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PRAYER FOR TODAY

Think, Thee, Lord, for this day and for another chance to live it up to the hilt. Let no word or thought spoil it. Help me to grow a bit in my relationships by thinking of the other person first before I speak...

EDITORIALS

Ultimate Inanity

Now comes a report that there is now available a bumper sticker for people who don't want to take a definite stand on political or social issues...

Another U.S. Face

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And, though some miscalculation, should such a conference be held, surely the Colossus of the North would take it over, depending upon it with carloads of dollar bills to buy nations wholesale.

Yet the implied message which President Johnson brought to the ears of other presidents in the Americas was, "Ask not what the United States can do for you, but what you can do for yourselves."

The answer of course, is that an economically stagnant, socially backward, revolution-prone Latin America is no more in the interest of the United States than would be Europe as shattered as it was in 1945.

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Latin America not only has the same rivalries, but communications within its countries, let alone between them, are poorly developed.

Latin America starts toward a common market from a much more primitive base than Europe in nearly every regard—transportation, industrialization, diversification, literacy, finance and technology.

But a beginning has been made. At least the need for a beginning has been admitted. The presidents of the Americas have sat down to discuss their mutual problems and goals.

Importance not only of economic but of fundamental social reform as well has been recognized. Yet while talking a background scene at Punta del Este, the United States is very much involved. American money will be necessary to help implement the grand design of the "decade of urgency."

Americans must shoulder this burden, for the cost of not shouldering could eventually prove far greater.

It is not really a very great burden—much less than the Marshall Plan in Europe. President Johnson has proposed \$1.5 billion in U.S. aid to the \$1.1 billion a year already going into Alliance for Progress projects.

Opinions of the People

Anyone in the Greater Vallejo Area is privileged to send letters to "Opinions of the People" on an open forum of public opinion. Opinions in this column, however, do not necessarily represent the policy of the publisher...

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE: Open Letter to Mr. Gillies. My teacher worth his salt is primarily interested in the child. Mr. Gillies is usually a knowledgeable, thoughtful, professional educator...

He also claimed that local teachers were not active in pushing the bond election. The truth is that hundreds of dollars of teacher money was donated to buying ads in the local paper...

Mr. Gillies, if higher salaries—more money for ourselves—were the goal for salaries, this is teachers. With our training, most of us could get higher salaries in other fields...

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We spend more than that in Vietnam every month.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE: The new article covering the Solano College site selection by the County Board of Supervisors seemed to miss several important points.

The Benicia and Vallejo Chambers of Commerce have taken the position that more than one campus site should be secured to adequately serve our county. This is the only objection to the April 7 meeting of the Solano County Board of College Trustees.

A second objection pertained to the material contained in the Site Evaluation Report showing comparative cost figures for the two Cordelia areas sites, Lagoon Valley and Lake Herman.

We believe that regardless of the number of sites needed, the first campus should be located within a reasonable distance of the existing campus at Fairfield-Suisun, Vallejo and Benicia. This area, we believe, is the best for the county.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE: Mr. Philip M. Battaglia Executive Secretary, State Capitol Sacramento, California. After viewing you on TV last night, 4:11-4:17, and listening to your comments on the radio...

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76ERS WIN CHAMPIONS. OVER 120,000 READERS. THE NEWSPAPER THAT GOES INTO ALL THE HOMES EVERY MORNING. VALLEJO, CALIF.—MARE ISLAND—HQ., S.F. BAY NAVAL SHIPYARD—TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1967

School Bus Plunge Hurts 12 Persons. Nine Injured, Three Adults Injured, Three Children Injured. The City Council, following considerable discussion, last night postponed action on a proposed agreement...

TRAFFIC MONITOR. BROOKER HAS TO GO TO THE GATE BRIDGE AND IS KEEPING AN EYE ON THE CROSS. THE TRUCKER, DON E. WARR, OF LIVERMORE, WAS INSTALLED IN 1966 AND SPAN OFFICIALS ARE ASSESSING ITS PROGRESS.

PATIENCE PERSONIFIED AT THE PORT. These swimmers were put together by the anglers following a swimmer at Pointon Lake. The swimmer on the left caught a brown trout shortly after the photographer left, proving, per brain, but picture from left, are Frank Brown and Frank Brown.

Dangerous Felon Flees At Prison. The new span will be 150 feet wide, compared with the present width of 75 feet. RHYMES RHYME—That an event mystery rhyme about Lone Don Bridge falling down is more truth than poetry.

Vallejo's Traffic Accident Score. DEAD 1, INJURED 160, 71. PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK April 24 to 28. RUMMAGE SALE MAY 1, 2, 3. 445 GEORGIA ST. CHIPMAN MAYFLOWER Van & Storage 623 Broadway Phone 462-7528

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