

No Monuments, Please

Statements attributed to Charles Luckman, chairman of the California State College Board of Trustees, this week have all the qualities of a blackjack being held over the head of Peninsula and other Southwest officials and residents who are opposed to the favored Palos Verdes site for the new South Bay College.

Luckman has been quoted as saying that if the Palos Verdes site fails to qualify, there will be no South Bay College.

If this is Mr. Luckman's honest feeling on the matter, we believe it is time for the hundreds of thousands of residents of this area to rise up in arms at the brazen disregard for the wishes and conveniences of the public in the important matter of selecting a college site.

We will be the first to agree that the gentle contours of the Peninsula site is ideally suited to the erection of a beautiful campus—a striking monument to the tenure of the trustees who happened to be in office at the time the college was founded.

The thousands upon thousands of students who will be attending classes at the college for generations to come, however, will be less interested in monuments than in a college campus within easy commuting distance of their homes, and a campus served by streets and highways that can handle the thousands of automobiles which will converge on the site daily.

To take a huge chunk of the highly desirable Peninsula property—an area dotted with \$100,000 homes—is not a fair shake for the students who will be eligible to attend the college nor to the taxpayers who will be called on to support it.

The fact that the Torrance site is not as ideally suited to the construction of monuments should be in its favor. It offers simple building plots, stable soil conditions, easy access, and adjacent facilities which are necessary to the efficient operation of a large college. The Torrance site alone offers student and faculty housing within a short distance which can be utilized by persons on all economic levels.

But the threat of a Peninsula site or none—if true—shows a total disregard of those for whom the college was designed.

It's time the area citizens picked up their pens again to let the State College Board of Trustees know we are now and always have been interested in a college—not a monument.

The Chorus is Silent

A chorus of protest swelled from the voices of California teachers, politicians, and state school trustees in defense of the "Dictionary of American Slang" when its inclusive cataloging of American obscenities was challenged as a proper reference book for high school students.

"Censorship!" was the cry from top offices of the state's school system.

"Academic Freedom!" others shouted as they defended the compendium of the slang—the language of the gangs, dope addicts, the foul-mouthed in all ranks.

That same chorus was strangely silent this week when the Supreme Court of the United States determined that the Holy Bible was not a proper book for high school students.

Something is wrong somewhere when references to our Creator is taboo in our school system. The American people have been led along a path that has no stopping point unless an aroused public successfully demands a halt.

The HERALD believes the day has come when a stand must be made. Projection of the philosophy which is pervading the judicial pronouncements could, in time, erase all public recognition of a Supreme Being. America's strong ties to the Christian-Judeo traditions should not be eradicated so easily.

It wasn't wrong in 1620 and it isn't wrong today to acknowledge the place God has in the lives of a vast majority of Americans.

By a logical extension of today's thinking, the time could come when persons acknowledging the existence of God could be barred from holding public office because of a clear conflict of interests.

We do not believe the vast majority of Americans subscribe to the new edicts of officialdom.

Isn't it about time some of the desires of the majority were considered?

LIFE'S LIKE THAT By FRED NEHER



... Due to circumstances beyond our control nothing happened today.

Killing Him With Kindness



Democratic Party Leader Supporting Federal Aid

(The following article is excerpted from remarks made by David K. Lyman, chairman of the 68th Assembly District Democratic County Committee, before members of Torrance Democrats, Inc.)

Some local officials and school board members have taken completely unreasonable stands in regard to federal aid to local areas.

In the realm of both parks and schools, Torrance is a prime example of a city that not only needs assistance from the federal government, but is completely justified in seeking and accepting federal aid.

Federal aid programs are based on developing the nation as a whole and having all of the citizens of this country participate through their tax dollars in local programs where the local area cannot handle the complete project.

Torrance is an area that is daily accepting people from all states in the union. Torrance facilities are under strain because of this rapidly expanding population. The

Quote

"People who say they tell only little white lies must be color blind." — Kenny Bennett, Greencastle (Ind.) Putnam County Graphic.

"Any child who gets raised strictly by the book is probably a first edition." — Lee R. Fleming, Zion-Benton (Ill.) News.

"It doesn't make much difference which side our bread is buttered on because we eat both sides anyway." — E. M. Remsburg, Vista (Calif.) Press.

"Mark my words — when they all get together for the reunion of old high school grads, there'll be at least one who bounces up to you with 'I'll bet you don't know who I am!' — Charles Crawford, Lawrenceburg (Tenn.) Democrat-Union.

"How come the refrigerator at home is never as full as the one in the ads?" — George J. Melvin, Claysville (Pa.) Recorder.

"Ever notice how a June moon affects automobiles?" — Virginia Gaskill, Pennsburg (Pa.) Town and Country.

Many of the people who criticize the schools for teaching conformity also criticize them for failing to teach young people to conform to law and authority.—Dr. John G. Conlan, president of San Francisco City College.

Strength for These Days

(From The Bible) Thy faith hath made thee whole.—(Luke 18:42). To express our true faith in God we should pray definitely and purposefully for healing. That is the way we receive answers to our prayers.

ROYCE BRIER

Who Watches the Store When Sukarno Junkets?

An elegant little man in uniform with a pillbox hat bounced into Tokyo the other day on one of his world junkets. Whether he will wind up in Hollywood with the rest of the dark glasses set, as he has in the past, is anybody's guess, but wherever he goes there will be dolls at the airport.

Few on earth could less afford such a trip, for he is President Sukarno of Indonesia, which is on the verge of bankruptcy and daily inventing new ways of tossing its substance down the drain.

Sukarno recently persuaded his parliament (appointed by him) to declare him president for life, so he lacks election worry, but it's the only worry he lacks. After the war Indonesia was founded on the ruins of the Dutch empire, and it was to be a great democracy. With a single word, "guided," Sukarno changed that—it was to be a "guided" democracy, which meant it was no democracy.

Sukarno played the middle against both ends. He got American aid, \$700 million to date. He got over a billion in Soviet aid, and much Red Chinese sympathy. He began hollering "imperialistic," like Khrushchev and Chou. Lately he threatened a war for West Papua, and got it with American consent. He supports guerrilla war against the forming federation of Malaysia.

He has about 2 million Communists, and 3 million Chinese, who have long been the merchants of the Indonesian archipelago. Recently Indonesians went on a rampage with the Chinese.

All this would keep a less jolly imperator at home to mind the store.

The biggest reservoir of oil in the Far East is on Indonesia's biggest island, Sumatra. Two American and one British company have devel-

oped the field, and their contracts with Indonesia are due to expire.

Negotiations have been going on for months, but the companies aver Indonesia's demands are almost confiscatory. (Sukarno has for some years been nationalizing every industry he conveniently could.)

Now the United States wonders if it can grant any more aid to Indonesia. Washington officials say they are not interested in oil company profits, but in the principal of free enterprise. They have even sent a couple of officials,

hush-hush, chasing after Sukarno to Tokyo to talk things over.

Chances of talking things over with Sukarno on any sensible basis do not seem good. The man is afflicted with Caesarism, and his Communists have to be mollified. His country is eaten up with a huge bureaucracy, and rubber, copper, tin and copra production falls steadily. Rice famines are periodic. The dollar is pegged at 45 rupias, and sells at 1500 on the black market. For some years Indonesia has not looked like a promising field for American aid.

Around the World With



"We are four students thinking of camping in Europe as a cheap way of getting around. How do we find out costs, where, etc?"

I've seen quite a few camping sites and campers in Europe. I get the idea that these are tent sites on private property. You pay a fee. They looked well-kept, elegant affairs—not much like the semi-roughing it thing we think of in the U. S.

Best book is the Michelin Guide's green guide called "Camping." (They use the same word.) I think this only covers France but it would give you an idea. France is usually highest priced on everything. So other places might be less.

Switzerland and Germany are great camping spots. Their tourist bureaus—(look under tourist associations in the New York yellow section of the phone book)—would have lists.

Nearly every country has sent me notices that they have lists of camping places. You could write them all. However, I find many of these announced tourist aids are a little dreamy. I think tourist bureaus sometimes sit around and say, "Wouldn't it be a good idea to —." Then they announce it. But it never gets done.

"We will take a long trip (by ship) around the world. Now I understand in many places you must bargain for things you shop for—or is this true?"

On the usual trip around the world, you'll find fixed prices in Hawaii, Japan—though in Japan shopping around for things like pearls might get you better prices. Some bargaining in the Philippines. Fixed prices in Australia and New Zealand. Bargaining in Suva and Tahiti if you are dealing with Indian and Chinese shops.

Plenty bargaining in Hong Kong and Singapore. Asking price in these ports is usually double. (Except in English stores where prices are fixed.) Bargaining in Ceylon and Indian ports. Bargain in ALL Middle East countries.

Ask for discounts in Italy—they've got everything in tourist shops marked up to take care of guide's cut, tourist discounts and mama's old age. Ask for discounts in France on all tourist goods. Fixed prices in England.

Bargain in the Caribbean islands, in South America and in Mexico. In tourist shops all over the world, you can always ask for discounts for cash, for travelers' checks or for love. The tourist is a sort of migratory pigeon—they only get one shot at him. So the one-time sale is important and prices are flexible.

"Where would you advise us to stay on a trip to Rio de Janeiro?"

I'm sure you'll find your airline or travel agent will book you into one of the places along fashionable Copacabana Beach—a crescent of skyscraper hotels on an overrated swimming beach.

The most stylish is the Copacabana Palace. Great place to see second-grade titles, American financiers on the lam, Rio social mountaineers wearing the latest climbing spikes, first-class tourists and hustlers for the jewelry shops of H. Stern. For rooms and service, all the hotels are about the same. Good enough. Nothing outstanding.

"Any place in the south—or any warm place—in Europe that is not expensive, not too crowded, with pleasant atmosphere, etc. . . ."

This is getting hard to find. I think Austria would have some places like this. People think of the Tyrol as a ski resort and don't push it so hard in summer. Beautiful mountain country.

Portugal has a number of fishing villages with adequate hotels or pensions not far from Lisbon. Good beaches, warm, native.

During the summer months, everybody is on the move now in Europe. Americans are a small part of tourist during the season. Spain's Costa Brava and Costa del Sol are jammed during the season. Yet of 8 million tourists, only 400 thousand are Americans.

Morning Report:

Abe Mellinkoff is on vacation.

Abe Mellinkoff

A Bookman's Notebook

No matter what one's religion (or lack of it), it seems that all of us lost a friend and companion of the human spirit in the death of Pope John XXIII. During the last hours of this historic figure, I happened to be rereading the fine report in depth on the reign of the late Pope and especially on the Vatican (or ecumenical) Council of last year.

This is titled "Letters From Vatican City." We have mentioned it before briefly. The author is Xavier Rynne, a pseudonym. One source reports Xavier Rynne to be two people; another suggests he is an American priest in Rome. Some of the material appeared as a series of pieces in The New Yorker, and in trying to categorize his lucid and stimulating prose I think of Xavier Rynne only as an ecclesiastical A. J. Liebling.

Whoever he may be, Xavier Rynne writes excellently and clearly on a complicated matter, which the council was. He writes wryly and often with humor in this informed report. He also writes with a sulphuric critical bite when he analyzes some of the sheer politics of the Holy See, especially of the reactionary, or

roads necessary to meet this influx of population.

Another fallacious argument used against federal aid is that it brings some kind of undesirable control. The only federal control exercised is insistence that good accounting practices be used and making sure the money is spent for the purpose for which it was obtained. We can all see the wisdom of our local banker when he makes certain that we purchase a car with the money he loans us for that purpose, rather than using the money for a trip to Las Vegas.

It is time some of the misguided persons on our city councils and boards of education are educated as to the true facts about federal aid to education, parks, and other worthwhile projects.

The council and board members I am referring to are the ones who bemoan the fact that we do not have enough funds to meet the need for parks and schools of our expanding population caused by the descent upon us of people from other parts of the country, while, at the same time, they announce with pompous dignity they will never touch federal funds.

anti-John factions on hand, and there were those among all the assembled bishops in Christendom.

There were sharp, even insulting debates at the council over Pope John's deas and hopes for updating the Church and some of its ancient practices and customs in light of today's scholarship.

In passing, Xavier Rynne notes that Cardinal Ritter, the cheerful, dynamic Archbishop of St. Louis, turned out to be the outstanding American prelate of the council. Cardinals Spellman of New York and McIntyre of Los Angeles, by comparison, come off badly in this distinguished company. And if Xavier Rynne indeed is an American priest, the reasons for his anonymity become obvious in these critical revelations.

The heated debates in the council suggest that within the essential unity of the ancient Church are political fireworks as heated (and as interesting) as those within any given Administration of the U. S. Government. In no other book I know have we been made so aware of the mechanics (often obsolete, it appears) of the Holy See.

Mailbox

Your continuous and generous cooperation in making space in your paper available to this year's United Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign is deeply appreciated.

Your fine paper has not only kept the community abreast of the progress and purpose of the campaign but has done this with enthusiasm and sincerity.

The Campaign Cabinet, as well as the thousands of men, women and children in Los Angeles, Israel and overseas, who look to us for help, join me in thanking you.

Maurice Simon
Public Information
Director

Energies and Ideas of Pope John XXIII Probed

William Hogan

John XXIII emerges a heroic and triumphant figure here. A reader cannot help but cheer for the late Pope's energies and ideas as he reads, and hope that the Pope's wishes in regards his successor and his enlightened Pontificate will be carried out. This is a rich, informed, thoroughly satisfying book that both Catholics and non-Catholics should find illuminating.

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