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Need for Leadership

The spotlight of publicity has been turned again to Torrance—a city much in the news in recent weeks—this time with the launching of an investigation of the city's police department by investigators of the District Attorney's office.

Despite the fanfare which followed opening of the investigation, including televised appearances of one of the district attorney's top aides, most city officials and officers of the police department have stated that they have nothing to hide and welcome the investigation.

The HERALD, too, believes the investigation can be a healthy thing for the city despite the opprobrium which is naturally attached.

Operation of a police department in a city of 120,000 persons is a demanding responsibility, and the conduct of each of the more than 100 officers of the department is subject to public review at all times. If Torrance police executives have been lax in troop discipline—as many have intimated—then the citizens of Torrance have grounds to be concerned.

As we said here recently, police officers, like Caesar's wife and the preacher's kids, are given no latitude for misbehavior. This applies to off-duty officers as well as those in uniform.

While top ranking officers are prone to say they can't watch their men 24 hours a day, it is incumbent on them to keep themselves informed of the activities of their officers to foresee all danger signals. It is also the duty of these officers to provide forceful direction to the men of the department, and to set examples which inspire respect and instill confidence.

Neither has been practiced as thoroughly as one might hope in the Torrance department.

What the investigation might find, or whether their checking will lead to further disclosures is not proper subject for guessing. We do believe, however, that the need for such an investigation would never have been presented had the department been receiving the strict supervision required of its senior officers.

The pity of such events as those which have focused attention on the department is that the entire force is splashed with the same mud because somebody, somewhere fell down on the job.

Opinions of Others

The family household in the old days was a busy, happy place, with the big kids taking care of the little kids, mother was kept busy in the kitchen, cooking, ironing, sewing, and peeling and cooking vegetables out of the garden or cellar and chopping off a chicken's head and picking it. The old man worked 12 hours a day for three bucks to keep the household going. For some reason in those days folks were paying their bills, the divorce courts had no business, folks were not suing each other for an easy buck, and no one was having a nervous breakdown, and nobody knew what a tranquilizer was. Isn't it odd how they lived?—Aztec, (N.M.) Independent-Review.

Today, more people are on relief than in the great depression. This has occurred despite Social Security, unemployment compensation, and other welfare measures. The drop in crime that was to accompany liberalized relief hasn't materialized. It's time to clean up the mess—but who will start the cleaning?—El Dorado (Kans.) Times.

What would happen if this nation turned her microscopes away from studying the selfish, lazy, the crafty and the confused—and focused them instead on the industrious, the able, the honest, and the morally strong.—Denver (Colo.) Herald-Dispatch.

We read where school teachers are taking examinations to determine their eligibility for competency rewards, which will entitle them to an additional \$400 pay annually... this thing should develop a greater sympathy between teachers and students.—Bartow (Fla.) Democrat.

Uncle Sam is rapidly preparing the crack down on taxpayers who neglect to report dividends. Wives are wailing because they don't want their husbands to know how much they have in savings, and the New York Times quotes Manhattan tax director Charles Church as saying, Solomon-like, "If it's a choice of arguing with your husband or arguing with the tax collector, you had better argue with us."—Ocean Grove (N. J.) Times.

Quote

Beware of too sublime a sense of your own consequence. —William Cowper

Apology is only egotism wrong side out. —Oliver Wendell Holmes

A fanatic is a man who does what he thinks the Lord would do if only He knew the facts of the case. —Finley Peter Dunne.

If I "bomb" I won't starve. I can walk into any shoe store in the country, borrow a shoe horn, and make a living.—Keefe Basselle, actor.

ROYCE BRIER

Japan Differs in View On Sino-Russ Division

Imperial Russia's rusty Baltic Fleet, in October, 1904, set sail for the Far East, via Capetown. European chancelleries were delighted. Now the upstart Japanese would be blockaded, and cease whipping the Russians in Manchuria.

In May, 1905, the Japanese fleet sighted the Russian fleet off Tushima in the Japan Sea, and sank it. In the ensuing peace the Japanese recovered the old half of Sakhalin Island, which the Russians had grabbed in 1875 (The Soviet Union took this Sakhalin territory after the Japanese defeat in 1945).

This background was outlined to the writer in Tokyo by an official close to the Japanese Foreign Office. It was merely mentioned without argument and with a smile, to explain the Japanese attitude toward the Soviet Union AND the Mao-Khrushchev struggle of these days.

Now comes a Tokyo news item, quoting the Japan Times, a well-edited English-language newspaper that often reflects the view of the Ikeda government.

The paper says politely that the Japanese government

does not agree with the United States in the split between the Soviet Union and Red China: (1) does not agree with an American view that the split resulted from provocations by Red China; (2) does not agree with an American view that Red China is more of a threat to Asian peace than the Soviet Union.

Still politely, the paper says these American views derive from race bias. But the Foreign Office source is less complicated—the Japanese simply don't care for the Russians, and haven't for a century. They say the seizure of Port Arthur and the Russo-Japanese war was a stark aggression against a supposedly helpless Japan.

On the other hand, the Japanese have been friendly with the Chinese for centuries. They derived part of their culture, which they remolded, from the Chinese. As Asians, they think as do the Chinese. So even today they look on Chinese communism as somehow benevolent, as distinguished from a malevolent Western communism. But this is not just the view of the dominant Conserva-

tives. It permeates all political and economic classes. It was substantially expressed to the writer in Tokyo two years ago, by a radical socialist otherwise opposed to his government.

Here is a situation Americans should remember, because there is little doubt they favor the Soviet Union in the Sino-Russian schism. It is not of immediate moment in Pacific affairs — but it might be in 25 years. It also suggests the possibility that race bias — if that is what we harbor — is a two-way street.

My Neighbors



AFTER HOURS By John Morley

World News Is a Third Mythology, He Believes

The argument that the Welfare-state is the best defense against communism... is like saying that if you don't want Billie and Mary to get the measles from the neighborhood, just have the measles yourself.

The Negro at long last will receive a fair shake. Now his work begins. He has to prove that on the street of competition he can perform as well, or better, than his competitor. He deserves equal employment consideration only when he proves equal to the task.

It appears that the British war department lost Skybolt but gained sex appeal.

Nature fortunately did not make us all alike... some are born rich and wise, others poor and unwise... which means that we are not endowed with equal talents, or even opportunities. All that a free society can offer is the free chance to achieve the utmost with what you have. Every American is entitled to that, irrespective of color or race. But to put it on the basis of color alone is to disregard merit and reward incompetence.

Legislation by "mobocracy," irrespective of its merits, will plague us for a generation.

The first prerequisite of freedom is independence... not interdependence, in the fullest sense of the word. It's one thing to be friendly, cooperative, generous, and even give the shirt off our back... but to stake our freedom, principles and survival on the shifting loyalties of international treaties is like transferring our security from Washington to Las Vegas.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance... and the price of vigilance is constant concern.

With each trip back to the UN, more and more the most popular language is buffet and cocktails.

I despise socialism... because wherever in the world I have lived with it and seen it practiced, it simply siphons most of the people to the average of mediocrity.

The real test of a great nation is not in its capacity to wage war and win it... but in its capacity to prevent it.

In my experience as a correspondent, world news is one-third mythology... one-third controversy... and the last third a mixture of fact, politics and propaganda in a dozen languages.

Most everyone wants peace

... but most everyone is not willing to work for it, or to forego some of the things whose avoidance might prevent it.

To achieve peace we probably need, among other things, guns of smaller and men of larger caliber.

Statesmen who deserve testimonial dinners... don't need them.

There is a world of difference between promoting patriotism... and practicing it... just like love and faith.

All history proves that men were capitalists long before they ever heard of capitalism.

It isn't freedom unless we are free to make mistakes.

One person with truth and facts under his belt is always an unbeatable majority in any block in the land.

Nobody ever bats 1.000 at anything... no human, no formula... no electric brain ever performs perfectly... so why all the perfectionists?

It's better to write, speak, paint badly in one's own org-

inal style than to copy someone else. The more eloquent and beautiful the model, the more ridiculous the imitation.

Artificial flowers, artificial leather, artificial wood or brick... all are like artificial smiles at a cocktail party. They fool nobody.

Since we seldom have all the facts on anything... isn't it possible that even our most considered judgments may be wrong?

It was always against the Constitution to discriminate on color, race or creed in places offering services. Both the federal government and the states ignored it. The Constitution however is also clear on the privilege and use of private property. So in eliminating discrimination now, we must make sure other basic rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights are not violated. Politics, pure and simple brought on the present racial dilemma, but it's the people's conscience that will have to bail them out again.

Reds Not Ready For Showdown

Editor's Note: King Williams, co-publisher of The HERALD, and Mrs. Williams returned last week from two months in Eastern and Central Europe, 33 days of which were spent with a group of 44 newspaper publishers and editors in Russia and the Iron Curtain countries traveling as members of an American Newspaper Study Mission. Impressions are given today and will appear in succeeding articles over the coming weeks.

By KING WILLIAMS

The Russians want no part of a war with the United States and the Western World.

The current split between Red China and the USSR appears to be genuine and may lead to some surprising improvements in Soviet-American relations.

The Kennedy administration is apparently committed to the accommodation of Khrushchev's drive toward co-existence, leaving some gates open to accord while standing firm on NATO and the Berlin bastion.

No great general discontent with the Communist system, on the part of the populace in Russian bloc countries, is apparent to the traveler because the material status of the people is vastly improved, over what they have known before. Yugoslavia, where Tito is very much in command, is advancing toward a pseudo-private enterprise system. Hope for successful revolt elsewhere is wishful thinking. These hopes died when the free world abandoned the Hungarians in 1953 and allowed the building of the Berlin wall in 1962.

The Russian people seem to have less than their "allies" in the captive countries or "satellites" which, we soon discovered, is a dirty word behind the Iron Curtain.

There is a religious freedom in varying degrees throughout the bloc countries. Chief patrons are the older generations who will take it with them to the crematory or the grave. Children may attend church but science and not God is glorified. It is too much to expect beleaguered parents to be able to overcome the influence of the school teachers and the Young Pioneer clubs.

The peasant is king and he is being stuffed with potatoes, cabbage, fish and "culture." He's glorified in sculpture and on canvas and his spiritual void is filled by a pilgrimage to the embalmed body of Lenin and the dramatized feats of astronauts. On him the propaganda job is complete. He is instructed not to want the luxuries of the "corrupt" capitalist world because "millions of Americans go to bed hungry every night" and Russia's "rate of growth" is much greater than the United States.

No one can be an authority on Russia, or any country for that matter, in a month or a year of travel. But any American traveler has the advantage of seeing for himself and reaching some conclusion.

Accounts of our interviews with Communist and American officials in all of the countries we visited will appear in a series of articles in The HERALD during the coming weeks. We'll try to give you a little more understanding of life today behind the Iron Curtain and tell you some things that should make you glad you are an American.

(Columnist Art Hoppe, whose comments usually appear on this page each Thursday, is on vacation. His column will be resumed when he returns.)

Morning Report:

If you don't like the way things are being run in Washington, I guess you know who to blame. The Republicans, naturally.

They are in charge of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, finances, and intelligence. But if you don't like the way the cherry trees are trimmed along Basin Drive, write to the Democratic National Committee. And now with Henry Cabot Lodge, another Republican, as our ambassador to South Vietnam, the party's responsibility goes international.

It makes you wonder what Democrats the GOP has lined up in case it wins in '64.

A Bookman's Notebook

Paperback Shakespeare Raises Some Old Doubts

William Hogan

Problems of scholarship: Whoever was assigned to prepare the texts for publication in the First Folio of Shakespeare seems to have taken his job seriously and yet not to have performed it with uniform care. So notes Sylvan Barnet, Tufts University

Shakespearean specialist, in some prefatory remarks to "Macbeth," a unit in the new Signet Classic Shakespeare Series. This is a first-rate paperback project which now consists of six plays, with five more due in September (50 cents each), and of which Professor Barnet is general editor.

Barnet mentions editorial carelessness over the centuries which have befuddled scholars and have produced arguments over Shakespeare's texts. In one scene of "Much Ado About Nothing," names of actors instead of characters appear as speech prefaces—presumably evidence that the printer's copy for the play was a promiscuous copy. Proof-reading throughout the famous First Folio was spotty, Barnet reminds us, and apparently was done without reference to the printer's copy.

Must a modern editor of Shakespearean text reckon with Elizabethan spelling or early typographical errors? Ought he to preserve the old form of words that apparently were pronounced quite unlike their modern form? Barnet and his associates

have restrained themselves from making abundant changes in the text. They generally follow tradition. In their minds, Barnet writes, they "hear Dr. Johnson on the dangers of emending: 'I have adopted the Roman sentiment, that it is more honorable to save a citizen than to kill an enemy...'"

There are some departures in this new text, in addition to spelling, punctuation and lineation, but the original readings are listed in notes following the plays, so that the reader can evaluate them for himself.

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Editor, Torrance Herald

An open letter to: Messrs. Brown, Braden, Kuchel, Rockefeller, etc., etc.

I am writing to you to confess and to apologize for being one of those things you so often speak of.

Yes, I am a hate-monger... but wait, please don't prejudice me as just another member of a hate group, for you see I'm trying so very hard to amend my ways in hopes that some day I might join your "love group."

I yearn for the day when I, too, will love all the things which so many of us fascist extremists now hate, such as: communist speakers on university campuses, the Dictionary of American Slang, the present Cuban government, race riots, the welfare state, Godlessness in our schools, socialism, unilateral disarmament, the U.N., diplomatic immunity for communist "diplomats," recognition of communist slave states such as Hungary, police review boards, "Marxists," anti-anti-communists, perverted teachers, and just too many more things to list.

In fact, too many things for me to ever love.

JEAN JOHNSON
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STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	1	10	19	28
Taurus	2	11	20	29
Gemini	3	12	21	30
Cancer	4	13	22	31
Leo	5	14	23	
Virgo	6	15	24	
Libra	7	16	25	
Scorpio	8	17	26	
Sagittarius	9	18	27	
Capricorn	11	20	29	
Aquarius	12	21	30	
Pisces	13	22	31	