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DEAR EDITOR....

Communism, Socialism, The Leash Law and The Rabies Issue

Editor,
 Torrance Press:

I have been very interested in having laws passed in each of the South Bay cities requiring anti-rabies inoculations for dogs. I have also been interested in the hysterical cries for greater enforcement of the foolish leash laws and cries of communism and socialism applied to the proposals of another form of preventive medicine.

Prior to moving to the South Bay three years ago, we lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan. There had been no law requiring anti-rabies inoculations in Washtenaw county. The subject had been raised each year with no results. Approximately seven years ago a little girl, 8 years old, was bitten by a rabid dog. By the time the dog was apprehended, and quarantined and examined, it was too late. The little girl died.

The Ann Arbor News printed, in detail, the last two days of her short life. It wasn't long after that, that a law was passed and I believe it to have been a good one, requiring that an anti-rabies inoculation certificate had to be presented before an owner could get a dog license.

Any dog picked up without a license tag and a tag bearing the date of the last anti-rabies inoculation, was quarantined at the Humane society for 10 days. The dog was not released to the owner until a license and inoculation was paid for in addition to the board bill for 10 days.

There was also a heavy fine imposed for not complying with the law.

Dogs from neighboring counties were also held under the same conditions. There were no more incidences of rabies in the county.

There were no extra taxes imposed on non-dog owners for vaccine. The law's penalties made the law self-supporting. People in neighboring counties kept their dogs at home. The ones who didn't care enough for their pets or other people's children to have their dogs inoculated, lost them.

Twice a year, the veterinarians, working in teams of two, spent a day in each community of the county, inoculating dogs for the price of the vaccine. This was financed from the penalties imposed.

There was no socialism or communism involved. Owners were rightfully made responsible for their own dogs.

There have been dogs of all breeds and kinds in our family for a period of 30 years. They have all had their anti-rabies inoculation once a year as well as distemper shots and other medical care. We have never heard of a dog suffering in any way from these inoculations.

As for the leash law, our little girl was bitten by a dog on a leash. We have a boxer in the neighborhood who jumps over a six-foot fence as easily as he runs across the street.

Most dog owners have children as well as dogs. With children running in and out it is almost impossible to keep a dog on a leash or a big dog in a yard.

Also it has been our experience that a dog who is tied and helpless when teased by small children is more likely to bite than a dog who can get away from the child.

Long periods of being tied make a dog run when loosened or more irritable and likely to bite.

We are in that unfortunate position of having our dog inoculated but if he is bitten by a rabid dog, he can infect our children through saliva contact although he will not contact the disease himself.

With the rapid increase in population, both as to families and children and dogs, I think that an ordinance requiring inoculation for anti-rabies is a necessity although I am also aware that a child may have to die of the disease before an ordinance is passed.

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They Do It in Tempe, Arizona

Editor,
 Torrance Press:

This letter should be addressed to Councilmen Drale, Blount and Schwab.

I wish to commend Mayor Isen and Benstead for being men of integrity.

By that I do not mean to cast judgment on the first three, but I do believe, if they will seek a quiet place and meditate they'll realize that the action they took on the anti-rabies shots was not in the true spirit.

God in his infinite wisdom has made it possible for us humans to protect ourselves and our dogs and cats with a serum that eliminates the possibility of rabies and subsequent trouble.

If you want to leave God out of it, why deny science and its advantages?

My interest in the program stems from two grandsons living in Torrance.

Your fight against open sumps has been a wonderful thing. It is truly in the right spirit to eliminate that evil. Congratulations.

But: Rabies shots defeated! Let me tell you how we handle this here in Tempe, Maricopa County, Arizona whose population is 10,000 and growing faster than any city in the southwest.

Dog Day comes once a year for the city and then another day for any in the county who care to participate.

A locally veterinarian with the assistance of one or two volunteers starts at 8 a.m. . . .

People come and register the dog with the city—\$1 for male, \$2 for female—then move into line and the shots are given.

All dogs six months and older are given shots. License tag and anti-rabies tag are issued. . . .

Dictatorial? No, American! Harmful? Not a sick dog yet!

Useful! No made dog scares! Sincerely yours,
 (s) J. B. WILLIAMS,
 Tempe, Arizona.

Annexation Effort Cost Firm \$1890

A check in the amount of \$1,890.50 was this week received by the city of Torrance from the Palos Verdes Properties Corp. in full payment for expenses incurred by this city during negotiations for annexation of the area to Torrance.

Ivar O. Hanson, general manager of the land company, in a letter accompanying the check wrote, "I would like to take this opportunity in behalf of myself and my associates, to tell you and other members of the City Council, City Planning Commission, your City Manager, City Attorney, and others who worked with us in this matter, that we were uniformly impressed with the high order of public service which all of you are rendering to your community. We appreciated and respected the sincere approach each of you took in reviewing this matter with objectivity and courage, with only the best intentions of your City in mind."

Outfit Must Move

The Torrance City Council overruled the Planning Commission Tuesday night, denying a variance to Gene W. East for repairing and storing vacuum trucks at 2318 236th street between Arlington avenue and Pennsylvania avenue.

The Council's action came as a result of petitions with 110 signatures opposing the operation. Only 28 individuals signed a petition in favor of the variance.

In the absence of two councilmen, the three member quorum voted to deny the variance. Present were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Nick Drale.

The Council opposed the variance on the grounds that the trucks constitute a hazard to school children.

East was given 30 days within which to move the operation.