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Those Welcome Signals

Several of the city's busy intersections are taking on a new look these days.

Long needed traffic control signal systems—often deferred because they are expensive—are beginning to appear on some of the city's more troublesome intersections, and work is being pushed diligently on others, we are informed.

New signaling systems at Crenshaw and Sepulveda and widening of the intersection has greatly aided motorists who use that busy intersection.

Agreements between the city and the Santa Fe officials over signals along Madrona Avenue have cleared the way for new signals along that busy street. Those at the Carson Street and Sepulveda Boulevard intersections with Madrona should be in operation within the next 10 days to two weeks. The one at Madrona and Torrance Boulevard awaits only approval of the California Division of Highways because it is to be financed by Gas Tax Funds.

Along Crenshaw Boulevard, signals are being installed at Eldorado, Sonoma, and Maricopa. The signals will be semi-actuated, permitting a steadier flow of traffic on the heavily traveled Crenshaw artery.

A fourth signal in this project is being installed at Carson Street and Maple Avenue.

Work was to begin yesterday on still another control system for a busy intersection—Catalina, Monte d'Oro, and Palos Verdes Boulevard in the Riviera business area.

Signals are expensive but necessary parts of modern civilization.

The new installations of these controls throughout Torrance is due in large measure to the able work of James Whitmer, the city's traffic and lighting engineer, and all motorists owe him a hearty thanks every time they get through a busy intersection with ease.

Hire A Veteran Week

The advantages to employers of hiring qualified veterans were pointed out today by Murray Love, manager of the Torrance office of the California State Employment Service. "Hire a Veteran Week" has been proclaimed by Mayor Albert Isen and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for the period between May 10 and May 16, Love said.

The superiority of the average veteran over run-of-the-mill job applicants is shown in many ways.

"The veteran's average annual income, nationwide, is \$5,100 as compared to \$3,200 for non-veterans. His unemployment rate is about half (3.2 per cent compared to 5.2 per cent) of that experienced by the rest of the labor force.

"The typical veteran of World War II is married, has three children, and owns his own home," Love said. "Almost 98 per cent of these veterans are employed, and the reason is that their service-connected training, their experience, their stability and good citizenship make them desirable employees.

"Some well-qualified veterans have become the victims of automation and technological change, however," Love said. The purpose of "Hire a Veteran Week" is to call the attention of employers to the extraordinary qualifications of these men and women who are registered with Torrance office of the State Employment Service. Last year his office found jobs for 600 veterans and the figure is expected to increase this year.

Opinions of Others

With considerable foreboding we witness the spread across the nation of "demonstrations." Whatever their purpose originally, the result is becoming mob rule.

Demonstrations are nothing more than an attempt by one group to impose its will upon other groups by a frightening show of force.

State Senator Hugh M. Burns has said that "if we begin to legislate on the basis of mob rule, we may well have a government 'by the people' but it will hardly be the government 'of and for the people' as envisioned by Lincoln."

Every violent action against government by an individual, every violent action by a mob seeking to influence a government body by force, eats away at the freedom of all Americans. Just as surely as Americans demonstrate that they cannot live in freedom without violating the freedom of others, just as surely as each person seeks to extend his own authority by restricting the authority of others, just as surely as any American takes the attitude that he or his organization alone is qualified to pass judgment upon one or a thousand of his fellow Americans outside the due process of law, just as surely will the foundations of freedom crumble a bit more.

The flouting of laws and ignoring of others' rights take us each time a step closer to mob rule or dictatorship.

We are concerned with the violence that can result from irritations and tensions aroused by mob action. We fear that many innocent persons may suffer as bystanders in something over which they have no control, such as the "stall-in" procedure advocated by some at the New York World's Fair despite court orders to the contrary.

The solutions to social problems are not simple, but we can well see the danger ahead where demonstrations could result in stifling of all public opinion.

Respect for law must be restored. Violators must be punished, not released on "deals." Legitimate police attempts to enforce laws and to protect all citizens must have public support. Police officers must be recognized as protectors of all, not oppressors of a few or the objects for mob attack.

—C. W. Adyolot, News-Advertiser

Today's cars are supposed to be mechanically perfect and smooth-running, but it seems there are still a lot of jerks in them. —Mora (Minn.) Times.

To Win A Horse Race-

(FIRST, YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A HORSE!)



LETTERS From Our Readers

Reader Suggests Painting Go Into Kennedy Library

Editor, Torrance Herald

When M. Mulvihill wins with his painting (page 9, April 30), it should be purchased and sent to Mrs. John Kennedy to be placed in the Memorial Library. The picture is the sum total of the Negroes' plea: "Looking through the tainted window, wanting to be one of the crowd."

A most effective plea for civil rights passage, a program that the late President was dedicated to.

Sincerely yours,
EMERIE M. MELVOLD
P. S. Has anyone the right to refuse them this desire?

Editor, Torrance Herald

Thousands of Centinela Valley-South Bay residents have recently completed their duties as volunteers for the American Cancer Society's April Cancer Crusade. These community-minded volunteers have devoted many hours during the past month to the battle against cancer. The pamphlets they distributed and the funds they collected will aid in this battle immeasurably.

Another important aspect in the fight against this feared disease is the splendid

cooperation of fine community newspapers such as the Torrance Herald.

On behalf of the volunteers and the staff of the American Cancer Society, I would like to express our gratitude to you and your fine staff for the wide coverage you have given the American Cancer Society's year-round program of education, research and service to cancer patients.

With your help in reporting to your readers the importance of early cancer detection, yearly checkups and other important information concerning cancer, we shall hasten the day when cancer will be remembered as a disease of the past.

The community-minded spirit of your newspaper makes it a most important asset to the people of this area.

Sincerely
RON CRUGER
Public Information
Chairman
American Cancer Society

Editor, Torrance Herald

As local chairman for the 1964 Red Cross fund campaign, I want to express my appreciation to your newspaper for the excellent cooper-

ation extended the campaign effort throughout March, the official Red Cross month.

The pictures and stories published in your newspaper have helped tell at least part of the Red Cross story and as a result your readership has been made aware of the fine work this 101-year-old service organization is performing daily at the national and community level.

As you know, the American Red Cross functions under a charter granted by the Congress with the approval and support of the President of the United States. It is charged with providing disaster relief to those in need and it also serves the armed forces in matters pertaining to voluntary assistance. As a community service the Red Cross provides the valuable blood program and preparedness training courses in first aid, water safety, home nursing and mother and baby care.

All of these services are dependent upon the support of a generous and understanding public.

KEITH H. PISCHEL,
Red Cross
Fund Chairman

Out of the Past

From the Pages of the HERALD

40 Years Ago

R. R. Smith was named manager of the Union Tool Co. (now the National Supply Division of Armo Steel Corp.) on May 2, 1924, reported The HERALD. Smith had reason to make any celebration a double one, for he had been elected a city trustee just a few weeks before the promotion.

Plans for the formation of a local committee to attract new industry were announced by a group of residents. The committee was to work with the Greater Los Angeles Assn., and hoped to attract industry to Torrance.

Residents of Torrance and the surrounding area turned out in numbers to dedicate the new Torrance High School Auditorium. Students at the school presented "The Charm School," a comedy in three acts, as part of the dedication program.

Police raided a Lomita house during the week and smashed three stills and 20 mash barrels, while confiscating 50 gallons of moonshine whiskey.

30 Years Ago

State highway officials called for bids on five miles of Roosevelt Highway through south Torrance, according to The HERALD for May 3, 1934. Roosevelt Highway is now known as Pacific Coast

Highway and was recently re-named State Route 1.

Three agricultural students at Torrance High won first place in the Junior Fair held at Chino. Dale Howe, Ted Merrill, and Kenneth Fess were accompanied by their instructor, S. E. Merrill and "walked away with most of the prizes."

Torrance High's tracksters qualified eight men for the Varsity Marine League finals. The qualifying Tartars included miler Louis Zamperini, who set a new Marine League record of 4:38.5 for the four laps. The Tartar Bees placed fourth in league finals.

20 Years Ago

Registration figures for the 1944 presidential election were announced in The HERALD for May 4, 1944. A total of 4,509 voters were registered, and Democrats outnumbered Republicans 3,109 to 1,210.

The entire second battalion of the California State Guard announced plans to hold a major tactical training maneuver in Torrance. Orders were issued to bring all units of the guard up to full strength and Capt. Robert L. Lewellen, commanding officer of the Torrance units, said about 50 enlistees would be accepted.

10 Years Ago

Stone kitchen tools believed to date back to the days of Indian and Spanish California were uncovered during excavation work for a housing tract at Normandie and 215th streets, reported The HERALD for May 2, 1954. A curator for the County Museum said the utensils were probably used by Shoshonean-speaking Indians prior to 1780. He suggested they might be as much as 3,000 years old.

Tartar track stars qualified in unprecedented numbers for the Bay League track finals. Torrance High had 21 qualifiers in the Varsity division and was rated "a real threat" to upend powerful Santa Monica.

Plans were announced to build homes on the old Weston Ranch, south of Pacific Coast Highway and east of Crenshaw Boulevard in the area known as Victoria Knolls.



"A loose nut at the wheel is not often as dangerous as a tight one."

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

U.S. Money Wins Respect But Love's Something Else

PITTSBURGH—I have been back to the states, from my recent newsbeat to the headline areas around the world, long enough to reflect more objectively on what I saw. In several columns I will recap for our readers my impressions on the spot, as they agree or disagree with the general thinking back home.

President Johnson's recent statement that we are loved the world over should be taken with a grain of salt. It is the usual political rhetoric expressed by a master of political rhetoric. We are undoubtedly respected by most of the world... but loved by few. This has been my experience in covering the world since 1931.

The reason we are not loved is mainly the reason few rich are loved by the poor. A rich nation, as a rich person, with some exceptions, is envied, resented and even disliked by the less rich. A people who are dieting cannot somehow be loved by a people who are starving.

Our foreign aid and giveaways undoubtedly have done some good, I saw them contain or stop the encroachments of places, such as Turkey, Greece, Lebanon, Berlin, Venezuela, the Congo, Formosa, Korea, Vietnam.

But our money also made millions dependent on us and when the supply of money was curtailed or stopped, resentment resulted in almost every case.

The crises in Panama did not flare up because a high school student raised the American flag in an inappropriate place. The crisis in Panama has been in the making for a long time... but especially since the Suez Canal dispute.

When the U. S. demanded that England, France and Israel stop the attack on the canal and Egypt, on the questionable premise that President Nasser had every legal right to nationalize the Suez canal so long as he compensated the owners, we set a precedent that is now coming home to roost.

Ever since the Egyptian takeover of the Suez canal, Panamanian leftists, agitated by Castro spies in Panama, have been rioting against the U. S. control of the Panama canal. The Panamanian people I have talked with want "partnership" with the U. S. or nationalization... not a lease.

The present lease of \$1.9 million we are paying is not the main issue, irrespective of what the administration is saying. After Suez, the rallying point of politicians in Panama has been that the Panama canal belongs to Panama. Also, the luxury-living Americans in Panama in contrast to appalling poverty of most natives has not helped our case, but added fuel to the fire.

Mediator Ralph Bunche and the UN troops, barring a miracle, will not settle the crisis in Cyprus between Greek and Turk. The UN is called upon to settle disputes far beyond its capacity and charter. We are expecting miracles of the UN.

Our coverage of Cyprus, beginning in 1931, suggests that major surgery can only save the patient. Christian and Moslem have been killing each other at the slightest provocation since the Ottoman empire. Some 400,000 Greeks have never been able to live in peace with 95,000 Turks in Cyprus. Under British rule things were somewhat under control. Now it's worse.

Of course there is a solution. It has been proposed many times by thinking giants, like Charles Malik of Lebanon. The solution was to repatriate a few thousand Turks each year from Cyprus to Turkey, until the present Turkish population is cut in half... and these to be separated from the Greeks on Cyprus.

Quote

"If you're important, what is not printed in newspaper becomes free gossip—and it's usually false."—Alan Propp, Pecos (Tex.) Independent.

With Turkey only 40 miles away from Cyprus, a major crisis is in the making between Greece and Turkey should the Turkish minorities on Cyprus continue to be slaughtered. The UN troops will be caught in the biggest mess since the Congo.

Our report from Saigon last January called the situation almost hopeless, while the administration was saying "victory is in sight" and that our 16,000 "military advisors" will be pulled out by 1965. In recent weeks the unpleasant truth has been admitted by Washington.

We are not fighting just communism and the Viet Cong in Vietnam... but age-old hatreds between Catholic and Buddhist, because the Buddhists who represent over 50 per cent of the population, as against less than 4 per cent Catholic, have not been given a fair shake.

The French are not without

blame... and neither are we... for failing to listen to Madame Nhu, who impolitely but truthfully tried to set the record straight.

Propaganda in this country that President Diem was anti-Buddhist was absolutely false. I met Buddhists in Saigon who swore by Diem.

To neutralize Vietnam, in accordance with President de Gaulle's idea, is dangerous and unrealistic. For neutrality in the case of Vietnam, right on the Red Chinese border and 10,000 miles away from the U. S., is logistically untenable.

To increase our military effort would be poor strategy for President Johnson running for election, even though it appears the most sound solution by military experts.

As one of them told me in Saigon, "We should either go all out and clean up the Reds from their sanctuaries across the borders, or get the hell out of Vietnam."

OUR MAN by Arthur Hoppe

Nobody Turns Fat Cats Away

Confidence is running amok at the Nobody for President Headquarters. For there is no denying that, to date, Nobody has waged a perfect political campaign.

The reason, of course, is our candidate's experience. Take raising money. While others may claim theoretical knowledge of how to stage testimonial dinners and other fund-raising affairs, it is an undeniable fact that Nobody has been attending them for years.

Who in politics strives to be first to arrive at a reception? Nobody. Who, I ask you, wants to be last to leave? Nobody. And who listens to the speakers at Lincoln and Jackson Day dinners? Our candidate, that's who.

As a result of these many long and dreary evenings, Nobody has fearlessly inaugurated a new fund-raising technique guaranteed to spare the contributor, enabling the candidate and save money: the non-event.

Reflect, if you will, on the \$100-a-plate testimonial dinner. In the history of American politics, no one has ever left such an event without feeling cheated. Not to mention dyspeptic. But, thanks to Nobody, our Businessmen for Nobody Committee is even now arranging a new-type Gala \$100-a-plate Testimonial to Nobody. All you do is send them \$100. And they send you a plate.

Think of the good will! You will be spared the agony of donning a stiff shirt, sawing on undercooked chicken, downing cold coffee and suffering through three hours of speeches. Moreover, you get to keep the plate. And for masochists who like to listen to testimonial speeches, the committee will throw in a three-hour, long-playing record of a concrete mixer in action.

Not to be outdone, the Labor for Nobody Drive is sponsoring a fun-filled Traditional Box Lunch Picnic. Send in \$10 and they will deliver to your door two traditional turkey sandwiches with suspect mayonnaise on stale bread. But, untraditionally, you can eat them anywhere you want with the friends of your choice. And, comparatively speaking, that will be a real picnic.

But perhaps the most joyous event will be the Happy Times No-Hot Cocktail Party and Get Acquainted with Nobody Social Mixer, now being eagerly planned by the Young Nothings for Nobody. For \$5 you will receive absolutely nothing by return mail. This entitles you to go down to your neighborhood tavern, get drunk and try to pick up the bar-maid. Good luck, one and all.

Among the many fund-raising festivities for special groups will be The House Tour of Your Very Own House for stay-at-homes; the Intimate Breakfasts with Nobody for sleepy-heads; and the big White Elephant Bazaar for elephants who believe in racial segregation.

So pick out the gay nonevent you wish to avoid most. Make plans now to stay away. Think of the suffering you won't go through. And in gratitude won't you send in your blank check to Nobody for President Headquarters today?

We're expecting a flood of donations in the mail. Yes, sir, we're confidently predicting that the vast majority of voters will give generously, as in past years, to Nobody's cause. And when you stop to think of what the other candidates make their contributors go through, it's no wonder.

Morning Report:

You take the uranium-235. I'll settle for the crab boats. It was the cutback in the stuff that goes into the big bangs that got the headlines. But on the same day Moscow also said her fishermen would stop ruining crab catching off Alaska.

I wouldn't know uranium-235 if I had it in my pocket. And nobody knows for sure how much of it is enough to blast all of us.

Foreign affairs are very complicated, as intricate as an atomic explosion. Both are for experts. But opening a can of Alaskan crab is within common understanding. It's no guarantee of world peace. But it's a tasteful start.

Abe Mellinkoff