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A Salute to Mr. Vroman

Selection of Robert H. Vroman to receive the community's Distinguished Citizen Award Friday night was warn.ly applauded by the nearly 300 guests at the Chamber of Commerce installation banquet, and has been greeted heartily throughout the city since the announcement. The Press-Herald joins in that applause

Mr. Vroman's accomplishments in the community make a long list-particularly long for a man who celebrated his 38th birthday less than a month ago

He has held many offices and filled many committee assignments (most as chairman) for the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the City of Torrance, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the First Christian Church of Torrance and the Torrance Rotary Club.

Larry Bowman, outgoing Chamber

president who made the announcement tried to drag out the suspense a little Friday evening, but he was dcomed to failure. A mere recitation of some of the accomplishments was a tipoff to most that Mr. Vreman was about to be named.

While Mr. Vroman took the award alone, those who know the Vroman family know his wife, Shiela, might well have shared the honors with him. Active in many groups, Mrs. Vreman recently won statewide honors through the Junior Women's Club, and has been active in scores of community projects with her husband.

Mr. Vroman joins a distinguished group of community leaders by winning this year's award.

We congratulate him and thank him for the many efforts which have brought him this award.

The America We Founded

THERE'S ONLY ONE NATION STRONG ENOUGH TO DESTROY IT-AND THAT 15 AMERICA ITSELF!

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Hippies Herald Tourist Season

Add signs that the summer tourist season is on: a pretty long-haired girl standing alongside a suburban road, holding aloft a large hand-painted placard read-ing "Come on, folks! Tell your friends back home you gave a hippie a ride!" . . . It may be predicted that staid old Palo Alto will be shaken. The Mid-Peninsula Free University will hold a Be-In at El Camino Park, the slogan being "Don't Wear Clothes - Have Them Painted On." And they mean it. . . . The Haight-Ashbury Medical Clinic's benefit pop concert on the Labor Day weekend — probably at the Palace of Fine Arts, this time with Walter Johnson's blessing—will feature some statospheric names. For instance, Yehudi Menuhin in duet with Ravi Shankar. And (ready?) Leontyne Price in a number with Janis Joplin of Big Brother and the Holding Company! Even the stuffy old Marina District will have to sit still for this.

Indeed: Attorney Melvin Belli turns up in the oddest places, and last whend he turned up in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with a camera crew to interview Papa Doc Duvalier for his Channel 20 program. . . . Duvalier on the CIA: "I know all the CIA agents as soon as they arrive here, no matter whether they come as preachers, cheese salesmen, or tourists." On the assassination of Robert Kennedy: "I make no comment on your internal problems. But I did feel a strong spiritual and racial kinship with Martin Luther King-he was a great man. He was killed by private sources." On the attempts against his own life: "They will all come from private sources-part of the same worldwide conspiracy that is out to kill all black men and their supporters." On Graham Greene, author of the anti-Duvalier novel, "The Comedians": "Mr. Greene is welcome to come back to Haiti any time. Obviously he was not writing about Haiti. He described the big holes in the main street do you see any big holes?" Belli: "No. Actually, I feel safer on the streets of Port-au-Prince than I do on the sidewalks of New York."

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Wilma Wright knows a couple that's been married so long, they're on their second bottle of tabasco. Classified ad in the Petaluma blatt: "Due to modern scientific discoveries, we have for sale baby stroller, baby scales, playpen." . . . And Dr. Robert Haskell overheard this angry father shouting at his misbehaving threee-year-old son: "Watch it, kid, I knew you when you were nobody!" ... Walter Kurzmann rec'd a prescription from the Roma Pharmacy that's he's afraid to use. Typed on the label: "One capsule three times a day, deceasing as directed." . . . Drinking buddy to Theo Jonkel: "Have I had two martinis or one?" Theo: "One." Buddy: "Thanks. I lost count." . . And then there's always George Lemont: "So Doubleday sends back my latest novel because it's too short. Ho-hum. So much for "The Second Fastest Gun in the West."

Eat more irony: Mary Ellen Shields and her mother cancelled their reservations at the St. Francis, because they felt it would be unwise to come to California in the wake of the RFK assassination. Miss Shields and her mother live in-Dallas. . . . H-wood producer Ray Stark is dispatching his best writers to S.F. in an attempt to concoct a sequel to the Hammett-Bogart-Huston classic, "The Maltese Falcon." Reasons Ray: "There must be a story there. Mary Astor went to jail, and she must have come out. The search for the falcon must have gone on. That's where our story will begin, with the very same Mary Astor leaving jail." She served a long rap.

A Letter To My Son By Tom Rische High School Teacher and Youth Worker

As you grow older, I'm sure you'll notice that most of us have a desire for immortality. It shows itself in various ways. Since the dawn of history, man has, like Ponce de Leon, sought the secret of the Fountain of Youth.

Dear Bruce:

Failing that, boys scratch their names or initials on desks, trees, walls, or whatever seems handy to point out, "Hey, world, Kilroy was here."

An Important Business

Chambers of Commerce throughout the country are thought of lightly in many cases as a source of travel folders and city maps and as keepers of the huge plywood shears used as a prop in ceremonies opening new ice cream parlors, filling stations, and hot dog stands.

While this is true in most cases, the surface trappings are a minute part of the very serious business of a Chamber of Commerce.

Torrance's new Chamber of Cammerce president, George Ebert, is a man well aware of the important role his organization can play in the development of the community it serves.

As a former manager of a huge aerospace plant here and now a privately employed management consultant, Mr. Ebert has served on the firing line of Chamber of Commerce campaigns. Such campaigns include the encouragement of the community's thousands of citizens to take advantage of cultural, educational, and economic opportunities of the area, and they include campaigns to make one man aware of the community's many advantages-particularly the man who must decide where to put a new manufacturing or research facility.

SACRAMENTO REPORT

In Mr. Ebert, Torrance has a man of proven skill to guide a beefed up board of directors and a competent professional staff through the important business of selling Torrance.

We congratulate Mr. Ebert on his election and installation to head the city's Chamber of Commerce, and wish him a successful year.

Holiday Reminder

Tomorrow's celebration of Independence Day will mark the start of a fourday holiday for many families-and it will be a time of tragedy in hundreds of other families.

What should be a joyous celebration of the founding of this the greatest nation mankind has devised will be turned to tragedy for many celebrants because of carelessness at home and on the highway.

News reports throughout the long weekend will be full of stories of maining through the improper use of fireworks and of the maiming and killing of holiday minded families on the highway. Don't insist on being dead right.

Bertrand Russell is a can-did, cantankerous and charming as before in the second volume of his me-moirs, "The Autobiography of Bertrand Russell, 1914-

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WILLIAM HOGAN

reminiscences of his chud-hood and youth, a world-wide literary event. A little more sketchy than the first, and relying heavily on letters to and from an extraordinary cast of characters (Joseph Conrad, T. S. Eliot, Bernard Shaw, Albert Einstein) to corroborate the recollections, the second vol-ume bears down heavily and often marvelously on the aristocratic philosopher-sci-

entist-agitator's most active years of public life and in-tellectual acrobatics.

Bertrand Russell Recalls

His Years of Turbulence

and persecution." Lenin, whom he met at the time, "disappointed" him intellec-tually. Russell v.ent to China, which he found extremely civilized, yet ripe for revolu-tion. He was welcomed there as a "second Confucius." 상 슈 슈 Volume I closed with Rus-

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Volume I closed with Rus-sell leaving his wife after publication of his celebrated "Principia Mathematica." We pick up with the first World War when Russel was jailed for his pacifist activities and support of the Non Conscrip-tion Fellowship. We con-Browsing Through the

Lord Russell is merciless in his criticism of American society in the late '30s and early '40s when he taught at Chicago, UCLA, and finally at the College of the City of New York — "Vittically as World of Books tinue until 1944 when, temnot be used and the second sec

post-revolutionary Russia, which he visited in 1920 and found to be filled with "cruelty, poverty, suspicion,

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series of fecent decisions has been stern in imposing restraints on police and prosecuting a ut h or i ties under Amendments Four, Five and Six.

Opinions on Affairs

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series of recent decisions

The public officers have bitterly complained of these restraints, and while the re-

the quality of law enforce-

But a policeman on a night beat is in a position

Proposal to Limit Taxes If a group of youths pace back and forth before a store window in an Ameri-

can street at midnight, can an observing policeman stop them and search them for

The appeal was based on the Fourth Amendment, which says the people shall be "secure in their persons, massive campaign through-out the state to get it passed by the people. The propon-ents have massive support, and are likely to pick up

* However, as Watson says, qualification of the petition is "only half the battle" and the next action will be a

On Property a Hot Issue By HENRY C. MacARTHUR counties for the people-relat-Capitol News Service ed services, the conclusion SACRAMENTO — First, is that it would have to be

SACRAMENTO — First, is that it would have to be and probably the only initia-tive that will qualify for the which some experts believe general election ballot, pres-ages if passed by the voters, come tax to triple, and the one of the most radical state sales tax to be inone of the most radical changes in history in the field of government financcreased to about 11 cents on the dollar, The replacement taxes initially would amount to Known as the Watson amendment, the measure calls for a tax limit of 1 per

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levies for "property-related" some two billion dollars, and local government services, at the extreme, more than four billion, according to estimates made by the Caligenerally include the l house-keeping chores fornia Taxpayers Associa-tion, which has done some

tested when he received the petitions. A total of 520,276

As a result, the people of the state find themselves in a ballot-box revolution. A total of 558,830 voters al-ready have signified their approval of the amendment by signing petitions to place it on the ballot, as Secretary of State Frank M Lorden at

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them and search them for evidence they are planning a felony? Or must he wait until a brick is heaved through the window to act? Recently the United States Supreme Court, 8-1, Justice Douglas dissenting, held the policeman need not wait. In the case before the court, one man was carrying a signatures are needed to qualify a petition.

one man was carrying a loaded gun, resulting in ar-

straints, and while the re-straints have made some dif-ficulty and even an occasion-al miscarriage of justice, they have in general raised

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tions on wartime London which his student T. S. Eliot incorporated into "The Waste Land." One is stag-* *

gered by the energy of this man and tends to believe only the first part of this

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at the College of the City of New York — "virtually a satellite of the Vatican" at the time — which fired him after public outrage over his book, "Marriage and Mor-als." This suggested that fi-delity was not necessary in most marriages. Russell was dragged into court over this affair. The prosecution branded h is work "lecherous, libidinous, work "lecherous, libidinous, lustful, venerous, eroto-maniac, aphrodisiac, irreverent, narrow - minded, un-truthful, and bereft of moral fiber." The old gentleman is ironic and witty as he recalls this "typical American this "typical American witch-hunt" staged before a judge, "an Irishman," who decided a gainst him at length and with vitupera-

tion. Russell discusses his love with Lady affairs frankly — with Lady Constance Malleson, better known as the actress Colette known as the actress Colette O'Neil (he can't forget their first night together, for a German Zeppelin crashed in flames across the road); with Dora Black, who became his second wife, and Patricia Spence, who became his third

Anecdotes pile on — h i s brief, stormy friendship with D. H. Lawrence; his observa-

calls for phase-out of "people-related" services by 1973. These services primar ilv are for education and welfare

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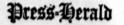
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As the proposal does not make provision for replacement of the revenue that would be lost to cities and



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research on the subject, and over several years, much more On the other hand the Watson amendment is bound to have wide appeal among property owners of the state. The prime mover is Philip E Watson, Los Angeles county assessor, and co-chairman of

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tate Association, the Califor-nia Apartment Association, and the Los Angeles and Sutter county boards of sup-environs ervisors.

the Citizen's committee for The California Taxpayers Association takes a dim view of the proposal, claiming it will create chaos and "an property tax reduction. He estimates adoption of the measure would result in a intolerable tax instability" and will work directly the opposite of what the propon-50 per cent property tax cut. And the primary reason the proposal is appealing to those hardest hit in the ents expect. whole structure of taxation,

Those responsible for orderly government must be concerned," said Robert C. Brown, executive of the asappears to be the fact that the state legislature has not accomplished any meaning-ful method of dealing with the burden, and at the pres-ent time, although it is consociation Everyone is agreed, how-ever, that the campaign on the Watson amendment will be one of the hardest fought

sidering property tax relief, has no concrete plan to deal with the subject. in several years.

be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects," and that no warrant shall more as the weeks leading to the election pass by issue but upon "probable cause . . . particularly de-scribe the place to be Among the proponents now are the California Real Es-In America since the be-

In America since the be-ginning, and in most civil-ized societies, peace officers have been stopping and searching what are ungram-matically called "suspicious" persons, particularly at night. As a practical matter they cannot conform to the letter of the Fourth, because a warrant meeting the condia warrant meeting the condi-tions is not immediately available.

These stop-and-search cases have been what we call reasonable, so long as they have not been used to ha-rass an individual or group where no bona fide cause for unable a white

suspicion exists. The Supreme Court in a

differing entirely from that of a detective who has been working up a case against a suspect. His life and the lives and property of others may be in the balance in a period of a few moments. Chief Justice Warren wrote the decision holding

wrote the decision holding that search of suspects is legal when "a reasonably prudent man in the circum stances would be warranted in the belief his safety and that of others is in danger

It would perhaps be bet-ter if the amendment could be amended by adding such clause, but amending the Constitution wasn't meant to

be easy. Meanwhile, it is in effect amended by this in-terpretation, and it is unlikely to bring an intolerable or even appreciable enlarge-ment of the "police brutali-

ty" syndrome.

line he wrote to a mistress of 1917: "I feel imprisoned in egotism, weary of effort, too tired to break through too tired to into life

Quote

How would you like the effective rate of your personal income tax to be more than doubled and to pay a sales tax upwards of 15 per cent?—Sen. John F. McCarthy, San Rafael.

* The courts who have cod-dled the criminal while de-stroying the tools of law enforcement a r e exposing peaceful law abiding citi-zens to the depravations of lawless.—Assemblyman Richard Barnes, San the Diego.

Adults do the same thing, only in slightly different form, as they seek immortality through having their names engraved on buildings, projects, scholarships, or other worthy grants.

Photographers know that most people are keenly sensitive about how they will be captured on film for future generations to comment upon, and the same goes for those who are asked to speak into tape recorders. Many mile-a-minute talkers are struck dumb when confronted with a microphone.

Many of the loudest trumpeters of opinion are likewise quieted when asked to put down on paper many of the views they have trumpeted.

One of the most common expressions of immortality in most people, I suspect, is through their children. Parents want their children to be like them, or to reflect credit back on them, making sure that their children maintain the "true" religion, political views, occupation, or outlook on life that the parents have discovered.

What price immortality?

YOUR DAD