

'Land of the Free' Is Still Under Attack

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SACRAMENTO — Probably not textbook in California history has been the subject of as much controversy as "Land of the Free" which after quite a bit of revision and attacks from various quarters, has finally been adopted by the state board of education as a standard history for the eighth grade in the schools of this state.

The original text of the book came under fire from Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public in-

struction, and after months of public debate, the state board of education finally adopted it for use in the schools, and it is now a textbook that all school districts must accept.

But even though the revisions satisfied some of the critics, one school teacher, who also is a state senator, still isn't satisfied. This is Senator John G. Schmitz, R-Tustin, who says that "Land of the Free" is likely to have the effect of a propaganda tool for moving America "away from our heritage of individual-

ism and limited government toward collectivism and unlimited government."

Senator Schmitz puts it rather mildly, as this has been the trend of governmental progress for more than 30 years, and despite more or less forlorn outcries calling attention to this trend, it appears to get worse instead of better.

The senator has some acute observations about this particular school book. He says:

"In a time when our ears are filled with outraged cries from various minority

pressure groups complaining about unfair treatment in our schools, the majority of our own school children are being deprived of textbooks which are fair to our own country.

"The latest example of this deprivation is the adoption of the eighth-grade American history textbook 'Land of the Free' by the state board of education."

The senator points out that some counties as far as their education boards are concerned, notably Orange County where he is from, "are aware of the

dangers of indoctrinating school children through textbooks, and are inclined to take corrective action."

He also points out that the California Teachers Association is an "apologist" for the book, and has published a pamphlet entitled "Land of the Free and Its Critics." Also a film-strip critical of the book is dismissed as "unqualified because its distributors for a time operated from the same office as a former member of the John Birch Society."

Then he goes on to show

that the CTA pamphlet quotes with approval a Swedish socialist and occasional advisor to the supreme court, and from a pamphlet, the author of which is Maxwell S. Stewart, who according to the House Un-American activities committee was a national committeeman of the Friends of the Soviet Union, associate editor of the Moscow Daily News, and a member of the editorial board of Soviet Russia Today.

"Use of such an 'expert,'"

says Senator Schmitz, "goes far toward justifying the deep concern expressed by critics of this text-book."

He says also that once the state has adopted a textbook, it is required that all school districts have to accept it, and this is against strong public support for local selection of elementary books. Schmitz has proposed a constitutional amendment for local selection, but the senate education committee this year rejected the proposal on a strict party-line vote.

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Threat of Progress

Columnist Gunder Berg, writing in the Chronicle of Cavalier, N.D., quotes a letter said to have been received from the Governor of New York State by President Andrew Jackson in 1829. The letter says:

"The canal system of this country is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as 'railroads.' The federal government must preserve the canals for these reasons:

1. If canal boats are supplanted by railroads serious unemployment will result. Captains, cooks, drivers,

Safety Balloons

Toy balloons are about to be adopted for new serious assignments. When inflated, these flighty, precocious toys are symbols of celebration and a joy to the younger generation.

Now New York state Motor Vehicle Commissioner Vincent L. Tofany plans to give them new stature. He has proposed that motorists needing assistance on the highway should display a red balloon to signify the need for emergency medical assistance, a green balloon for police assistance and a blue one for mechanical help or fuel.

Who can tell, with the colors, sizes and shapes of balloons on the market a new vocabulary code may be in the offing—a practical use for extra hot air and gas!

WILLIAM HOGAN

Octogenarian Reflects On Life; Finds It Good

On the surface, a little book titled "The Measure of My Days," by Florida Scott-Maxwell, seems to be one of those self-help texts — how to be spry and ebullient though an octogenarian. It is more than that. A specialized book for a specialized audience, it is a curious, often haunting series of thoughts drawn from the notebooks of a lady who, at 82, is not disappointed in the beautiful world, but broken-hearted at the "in-corrigitibility" of man. "I am ashamed to admit to myself that I am disappointed in humanity," she writes, "nothing less."

Born in the United States, Mrs. Scott-Maxwell married a Scot, worked for women's suffrage, wrote plays, raised children. At 50, she began training as an analytical psychologist, studying under C. G. Jung, and later practiced in Scotland and England. These extracts from her private journal show her to be a shrewd, witty, perceptive, disappointed

living; "that should be enough."

The book is an anatomy of old age, curious and intriguing. "I thought it would be a quiet time. My 70s were interesting, fairly serene, but my 80s are passionate." To her surprise, she bursts out with hot convictions. She is disturbed

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by the outer world, by human quality in general. But if some priest remonstrated with her, saying, "These things are not matters for your concern," she would answer: "If my heart aches for humanity let it be so."

She waltzes on the black linoleum of her kitchen while waiting for a kettle to boil ("this pleasure is one for the old who live alone"), and wonders: "Its this age yet? How for must I go." Age, she finds, can be dreaded more than death.

She crosses a road with a comely woman of 70 or so. "As we arrived safely on the other side she bowed and said, 'It was such a beautiful world they destroyed.'"

Yet Mrs. Scott Maxwell seems to be anything but a wailer. She does not, she ex-

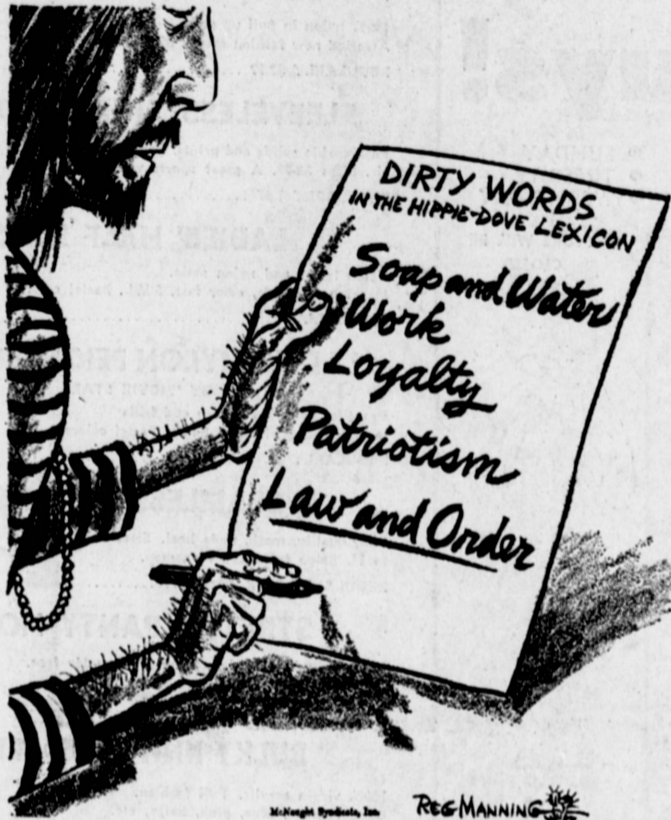
hostlers, repairmen and lock tenders will be left without means of livelihood, not to mention the farmers now employed in growing hay for horses.

2. Boat builders would suffer and towline, whip and harness makers would be left destitute . . .

From the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, prophets of gloom and opponents of change have predicted dire results with the introduction of each new invention or innovation. They have always been proven wrong, yet everyday we see they are still active in promoting restrictions and devices to perpetuate the status quo.

Excessive Concern

California Governor Ronald Reagan is sometimes a controversial figure. However, on the matter of the crime explosion, he said a mouthful the other day. . . . "In our humanitarian society, we have rightfully safeguarded the rights of the accused, but we have carried this to an excessive concern for the guilty," Reagan said. "Permissiveness from cradle to crime is our philosophy. What were once considered privileges are now recognized as rights, and first and foremost is the right to adjust any personal grievance by the nearest means at hand, be it rock, club, or fire-bomb." from the Roncerverte (W. Va.) News.



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Engineers Missing Mark In Planning for Traffic

Verrazano - Narrows bridge in New York, which robbed the Golden Gate Bridge of its suspension span pre-eminence by 60 feet, was opened four years ago between Brooklyn and Staten Island.

Unlike the Gate bridge, Verrazano was built to carry an under deck. When the bridge was opened, the authority planned to open the second deck in 1981. The deck is laid but not in use.

The other day the authority began a \$20 million approach to use the lower deck next year, 12 years before the estimate.

Since Caesar bridged the Rhine in record time and left an elaborate description of it, practical men have always been proud of their engineering talent. Caesar only wanted to pass an army, and a century ago bridges were built primarily to pass railroad trains. But few train bridges have been built in this century. All are designed to get motor vehicles from place to place.

Engineers do a good job

with bridges. Very few of them collapse. But when traffic engineers combine with structural engineers, the results range from disappointing to disastrous. Their miscalculations seem limitless.

Traffic engineers and their allies the highway commissions, in the United

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States at least, have tended to extreme arrogance and pigheadedness as to where their thoroughfare shall go, and to what purpose.

They bulldoze dissent and all rational discussion, all local interest. They have some vast, insensate goal, and they will attain it regardless of consequences.

Yet the goals they actually achieve from year to year with their slide-rules, their hearings, their strong-arming and huddles, offer little support for their vaunting pride.

Most of their work deals with vehicular traffic as it develops in our mercurial national life. Yet the traffic

engineers and highways and bridge builders in general seldom make a projection of traffic that doesn't fall flat on its face in a few years.

The twelve-year projection failure at Verrazano isn't unusual, but about average. Before the bridge was opened, Staten Island was growing at the rate of 2000 a year. It is now 1,700 a month, and probably will double in the next two years.

What traffic engineers seem unable to understand is that population means automobiles. People don't sashay around vast suburban areas on horseback. No freeway stretch in California or anywhere else is opened but it jams two or three years after opening, and in five years must be "improved" with another lane.

All this is common observation, and you don't need statistics, which are out of date by the time you dig them out, anyway. The traffic people complain they would have to be prophets to succeed, and it may be true. The trouble is they behave like prophets without the clairvoyance.

My Neighbors



"Doctor is out, he will be back at 7:00 PM...This is a recording..."

Abe Mellinkoff

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Knee Checker Is Cold-Eyed

Now then, how do they start the day at Marsh & McLennan, the big insurance company at No. 1 Bush? With a knee inspection, that's how. A cold-eyed hard-nosed exec gives the old up'n'down to the 150 girls who work there—and those whose skirts are too short are sent home to change into something less distracting. . . . Sometimes art previews are worth going to. At the Hansen Galleries kickoff for their show, "The Nude," Nancy Hemingway appeared nude from the waist up—very disappointing for us leg men. She modeled for one of the paintings in the show, Kathan Brown's "Girl on Toilet." This is high-class stuff, folks.

Sherwood "Shakey" Johnson, whose Shakey's Pizza empire made him a millionaire, recently flew to Hawaii accompanied by a six-piece bagpipe band, four-piece Turkish band, two belly-dancers and 14 other guests—the whole schmeer adding up to a \$10,000 tab. "Share the wealth and save your health," is Shakey's motto.

Rhetorical question from Good Glenn Dorenbusch: "What do you think about a dentist who replaces all of your gold inlays with Silly Putty and then goes to Paris on a vacation?" . . . A possible answer is supplied by this graffiti: "Goldfinger Was Right!" . . . Notable quote from Coffee Wholesaler Damon Miller when his secty. failed to show up for work after the weekend: "Poor dear, I guess she had another attack of Monday-nucleosis." . . . At Joe's Hillsdale, Art Petri asked a young Marine: "Where you from?" "Well, I was born in Kansas," came the slow reply, "but I grew up in Vietnam." . . . The Factory, L.A.'s hottest night spot (as of yesterday, anyway), probably won't open a branch in S.F. after all. One of the owners, after looking over out town: "There just aren't enough people here who have to be seen out at night—at least for tax-deductible publicity purposes." Right. If a San Franciscan goes out at night, it's because he wants to. . . . Glen Watson to a girl wearing a calf-length midi: "Going through the mini-pause?" . . . Dick Bassi, owner of Club Sirocco on Judah, to cantankerous drunk who invites him to step outside: "Look, fella, even if I swung at you and missed you'd die of pneumonia!"

Worried about heart transplants and so forth? So is Ben Harris, after spotting this sign on Oakland's Broadway near Kaiser Hospital: "Used Organs for Sale." . . . As for Howard Gossage, he is relieved that the cutoff date for transplants is around 50. "One of the few remaining joys of middle age is knowledge that we won't be cut up like chicken parts."

Other Opinions

Van Horn (Tex.) Advocate: We should realize that millions of young people are quietly preparing for community leadership. They are better informed, more articulate, and better educated than any group before them. We should be proud of the conscientious majority of younger Americans. They are preparing for their future responsibilities with diligence and honesty. They also have a deep sense of morality and citizenship. Young people must respect the challenge of opportunity rather than the false hope of security. They should understand that the way to build a better world for tomorrow is not to start by tearing down every institution in it today.

Moville (Iowa) Record: Consider the many liberties we enjoy in this nation and be thankful for their existence. Be thankful of our freedom to achieve work and advance; for our freedom to worship; for our right to free speech and free elections . . . Truly there is much for which we can be thankful.

Benton (Mo.) Democrat: Why can't we have just one candidate who can stand on his own two feet and say: "I'm for less spending, less taxes, reduction of our national debt, less giveaways, more work for a day's pay, less crime, no riots, less strikes, less wrangling in our schools and universities, less bureaucracy, reduced doles to all federal departments, less waste in armaments, less foreign aid, less big brother to the whole world, more responsibilities to the states, less rent subsidies, less federal intrusion into everything from cradle to grave, more honesty, integrity in office, more thought and consideration to the lowly, downtrodden taxpayer?"

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