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## State Needs Cranston

For California Democrats, the June 2 primary election ballot—for all practical purposes—narrows down to one contest: the race for that party's nomination to the U.S. Senate.

The task should not be so difficult, however, as the campaign flurry might lead one to believe, simply because California Democrats are fortunate in having a very capable, fully qualified candidate in its leading candidate, Alan Cranston.

Cranston has many personal qualifications to support his effort to gain support of his fellow Democrats. He has experience beyond any of the nearly one dozen other Democrats seeking the nomination, he has the endorsement of a large number of California's Democratic Congressmen, its state leaders, and unofficial party groups. In addition to these, Mr. Cranston has demonstrated to Californians that he is a man of decision whose first thoughts are with California and its citizens. He has done an outstanding job in his post as Controller for the state.

Beyond these considerations, however, Mr. Cranston offers California Democrats—and all Californians, for that matter—a shield against the introduction of Eastern-style, machine politics, with well-heeled candidates chosen in some mysterious manner, and stuck into the campaign designed to steamroller all opposition.

Californians of all political hues should resent the intrusion of the Eastern machine in California's direct primary elections, and the Democrats have a chance to say so on June 2.

They can do this by nominating Alan Cranston as their choice to be the U.S. Senate nominee at polls on June 2.

## Judges Deserve Backing

Tucked away among the several judgeships which will appear on the nonpartisan section of the June 2 primary ballot are three offices of particular interest to Torrance area and South Bay residents.

Seeking a new term as Superior Court Judge in Office No. 24 is William E. MacFaden, long-time Redondo Beach civic leader and attorney who has served as a judge in the South Bay Municipal Court District, and is now serving as a judge in the Superior Court. One attorney has filed to oppose the return of Judge MacFaden to the office.

Torrance area voters should support Judge MacFaden's election bid at the polls. Through his many years in this area, he has served in many posts with distinction, and was at one time the youngest city judge in the nation. He has been praised as an outstanding judge during service on the municipal level and again as a superior court judge.

The HERALD recommends election of Judge William E. MacFaden for Office No. 24.

Two other judges appear on local ballots—Otto B. Willett and William B. Keene—each seeking re-election to the Municipal Court in this area. Both deserve strong endorsement at the polls.

## Opinions of Others

*Without exhaustive debate, even heated debate, of ideas and programs, free government would weaken and wither. But if we allow ourselves to be persuaded that every individual or party that takes issue with our own convictions is necessarily wicked or treasonous, then, indeed, we are approaching the end of freedom's road.*

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Administration's war on poverty should not blind us to the need for another assault—an all-out war on federal prodigality. Wasteful spending of taxpayers' funds is the arch enemy of national well-being and we strongly recommend that the Congress mount a hard-hitting, unrelenting campaign to rout it. —Mableton (Ga.) Mail

We don't know how it happened, but our worthy representatives in Congress somehow summoned the moral fortitude to deny themselves a \$10,000 annual pay increase... A good share of our Federal employees are no doubt entitled to modest pay increases, but we just can't see including our Congressmen and Senators in the boost—particularly at the outlandish rate of \$10,000 a year. If they don't want the job at what it's paying now, there seems to be plenty of available candidates to succeed them. —Manistique (Mich.) Pioneer-Tribune.

The national economy is sadly out-of-joint when it is illegal for one company to make all the automobiles (for example) and hunky-dory for one international union to control all the automobile workers in all the plants of the nation. —Miles City (Mont.) Star.

## Morning Report:

Moderates in the Republican party have almost given up on their own drive to "Stop Goldwater." Now they want to "Start Eisenhower." In the hope that he will speak out and stop Goldwater for them.

The GOP is in a tough spot. Lodge has all the polls. Rockefeller has all the Republican principles. But Goldwater has the delegates. And that's what votes at the convention.

But so far, Ike ain't talkin'. Except to say he likes all Republicans. That was also his position when he was President—expect then he liked all Republicans and most Democrats as well.

Abe Mellinkoff

## While Some Men Scratch Their Own Initials



## LETTERS From Our Readers

### Parade Watcher Ashamed For Discourtesy to Flag

Editor, The Herald  
What in God's name has happened to the American people... or at least the people of Torrance who witnessed the Armed Forces Day Parade last Saturday.

As our American Flag passed by (some dozen times during the parade), the six of us stood proudly and respectfully each time it went by. It soon appeared to me that we were outnumbered by those who sat!

And how they sat—resting comfortably in their carefully placed chairs and stools on the curbs of Torrance Boulevard, many of them munching "goodies" one usually does at a circus or a baseball game. Here they sat, with arms folded, as though they were in front of their television set at home, waiting and demanding to be entertained by their favorite comedian or what have you.

Yes, sitting there while their beautiful flag, a most treasured possession, passed by them no less than a dozen times. Are these poor, tired, unfortunate people too fatigued from their bowling games the night before to stand a few seconds to pay respect to their flag?

Was their day on the golf course or race track so rough that they could not find strength to rise to the occasion?

The most appalling thing, and the real tragedy of this whole story is this: How is a youngster of today going to know how to love, honor, and respect anyone or anything if his parents do not set a good example for him to follow?

Standing up for our flag should not be a mechanical thing we do. We should jump up with joy and exuberance. We should do this because we love our flag and because we're proud of our American Heritage, and because we intend to preserve this heritage, so help us God. MRS. CHESLEY R. HOUSKE

would have a full-time job with no additional duties. A person who takes pictures and develops them also has a full load of work if he takes very many. If the coordinator is to be available to newspapers for accurate information about what happened at a board meeting or what is going on in school programs, here is another important service that citizens need in understanding their schools.

There are many people who do not have children in school who also need accurate information about school finances and school programs.

All kinds of school programs need to be announced. Bus schedules, kindergarten roundup, beginning and closing dates, etc. The public needs a place to call and get accurate information about what time a meeting starts, etc. The board of education has discovered that this is a tremendous task. The newspapers are kind enough to provide the space for this information as a public service. We must make it easy for them to get the information they need to help you, the public to keep informed.

Another of our tremendous problems is communication with over 1600 employees who are a part of the school district. Someone has to edit and develop the bulletin that coordinates the information that takes place at the board level and elsewhere. Someone must keep up on all the announcements and other information that the staff members need to be familiar with their own organization.

The superintendent has been a student of this communications problem for twenty-five years. He can help; but he can't do all the detail and be the educational leader the board, staff, and community expect at the same time, without neglecting important things he should be working on. The Torrance board of education has a written policy stating that it will use a variety of available means of informing the public about its schools. Many other channels are used but none of them do the whole job. There is enough work for two people. The board has voted a modest salary for one person. Reasonable people will recognize the difficult problem a school district has in communicating with 125,000 people.

J. H. HULL  
Superintendent

## Remembrances

Women's Editor, The Herald  
Thank you for the publicity you have given our school and PTA throughout the past school year.

During my term as PTA president, I have had many memorable moments. Now that my term in office is coming to an end, I realize that through my record book, I will have these remembrances forever. Thanks to your wonderful publicity, I have a record book that will be cherished forever and received a gold seal from Tenth District.

MRS. THOMAS E. MILLARD  
President  
223rd Street PTA

## A Thank-You

Women's Editor, The Herald  
On behalf of the Yukon Parent Teachers Assn. I would like to express sincere thanks for the kindness and consideration you gave us in publicizing our business and activities.

Our Publicity Record book was presented with an award, which would not have been possible without your help, and we are deeply grateful. I have enjoyed working with you for the last two years. It has been a wonderful experience for me.

MRS. RICHARD MARSH  
Publicity chairman  
Yukon Elementary PTA

## We Quote...

If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it from him. —Benjamin Franklin

I never met a man I didn't like. —Will Rogers

Wanting to work is so rare a merit that it should be encouraged. —Abraham Lincoln

Whistler is indeed one of the greatest masters of painting in my opinion. And I may add that in this opinion Mr. Whistler himself entirely concurs. —Oscar Wilde

Many troubles are caused by too much bone in the head and not enough in the back.

There is no greater security than the knowledge that one is doing the right thing.

If all men were just, there still would be some, though not so much, need of government. —Abraham Lincoln

Duty is what one expects from others—it is not what one does oneself. —Oscar Wilde

Lots of people laugh one way and vote another. —Will Rogers

A gossip is a person who creates the smoke in which other people assume there's fire. —Dan Revell

## AFTER HOURS by John Morley

# Crisis in Vietnam —The Inside Story

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA—Last Jan. 30, reporting direct from Vietnam in "After Hours," we exposed the tragedy witnessed at the fighting fronts.

We said that "Vietnam was becoming another Korea" . . . and expressed shock in hearing that the Administration was spreading soothing-oil to the American people.

Since my return last February, President Johnson has continued to express optimism by saying that "the Vietnam war was progressing satisfactorily" . . . and Secretary of Defense McNamara . . . our troops will be home from Vietnam by 1965."

In recent weeks the Secretary has reversed himself, but the President, speaking in Pittsburgh in our presence April 24, gave every indication that he was not worried about Vietnam.

The humiliating sinking of the USS Card, a giant converted aircraft carrier, in Saigon Harbor undoubtedly will sober up the American people long enough to demand some answers from our government.

The conduct of our military commitment in Vietnam is shocking.

Old, defective, antiquated equipment . . . unqualified pilots, personnel . . . has seriously affected the morale of our troops.

Some 18,000 U. S. troops (military advisors) are now dispersed and disillusioned in a country which has no will to fight . . . exerting at best a holding action . . . without the rallying call of a crusade against communism, or the policy to go all out and win.

Americans are dying in Vietnam . . . the nation is pouring millions of our wealth, while the politicians are going through the motions of planning for another political campaign, instead of planning to win or get out of Vietnam.

The war has been going from bad to worse for several years. This appears to be an appropriate time to report what we saw and learned in Saigon, which led to the further deterioration of our cause against the Viet Cong.

I stood on the steps of the Xa Loi pagoda last January in Saigon, listening to the assistant secretary of the General Buddhist Association, Thieu Duc Nghiep, rattling off to me defamations of Madame Nhu in stilted, accented English. He had followed me out of the pagoda to the street after our talk.

Thieu Duc Nghiep is a power in Saigon. He hates everyone who is not a Buddhist. This includes Americans. He is the personification of Buddhist discontent and hatred for the Catholics. He is the kind of man who would join the devil himself—and do the devil's dirty work—to annihilate those who oppose Buddhism.

The encroachment of communism . . . Viet Cong, the local communists . . . North Vietnam communist volunteers from Red China . . . are of course the major danger now. But communism has not been the major danger in recent years.

The roots of the present civil war, as well as under French rule before their defeat at Dienbienphu, is the hatred between Buddhist and Catholic. This led to the Buddhist-government dispute which ended last November 1 when the Buddhist dominated army assassinated President Diem, Premier Nhu (Madame Nhu's husband) and other prominent Catholics in the Saigon government.

The numerical odds in South Vietnam of course favor the Buddhists. There are about four per cent Catholics and more than 80 per cent Buddhists. With the help of foreign communists, who undoubtedly infiltrated the Buddhist camp, their majority becomes even more formidable.

The weapons captured by our side in Vietnam bear the trademarks of both Russia and Red China.

The four per cent Catholic minority is the best-educated, has the best know-how and

ability to govern the nation. Under French rule the emphasis was on educating the Christians . . . and discriminating against the Buddhists.

Ironic as it may seem, Catholic President Diem was the most militant spokesman in favor of Buddhists in his government—and had already approved most of the major demands of the General Buddhist Association shortly before his murder.

The GBA made five demands of President Diem . . . all but number four of which he approved.

1. Flying Buddhist flags on certain ceremonial occasions, as the Catholics did theirs.
2. End to arrests and persecution of Buddhists for minor offenses, for which Catholics were excused.
3. Equal job and education opportunities.
4. Ability to purchase property in Christian residential areas.
5. Appoint Buddhists to top government jobs.

Faced with a possible agreement between Catholics and Buddhists, northern communists became desperate because of a serious situation developing in Hanoi.

Thanks to U.S. aid, after the fall of the French at Dienbienphu and the partition at the 17th parallel between North (communist) Vietnam and South (non-communist) Vietnam, Saigon prospered more than any other city in

Southeast Asia—while Hanoi, the communist capital, was losing ground.

Between 1954-1963 the improvement in the economic picture in South Vietnam was phenomenal.

Some 150,000 landless peasants (90 per cent Buddhists) were given land under Diem's agrarian reform program. Rice production rose to over five million tons, from the normal two million.

The transportation system was entirely rebuilt. Rubber production doubled pre-war totals. School construction and enrollment tripled. Medical and maternity clinics doubled and the death rate at birth dropped 68 per cent.

In contrast, communist North Vietnam was going down hill under the communist regimentation of Ho Chi Minh. Food production dropped 11 per cent, while the birth rate increased two per cent a year. The gross national product dropped to \$75 per person, while in South Vietnam it increased to \$130 per person.

This economic progress of South Vietnam, more than any other reason in 1960, drove the communists to subversion . . . the kidnapping of 5,000 skilled South Vietnamese civilians . . . the assassination of at least 2,000 government officials, forcing the civil war which extended into the present civil crisis.

## OUR MAN by Arthur Hoppe

# Mail Touches Nobody's Staff

There's not a dry eye to be seen today down at Nobody for President Headquarters. It's the mail. Each new batch brings more moving and poignant letters from ordinary citizens everywhere. There can be no question that Nobody's campaign has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the American voters.

True, all candidates receive moving and poignant mail. But even the most hardened political worker among us cannot keep a lump from his throat as he reads the scrawled pledges of support and devotion now pouring in from typical little people across the land.

"Hooray for Nobody!" writes typical little (name withheld), age 9. And one can see this little girl's eyes glowing with child-like faith as she took pen in hand. "Please," she goes on, "say something nice about the Beatles." (Nobody promises the Beatles will lead the Inauguration Parade.)

Typical of big people is this letter from Miss Aubree McClymonds (age withheld), volunteering her services: "I've got a boss who works me overtime every night. During what spare time I have, I want desperately to type letters and stuff envelopes for Nobody."

May we say here that these many such offers of help earn the heartfelt thanks of Nobody.

In addition to these typical letters, the mail shows our candidate has been able to accomplish a unique feat in the history of politics: he's not only promised to solve insoluble problems; he's solved them.

Take this joyous note from Mrs. Please-Don't-Use-My-Name: "Our marriage was on the rocks. Every election, whatever candidate I was for, my husband was against. And vice versa. We both knew we couldn't survive another hard-fought campaign. But now, we sit at breakfast table and smile fondly at each other, both proudly wearing our 'Nobody for President' buttons."

Or this expression of gratitude from Mr. Keep-Me-Out-Of-It: "As Federal employees, the workers in our office were forbidden to take part in campaigning by the Hatch Act. Think of the irresistible temptation to take a stand just like normal people. Our jobs were in jeopardy. But now, with our 'Nobody for President' buttons, at last we feel a sense of belonging."

Or this: "I was tearing my hair out when I read about your Nobody for President campaign and . . ."

But why go on? These countless testimonials prove conclusively that of all the candidates, Nobody can save your marriage, your job and your hair.

Is it any wonder, then, that as we open the mail our chins lift, our eyes grow moist, our hearts swell up? What do we care about issues and controversies? For the blind faith which all campaign workers have in their leader is at last being shared by the great American public. Or, as Anonymous Businessman said in the note accompanying the anonymous check he generously contributed:

"Nobody is worth a hill of beans."

(For a free "Nobody for President" campaign button send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Arthur Hoppe, care of this newspaper.)