

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two Schwartzes

Editor — I would like to call your attention to a news item appearing April 23 on page 5 of The Chronicle. The item, which received state-wide coverage, concerned two Hastings College of the Law students in a parking ticket campaign against special parking rights the Navy has received. The item named two students: "David Schwartz, 25, and Earle Partington, 26." However, I would like to apprise you that there is another David Schwartz, 25, at Hastings College of the Law.

The Schwartz concerned with the parking tickets is David P. Schwartz, a second-year student. The Schwartz having nothing to do with the matter is S. David Schwartz, a third year student. The confusion in identity is probably further increased by the fact that both David Schwartzes graduated about the same time from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Please make the distinction known, as the mixup has caused me to receive numerous phone calls from relatives and friends.

S. DAVID SCHWARTZ,
San Francisco.

'Mace Not Dangerous'

Editor — The Chronicle editorial "Going Slow on Mace" April 26 does a disservice to law enforcement and the law abiding people of San Francisco by quoting the irresponsible statements of Dr. Lawrence Rose.

If, as Dr. Rose claims, the chemical mace "causes intellectual confusion, lassitude, loss of balance, hypotension and respiratory distress," The Chronicle should recommend the discontinuance of shoe polish since they both contain the same solvent.

The Chronicle, March 29, quoted Dr. Rose as saying the mace was composed of 95 per cent trichloroethane. The actual figure is 55 per cent.

That same article quoted a Dr. J. Flocks as claiming he was un-

able to treat two emergency cases because the mace, on skin and clothing, made it impossible to get near the victim for half an hour.

I exposed that falsehood by spraying my own coat with mace and then rubbing my face with that same coat three minutes (not 30) later and had this incident recorded by television cameras.

Extensive scientific tests were performed by Hazelton Laboratories in Virginia using rabbits and The Chronicle, itself, ran an article saying that the Food and Drug Administration found the riot control chemical mace has no long-range toxic effects.

CHARLES J. CONRAD,
Assemblyman, 57th Dist.
— Sherman Oaks.

Man and Violence

Editor — The worst violators of law and order are the governments that wage war on each other. In the recent riots in the cities about 50 persons in the entire country were killed. During the same period hundreds were killed or wounded by the armies in Vietnam.

In communications, public health, construction, transportation and population control, the world is making progress. But we are still far from eliminating war or the conditions that cause violence. We don't need a policeman at every traffic light in the world's cities. We do need a system to keep our human vehicles from having a colossal collision.

CARL KEITH,
Evanston, Ill

Political Muscle

Editor — It is my understanding that churches and church organizations are tax free because, among other reasons, they are to refrain from indulging in politics. Therefore it is more than astounding to read in The Chronicle April 18 the article "Episcopalians Support Alinsky Institute Here." The plan is to raise \$50,000 (tax free) to establish a training institute whose director is to be none other

than Saul Alinsky, the radical organizer of ghetto dwellers. The center will train 200 organizers who, at the end of 18 months "schooling," will be let loose to "weld the ghetto poor into potent political coalitions."

Well, suckers, are you going to sit idly by and allow your hard-earned money (which is not tax free) to be used to improve the lot of the so-called poor so that they have the "political muscle to confront the white power structure from a position of strength?"

CYNTHIA W. ASHMUN,
Berkeley.

'Plague' in the Haight

Editor — As a property owner and businessman in the "infamous" Haight-Ashbury district, I was delighted to see the pictures and read the story last week of the young man who walked naked from the Civic Center Plaza astonishing a group of visiting nuns.

This is the type of culture that should be displayed elsewhere, namely Civic Center Plaza, Union Square and Nob Hill. We taxpayers and residents of the Haight-Ashbury want to share this art and culture with the rest of the city. We do not want to monopolize this situation that public authorities refuse to lift a hand against, while old established businesses and property owners go down the drain.

San Francisco taxpayers and residents wake up. Shake up your elected representatives. This same plaque can reach out to your neighborhood, making your districts look like the cesspool known as Haight Ashbury.

M. HERSCOWITZ,
San Francisco.

Review Needed

Editor — We are opposed to the selling of city streets in the Northern Waterfront until citizens have had the opportunity to review the Boiles report and decide what is the best use of this area.

ROBERT & MARTHA WINNIE,
San Francisco.

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Protect the Animals

Editor — It was with a great feeling of indignation that I read of the untimely death of Tommy the lion at the San Francisco zoo. The circumstances surrounding the events convince me that something must be done to protect innocent animals from irresponsible spectators. It is my feeling that charging an admission fee is one of the steps that must be taken.

Charging a fee will provide more protection for the animals through increased personnel, as well as creating a structure in which control may be exercised over who may enter. The presence of inebriated people would therefore be prevented. . . .

ARLENE H. McAULAY.

San Francisco.

Rat Control

Editor — I am deeply disturbed at the impending transfer of the Federal plague lab from San Francisco to Fort Collins, Colorado, as reported in The Chronicle April 20.

This is a false economy move and a flagrant disregard for the citizens of the Bay Area. This would create a health hazard of the greatest magnitude.

With all the shipping from Vietnam coming into San Francisco and the possibility of plague-infected rats and fleas coming with it this move should be stopped immediately. All the facilities for continuous plague surveillance are here; they should remain here. The insignificant budget should be increased and if anything Fort Collins should be moved to San Francisco.

With the city sharing in a rat control measure passed by the Congress starting in July, it staggers and benumbs the mind as to the weird thinking behind this incredible bureaucratic bungling. It is robbing Peter to pay Paul. Close a plague surveillance lab to save \$200,000 and give the cut some salve with a rat control bill. All pressure should be brought to bear to prevent this madness and the

citizens of the Bay Area should be alerted to rise up and defend the health of themselves and their children against this move.

The Mayor, the State Senators, the Assemblymen, the Congressmen and the Board of Supervisors should do everything in their power to delay, postpone or prevent this action.

DUDLEY TRUELSEN,
Rodent Controlman,
Health Department.

San Francisco.

Black Panther Story

Editor — It was a very overdue event to finally see the other side of the Black Panther story in The Chronicle April 26. Why are we of the white community so fast to judge a group that we really do not understand until we have heard and talked with them? Do we really know what is going on in the black areas of Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco or have we been depending too much on the reports of police departments who feel very threatened?

Once you have heard the Panthers you can understand what they want. They do not want to shoot up the white community. No, they are trying to keep the, at times very racist, white influence and control out of areas where it does not belong, where it does not work, and where it will only breed more and more contempt if it is allowed to continue. The Panthers only want black control for black areas. What is so strange about that? . . .

CHARLES H. STACY.

Berkeley.

Time of Your Life

Editor — I must comment on Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Williams' letter April 26 about sex education for mixed groups of 5th and 6th graders. I viewed the program in question, "Time of Your Life" on KQED with pleasure, surprise and, frankly, envy — of the 5th and 6th graders involved. My husband and I agree that we should have

been so fortunate at age 10 or 11.

As a mother and an elementary school teacher I regard the material and presentation as praiseworthy and long overdue. The ease, frankness and competence of the two teachers on the program I saw were perfectly suited to the subject and the age level of the children.

As to the possibility of its disturbing some child — surely he could discuss it with his teacher, perhaps his parents? A child unready for the information is far less likely to be disturbed by this presentation than by the myriad ways in which garbled sex information can and does reach 10-year-olds nowadays.

I for one am delighted that my son may be so taught when he reaches the 5th grade.

MRS. BRUCE VOGEL.

Fremont.

\$80 for a Tree

Editor — Mr. McPherson's comments (Letters, April 28) about solatium payments to the Vietnamese were very interesting. If I were a parent in that unhappy country perhaps I would feel better if someone came and apologized and gave me \$40 for my son or daughter. It is when I found out that the United States is paying the government \$80 for each rubber tree destroyed that I would get a little pushed out of shape.

MERVIN GIUNTOLI.

San Jose.

Recipe for Alioto

Editor — Mayor Alioto has gotten race, seminarians, the Sistine Chapel and spaghetti all mixed up, and it's hard to digest.

I do believe that we shall overcome when each black child in San Francisco has the same opportunity as each white child to enter a seminary, pay a visit to the Sistine Chapel, and eat as much spaghetti as his belly needs to nourish a future mayor.

ANGELA KINKEAD.

Bolinas.

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Zoo Fee

Editor — As an eyewitness to last Saturday's tragic events at the San Francisco Zoo, I cannot help but feel that in spite of the speed and efficiency with which the zoo personnel reacted, the whole incident may well have been avoided if a token admission charge were in force. A small admission charge would not only help defray the ever-rising costs of operation which are now borne by the taxpayers of San Francisco but would hopefully discourage the type of people such as the unfortunate victim from wandering about the zoo area.

THOMAS G. TIMBERLAKE
San Francisco.

The Hitchhiker

Editor — The other morning I passed a funny looking kid hitchhiking to Petaluma.

Petaluma???

VICKI BEAUZAY
Monte Sereno.

Friendly Sport

Editor — According to the Encyclopedia Britannica the original goals of the Olympic Games were for athletes of all countries to be brought together "once every four years on the friendly fields of amateur sport, unmindful of national rivalries, jealousies and differences of all kinds and with all considerations of politics, race, religion, wealth and social status eliminated."

It seems to me that a majority of the countries of the world have lost sight of these goals, in their blind efforts to censure South Africa.

ALLAN HOEGSBERG
Oakland.

Destiny

Editor — The fascinating stream of events of 1968 which have so changed the American political landscape seem to be moving with a strong sense of destiny

toward a second Nixon-Kennedy confrontation.

Our Nation has never quite recovered spiritually from the pain of the assassination; Americans have been waiting for a national psychological catharsis to release the tension generated by the interruption of the New Frontier. Richard Nixon must be wondering how on earth he finds himself facing his old antagonist again, although by proxy.

Robert Kennedy must be wishing he could be more certain of repeating the victory of 1960. Perhaps the "catharsis" could be achieved without electing either one of these able men, but by restoring to the Presidency a man with the intellect and grace of John Kennedy. Senator Gene McCarthy.

STEPHEN MARK DOBBS
Stanford.

'Think About It'

Editor — The "See-Through Fashion Crisis" on Page 1 last Wednesday was certainly unnecessary.

We know that there are many people whose morals are practically non-existent, but is it the place of the daily paper to drag the rest of us to that level?

Think about it!

G. GLORIA GILLOGLEY
San Mateo.

Dippie Hippie

Editor — When you write an article about hippies, kindly call them the dippies. It will be more realistic and true.

WALTER H. MAAS
San Francisco.

Note from a Sidewalker

Editor — If I were a country bumpkin I'd lie in the grass on a high hill and lordly rule vast panoramas of mountains and sea and endless sky.

If I were an urban man I'd rightly expect my environment to be man-made, clear and orderly and

I'd see the wisdom of entrusting the shaping of that environmental extension of myself to professionals trained in such things.

And if I were a modern urbanite I'd expect those experts to provide me with a city of diverse forms including tall buildings that rose in contrast to the rest, that framed my views of the surrounding countryside and gave perceptible dimension to my city.

But I'm just a sidewalker and that modern meaningfully varied city has not been built yet.

FREDERICK R. STARK
San Francisco.

'So Much Baloney'

Editor — Bobby Kennedy's crack to those Indiana pre-med students "You students sit here in your medical school while black people are carrying the burden in Vietnam" is so much baloney. Where are his facts? Someone like that in the White House?

Where will our doctors come from 10 years from now?

J. DRAGO
South San Francisco.

Shock

Editor — I wonder if all the parents who are shocked if their sons refuse to be drafted will remain shocked when they realize that 10,000 Saigon youths have been arrested so far this year for refusing to answer the draft of their "popular" government.

CHARLES ORR
Albany.

Vets of Another War

Editor — What should we spend on restitution to the non-white minorities we have so long oppressed? Conceive of them as veterans of domestic wars, for that they are, and grant them every privilege of the veteran. Neither wished for his role, and those that survived in both cases did much to benefit the rest of us. Some of that benefit is their due.

MICHAEL SCRIVEN
San Francisco.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Trite Sensationalism'

Editor—George Draper's story May 1 on the Vicki Drake, "topless" candidate for student body president at Stanford was a distorted, sensationalized news story and it impugns The Chronicle's credibility.

As editor of The Stanford Daily, I spoke twice with Mr. Draper giving him information for the story, giving him a statement from Stanford Dean of Students Joel Smith which was intended to correct a mistaken impression created by news releases earlier in the day. Mr. Draper chose to ignore this statement. The statement, which appeared in The Daily said this: "I am eager to explain that my statement was intended as a joke. Of course student government at Stanford has the authority to determine who is an eligible candidate."

Clearly then, "university officials" were not privately appalled as Mr. Draper stated. Dean Smith was only amused, like the rest of us. And clearly he was not declaring her ineligible for the office. Instead he acknowledged that student government would make its own decision.

But Mr. Draper decided to sacrifice accuracy for trite sensationalism.

MICHAEL SWEENEY,
Editor,
The Stanford Daily.

Stanford.

Money for Schools

Editor — As in every community in the United States, the people of Sausalito have to deal with many issues in 1968. None is more immediate and potentially destructive than that involving the setting of the school district tax rate.

It is quite accurate to say that it is a critical issue. To be sure, property taxes are high and property owners logically hate to see them get higher. Also, it is time for a public discussion on alternative ways to finance public educa-

tion. But the outright refusal or mere failure to approve the proposed tax rate could virtually destroy the public education in our district. In this present circumstance, we voters have to choose between a relatively small dollars and cents saving and the continuation of a noble, if imperfect, attempt to make equal opportunity in public education an institution.

An entire community, therefore, must now announce its set of values and list of priorities. I myself believe that all of the children in our district have a value which cannot be calculated in dollars and cents and that the support of public education is at the top of the list of priorities. I will vote Yes for the proposed tax rate on June 4, and I think it is imperative that we all do.

JOHN S. THORNTON,
Rector,
Christ Episcopal Church.
Sausalito.

A Comment on Mace

Editor—This is response to a letter by Charles J. Conrad, Assemblyman, 57th District (Sherman Oaks) to you May 1 about Mace.

If, as he claims, "Mace contains 5.5 per cent Trichloroethane" (Methyl Chloroform) then the General Ordinance Equipment Company, producer of Mace, has given misinformation to the National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers, DHEW-PHS released in December 1967. This document indicates Mace is composed of: Chlorocetophenone 0.9 per cent, kerosene 4 per cent, dissolved in Methyl Chloroform using Freon gas as a propellant.

Mr. Conrad also states the Hazelton Laboratories ran "extensive scientific tests." I have the Hazelton Laboratory test reports. They were conducted on March 8, 1966 and April 12, 1966. One drop was placed in one eye of six rabbits and three monkeys were sprayed at six feet. Eye damage disappeared by three days in all cases. However, this does not approximate the way

Mace is used in practice. The nine cases I have seen were sprayed at 3 to 12 inches by a Mark IV spray can that has enough force to arc a stream 15 feet.

The UPI release of April 22, 1968 stated that on the basis of "preliminary tests" the FDA reports Mace has "no long term toxic effects." Mr. Wissof, Chief of Press Relations for the FDA, was contacted and he denied the FDA had released that story. The UPI was then contacted. The actual source of this misinformation remains a mystery.

Mr. Conrad sprayed his coat and three minutes later rubbed his face in it to support his contention that Mace on clothing is no problem to an attending physician treating a Mace patient. This demonstrates the lack of reliable biologic testing information about Mace. The General Ordinance Equipment Company (GOEC) hired the Hazelton Laboratories to do safety tests. No tests have been conducted by an unbiased scientific agency.

Cases of severe second degree skin burns, surface eye burns, and inhalation toxicity reactions have been treated by various physicians in the Bay Area.

The information given by GOEC to law enforcement agencies recommends use without restrictions and consequently Mace is and has been used indiscriminately.

LAWRENCE ROSE, M.D.
San Francisco.

April and July

Editor—President Johnson has not renounced his candidacy for good. All he has done was to say that he was not a candidate in July as of April. But much can happen between April and July. If President Johnson should decide to run after all, his position would be invincible. Even now the remaining presidential candidates have been weakened by President Johnson's temporary removal from the race. His re-entry would all but assure him nomination and re-election.

EGON P. WINTER,
Santa Cruz.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save the Park

Editor — Please print the following letter to my fellow-residents.

"The Mayor's office and the seven-man Park Commission he heads are giving away our Golden Gate Park to criminal elements.

Please help . . . Every person who doesn't want to see our lovely, century-old park given to the nudists, criminals, homosexuals, vandals, narcotic users, and other types must stand up and be counted. The children, the elderly and mothers with babies, can't use the park now, and soon there won't be anything left but a wasteland, since the trees are being cut down, the small animals slaughtered, and wild packs of dogs are running loose . . . Our police are fighting desperately, but its like Daniel in the Lion's Den because they are so understaffed out there. We need to support them and make the mayor support them.

If we want what rightfully belongs to us, we must appear at the Recreation & Park Commission meeting at: the McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, next Thursday, May 9th at 3:00 p.m. It will be clean and safe since the bigwigs will be there. So will I. Will you?"

ROSE SMYTH

San Francisco

A Life With Guns

Editor — When I was seven, happiness was a toy six-shooter, with which I banged around the neighborhood and felt as powerful as Tom Mix.

When I was eleven, Christmas brought a Daisy Air Rifle with which I promptly killed a few sparrows, and almost shot out a playmate's eye while playing cops and robbers. When I was fourteen I graduated to a .22 rifle, which was deadly on song birds, but which consistently missed the bounding local jack rabbits. At fifteen I began collecting old unfireable guns and miscellaneous cartridges. I day dreamed of what

could be killed with this or that bullet, and felt vicariously potent.

I don't think I was an uncharacteristic product of the American culture — a culture which has made folk heroes of not only Daniel Boone and Kit Carson, but also Billy the Kid and Bonnie and Clyde.

Modern anthropologists have become aware that our pre-human primate ancestors were not tree dwelling vegetarians like present day apes, but ground dwelling, weapon-using carnivores. Our heritage then is aggression, and it is hard to change our ingrained instincts in a few thousand years of semi-civilization. In America, having no history of battles won with sword or bow, the gun has been our aggressive tool. With it we killed off the buffalo and the Indians, conquered a continent and fought some wars. And guns are still our "thing." . . . Boys still grow up as I did, never hearing of Thoreau, but steeped in Wyatt Earp.

I still feel this romantic attachment for the things. I occasionally still day dream of defending my home from some dastardly criminal with my trusty Colt. But this is unrealistic — it is a dream. The day of the Frontier is past, and guns no longer represent security. Rather they are the symbol of the murderer, the robber, the rioter, the suicide.

In this decade we have seen ostensibly "hunting" rifles used to kill a President, Martin Luther King, and thousands of lesser folk. It is said that guns would not kill if there were not people to shoot them. I could also be said that people would rarely kill if they lacked the weapons to do so. There is no prospect of our being able to recognize and adequately deal with the potential killers among us in the near future. A more practical solution for the present is to remove the primary method of homicide — the gun.

But there is a more pressing threat than even the sniper or assassin. The Negro after two centuries of exploitation is openly re-

bellious, and, given the weapons, their youth could ignite the most bloody revolution this country has seen since the civil war. On the other side there are the white racists arming in fear, and the militant right wingers storing up arsenals against the omni-present Communists that pervade their paranoid world.

The measures so far suggested to control guns are ludicrously inadequate. Registration will accomplish little or nothing. In spite of my life-long infatuation with the things, reason tells me that guns must be eradicated from our cities.

What I would propose is that there be State or even national laws that guns be illegal anywhere that there is no legitimate use for them. Except in the hands of law enforcement personnel, guns would be kept locked up at target ranges and at depositories in hunting areas. They could be checked out only for those acceptable uses. The ramification of this proposal is that the mere possession of an unauthorized gun in a city would be cause for arrest. How much easier life would be for our beleaguered police.

To the anticipated argument that this would breach the Second Amendment, it should again be pointed out that the right to bear arms refers to a well regulated militia. Neither the Black Panthers nor the Minutemen can be seriously considered such.

LEO AL. WAGNER, M.D.
Novato.

Terrible Tunnel

Editor—My family and I would like a nice, big park built in place of the Broadway tunnel. The tunnel is too noisy and doesn't do the city any good and it doesn't give the city very much class or imagination.

I happen to live across the street from the tunnel and all you ever hear are cars, trucks, car horns, and fire sirens. It's hard to sleep at night and I was wondering if you could maybe help build a park to make the city quieter.

AILEEN ANDERSON,
Age 12.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not Deficient

Editor — This is in response to an article appearing in the April 27, 1968, edition of the San Francisco Chronicle which attributed to me the statement that the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, is "deficient" in opportunities . . . "for persons from minority groups. This is not correct. What I actually said was that the Medical Center is deficient in numbers of Negro students but opportunities for all disadvantaged students are increasing at a rapid pace. In fact, our percentage of students from minority groups in general is quite high. Each of the professional schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy have faculty and student groups working actively to increase opportunities for minority students in the health sciences. In addition, the Chancellor has for several years charged a faculty-student committee with the task of locating and recruiting qualified minority group students.

As a result of the committee's work, several Negro students have come to the campus who otherwise would have been lost to the health professions. One alarming finding of the Chancellor's committee was that Negroes often feel that they will not be accepted in professional schools even though qualified. It is this mistaken impression that we seek to correct since qualified members of minority groups are not only welcome but are actively sought after.

T. H. SWENSON
Dean of Students
U.C.

S. F. Medical Center

Adoption Is Easy

Editor — I would like to correct the misleading impression given by Tony Claman's letter to you (April 30) about adopting a child. I am particularly concerned about the uncalled for criticism of foster homes.

Only 2 per cent of applications for adoption through the San Francisco Department of Social

Services were rejected last year. In fact, the agency does all it can, advertising and working with local groups in many counties, to find adoptive parents for the many children who are free for adoption. Also, contrary to the statement of Mr. Claman, there are no religious restrictions, although in cases where the mother has indicated a preference, the agency honors it.

For those homeless children who are not free to be adopted, an understanding foster home is the next best thing. While a few children have moved often, most foster children stay in the same home until they return to their own parents or grow up and are on their own, usually maintaining contact with the foster family as if it were their own. We appreciate foster parents for undertaking this loving and some times, demanding job.

MILDRED J. GOULD, ACSW
Department of Social Services
Child Welfare Division
Supervisor
San Francisco

Staff Historian

Editor—Millie Robbins' highly interesting and well researched articles reflect her sincere interest and affection for her subjects.

The wealth of authentic detail indicates painstaking, time consuming prodding through material that itself took long tedious searching to bring to light . . . A good story teller, a conscientious historian, she is one of the most valuable members of your staff.

EDWARD H. MOSSI.
Novato.

Waterfront Control

Editor—We live in an age in which our environment is being increasingly poisoned by the pollutants of a growing population and an excess of affluence.

Pasadena disappeared behind a haze of smog years ago. San Francisco escapes a lot of the pollution of the air and the water because it sits in a unique and beautiful

waterfront location where the sea tides and the sea breezes help clean up after use.

It had to happen, I suppose, that somebody would eventually come along and propose the spoilation of our very waterfront. The city has spent a lot of money studying what to do with this unique and priceless asset. We should not allow any land grab or monolithic building on our waterfront. This is a special area that needs special development. This is not the age of the land barons but of attempts at controlled environment. We should control our waterfront environment at all costs.

CHARLES W. FARRAR, M.D.
San Francisco.

How to Fill Seats

Editor—Recently while attending a ball game at Candlestick Park, we noticed about 30,000 empty seats. We also noticed a couple hundred young boys milling about outside the stadium, who apparently wanted to get in to see the game but had no money. Has it ever occurred to the city to let these youngsters in to see the game since there are so many empty seats?

We suggest passes be distributed specifically for such vacant seats. They could be given only to those under 16 and dispensed through schools or recreation centers. Since the passes would only be valid after the second or third inning, our system obviously would not affect revenue from ticket sales. Wouldn't it be better for the youngsters to enjoy the game with passes rather than jump the fences or stand outside? A Giants fan of any age is better than an empty seat.

JOHN P. TASSANO,
KATHLEEN KEANE,
RUTH KRUSA.

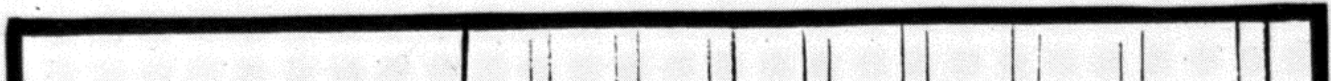
Berkeley.

The Solution

Editor—The solution to our social, economic and political problems is a woman President.

RUTH DENNY.

Sonoma.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Puff That Refreshes

Editor—May one who hasn't smoked cigarettes since Adam was a pup, and who is now partial to pipes and an occasional hand-me-down-cigar, come to the defense of cigarette smoking? . . .

All cigarette smokers are not carnival side-show freaks or even chain smokers. In his Samoan retreat, worried about his source of income when written out, the lit end of Robert Louis Stevenson's roll-your-own could often be seen vying with the fireflies in the tropical twilight.

And it was William Henley who wrote, "In Rotten Row, a cigarette, I sat and smoked with no regret, for all the tumult that had been — the distances were cool and green and streaked with shadows cool and wet . . ."

ROLAND HANSEN.

Eureka.

On the Waterfront

Editor — The realities of urban misplanning are daily experiences to all city dwellers. As a concerned citizen, native of San Francisco whose business carries me, alas too often, to the eastern seaboard megalopolis, the job of city planning conjures in my mind a nightmare image of the messenger from Marathon who, run as fast as he might, can never find Athens.

One thing modern planners and urban architects agree on is the importance of cohesive development of large units. The North Waterfront and the International Market Center is a case in point. The architects and construction managers of this project have worked closely with the Department of City Planning to create a uniform plan for the waterfront.

These knowledgeable and non-reactionary people have gotten the message that in some areas, large and unified development must dominate over piece-meal, unintegrated planning if the city is going to survive as a

commercial enterprise and if urban citizens are going to retain any aesthetic sensibility whatever.

JON B. ROBERTS.

San Francisco.

POW—From Berlin

Editor—I was quite surprised to hear on a recent news broadcast, that the San Francisco waterfront area is again under threat of high rise developers. It was particularly encouraging to learn of the efforts of Protect Our Waterfront (POW) to prohibit the partial destruction of San Francisco.

In travels to various port cities throughout Europe I have become aware of two interesting facts concerning San Francisco, i.e. the Europeans that I have met, relate much more with San Francisco than other geographical areas or cities in America, and that there is a very real and interested concern here about the city and her people.

It is for these reasons that a proposed building complex 84 feet high causes concern to people more than 5000 miles away.

The port cities of Europe are well aware of the real and potential beauty of their harbors and plan to preserve, expand and capitalize on them.

The Bay, the attractiveness of the waterfront, and the view beyond, like Golden Gate Park, to all the people.

NORMAN L. DE VALL.

Berlin.

A Provoked Riot

Editor—Today (May 7) we witnessed the arrests of several Free City partisans on the steps of City Hall, and as lawyers and citizens we wish to register our protest against the ridiculous use of police force in this situation.

We saw a young man wearing a shirt that resembled an American flag read an extremely patriotic poem extolling the virtues of our free society. There was no disruption of governmental activity, probably no one other than those

of us who stopped for a diversion during our lunch hour would ever have known of the event.

Then the police stepped in, arresting the youth apparently for alleged disparagement of the flag. Where there had been only a small group of demonstrators and bystanders, there now were a score of police, several police vehicles and a large crowd. In the melee that followed, another man who wore a bandanna over his face was arrested for "wearing a mask to conceal his identity." A third member of the group tried to prevent this arrest, and in frustrating his purpose one of the policemen slammed the head of the bandanna-clad enemy of the people on the rear deck of a car and held him there by choking him. A young girl, horrified by the callous brutality, did her best to intervene, first by vocal protest and finally by physical action. She too was arrested.

Surely our police have better things to do than provoking riots. Today, certainly on the orders of their superiors, they created an incident involving needless physical injury and enormous publicity where there was none before; and tomorrow they will do it again unless the mayor and chief of police are told that the people of San Francisco will not stand for such action.

RAYMOND P. HAAS

MICHAEL GLAZER

DOV. M. GRUNSHLAG

Law Clerks

Supreme Court of California
San Francisco

Cool Cat

Editor — My cat, "Frederick Avenue" and I have been discussing Mrs. Daley's column and he is willing to change his image to some extent. He says he'll go along with making a mess on the sidewalk in front of his neighbor's steps but he refuses to lose his cool and wag his tail in greeting to friends of mine. I dig.

KEN HALTER.

San Francisco.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tepid Tea Party?

Editor—In one of his excellent pieces on the Rafferty campaign tour, Chronicle Correspondent Michael Harris quotes The Doctor as follows: "Peaceful demonstration is a basic American right dating back to the Boston Tea Party."

If The Doctor thinks the Boston Tea Party was "a peaceful demonstration" it is just as well that he taught football in a San Bernardino County high-school rather than American history.

PAUL OGDEN

Lafayette

Home of the Free

Editor—The response of HUAC to racial strife in America is foolish, irresponsible and hysterical. Their response to a fire is to pour kerosene on it. Their apparent recommendation of detention centers, suspension of civil liberties, search and seizure operations, and identification cards for ghetto dwellers can only add more fuel to the fires of black nationalism. The Committee's latest manifesto makes me feel ashamed of them and of the government that finances them. The cause of freedom and equality in this county will be better served by trying with all speed to implement the recommendations of the President's Advisory Commission.

CHESTER KESSLER

San Francisco

Candlestick Park

Editor—No city, regardless of size, can afford to shovel \$42 million down the drain. This is what will happen if the Candlestick Park area is abandoned.

Mayor Alioto has obviously not seen the full potential for the development of the Candlestick Park-Hunters Point area. This is a unique and potentially beautiful site for the development of residential, cultural, water-oriented

commercial, and aquatic activities. The views and topography are just spectacular; access to water; close proximity to the Airport, and a potential small airplane strip; easy access to and from freeways, make this a natural for something not only spectacular but something which can change the entire spirit and image of those who live in the Hunters Point area.

A water transportation terminal to serve this area could be developed. The site is such that properly designed new and attractive houses could be developed. . . .

Certainly this is one area of the City where a plan and program could be developed which would not cost the taxpayers millions of dollars, but which could, in fact, be self-supported through the use of tax allocation bonds and tax increment financing. It would be developed without terrific subsidization, and the people in the area could develop a sense of pride and purpose. A downtown cultural-recreation complex still leaves an unanswered question as to what happens to Candlestick Park? The Mayor should look again, and the City should demand that the maximum potential of its limited land area be effectively and attractively utilized.

LEON RIMOV

Leon Rimov and Associates
Architects & City Planners
Albany

Manhattan West?

Editor. — As a relative newcomer who experienced for some time the daily depression of Manhattan's disfigured landscape, I share the view of many long-time San Franciscans that the proposed International Market Center seeks to misappropriate an irreplaceable civic asset and, if accomplished, will scar the North Waterfront for generations to come.

The issue is not, as the developers would have it, whether or not the North Waterfront area shall be renovated and the property put to

more civically beneficial and attractive uses than it is at present. The question is whether this unique area ought to be "saved" by unloosing an avalanche of concrete which at once both buries its past and suffocates its future possibilities.

Nor is the issue whether San Francisco shall have a market center and the economic benefits it may generate. The developers have not put forward any justification to support their tiresome theme that the Center has a potential "market" of so delicate a sensibility and so ephemeral a character that it will shun San Francisco permanently for Los Angeles unless the Center is built. . . . It seems more than likely that there is a potential furnishings market for both San Francisco and Los Angeles to serve, and it is well-nigh indisputable that the market's transient clientele will be more concerned with matters such as proximity to the airport than with maritime vistas on which they will not have or take the time to reflect. . . .

Proposals for civic or city-sponsored uses of a character befitting the area would abound if San Francisco's government would make clear that the North Waterfront's development should proceed on such lines, and encourage a civic debate of the question.

As an opening suggestion I propose the development of the area into an outdoor museum reconstructing, in miniature, the principal buildings and other highlights of San Francisco's Golden Era. Properly conceived and executed, embellished with restaurants and allied attractions, such a museum would afford San Francisco a source of both civic pride and visitor revenue. It would offer the unique facility of generating as much interest during its construction as after its completion. And, most important, it would give future San Franciscans a memory of the city's past rather than yet another monument to Mammon.

LYNNE E. HOFFMAN

San Francisco.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clean Air Now

Editor — Smog fighters in the Bay Area have an excellent opportunity right now to speak out when and where it will do some real good. Two important pieces of anti-smog legislation are currently percolating in the State Legislature — AB 1193, enabling the BAAPCD to levy fines against industrial and maritime polluters who pour out excessive smoke, dust and grit, and the twin bills, AB 356 and 357, which would set the toughest standards in the nation on controlling smog from automobiles. (Auto-caused smog creates about 2/3 of the air pollution we have here in the Bay Area and about 95 percent of the problem in Los Angeles.)

The "Committee for Clean Air Now," based in Palo Alto but Bay Area-wide in its membership, speaks for citizens who care about what is happening to our environment and particularly our air. We speak, but we also listen for citizens, and carry back to citizens what we hear. Working together, our collective voice grows louder, our collective ear more perceptive, our collective budget more helpful. One thing we are sure of: If you breathe, air pollution is your business!

SARAH L. FELDNER, Chairman
Committee for Clean Air Now
Palo Alto

An Expert Perpetuator

Editor — Recently I wrote to the office of Gen. Louis B. Hershey requesting a copy of the chronology of achievements of Gen. Hershey that is published by his office and updated each year. It cites important dates e.g. birth, making the baseball team at prep school, honoring his wife on her birthday, making the polo team, etc. It was an inspiring document though it was strangely lacking in references to combat command experience.

There are two things in which this man is expert and war is not one of them. First, how to perpetuate himself in a position for

which he is unfit; second, a knowledge of the lethality of a polo mallet swung at close range.

That a man such as this can hold a high position during such desperate times is evidence to the world that we are mad.

MERVIN GIUNTOLI

San Jose

Our Ablest Senator

Editor — For 15 years Senator Tom Kuchel has been recognized as one of the nation's ablest senators. His stature as a dedicated Republican is demonstrated by the fact that his fellow Republican senators have consistently selected him as the Senate Whip for each of the past ten years.

The importance of seniority in the Senate cannot be over-emphasized. It is vital that our senator be an established leader since this is a prime measure of effective participation. As one of the most able senior senators, Tom Kuchel has earned a leadership seat next to Senator Everett Dirksen. A replacement would drop 73 seats in rank, and he would be obliged to take his place in the rear of the Senate Chamber. It would be a tragedy to this state, particularly under the present circumstances, to throw away Tom Kuchel's experience, ability and stature.

Time Magazine describes Senator Kuchel as the Senate's most influential Republican. He voted with Senator Dirksen on 84 per cent of last year's roll calls and with Senator Murphy 74 per cent of the time. His record for getting needed things done for this state of California is well known.

None of us can now afford to sit by in passive acquiescence. The welfare of California demands his reelection.

VINCENT CULLINAN

San Francisco

Rat-Tat-Tat Toys

Editor — My young son and I just returned from a trip to a . . . toy store where we were

assailed by tinny machine gun fire as we got off the elevator on the second floor. This was coming from a small wind-up toy called "Police Jeep" which has two occupants with a machine gun for each mounted on the hood. These guns give out a steady rat-tat-tat as long as the vehicle is running — presumably shooting indiscriminately at anybody in their path. Other police wind-up toys were being featured at the same prominent table.

Perhaps there's a whole new breed of toys in the offing so the children will be able to build up their arsenal for a summer of simulated violence. I was so shaken up by this thought that I managed to mutter to the manager my disenchantment. Of "Police Jeep" he said, "I guess it reflects contemporary reality." When I asked if he'd had any other objections I was told that these things are in demand, that's why they have them. . . .

It was reported last Christmas that sales of war toys were down some and some stores had ceased to stock them. Let us hope they are not replaced by war-in-the-street toys and that every decent manufacturer, retailer, parent and doting aunt will join in stopping any trend in that direction before it gains momentum.

CAROL B. GLANVILLE

San Francisco

Right-Not-To-Work

Editor — Obviously, the people who find teaching in Oakland so "frustrating" weren't living on a farm in Nebraska during the Thirties.

At present teaching in Oakland is not required by law, and there is outward bound train, bus and airline service every day. There is as yet no ban on east, north and south travel on the freeways. For these reasons perceptive residents must wonder why employment is not sought elsewhere.

MAGDA K. JENSEN

Oakland

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not Amazing

Editor—I'm trying to assess my thinking after reading Drew Pearson in my May 8th Chronicle. He reported an "amazing speech" by Stokely Carmichael. I knew that I was going to be really shocked by the ideas expressed.

After each sentence, I eagerly anticipated the next. My patriotic fervor would certainly be stirred as I contemplated the outrageous slander by this vociferous black militant. I didn't find it.

He quoted Carmichael that the founding fathers kept slaves . . . and that a man couldn't feel a country was "his" if he couldn't vote. Mr. Carmichael named many states where voting was denied the black man 'til 1965. Well? He asked whether blacks profited from America's wars, that the black man was still the poorest. Yes?

Was I to be angered by his statement that when a black man returns from Vietnam—defending "freedom" there—that he fails to find it at home? I have read through the Kerner Report and it seems to lend credence to this charge.

His conclusion was that no Vietnamese had ever exploited, oppressed or discriminated against the black people. Maybe he is right?

Where have I gone wrong that I was unable to find his speech un-American?

DON LANE

San Leandro

They Do Cooperate . . .!

Editor—I would like to ask you to correct a damaging and misleading error made in your article Western Addition Power Struggle, May 6th, page 3. The article correctly stated that the meeting accomplished none of the things it set out to work on, but went on to say "The third group, the Black Panthers, will side with neither the old alliance nor the new leadership since both deal with whites."

I am not black nor affiliated

with the Black Panther party, but I do know that the Panther party, though it talks "black," does indeed work in coalition with white groups . . . like the 200 doctors (all white) who have offered help . . . like the Peace and Freedom party . . . like any group, I believe, that is interested in working with them and not on them.

The damaging effect of irresponsibility printing reports of black attitudes of non-cooperation is unhappily enlarged by the appearance on the same day of an article noting the HUAC recommendation that black militants be sent to concentration camps and the black slum-dwellers be issued identification cards. For those of us who have some hope that black people will gain dignity and power so that equality can be a fact in this country, the combination of these two articles reveal all too clearly the fatal myopia of today's establishment.

JEANNE MILLIGAN

San Francisco

Unfair

Editor—I would like to say something about the law that if a felony is committed the criminal, if from a foreign country, isn't allowed in the U. S. My story is about one in particular.

The Rolling Stones got marijuana charges against them. They aren't allowed in this country, and can't get a work permit. Margot Fonteyn and Nureyev got marijuana charges against them and they can come into this country . . .

Just because the new sound in music isn't considered a real good art as ballet is doesn't mean that the Rolling Stones should be discriminated against.

KATHY STARZENSKY

Albany

Market Street

Editor . . . Thank you for the article regarding our participation in the "Market St. hang-up." It was very well written, to the

point and well received by our few faithful customers.

The general public, I am sure, is not aware of the many distasteful things happening on Market street and vicinity. The series of articles you are writing will surely bring a better understanding to the public, (revealing) some of the problems faced by Market Street merchants, who sincerely want a clean, respectable operation.

We feel complimented that you took the time and effort to include our donut shop in your series.

MARTHA LA SHELLS

Proprietress,
Donut Palace

San Francisco

A Stamp for Dad

Editor — American mothers have been honored on postage stamps, but Father has never had his day. If he happens to be a lawyer, handicapped, a radio amateur, a serviceman, a Lion or Rotarian, a steel worker, an architect, engineer, engaged in the poultry, trucking or moving picture industry, or a doctor, he has been postally recognized, but just plain Dad has never been honored.

If your readers feel that their fathers (and husbands) deserve to be saluted by the issuance of a postage stamp, maybe a letter to Postmaster General Marvin Watson telling him of their feelings would bring about the issuance of such a stamp . . .

MARJORIE GOLENSKI

No. Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

'Thank you, Mr. D'

Editor—We have enjoyed The Chronicle ever since we moved to Tiburon in 1962. Our appreciation to your excellent columnists, especially Stanton Delaplane, Herb Caen and Arthur Hoppe.

This summer we are spending two months in London in an apartment recommended by Mr. Delaplane . . . Please extend our thanks to him.

GLADYS HAYFORD.

Tiburon.

