

# Press-Herald

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## A Needed Adjustment

City Council action this week in fixing salaries for the city clerk and the city treasurer at \$1,025 a month brings the pay for these important offices more in line with the responsibilities which have been attached to them.

The offices of the city clerk and the city treasurer are the citizens' watchdogs in the city hall — one officially accountable for the city's finances, the other for the public records.

By adjusting the salary levels to begin in April, the City Council has recognized the importance of these offices and set the compensation accordingly.

The adjustment also eliminates the need for the assignment of "extra duties" to those offices to supplement the box-boy wages previously set for the positions.

Councilmen may hope the trend will continue when they ask the voters for a raise at the polls in April — if they can agree to a form for the proposal to appear on the ballot.

That may be something else again.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Two-Way Communication

By MRS. KENNETH WATTS  
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In thinking of the problems of public affairs, it seems to me the one single thing of greatest concern to all citizens might well be the tremendous problem of communication between the elected community representatives and the people they represent.

Our entire system of government is founded upon the principal that the people elect representatives to vote for them in the orderly control of community affairs.

Inherent in this system, if it is to work effectively, is the necessity for good two-way communication. And herein lies the problem. The newspapers cover the meetings and report to the people the opinions and votes of the elected representatives, but there is no consistent means for communication in the other direction.

Most elected representatives work hard at trying to maintain contact with different groups in the community, but after giving the time necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the elected office, one person can barely scratch the surface of community communication. This creates the situation where elected bodies hear only from pressure groups.

It is a never ending problem to maintain your balance and remember that you are in office to represent all the people, not just the 0.1 per cent you hear from on each problem that arises.

This problem has such far-reaching consequences that I think it should concern every citizen. Don't wait until you have a complaint to make your opinion known to elected officials. Groups inviting officials to attend meetings would do us a favor to seat us in the audience where two-way communication is possible, rather than at a head table where you talk only to people who have the same problem.

## OTHERS SAY:

### Where's the Pony Express?

Last week Mary Brooks, assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee, wrote Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien, complaining that letters in plain, unmarked envelopes make their postal journeys faster than mail stamped with the GOP return address.

Mrs. Brooks didn't accuse the Postmaster General of a conspiracy to hold up Republican mail. She just asked him to look into it.

We don't think there is any conspiracy either. Because it isn't just GOP mail that takes forever to get delivered these days. It can be — and more often than not is — anybody's mail. If horses were allowed to ride the freeways, a reactivated pony express could beat present day airmail service from California to the East Coast.

One possible reason is revealed by the new Postmaster General himself, in a recent interview in the Washington Evening Star:

"This is a full-time job," Mr. O'Brien observed, "and I intend to devote most of my time to it." — California Feature Service.

## We Quote . . .

Travel conditions? The advantage of being a female is that the pilots are men. — Lt. Julia Klebaum, Army combat nurse in Los Angeles on a recruiting tour.

Agriculture is a billion dollar industry and will have only about four representatives in the State Senate after 1967. — State Senator Richard J. Dolwig, Atherton.

I welcome Mr. Gordon's announcement. . . . I was just a little concerned that the Democrats would put up a really tough opponent. — Frank M. Jordan, California Secretary of State, on an-

nouncement of opponent's candidacy.

I am disturbed by cry babies who feel that a few years devoted to the defense of this great country is too great a task to undertake. — Robert Fouts, Compton.

A college has to be more than a place to educate the young, it should offer something to the whole community. — Dr. William Miller, San Mateo.

Horsepower was much safer when only horses had it. — C. William Queale, Sacramento public relations executive.



## SACRAMENTO REPORT

### Solon Eyes Law to Keep California Guard Here

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL  
 Assemblyman, 46th District

The newspaper in which this column appears has repeatedly published factual, highly objective, non-partisan news about the policies and practices of President Lyndon B. Johnson, and his Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara, with regard to sending our soldiers, sailors, marines and coast-guardsmen to the War in Viet Nam, both South Viet Nam and North Viet Nam.

It is a war and not a "police action" or a picnic, even though the Congress of the United States has not declared war, and the President has not officially admitted that a State of War has existed and now exists between the United States of America and Soviet Russia, Soviet China, and "North Viet Nam," also called "Viet Cong," with aliases to follow.

Also, this newspaper in which this column appears, has published news about the fact that Robert S. McNamara has been doing his very best, without a ny known consent by Congress, to merge the officers and enlisted men of the Army's Organized Reserve into the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of the fifty States of the Union. This includes the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of the once sovereign State of California. This has been done in spite of the protests of Generals of both the California Army National Guard and the Generals of the California Air National Guard.

During the Korean War, which was described by President Harry Truman, at that time, as a "police action," one division of the California National Guard, commanded by Major General Huddleston, was sent to Korea, and there served valiantly. Major General

Huddleston, California National Guard, was honorably retired as a result of his service in the Korean War. The Division he took to Korea would be called today an Army National Guard Division.

There are now in California two separate, nearly war-strength divisions of the Army National Guard. The division which was raised in northern California was called to active duty in the Watts area by Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson because he was Acting Governor of California while Governor Edmund G. Brown was in Europe.

On the first Monday in February the California State Legislature will begin the Budget Session. Do you want me to introduce an Assembly Bill appropriating money for recruiting, clothing, arming, and equipping a California National Guard Reserve for duty only in California if and when the California National Guard (both the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard) are called into the federal service and sent overseas for duty against the foreign enemies of the United States, whether that duty is in South Viet Nam or North Viet Nam?

There already exists statutory provisions in the California State laws for an organized California National Guard Reserve, but there is no money available to make a reality of this theoretical paper organization. I really want your opinion on this subject.

I hope it does not happen, but if all the effective fighting men and boys of the California National Guard are sent outside of California, and we have another armed insurrection in the Watts area, or elsewhere in Los Angeles County, or other parts of California, do you realize that there would

### Morning Report:

I think that anybody who still persists in arguing about the value of a college education should now shut his big mouth. If he doesn't, halfback Donny Anderson will shut it for him.

Donny, a recent graduate of Texas Tech, signed a contract for \$600,000 with the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League. Even with the inflated dollar, that is not peanuts. Donny spent four years at Tech and as I figure it has paid off at the rate of \$150,000 a year. I don't know of any other school that can make that claim.

Of course the Government likes Harvard men. But it takes Harvard professors, not new graduates with damp sheepskins in their paws.

Abe Mellinkoff

## HERB CAEN SAYS:

### He Calls Judy the First Astrobomb in Astrodome

A MESS OF DOTAGE: The Houston Astrodome has had its first Astrobomb. That would be Judy Garland, who drew only 8,000 into the 50,000 seat park and cost the producers something like \$50,000 . . . Miller Harris, president of Eagle Brand shirts, while watching a group of teenagers Frugging away at a holiday party: "Ah, the aene and the ecstasy!" . . . Ray Plunkett defines a blind optimist: a man who can hand over a new car to a parking lot attendant without looking back . . . Nervous confession from a Brooks Bros. type: "What bothers me is that everybody whose political views I agree with these days wears a beard."

AUTHOR John Sherlock, once a tie salesman, once a book clerk, once a house-boy for a Pacific Heights socialite. His first book, "The Ordeal of Major Grigsby," was a best-seller. His second, "The Instant Saint," has been bought by the movies. And now he is off to Minorca, where he will live in Author Irving Wallace's house while finishing his next novel. The ex-house-boy will now have one of his own.

Maude Parrish, a native San Franciscan who has been around the world 16 times—and wrote about her adventures in a Lippincott book titled "Seven Pounds of Luggage." She ran a gambling house in Singapore, made and lost a fortune, played poker with the miners in the Yukon—and now, at 87, lives in a pensioners' hotel, a Little Old Lady who is still young and bright.

THE NATIONAL magazines were checking a rumor recently that Willie Mays was married secretly recently — but how could a feller like Willie get married on the quiet in the first place? . . . Playboy Matt Kelly fled to the perfect place to avoid embarrassing newspaper questions about the surprising (to him) marriage of Arlene Dahl to Winemogol Alexis Lichine. He's in Puerto Valarta — a Mexican town that has NO telephones . . . If you get a long, narrow box from Carl Wente, ex-Pres. of Bank of America, I'll tell you what's inside: a pepper mill. He makes 'em from broken bats he collects from the Giants. His other workshop hobby: pasting Statepost covers on thin boards and cutting them into jigsaw puzzles for underprivileged kids . . . the biggest crowd I saw all weekend was standing out in the cold to see "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold": A film in various shades of gray, broken only by red splashes of violence (but no purple passion). A film remarkable for its integrity — and for a superbly controlled performance by Richard Burton.

READING THE fine print: RCA Victor advertised the "happy sounds of Richard Rodgers," including the album "Kismet." Really, RCA? "Kismet" was adapted by Robert Wright and George Forrest from music by Borodin, and the show's book was written by Charles Lederer and Luther Davis from the play by Edward Knoblock. Anybody around there named Rodgers? . . .

From the press release on Fellini's new film, "Juliet of the Spirits": "Sandra Milo, who was Marcello Mastroianni's mistress in '84,' plays Juliet's handsome husband" — but knowing Fellini, I guess anything's possible . . . Overheard, one Beat to another: "Hey, you got a TV set?" "Not me, man," came the reply. "I take LSD and watch the wallpaper."

LA TRIVIATA: In its current issue, Esquire magazine hands out its annual left-handed awards — a m-o-n-g them being one titled, "Latest Reason for Denying Statehood to Puerto Rico: Juan Marichal, who clobbered John Roseboro with a baseball bat." Well, dear Esqy, Juanito is from the Dominican Republic; I take the liberty of pointing this out because I never make mistakes myself . . . Screenstar James Garner and his wife made the local antique shops richer over the weekend, picking up treasures for their new Brentwood showplace . . . Bob Cameron's \$500,000 libel suit against Bob Wernick (Cameron publishes "Drinking Man's Diet," and Wernick wrote a Statepost smarticle needing it has been thrown out of court. Wernick: "I guess you could say that I made half a million in 10 minutes sort of" . . . Congr. Phil Burton gloomily confides: "If LBJ asks Congress for a declaration of war, he'll get it — overwhelmingly. I doubt that there'd be more than 10 votes against" . . . Nobody asked me, but "Thunderball" is the best of the James Bond flicks. Fast, furious and ridiculous.

## ROYCE BRIER

### National Interest Not Hurt by Tobacco Trade

There is an oriental leaf tobacco grown in Yugoslavia, used by American manufacturers to 'improve the taste and aroma of cigarettes.'

If you haven't heard of it, or lately seen a cute Yugoslav doll chasing blithely over the Yugoslav hills to prove the superiority of our brand, you haven't been watching television commercials, maybe. Or possibly Madison Avenue hasn't been watching them, a horrible thought.

Anyway, there is this blending agent raised by a lot of dirty communist tobacco farmers who certainly have pictures of Marshal Tito hanging in their parlors. Let's kill it, says one Jerome D. Herold, a Miami chiropractor.

Mr. Herold heads an outfit described by a State Department spokesman as "The Committee to Warn of the Arrival of Communist Merchandise on the Local Scene." If you doze on such things, you can call it

TCWACMLS, a trifle hard to pronounce, but good exercise.

Alas TCMACMLS is embarked on a footless errand, to use the quaint old phrase. It, and other weird groups, have been advising six tobacco firms to quit buying Yugoslav leaf, or face a boycott. The companies named are American, Brown and Williamson, Liggett and Myers, P. Lorillard, Philip Morris, and R. J. Reynolds. One wouldn't know if TCWACMLS members think they can swear off Tito's leaf and the six companies will close up shop. One does recall that there was this cigarette-lung cancer flap, whereupon sales dropped about 3 per cent, and then rose to the present all-time high.

So the tobacco companies were hardly alarmed, but they were annoyed, and they asked for help. They got it in a letter signed by State Secretary Rusk, Commerce Secretary Connor, and Defense Secretary McNamara.

It said: "Your government regards commerce in peaceful goods with the countries of eastern Europe, including the Soviet Union, as completely compatible with our national interest." It inveighed against penalization of American firms for purchase and sale of such goods, and called any boycott a "capricious interference with the vital processes of our constitutional government."

It's about time the point was made. Indeed, such boycotts, including refusal eastern European trade, and dropping cards in stores identifying communist imports, come close to conspiracy in restraint of trade.

The idea of turning American foreign policy over to these boycott jokers is in fact pretty funny, not funny-important but funny-irritating. Meanwhile, may every red-blooded American kid send the barn, get with it and switch to Yugoslav leaf. Then TCWACMLS will get the black eye.

## WILLIAM HOGAN

### Monica Sterling Details Life, Works of Andersen

"The Wild Swan" is Monica Sterling's detailed study of the life and times of the story-teller from Odense, Hans Christian Andersen. He wrote many novels and stories that had nothing to do with his fairy tales, but what is remembered in English-speaking countries. Andersen was a friend of the 19th century greats — Wagner, Victor Hugo, Heinrich Heine, Mendelssohn — and a neurotic prototype of his own Ugly Duckling.

Miss Sterling has gone into the writer's background at great length and with scholarly dedication, perhaps too much so for the average reader. Still, one might be stirred to observe the influences that fashioned this special talent, especially after rereading his lovely stories, preferably aloud to someone who is very young. (Harcourt; \$6.95).

Hank Ketcham, creator of "Dennis the Menace," and his wife took an extended trip abroad recently, as far as Tashkent and Samarkand in the Soviet East. This resulted in an "offbeat travelogue" titled "I Wanna Go

Home!," by Hank Ketcham (McGraw-Hill; \$3.95). An amusing and perceptive report for the most part, and the cartoon and drawings are particularly fetching; for example, their portable chess set helping the Ketchams put in time during a seven-hour delay at the Moscow airport. (Dennis, happily was not along on this trip.)

A sampling of Christopher Rand's New Yorker reportage from Asia and the Middle East over the years since 1949 appears as a fairly slight book titled "Mountains and Water" (Oxford; \$4.95). I have been browsing in it from time to time during the past month, and find it very pleasing. The emphasis is on place and atmosphere — the water gardens of Kashmir, or the fairyland quality of Afghanistan in winter. This is sophisticated, highly-polished travel writing (just about everything the Hank Ketcham book is not). Rand's title is from the Chinese "Shan Shui," the phrase for scenery, landscape or "Mountains and Water."

They remain, he tells us, impressions of places at the time he saw them, and the result is one of the nicest books of the season.

Edward Hyams, the British author of a number of books on plants, gardening and kindred subjects, has come up with "Dionysus: A Social History of the Wine Vine," which Macmillan has published. This is an excellently illustrated story of a sacred plant, Vitis vinifera, the grape-vine, from its prehistoric origins in Western Asia to its expansion north, east and west and its final conquest of the world with the planting of vines in the southern hemisphere in the last century. A comprehensive, if specialized work that goes back to "the drunken gods" of antiquity, and of course to Dionysus, one of the most important of the Greek gods, as the patron of fertility and wine. (\$10).

Then, of course, there is "How to Be Rich," by J. Paul Getty, described by Fortune magazine as "the fortune man in the world." This is based on a series of articles the big oil man wrote for Playboy magazine, of which he is a contributing editor (Trident Press; \$5).