

Schools Repaid for Classroom Vandalism

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Our Casualties Are Very Light

THE PHOTOGRAPH in the news magazine showed the body of a Marine lying in the back of a truck, his combat boots hanging limply over the tailgate. The caption said merely: "One of thirteen American dead."

There may be a few more by now. But on the whole our casualties in the Dominican Republic have been, as one military spokesman put it, "encouragingly light."

Yet you couldn't help wondering briefly who this dead Marine was. And, if you had an idle moment, perhaps where he came from. And whether his parents were still living. And if he had a girlfriend. Or a wife. Or even children. And how they had taken the news. And who killed him?

But it was good to know our casualties have been encouragingly light.

THE PHOTOGRAPH didn't show his face. But the odds are he was young. Maybe he grew up in a small town with long, hot summers and a dusty main-street. Or maybe on the hard sidewalks of a big city. He must have played one-o'-cat in a schoolyard somewhere and teased girls and blown candles out on a birthday cake. Most boys do. And he was probably killed by a rebel sniper.

Most of our casualties have been from rebel snipers, though they've been encouragingly light.

But you can't blame the rebel sniper. Not really. He thought he was fighting for liberty. Or maybe Communism. Or possibly just to save his own life. And anyway, he must have been acting on orders: from his sergeant or his captain. But you can't blame the captain. It was a tactical problem. If he placed his snipers here and the Marines came this way . . . Perhaps some Marine officer failed to see the trap. But they haven't made many such errors. For our casualties have been encouragingly light.

YOU CERTAINLY can't blame the Dominican Generals on either side. They are engaged in a civil war, a power struggle to crush each other—each doing his duty to save his country from the other at all cost. We are fortunate our casualties have been encouragingly light.

Some may blame the Communist leaders—Kosygin, Castro or Mao—for trying to take over the rebel cause. But, even if true, they were concerned only with the strategic problem. If they could seize control of this square on the chessboard, thus putting pressure on us here, thereby causing us to . . . Killing a few Marines would do them little good. And our casualties have been encouragingly light.

Some may blame President Johnson for sending the Marines to intervene. Yet it is a vital square, deep within our Sphere of Influence. And in the game of global strategy such a square is worth great risk. And look what a victory we've won. For our casualties have been encouragingly light.

SO NO ONE'S TO BLAME. Not really. And now we will bring him home. And now we will bury him in a flag-draped coffin with a fusillade of rifle shots, just as we always do. For whoever he was and whatever he wanted to be, he is a dead hero now. And no one's to blame.

COUNT MARCO

Your Beast Is the Star, Dear

Many a wife becomes a star by hanging on tightly to the coattails of her famous husband. The one who deserves our pity is the poor foolish wife who after a few years of the bright lights gets such ideas of grandeur that she thinks she can continue on center stage all on her own, without him.

A husband may be famous because he is active, not only in the theatrical field, but for his prominence in politics, art, music, publishing, law, finance, construction or what have you.

He is invited to every type of social function because his presence and his name add luster and prestige to the group.

You are invited too because you're his other half. Like a pair of bookends, as his wife you complement him.

But take heed, my dears. As a wife married to a prominent man you are prominent only so long as you are his other half.

Have you ever stopped to think for a moment what could happen to you should you lose him as your cornerstone? Your walls of pleasure would come tumbling down. It's so easy for you to make

mistakes. You may think you deserve all the attention and idolatry you get, or worse, that it's strictly because of your amazing personality and drive.

Don't fool yourself, ever. You are invited only because you're his wife, no matter how much you may think otherwise.

I know one extremely social star about whom it was said, "Egad, he's such a bore and his wife is so sweet."

When his wife divorced him, he was still as big a bore as before but still invited to parties.

His "sweet" ex-wife was just an embarrassment and no longer considered as invitation material. An ex-wife, no matter how charming, is second class.

To continue to hold your position at the top as his wife you have to work, work, work, harder than wives in other categories. Since he is a prominent individual, all the attractive women gravitate to him.

They probe, flatter, laugh and flirt in their efforts to find out what his special magic is. Many, in fact, would very much like to replace you as his wife so that they might bask in his limelight.

By contrast, you must be always understanding and as well-groomed as though you expected to be named any day to the "ten best-dressed" list.

And you must never, never forget that great men are still little boys at heart. They must be guided carefully, petted, loved, sympathized with and understood.

A man who stays at the top in the public eye is the one who realizes that 99 and 9/10 per cent of the adulation he gets is insincere and phony.

For that 1/10 of honest admiration and love he will do anything in the world. Give him that percentage and your own star will never dim. If you don't some other woman will.

Once you've lost him, no matter what fantastic settlement you may get and whatever attentions you receive, you'll never be able to forget that second best is still second place.

Fame is indeed fleeting, my dear, and never so fleeting as to the ex-wife of the famous man who replaces you with another immediately upon dumping you. Something to think about? Mais oui!



CRUSADE LEADERS . . . Dr. Wendell C. Black (right), president of Harbor College and Harbor Area chairman for the United Crusade's fall drive, briefs two leaders on the importance of the forthcoming drive. Getting information on policies of the drive are Darrell D. Carpenter (left), Gardens community chairman, and H. Ted Olson, Torrance chairman.

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Ann Landers Says

Don't Rap Closets Until You've Tried



Dear Ann Landers: Of all the silly squabbles in your column the one about the wife who undresses in the closet takes the cake. So far as I could tell the woman didn't say she slept in the closet, did she? All she did was undress there. It was unfair of you to say that she was off her rocker.

Do you feel, Ann Landers, that it is a wife's duty to put on a nightly strip tease for her husband? Do you honestly believe a man would think about sex unless he was treated to some visual stimulation? This is ridiculous. Any male who is THAT dead sexually would not bat an eye at the sight of a woman undressing.

A man who is interested in romance will let a woman know. If he is tired and not interested he deserves to be left alone. To deliberately arouse a husband who has fallen into bed exhausted after a hard day's work is inconsiderate — and it could cause him to feel inadequate.

Speaking for myself, I wouldn't dream of undressing in the closet. I go into the bathroom. — FROM GEORGIA.

Dear Georgia: If you haven't tried it, Honey, don't knock it.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a girl who probably should have been a boy. I am large and muscular, but not fat. The problem is that I am much better at sports than any of the fellows I go with and it is embarrassing. I think it is also hurting me socially.

I can cream any fellow I know on the tennis court. I love to play tennis but not too many fellows will play against me. I started to play golf with my dad when I was seven. I won a local tournament last year and the person I beat used to be a special boy friend. He doesn't call me any more.

I once believed that excelling in sports would make me more popular but it is doing just the opposite. The unco-ordinated girls who don't know a putter from a masher do just fine sitting on the sidelines.

Do you have any advice for me?—A WINNER WHO MAY BE LOSING

Dear Losing Winner: No fellow likes to have his brains beaten out—especially by a girl.

Maybe it's not your ability but your attitude that sours the boys. It's easy to be a gracious loser but it's hard to be a gracious winner. Could this be your problem?

Dear Ann Landers: I have never been sure of myself socially, and my husband is even more insecure, so please tell me if you think we are too sensitive.

We visited in the home of new friends recently and spent a pleasant few hours. When we said goodnight the host slammed the door behind us so fast it actually jarred my hat. My husband and I both got the impression . . .

Members of the Board of Supervisors and other county officials have accepted invitations to attend in honor of civic leaders and officials of coordinating councils throughout the county.

"THESE INDIVIDUALS contribute an invaluable program of public service throughout the year, and it is most appropriate that we ac-

cord them the recognition they deserve," Supervisor Chace said.

He urged that tickets for the annual dinner be obtained without delay, as the number of reservations is limited.

The dinner program will include a gala cast of entertainers, including colorful folklorical dancers, music ensembles and a spotlight event which annually features a surprise Hollywood personality.

Cost of Damage To School Paid

More than \$2,000 has been recovered by the Torrance Unified School District as the result of a threatened civil suit, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, said Monday.

Waldrip told the Board of Education that two insurance companies had settled claims of \$1,030 each. The payments were for damages to Fern Greenwood School which occurred in June, 1964.

Two youngsters were involved in the vandalism which left one classroom in shambles.

United Crusade

Leaders For Area Selected

Dr. Wendell C. Black, president of Harbor College and chairman for United Crusade's fall drive in the Harbor Area, has announced the selection of community chairmen for the campaign.

H. Ted Olson, Torrance city councilman and president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, will direct the Torrance campaign, Dr. Black said. Olson is district account chairman for the Boy Scouts, a United Way agency.

Other community leaders for the Crusade, which seeks to raise funds for 244 United Way agencies and American Red Cross chapters, will include John Ryan, of the United California Bank, Lomita; Harbor city chairman, and Darrell D. Carpenter, Gardens community chairman.

"These new chairmen are busy recruiting workers to assist them," Dr. Black said, "and need all the help they can get."

United Crusade funds are used locally to aid the Children's Hospital, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Torrance YMCA, and blood donor services.

Serra Band To Appear In Concert

The Serra High School Band, which has won the Catholic Regional Championship for 1965, will present its annual Spring Concert Friday evening in the Serra High auditorium.

The concert, open to the public, is free. William B. Power will direct the band.

Numbers to be played include the "Hungarian Comedy Overture," "Trumpet Filigree," featuring Michael Larson, Steven Kos, John Janda, and Michael, and the "Variation Overture."

Selections from "My Fair Lady," and "Waltzing Clarinets," which will feature the Serra Clarinet Trio — Steven Bellanca, Terrence Moore, and Michael Madalena, are planned.

Sousa's El Capitan March will conclude the program.

Chace to Host Dinner Event Monday Evening

Southland governmental and civic leaders will be in attendance at the 12th annual "Recognition Dinner for Community Coordinating Council Leaders" Monday at the Hacienda Motor Hotel in San Pedro.

Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, will host this year's event, which begins with a 6:30 social hour preceding the dinner program at 7:30 p.m.

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bles. Waldrip called the vandalism "one of the most destructive acts I've ever seen."

BOTH YOUNGSTERS were apprehended, Waldrip said, but efforts to collect for the damages were futile until the district threatened to file a civil suit. The suit was not filed, Waldrip said, because the insurance companies agreed to settle the claims.

The claims were based on a section of the State Education Code which permits school districts to recover the actual cost of such damages.

Waldrip also reported 15 schools had been entered by vandals during the third quarter of the current school year. All four high schools and eleven elementary schools were involved, he said.

DAMAGES included broken windows, damages to various kinds of school equipment, theft of a telephone, fire extinguisher, typewriter, opaque projector, and record player. Also taken were a desk pen and two dozen eggs.

It cost the district nearly \$600 to replace stolen equipment, Waldrip told the board.

In addition, the district spent \$517 to repair damage to the schools and replace books which were burned. The opaque projector, valued at \$250, was recovered, Waldrip said.

Tax Expert To Address Rotarians

Property taxes will be topic of John Nagy, president of the Statewide Homeowners Association, when he addresses members of the Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club tomorrow at noon.

The meeting will be held at the Plush Horse Restaurant, according to George Blair, program chairman for the meeting.

Nagy will speak on the topic, "Taxes—Key to Industry." He and his family reside in Chula Vista. He is a property tax consultant and legislative advocate for the Incentive Taxation Committee of California.

In previous speeches, Nagy has charged the California tax structure discriminates against homeowners and businessmen and subsidizes owners of slum property and land speculators.

Navy Station Changes Hours

New office hours are in effect at the U.S. Navy Recruiting Station, 1520 Cravens Ave., according to Chief Albert J. Meteney, recruiter in charge.

The station is now open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Appointments for earlier or later hours may be made by telephoning FA 0-3141.

A Penny for your Thoughts

By HAL FISHER

At present all indications point to the likelihood that Governor Brown will be the Democratic nominee in the 1966 gubernatorial race. The Republican party has yet to come up with a front runner for their nomination. Among those who have indicated that they would be willing to take the job are Thomas Kuchel, Ronald Reagan, George Christopher, and Joe Shell. I asked several people around Torrance:

"Who would you like to see run against Gov. Brown in 1966?"

Thelma Laster, Gardena: "Although he is not very likely to run, I would like the nominee to be William Knowland. I like his overall policies."

Dodie Waldress, Lomita: "I can't think of anyone at this time. I don't think any of the proposed candidates are strong enough to run against Gov. Brown and win."

Agnes P. Larsen, 23317 Grant Ave.:

"Either Kuchel or Christopher would be a good choice. Pat Brown has had it. Change in administration is good for a government and it's about time we had a change."

John L. Elchar, 3304 W. Sepulveda Blvd.:

"Ronald Reagan. He would represent the average citizen and his ideas wouldn't be pre-conditioned by years in politics."

Shelly Knudson, 20831 Amie Ave.:

"Ronald Reagan, definitely. With Reagan as governor, the people would know more about what was going on in the state government. He would let the people know what he was thinking. I think his lack of political background is to his advantage."

Old Battle Gains New Dimension

The Battle of Gettysburg has gained an added dimension for a couple of Torrance eighth-graders.

Madrona students James Huggins and Jay Barker provided do-it-yourself audio-visual aids for classroom study of the Civil War recently when they spent two-and-one half weeks building a plaster topographical map. With the help of plastic houses and "infantrymen," the three-dimensional map demonstrates the lay of the land and location of troops.

An accompanying tape recording made by the pair narrates day-by-day events of the battle.

The map and tape will be used by the twosome in a forthcoming classroom demonstration.