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A Move for 'Home Rule'

Cities and counties of California would get back some of their authority for enforcing vice laws and other local ordinances under terms of a bill introduced into the Legislature last week by an Arcadia Republi-

A "home rule" bill introduced by Sen. H. L. Richardson is designed to restore authority which has been stripped away under the pre-emption rulings of the State Supreme Court, a ruling which has put a cloud on the validity of local codes and ordinances.

Such a cloud developed in 1962 when the State Supreme Court ruled in the Carol Lane case that a Los Angeles ordinance against prostitution was in conflict with state law on the matter. Because the state had laws on prostitution, it had pre-empted the field, the court ruled.

By extension, the cloud fell on the validity of a large number of other local ordinances throughout

Senator Richardson's bill should receive the backing of all Legislators who believe in the communities of California having authority over their own codes and ordinances. The bill should be adopted.

Opinions of Others

The U.S. Civil Service Commission, in advertising for a postmaster at Sierra City, informs that all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, politics or any other non-merit factor. Then it goes on to say, 'persons over 70 years of age cannot be appointed. What, I wonder, would be wrong with a seventy year old postmaster in Sierra City? Or any other post office for that matter. I know many seventy year olds and better who would do a better job in a post office than many hippie type longhairs in their twenties.-Loyalton (Calif.) Sierra Booster.

It is a bit difficult for most of us to comprehend the enormity of a billion dollars. When we talk about the federal budget being up \$75 billion we tend to think of the 75 and forget the billion . . . a person with a billion dollars could spend \$100 a day and 27,000 years later he would still have several million dollars left .- Morris (Minn.) Sun.

The balance of payments problem is a very serious one, and certainly every inducement should be offered to encourage Americans to see America first, and the neglected rest of the Western Hemisphere second, but there is something that goes against the grain in the idea that the free-spending, deficit ridden government of the United States, the bastion of individual freedom, can no longer afford to allow its citizens to come and go as they please.—New Bern (N.C.) Sun-Journal.

Government 'made work' is not the same as being employed in private industry. . . . to be employed and trained, and to become a part of an industry on the basis of merit, to be hired because one is needed and capable; not only brings in an income but it creates a personal pride that goes on to build inside of men a sense of sufficiency and assurance which moves them into the main stream of an orderly and responsible way of life.—Tulsa (Okla.) Eagle.

Right now Congress is getting ready to have another go at spending billions, and undoubtedly they'll do an unprecedented job. It would be something of a surprise if the new budget does not hit another alltime high."-Sisseton (S.D.) Courier.

A Letter To My Son

By Tom Rische High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Will you be right? Prob-

ably.
"Why set the drinking age at 21 if it's not going to be enforced?" my students ask. I haven't a good

Allowing some teenage exaggeration, I repeatedly hear from my students that alcohol is easy to come by if a teenager really wants it. Mature - looking boys know places to buy it themselves, with or without phony IDs, while others it from teenage employes of it from teenage employes of stores, from older friends, or from winos.

Many teenagers feel that don't care about or encourage teenage alcohol. Several students reported that when they went to a post-high school prom dinner at a large beach area restaurant last year, they were asked what kind of cocktails they pre-ferred, when they hadn't even tried to order any. Some of the same parents

complain about the As a teenager, will you think that adult laws about drinking are hypocritical? dren's teenage friends or by hosting teenage beer busts. (Legally, they are contributing to the delinquency of

> Teenagers have the impression that the police "make a lot of noise but don't do anything much" about underage drunks and drinking practices. Policemen complain privately they have trouble getting convic tions in court

The net result is a loss of respect for law and order among teenagers. If 21 is the legal drinking age (and I'm not sure that 18 might, not be a better limit), why don't parents, businessmen, police and index antones. police, and judges enforce it? Teenagers traditionally have tried anything they could get away with, but why do adults encourage law-breaking or look the other way? If the law is good, enforce it; if it is had, change it.

Yours for good laws, YOUR DAD



HERB CAEN SAYS:

Hope Defies a Manager; Mouse Hits the Bottle!

Bob Hope headlined the Children's Hospital benefit at the Circle Star Theater in San Carlos, despite the advice of his managers (You been working too hard, Bob-baby"). Hope had an eye operation at Children's a couple of years ago, "and I still have a soft spot in my eye—I mean heart—for that little hospital." . . . I always thought those tales about somebody finding a mouse in his soft drink bottle were fables, but danged if it didn't happen down the S.F. Peninsula and this week it cost the bottler \$3,000 in the Redwood City Courthouse.
Testifying for the plaintiff,
by the way, was a Dr. Pepper, although the guilty
drink was NOT that of the same name. . . . More suit-stuff: Lt. Cmdr. Marcus Aurelius Arnheiter of Marin County, who was relieved of command of the USS Vance (and promptly stirred up a mighty fuss, via Drew Pearson and others), is now being sued by two of the junior officers Marcus said were "mutinous." The juniors—Luis Belmonte and William Generous (ha?) — want one million bucks each from Marcus Aurelius. One chorus of "Rancors Aweigh."

Further news to me: That when the temporary bleachers were being dismantled at the Oakland Coliseum one recent fine day, they collapsed, injuring Ted Pelatowski to the tune of \$1.5 million—or so he is claiming in a suit against the Coliin a suit against the Coli-seum and everybody else in-volved. . . Artist Walter Keans is newly engaged to a girl whose eyes aren't particularly large. It all began his paintings of a girl with those drate big peepers. . . . S.F.'s Ronnie Schell, who,

ca's Slowest - Rising Come-" is also feeling sad-today. He recently got word from his sponsor, Procword from his sponsor, Free-tor & Gamble, that his TV series, "Good Morning, World," is being cancelled at the end of this season, Proctor being unwilling to Gamble further, I've been a Scheel fan ever since the

Report From Our Man In San Francisco

time he was appearing at Lake Tahoe and confided: "I got great reviews, but wordof-mouth is killing me!"... We have jokes, too: This week, City Supervisor Jim Mailliard recommended pay raises for the S.F. Police Dept., but won't that do terrible things to the fuzzbudget? I guess that's a

Domestic note: San Francisco Examiner Reporter Caroline Drewes was walking in the picket line in front of the paper when the rains came. A few minutes later, her husband, Judge Robert Drewes, drove up, handed

WILLIAM HOGAN

Hello, George Lemont:

schtick dept.; Women's Wear Daily has a full-time correspondent in Saigon! And his Page One headline story in

line was going around in some pretty funny circles. by the way—because Drama Critic Stanley Eichelbaum showed up with a pitcher of martinis. If those strikers don't watch it, they'll give Skid Road a bad name. . . .

Doubleday sends back my short. Ho hum. So much for "The Second Fastest Gun in the West.'" G'bye, George. Everybody to his own

that paper one day recently, his first flash following the Viet Cong uprising, began "The Vietnam textile industry received a knockout blow sive in Saigon."A veritable exclusive, but I don't mean to make light of it. The Vietnam textile industry prob-ably makes the whole cloth that U.S. communiques are

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Legislators Toy With Bid To Trim Regents' Power

bound to show up sooner or later, as an aftermath of the many criticisms that have fallen on that body

over the past year.
This has arrived in the form of assembly constitutional amendment 26, introduced by Assemblyman John Stull, R-Encinitas, who rep-resents the 80th Assembly

The amendment (and even the prospects of its being passed by the legislature and therefore submitted to the people next November are debatable) would in effect eliminate the present posed of regents and subboard of regents and sub-

board of regents and sub-stitute there of another board of regents authorized by the legislature itself. Under the present provi-sions in the constitution, the board of regents can do with the university about what it pleases, except for the fact that the board must come to the legislature for funds to operate the various plants which make up the university as a whole.

The legislature has no control over the conduct of ei-

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR
Capitel News Service
SACRAMENTO—A move
to change the California
constitution to wipe out the
extraordinary powers of the
board of regents on the University of California was
bound to show up sooner or
later, as an aftermath of

The regents also may conduct their business in secret, and usually do, all of which makes for resentment on the part of the public,

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which believes public business should be transacted in public, rather than under a cloak of secrecy which furthers the dynasty of any particular group.

The board of regents virtually is a dynasty, as an

The board of regents virtually is a dynasty, as appointments to that body are for a period of 16 years. It is held that this long-term appointment does not make for progress in the conduct of the university, as individuals who hold office. individuals who hold office for that long a time may turn out to be incapable of

* * * In any event, the long terms and authority created under the constitution originally were created to keep politics out of the uni-versity, and at the time this

keeping up with modern times and modern thinking.

legislators are becoming dis-satisfied with the conduct of the university, the liberalism which allows dissi-dents almost free rein in creating incidents and above all their inability to control the educational institution, which is one of the biggest eaters of taxes in the state.

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Asked if the constitutio al amendment would solve any of the many problems, Senator Hugh M. Burns, D-Fresno, said he'd often thought that it would and expressed the belief that the constitution should say al amendment would solve the constitution should say the legislature should pro vide for a university, and let it go at that, so that changing conditions could

D-Inglewood, said that in general, he has been dis-inclined to support such measures, but that in the light of what's been happening, he isn't sure whether this is a sound position any more. Unruh charged that the Reagan administration has been injecting politics into university affairs. So a lot of discussion can be expected in the near fu-

ture over whether the con-stitution should be changed with regard to the board of regents.

ROYCE BRIER

Mr. Johnson Discovers A 20th-Century Lincoln

years and seven, even Demo-cratic Presidents have hon-Lincoln, a Republican. So February 12, Lyndon John-son went to the Lincoln Memorial, laid a wreath at the foot of the statue, and spoke.

The words were subjective and curious. After a brief tribute to the man's character, Mr. Johnson drew an analogy. He said President Lincoln, too, had a rough time in office. Millions of his countrymen called him wrong and he gave it no attention. He stuck with his cause, as Mr. Johnson put it, and emerged

Literate Americans kno all this about Lincoln in the travail of the civil war, but whether they accept the an-alogy is another matter. Mr.

For at least fourscore Johnson is no ignoramus. but it is possible he thinks many of his fellow-Americans are, for the analogy is false. True, Lincoln was reviled, and Johnson has been reviled, but that is as far as the parallel goes. Funda-mentally, any parallel fails utterly on the ground of time and circumstance.

President Johnson ports his war in Asia as a

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crusade against communism, Averring the destiny of the United States depends on winning that war.

Both the President and his

Secretary of State have cast about desperately in an ef-fort to shore up this thesis. In emotional moments the President has implied that if the Asian war is lost, the western Pacific up to the shores of Hawaii will be lost.

This may become an ora-

torical congressman, or some brigadier whose world view is confined to his brigade, but it hardly becomes a President and presumed statesman, because it is stark nonsense.

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You'll see Martians off the ever see a fleet of Chinese junks there. No force on earth can wrest domination the United States in this his torical cycle, unless the United States Collapses, a most unlikely event.

But the peril is Mr. John-son's story, and he faces it, he says, bravely.

Quote

Well anyway, mini-skirt hems, if any, won't get wet in snow drifts.—Louis Nel-son Bowman in the Tri-County (Mo.) News.

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Consumers should pause to realize that the closer they come to achieving their goal of setting the government up as a superpoliceman in the marketplace, the closer they are to abolishing their own in flue n ce and right to speak. Ted E. Hans-

What was the peril facing Mr. Lincoln? Eleven of the states were in rebellion, and tion adjoining the old. They military forces, and had the sympathy of much of West-

ern Europe. Those Confederates had a hundred thousand men maneuvering from 25 to 100 miles from the national capital and another 100,000 in the West. Against them, Lincoln had 200,000 men in the eastern theater, but for three years they were atrociously led, while the antagonists were magnificently onists were magnificently

Thus it see-sawed, battles hanging by a thread, bat-tles so bloody as to make Vietnam battles look like a bad traffic accident.

So what of the Union? If so what of the Union? If the Rebellion succeeded, America was partitioned, a prey to European, ill-wish-ing imperialists. Lincoln said he would save the Union, and he did, 600,000 dead men later.

Where is the analogy —
Lyndon Johnson in the same
White House, nine thousand
miles from the guns, and
Abraham Lincoln in the
same White House, hearing
the thunder of the guns the thunder of the guns many afternoons, not know-ing if the Rebellion would be in the streets of Washing-ton in the morning?

Alan Grey Says . . .

A very noted golfer . . . Was playing just for And for the first time

He got a hole

This wasn't Arnold Palmer . But our former

president . . . Yes Eisenhower While a Palm Springs resident . . .

He never gives his

Or gives out any But when he shot the

hole in one It made the front page

without reason, de-Morning Report:

In addition to all the damage the Vietnam war may be doing to our economy, our foreign policy and our domestic policy, let's not forget what that conflict is doing to our language.

Take the word "demilitarized" as in "The Demilitarized Zone." All the kids must know by now that it which uses construction techniques that clearly are from another world. Providing (and here is where the offer suddenly turns into book promotion) the agreement consents to pay Klass these three lives.

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which uses construction techniques that clearly are from another world. Providing (and here is where the offer suddenly turns into book promotion) the agreement consents to pay Klass \$250 per year until any one of these events occur.

If you are up on your flying saucer literature, you know there are thousands of persons who insist that means an area that is full of enemy troops and is bombed regularly by our planes. Or what about "neu-tral" as in Laos or Cambodia? A country that is up to its borders with enemy formations on their way to the front. Or even "enclave" which always had the sense of a peaceful retreat away from the other people. After Viet Cong and Saigon, enclave will never be the same.

I figure this generation will misuse these three words for the rest of their lives.

Your Flying Saucer Pal Might Be Worth \$10,000 Want to make \$10,000? jects do indeed exist, but UFOs are extraterrestrial atmospheric electrical phe-

This is a bonafide offer, according to Random House. All you have to do is to sign an agreement with Philip J. Klass, whose book "UFOs— Identified" explains "flying saucers" scientifically. Klass when she admired one of is Senior Avionics Editor for Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine.

In "UFOs - Identified," Klass advances a new theory that Unidentified Flying Ob-

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putting his money where his NOTES: Private Detective Lew Archer, the most inter-esting since Sam Spade and Philip Marlowe were practicing, is at work again in Ross Macdonald's new entertainment, "The Instant Enemy" (Knopf).

Enemy" (Knopf).

... The literary and personal story of a distinguished American writer is told in "Richard Wright," a biography by Constance Webb, due from Putnam's. Wright's book, "Black Power," by the way, preceded widespread use of that term by more than a decade.

... Carl O. Sauer, the eminent Berkeley geographer, claims in a new book, "Northern Mists," that well before Columbus the North Atlantic was known to Portuguese, Norse, English and Irish seafarers, and that North America's first settlers were—Irish! University of California Press will publish "Northern Mists" in May...