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The Joys of Easter

Easter is a joyful occasion throughout the civilized world. All over this community the churches enjoy record attendances.

While we join in the outward observance of Easter—the egg hunts, the new finery—it is well to pause and think about the spiritual reason for the celebration.

Here is how it was described in the gospel of St. Matthew:

"And the angel answered and said to the women, 'Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and behold, He goeth before you into Galilee, there ye shall see Him. Lo, I have told you.'"

Civilization has come a long way. It's a good time to count our blessings and let good deeds speak for us.

Dr. King's Legacy

In recent days literally miles of newsprint have been used to eulogize the late Dr. Martin Luther King. There seems little left to be said.

Dr. King was a man of principle. His dreams were for a nation. His ideals were for all mankind.

Great men die—but their ideals live on to provide a spawning ground for future leaders and even greater achievement.

Dr. King has left this land an unshakable foundation which will serve as a basis for all constructive civil rights programs in the years to come. He leaves the challenge to all current leaders and to the youth of the nation who will step into these roles in the future.

Dr. King's forum was his pulpit in church, the steps to a federal building or a makeshift platform on a street corner.

His audience was the world.

His voice is now silent but his thoughts will echo through the minds of man for all time to come.

Freedom Afoot

The Post Office Department has a bit of a dilemma. In cities where the hippies hold forth a number of the flower children have been employed as mail carriers. Complaints could be expected when some shaggy-haired, barefoot, none-too-clean apparition appeared at the door with a letter from Aunt Minnie; and complaints there were. The department is trying to persuade its hippies to shorten the hair and cover the feet; and there lies the rub; for at the same time it is being urged to issue a special stamp commemorating barefoot mailmen!

There is a considerable difference, of course. The mailmen for whom the honor is sought by a Florida congressman were famous in the late nineteenth century for their 66-mile mail delivery walks—barefoot—along the beach between Miami and Palm Beach. It was an arduous but necessary service, but, man, how are you going to tell a hippie that his feet haven't just as much right to be free?

National Library Week

April 21-27 will mark the observance of National Library Week. The purpose of this occasion is to encourage the development of lifetime reading habits as the foundation of a better informed people. Within our nation's libraries are stored all the wonders of the world's literature. Scientific and technical knowledge, philosophy, economics, art, politics—every area of imaginable human interest—await the exploring mind.

When man learned to record his accomplishments, permanently storing the sum of his knowledge, progress became a cumulative thing, each generation building upon the progress of the past. Without this, we would very likely still be living in caves. Mankind must summon the wisdom of the ages and harness technologies yet unborn to build a peaceful and better world for the future. Our libraries are a basic tool of learning for each of us—a priceless asset to a nation that would set its feet upon the path of leadership in a complex and changing world.

THAT WE MIGHT LIVE



Monstrous Memorial To Martin Luther King



HERB CAEN SAYS:

Ghost Writer Haunting Producers of Diet Book

"The Drinking Man's Diet," the best-selling one-buck booklet produced by S.F.'s Bob Cameron and Carroll Lynch (a million copies in print), is now the subject of a hot court fight here. Bob Wernick, who ghost-wrote the thing, a four-day job, is suing for what he thinks is his fair share of the profits — \$92,000. Enough to drive a man to drink . . . Among those conspicuously absent at Centennial Charter Day ceremonies at Berkeley — the most important event in UC's history — was the Pres. of the University's Board of Regents, and I do mean Governor Reagan. Senatorial candidate Max Rafferty ducked, it too. However, both promise to be present for the installation of UC Pres. Charles Hitch at UCLA — where the campus climate is less explosive . . . Speaking of no-shows, wouldn't you know: After allowing her name to be used for days, Carol Channing failed to appear at the Seventh Step Foundation benefit at the Cow Palace, thereby disappointing thousands who'd laid down their fivers. Director Otto Preminger allegedly needed her on the set of "Skidoo," filming here, but somehow lesser members of the cast managed to show up. Bah.

Naturally, all the local party-throwers are trying to "collect" Steve McQueen, Bob Vaughn, Jackie Gleason, and the other luminaries who happen to be in town—so I wasn't surprised when Ron Hoban called the office to announce: "I'm having a party for Steve McQueen tonight. Try to make it." So happens I couldn't but I phoned Ron the next morning to see if Steve had indeed appeared. "Well," he replied loftily, "there were so many people there, he might have." I like that.

Jeannette Rankin, the fa-

bled 87-year-old ex-Congresswoman who voted against World War I and II, will come here from Athens, Ga., to lead the peace march April 27, from the Golden Gate Park Panhandle to City Hall. "I wouldn't miss it," she says firmly. "It's my duty" . . . In the audience at "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" at the Little Fox Theater: Cartoonist

Report From Our Man In San Francisco

Charles Schulz and — Charlie Brown: That would be good old Charlie Brown of Minneapolis, who was an art instructor there along with Schulz, and allowed the cartoonist to immortalize his name. Three of the other instructors were first-named

Linus, Frieda, and Patty, but, adds Schulz defensively: "I DID think up Snoopy and Lucy, by golly" . . . Meanwhile on Sutter St., Le-nore Porter overheard our Little Old Lady say to a hippie beggar: "Young man, are you content just to walk around and ask for money?" "No, lady," replied the hippie wistfully: "I often wish I had a car" . . . And up there in Seattle, Emmett Watson ran into a guy who told him: "In World War I, when Wilson asked us to tighten up our belts, my daddy tightened mine. I was old enough to do it myself under Roosevelt and Truman — and now Johnson wants me to tighten my belt again. I'm the only man in the world who weighs 220 and has a 22-inch waist."

ROYCE BRIER

LBJ Renunciation Listed With Moments of History

IN 116 A.D. the Emperor Trajan, 63, completed his conquest of Parthia (present Persia), gazed across the Persian Gulf at India, and sighed that he was not younger.

This was high tide for Rome, which was over-extended and going soft on all the frontiers. On his way home, Trajan died, and the first act of his successor, Hadrian, was withdrawal from Parthia. His reign was one of retrenchment and competence, and students of the Empire have called it one of the great changes of history.

It would be careless, and perhaps a little pompous, to compare Trajan and President Johnson, or to seek any close analogy in the Empire and the States.

But there are some similarities, granting the contrast of peoples and times, and the President's startling renunciation of another term in office may bring it to focus.

For the Americans, since the seaboard pioneers moved west into the wilderness, have been steadily enlarging their power and influence. Some surges have been sheer imperialism, like Polk's Mexican War and McKinley's adventure in the Philippines.

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Opinions on Affairs of the World

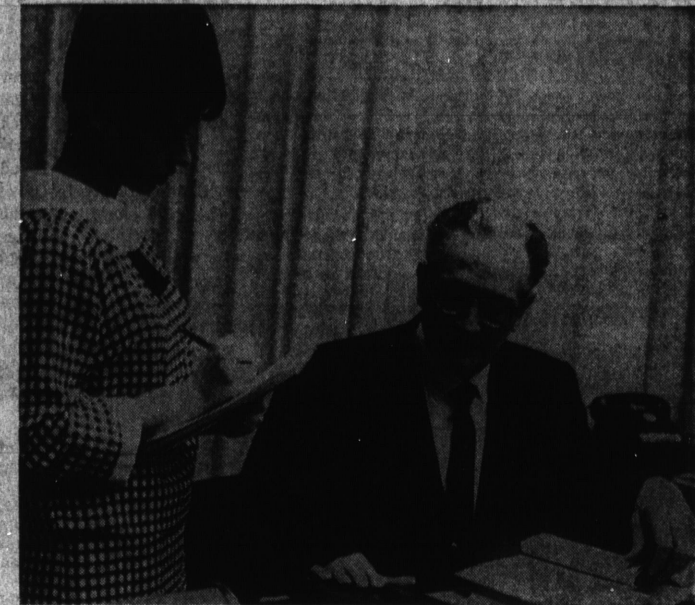
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But somewhere in the Americans is a safety valve which inhibits unalloyed imperialism. The people seem to sense when they are acting imprudently, or tending to act beyond their capacities, and to put restraints on their leaders.

This restraint has operated under the most diverse circumstances and by the most diverse methods. Sometimes the people just sit down like a balky mule in harness — consider Grant's ill-fated scheme to annex Cuba, and Wilson's messianic impulse to revoke the Russian Revolution.

The victory over the Japanese was a sore temptation



IN SENATOR'S OFFICE . . . Janice Cohn Brown, North High School alumna and now a journalism student at the University of Southern California, talks about the duties and problems of his office with State Senator Ralph C. Dills, whose 32nd District includes much of Torrance, Carson, Gardena, and the Harbor areas. Her comprehensive report is published here today.

SPECIAL CAPITAL REPORT

Senator Outlines Daily Concerns of Legislator

By JANICE COHN BROWN

Special to the Press-Herald

As one 650,000th of the 32nd State Senatorial District and not even an eligible voter for two years yet, I didn't feel very important walking into the office of Senator Ralph C. Dills on the fourth floor of the California State Capitol Building in Sacramento.

A smiling, gray-haired gentleman, Senator Dills showed me into his paneled, carpeted inner office, offered me a chair, and sat down behind his large paper-laden desk.

Forty-five minutes later, I thanked the Senator for his time, left through the equally attractive outer office past several waiting men who had been waiting for 20 minutes to see Senator Dills on business while he had been chatting with one 650,000th of his district. I felt important.

During those 45 minutes, our discussion ranged from international issues to state and local problems. "In the field of foreign

relations, we cannot, with honor, leave our commitments. We must live up to them," he said in regard to the Johnson administration's foreign policies.

As a representative of the people of the 32nd district, Senator Dills said he would like to solve the unemployment and inadequate housing problems in the Watts area of the district by find-

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ing a way to encourage private industry to expand there.

As a state legislator, he would like to give California homeowners property tax relief by having local junior colleges entirely supported by the state.

"I'm interested in my constituents' opinions on these things. The number one problem is money and taxes. It is the wherewithal of government," Senator Dills said.

He recently sent a questionnaire to all 32nd district residents which included items on taxes, civil disorder, urban renewal, rapid transit, education, narcotics, and elections.

"We're getting in hundreds of responses a day," he said. "We have so many, I had to have them computerized!"

"I am directed in my voting largely by the will of the people. Their recommendations are very persuasive," the Senator, a Democrat from the City of Carson, stated.

Senator Dills, a state assemblyman for six terms, a municipal judge for 17 years, a former public school teacher, and a former college professor of law and government, explained the reasoning behind his plan to create a "meaningful, significant local property tax reduction."

"This can be accomplished if the state will take over the entire cost of our junior colleges. Now, the balance of the support of junior colleges is through local property taxes.

"The state colleges and universities are supported by state funds. Junior colleges, an integral part of higher education, should likewise be state financed. But finding the money is the real tough job," Senator Dills said.

He recommended an increase in state taxes on sales, corporate income, cigarettes, or liquor as possible solutions.

Senator Dills, a member of the State Finance Subcommittee which is responsible for 80 per cent of the general fund monies for edu-

cation, social welfare, business and professions is against Governor Reagan's proposal to charge California residents tuition at California state colleges and universities.

"The number of students able to go to colleges will be greatly reduced or limited," he said. "I am personally opposed to a tuition charge for our residents. However, I am in favor of an increase in the tuition for out-of-state students."

Senator Dills admitted that he was in the minority opinion in his committee, but he doubts that a tuition fee will be passed during this session.

In the second year of his first four-year term representing the 32nd district, the Senator feels there are no problems particular to his district, just some that are more pronounced.

"No one has any magic solutions to the problems of unemployment, inadequate housing, and 'drugs,' he said.

Senator Dills said that the use of drugs is a problem in the Torrance and Palos Verdes areas of his district as well as in the lower-income Watts and Wilmington areas.

"The widespread use of drugs is caused by a breakdown in people's sense of values, ethics and morality. It is caused by a lack of communication in the family — the home and the parents are failing," he said.

"The only hope is in the home, church, and schools. I was a judge for 17 years and I know that liberalization of narcotics laws is not the solution."

Senator Dills said that he has made it a policy not to introduce bills solely for publicity.

"If I feel a lack in some area, I'll put in a bill. If another bill fulfills a need, I won't introduce a similar one just to be the one to introduce it," he said.

Senator Dills is now involved in projects in a wide range of areas in which he apparently has noticed a "lack."

He is currently considering a motorcycle safety bill and a proposal for a tunnel through the San Gabriel Mountains to Palmdale which would open up the Antelope Valley. In the future, he will support a bill to require ambulances to carry resuscitators since "if a person's lungs aren't working, the oxygen ambulances do carry won't help him at all."

Upon returning from my two-day stay in Sacramento, I stood at the baggage claim area at the Los Angeles International Airport, when a smiling, gray-haired gentleman came up to me and asked if I had a nice trip.

Ralph C. Dills, my state senator, then wished me good luck as we left for our homes in the 32nd State Senatorial District.