Welcome to Torrance

One of the last strongholds of citizen governmenthome rule-will be examined here closely by more than a hundred representatives of Los Angeles County cities Friday as they meet to discuss the topic, "Home Rule or

Friday's meeting in Torrance will be the second annual meeting of the Independent Cities of Los Angeles County whose membership now includes 30 city governments.

A number of outstanding speakers have been scheduled

take part in Friday's discussions, including Lt. Gov. Henn M. Anderson and his rival for the office, Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco; Frederick W. Sharp, hief administrative officer of Pomona who has become an utspoken foe of federal aid programs; and Joe Quinn, ssistant to Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles.

The subject of home rule is one which needs thorough study. It is only at home-in the city, the school district, or special district—that the people retain some control over how their money is spent. It is at this level that people have the most direct voice in the affairs of their governnents, and it should be protected.

We welcome our visitors to Torrance and pray they njoy the hospitality and facilities of our city.

At the same time, we pray that in their discussions nd deliberations they not forget Mr. Citizen. He's paying the bill.

An Unqualified Champ

With or without Mr. Frick's asterisk, the Dodgers' Maury Wills is a champion and this year's baseball hero. Any way you figure it. Maury beat the venerable Ty Cobb's base-stealing record hands down—or rather, stomach down, because that's the way he did it.

He beat the Georgia Peach's record for 154 games, he beat it for 156 games, and ere the season is over Sunday, he will have set a new mark for future baseballers to strive for.

Our hats off to the fleet-footed Mr. Wills. He has done more to put a little pep into baseball this year than all the pontifical pronouncements from the office o fthe commissioner in the last generation.

Maury is a champ-long may he reign.

The Russian Policy

From a blistering bluff to a roaring fling. But the most effective single threat, Is the no budge attitude of the Soviet.

We go to meetings here and there Hoping some common ground to share-But we always find to our regret The no budge attitude of the Soviet.

The Congo surely is a mess-Here agents communism stress; Negotiations fail when set Because of the no budge attitude of the Soviet.

In Berlin, as now you may recall, Stands an anti-freedom wall-And when we kick we get the "nyet" From the no budge attitude of the Soviet.

Laos, Cuba and South Vietnam Are somewhat hot under Krushchev's thumb; When we complain, we only get The no budge attitude of the Soviet.

The Czechs, Hungarians and Polish too Have felt the sting of the Russian crew. There's no relief for them-they're set For the no budge attitude of the Soviet.

We know all this-and yet it's true How strange is the policy we pursue; We should know better and not forget This no budge attitude of the Soviet.

We should let them squirm and guess and fuss, And let them come running to us Until they are willing to reject This no budge attitude of the Soviet.

We should not trade the things we make Because we have so much at stake They'll only gloat but still inject The no budge attitude of the Soviet.

We should call their bluff and better still Deal out to them pill after pill, Until they're willing and without a fret End the no budge policy of the Soviet. -Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta, Sr.

Morning Report:

That was a terrible beating the President took in the Massachusetts primary. His kid brother won the Democratic senatorial nomination by 2 to 1. No matter what the facts are, millions are convinced that Ted was the victor only because of presidential prestige and pull.

The White House has all the senators it needs. If Ted really wants to help his brother, he should have run for the House of Representatives from Alabama.

Still don't count the President out yet. Jack can still save his bacon. By making sure Ted loses in the November finals-2 to 1.

Abe Mellinkoff

You Shouldn't Have Dragged Him In-



James Dorais

California Farmers Get Taste of Federal Power

There are many peripheral arguments in the perennial Congressional battle over Federal aid to education, but one issue is central to the discus-sion. can any program ever accept Federal financing without relinquishing local con-

Those Californians who still argue that Federal aid to edu-cation is possible without loss of local control should take a good hard look at what is happening in the latest round in the decades-old feud between California farmers and the Federal Bureau of

The magazine "California Farmer" reports that several thousand farmers in a 1.6-million acre area from Red Bluff to Tracy are currently threatened with the breakup of their farms by the sudden decision of the Bureau after nearly 20 years of inaction, to

enforce the 160-acre limitation on Sacramento Valley lands receiving supplemental

Central Valley Project water.
These lands had water rights along the Sacramento River long before the Central Valley Project was built. Con-struction of Shasta Dam pro-vided an additional flow, during the summer months, which has made possible an increased development of irrigated crops. This supplemental water accounts for about one-fourth of the total water use.

California farmers wouldn't be in their present bind if the State had gone ahead with the construction of the Central Valley Project in the 30s as it had originally plan-ned. When the project proved too much for the State's credit, the Federal govern-ment was asked to take over.

FROM the MAILBOX

One City Crew Outdoes Another ter). They're covering up all the "SLO SCHOOL XING" signs that the other department just finished painting. How's that for throwing taxes down the drain? It would be even funnier if they were from the same department.

laugh to see that one department of the city doesn't know what the other is doing, and other times it makes me cry because I know I'm paying for it.

About a week or so ago, some department of the city —I don't know which— painted the "SLO SCHOOL XING" signs on the street, which is all and good be-cause school just started and you should remind motorists to be more careful.

But now, another department is putting new black-top on all the streets in this neighborhood (which it doesn't need just to make it it look nice." I think, why but that is a different mat-

Quote

"A smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight." — A. H. Sanders, Manning (Ia.) Monitor.

"An antique is something that no one would want if there were more of them."

—E. M. Remsburg, Vista (Calif.) Press.

"A consultant is a well paid expert brought in at the last minute to share the blame." — W. E. Barnes, Sleepy Eye (Minn.) Herald-Dispatch.

"A snob is a person who is ashamed to have his acquaintances catch him with his friends." — Frieda J. Monger, Duluth (Minn.) Publicity.

On the 160-acre question, the Federal government has never seen fit to update its thinking since 1902. Anyone sincerely interested in education should ponder what effect monolithic control by the Federal government could have on the future of the public schools in California. STANLEY COHEN lic schools in California.

Automatically, this meant that only ownerships of 160 acres or less could receive project water; lands in excess of 160 acres were termed "excess lands" and in order to receive water, owners are

required to sign contracts guaranteeing to sell within 10 years. Water districts in other areas were forced to sign such contracts some years ago; the requirement now has been made applicable to water districts in the Sacramento Valley.

California farmers 10 ng have argued that the 160-acre limitation law, which may have made some sense with respect to conditions in Montana and other states when it was enacted in 1902 makes. was enacted in 1902, makes no sense at all in the case of already developed farms in California where costs are high and small farms are sim-

Farmers have the choice of breaking up their lands into Tobacco Road units or refusing project water and going back to raising unirrigated crops already in surplus supply which cost the taxpayer millions each year in subsi-

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Soviet Arming of Cuba Called Answer to U.S.

I was in Moscow a Kremlin official told me that the Soviet Union will get a foothold near the United States to show us what it is like to have an enemy breathing down your neck.

down your neck.
"We have you," he said, "in Norway, Berlin, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Thai land, Formosa, Korea, Japan, Alaska . . and you surround us with bases almost all along the entire Soviet frontier.
"When you come to think of it." he continued, "we have nothing surrounding you . . . but we will."

but we will."

It was apparent to me then
... and it is a fact of life
now ... that the Soviet foothold is Cuba.
The foothold was made pos-

sible by the most fantastic diplomatic miscalculations in U.S. foreign policy, second only to those of Yalta and only to those of Yalta and Potsdam, where, among other things, we allowed Stalin to sell us on the idea of sur-rounding Berlin with 110 miles of Communist zone, without any Soviet-signed agreements on free access to the city.

ne city. As President Kennedy said As President Kenneuy salu in his recent press confer-ence, we can and will invade Cuba when it becomes a threat to our security, regard-less of Soviet threats of nu-clear war.

This we can do.

In such an eventuality Khrushchev in all probability will squirm out of his commitment to aid Cuba, for practical reasons.

Russia cannot defend Cuba 7,000 miles from its frontier . . . and it is not likely that she would launch a nuclear war over Cuba.

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If Khrushchev was planning a nuclear war, his best bet would be Berlin, Iran, Turkey or Formosa, where we are ex-tended thousands of miles

from our major supply base.

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Khrushchev's game in Cuba, in our opinion, involves a show of muscle, effective propaganda, and to "show us what it is like to have an enemy breathing down our necks."

Khrushchev has other reasons. After the propaganda victory and blackmail, primarily for Caribbean and Latin American consumption, he can bargain Cuba for, say, Berlin, Formosa, Iran . . . or for some of our bases nearest

the Soviet frontier.

Either way he wins. If we refuse, he can still use Cuba as a base for communist spies, for infiltration into Latin America, for a constant irritation to keep our atten-tion from other steals around

Even if we bargained . . . he can still secretly hold Cuba as a Communist base of oper-

ations.

Probably the worst foreign policy mistake of this administration is Cuba. Our part in the failure of the Cuban invasion started the deteriora-

And two weeks ago Presi-

portunity, short of war, to contain the crisis when he practically called the Monroe doctrine dead, and opened the door for one of Russia's great-est propaganda victories in this hemisphere.

As it stands now . . . Russia is free to fortify Cuba with "defensive weapons," whatever that means, without U.S. interference.

President Kennedy did not define what "defensive weapons" consist of ... or how we are going to tell when a gun becomes defensive or offensive ... or how we know that "offensive weapons" are not present in Cuba today.

But the warst damage to use

But the worst damage to us is not in weapons, for we can destroy everything that Cas-tro can put on the island in one attack.

one attack.

The damage is in our prestige and the burial of the Monroe doctrine.

Perhaps before long we shall be obliged to negotiate with Khrushchev on Cuba. The price will be high, probably Berlin.

This is what he wants He

This is what he wants. He will deal with us and gesture withdrawal from Cuba.

But will he? Cuba will remain Communist and the arms will remain with it.

In the meantime we have lost face in Latin America

and in the world. shut theirs."—Curtis W
Cuba has become the "BerPowell (Wyo.) Tribune.

lin Wall" of the hemisphere

The Berlin wall was at least an admission of the weakness of the Communist system . . . while Cuba is an admission of our inability to stop Communist military material and infiltration from this hemi-

President Kennedy has forfeited another initiative to communism. His public statement that Soviet arms, military personnel, technicians, in Cuba are for "defensive pur-poses" was a forfeit of the initiative.

It is as though the Kremlin prepared the press release. The missile pads, we are told, are "defensive" . . but re-gardless of fine-line definitions, the pads are poised 90 miles from our shore, and they constitute a hostile act toward the United States.

Khrushchev has his "foot in the door" near the U. S. Our failure to act will encourage him to try again somewhere else.

He must believe that the bluff worked, which means that our reluctance to "increase tensions" may have increased the chances for a far greater crisis.

Yawning is usually the act of a person who inad-vertently opens his mouth when he wishes others would shut theirs."-Curtis Whaley,

Our Man Hoppe-

Fight for Peace With a Stomach

-Art Hoppe

I guess w eall agree no more gracious hostess has ever graced our White House than Mrs. Kennedy, She's attractive, charming and knows her salad forks. I'm glad she's won the highest accolade any gracious hostess can

"No other First Lady in history has sparked such international interest and enthusiasm," enthusiastically writes Miss Clementine Paddleford, "in food."

Miss Paddleford's enthusiasm stems presumably, from her position as food editor of This Week magazine. But gracious food is very important these days. Because, says Miss Paddleford, "Mrs. Kennedy believes that the dinner table, whether at the White House or your home, can do its part in bringing 'peace in our time.'

It just goes to show you. Al lalong I've secretly felt that Mrs. Kennedy, while most charming, might devote a little less attention to the gracious affairs of the evening and a little more to the grievous affairs of the day. And it

turns out she's really been struggling to bring us peace in our time, I feel awful. The way Mrs. Kennedy is bringing peace in our time, says Miss Paddleford is by serving delicacies from 60 different nations. Which is unquestionably a new path to

peace. Through the eophagus. Miss Paddleford, despite the Secret Service, has ferreted her way into the White House recipe files and has reproduced the specific plans for five of Mrs. Kennedy's weapons for peace. Like "Broiled Fish a la Grecque."

Because of national security, Miss Paddleford is necessarily vague as to exactly how Mrs. Kennedy employs these weapons to achieve peace. I assume she must pore over her husband's diplomatic dispatches before announc-

ing the evening's menu. "So Austrian elements are flirting with the Comintern," she will say thoughtfully. "Never mind I shall cement Austrian-American bonds tonight with a strawberry mousse." Or: "Aha! De Gaulle is threatening NATO, is he" Hand me a quarter cup of leek strips and I shall brew some consumme Julienne.

Of course, the question arises: What is Mr. Kennedy doing for peace in our time? I hate to tell you. Miss Paddleford dismisses this contribution in a paragraph. "Mr. Kennedy," she says, "is a soup drinker." And New Eng-

land fish chowder, at that. But there are hints of worse. For Mrs. Kennedy's two strong right arms are her French chef and Italian assistant chef. Absolutely indispensible to world peace. And, "perhaps," says Miss Paddleford darkly, "these two ambitious chefs find their most difficult task is to reproduce the Kennedy's favorite New England dishes, and

do it without a continental flair." Not even a pinch of tarragon in the New England boiled dinner? It could drive a French chef mad. And who in the White House demands New England boiled dinners? Not Mrs. Kennedy. But let us not talk of impeachment.

So hats to Mrs. Kennedy for sparking the world's interest in food. It's about time, as two-thirds of the world goes to bed hungry each night. Some say this is due to a

shortage of bread. Nonsense. Let them, I say, eat strawberry mousse.

ROYCE BRIER

partment.

Fidel Has a Red Mess; Not Keen for Showdown

In ancient and medieval brought revolution, and we Soviet Union, for help days no one questioned right and reason when a powerful nation invaded and occupied a weak one. Thus were empires built.

But the concept of self-government has a concomitant in the concept of self determination. If the people were fit to govern them-selves, then a people had the right to govern it. In 300 Western years this ideal has so well advanced that even a tyrant like Hitler was compelled to give it lip service.

The Monroe Doctrine (1823) was an undertaking to apply the principle to an isolated geographical group of weak peoples against the designs of the E designs of the European powers. But in international morality, the Doctrine applies equally to the United States.

When Spain lost her Amer-

ican colonies she retained Cuba, Decades of misrule

expelled Spain.
But many Latin American

nations are economically dependent for sale of raw ma-terials on the United States. This relation at times caused Into relation at times caused us to violate our own Doctrine with "interventions." The trend in this country, however, is against it.

We could overnight end the Castro regime by force, and some Americans advocate it but the majority oppose it

it, but the majority oppose it on both moral and practical grounds. In press conference, President Kennedy was asked about invasion, and he said "not at this time." This is a cliche of his (but a prudent one) to cover delicate and fluid situations, and it brought a small yak from the press corps. The President then rephrased to avoid mis-

Mr. Kennedy is in a tight spot in Cuba. Fidel Castro has a Red mess, and has turn-ed to our antagonist, the

The emigres in Florida

are sharp as hawks to involve us in a Cuban adventure where they can't lose. They see Soviet technicians and metamorphose them to Soviet troops, a few thousand. This assumes Premier Khrushchev has gone plumb Last year Mr. Kennedy was

badly burned by idiotic intel-ligence, which backed an invasion thrust turning into a debacle. If nothing else, it taught Mr. Kennedy that the Florida emigres are slightly unhinged. But most of them have had such a wrteched ex-perience they cannot be wholly blamed.

While Castro is in the Soviet economic clutch, the Monroe Doctrine does not forbid commercial trading shipment of arms. It is highly unlikely the Khrushchev regime would mount a show down with a handful of foot soldiers.