 12-Conjunction
 - 13-Beast of burden
 - 16-Dry
 - 18-Flumike
 - 22-Twofold
 - 23-Buffalo
 - 25-Set up
 - 24-Faultily
 - 25-Greek letter
 - 26-Garment
 - 28-Appraise
 - 29-City in Russia
 - 31-Cut
 - 34-Cut
 - 36-Kind of cheese
 - 38-Death rattle
 - 39-Long-leaved pine
 - 41-Cubic meter
 - 45-Declare timber
 - 48-Insect
 - 50-Excitation
 - 47-Land of the free (abbr.)
 - 49-Piece
 - 52-Time gone by
 - 50-Piece of cut timber
 - 53-Excitation



Down