**Essay Winner**

# Where Is America Going?

(Editor's note: The following story written by John McCallister received a special award in the recent essay constest, sponsored by the local American Legion. John received $10 and a certificate of appreciation.)

By JOHN McALLISTER

Placed in plastic wrap and tucked away in a special place in my home lies a flag of the United States of America.

It is the flag that covered the casket of one Earl Wayne McAllister, United States Navy, a veteran for the great America. My dad.

As I stand gazing at this great memorial, a memorial from the American Legion, from the Government, from God, my pride runs deep. Pride in my father. Pride in the country for which he served.

I often wonder what it would be like if he were still alive today. Where would we be? What would be doing right now, today?

To all these question, I have answers. Where would we be? We would be in the backwoods of Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia or some other beautiful place. Fishing, hunting, boating, riding and all the things a father and son should do together.

There are over one hundred million males in the United States. Eighty per cent of them are like my dad. They take pride in what they do, especially when they serve their country. Some of these men have now grown old and have joined one of the great veterans organizations, the American Legion. Others have died. They have died to keep us free and to keep us alive and healthy, to help us keep our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

But are we grateful? We, the teenagers of America? No! We have to guts to walk around with long hair and wear underclothes made from our blessed flag. We have the guts to burn our drafts. And why? Why do we, the young men of America, do all these things? It is the fright of death? Is it because we feel it's morally wrong to fight our enemy?

No, it's none of these excuses. It's plain cowardness and stupidity. A yellow streak down our back a mile wide.

Have we lost our faith that God will provide the way? Have we lost our fight for freedom? Our fathers have gone across the seas, full of fright, yet full of courage. Full of hopes, ambition, dreams. They left their homes, freedom and luxuries to provide homes, freedom and luxuries for us, their children.

These great men, these proud men, will live forever — great men like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, John Kennedy and Earl Wayne McAllister.

Where is America going? I'll tell you. It's going into the hands of these great men... and millions more like them, and their sons. For a great country like our deserves nothing less than great men to run it.

Men, take up arms against the evils that are tearing us down. And God, bless America again.

**38th District Strong**

# Local Politics Discussed by Student

By BRIAN SEEMAN

The major area of concentration in local politics seems to be in the newly formed 38th Congressional District. A total of eleven candidates have entered the race. Of the eleven, eight candidates are Democrats and the other three are Republicans.

Four Democrat candidates are Terry Goggin, attorney at law; David Tunno, administrator; George Brown Jr., former California congressman; and Ruben Ayala, member of the county board of supervisors.

Goggin, supported by his rich family, feels that "old politics" should be stopped. He says all three of his challengers fit that category.

Tunno, a Democratic conservative, expects to show good in San Bernardino, because he did well when he ran for congress two years ago.

Brown, a liberal as well as Goggin, opposes the Vietnam war and voted against the defence appropriations.

Ayala, a conservative, feels that whatever has to be done to help our men overseas should be done.

So all four major candidates feel that they have a good chance to win the 38th Congressional District primary.

A good choice, in my opinion, is Ruben Ayala, because he is opposed to the war but thinks we should help our boys if they need it.

Another area where it has been hot is the 72nd Assembly District. Both candidates, John Quimby, incumbant, and Mike Lippit, challenger, are fired up.

Quimby is now being doubted by his former supporters. Lippit, a member of the San Bernardino City Unified School Board, is pointing out the Quimby is missing too many days of the 4-day work week in Sacramento.

Quimby's record shows previous years of absentees were 50 per cent, whereas now he shows about 30 per cent. Quimby says his absentees were for committee meetings and illnesses.

Lippit feels it is now time for a change. He calls himself the "sober young candidate," and opposes the first serious threat against Quimby.

Regardless of their differences, it does not give either man the right to destroy the other's political signs and posters.

Both candidates, have been accused of painting and covering the other's signs. Is it time for a new "sober young candidate" or a time to give Quimby another chance to prove he can still do the job?

Another area in local policies is the race for the Superior Court office No 1. Three candidates have entered: Russell Goodwin, judge of the municipal court; Lawrence Novack, attorney-at-law; and Kenneth Pike, deputy district attorney. All three candidates seem to be honest people running for a justified cause.

Nancy Smith is running for re-election to her county supervisor position.

This roundup local politics in our area of candidates for offices.

There are a total of ten propositions on the June 6 ballot.

# Millions Spent Unnecessarily

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating prominent black leaders who are not in the least guilty of subversive acts.

In the investigation of so-called racial matters millions of dollars have been spent by the bureau.

An inquiry made by Jack Anderson (well-known Washington D.C. journalist) and others reveals that F.B.I. surveillance has been terribly one-sided. Only extreme white racists have fallen under its eye, whereas, every major black leader has a file in his name.

The list of alleged subversives includes athletes, entertainers, and artists, in short, anyone who speaks against bigotry and racism in this country. Harry Belafonte, Muhammad Ali, and James Baldwin are among these names. Ossie Davis, author-actor-playwright, and his wife have been investigated several times. Dick Gregory is the subject of a rather large file.

Even Congressmen and Nixon-Agnew supporters are under suspicion. Yes, the F.B.I suspects the former CORE director Floyd McKissick, Jr., director of "Soul City" in North Carolina. McKissick made headlines when he blasted the Democratic party for failing to deliver "on its promises." In a statement supporting the Nixon administration, McKissick stated that it has offered more than "just the rhetoric."

McKissick has straddled and leaped the political fence like many other politicians. Two years ago he named Nixon as "one of the nation's leading proponents of 'Law and Order — Fascist Style." These words and others of McKissick's statements have been deposited in a F.B.I. dossier in his name.

To further illustrate the ridiculousness of the bureau is the case on Ralph David Abernathy, successor to the late Dr. Martin Luther King. The investigators are very interested in his relationship with his co-workers. An informer quoted Hosea Williams (Colleague of Abernathy) as remarking "he was rather concerned as to the cool and noticeably distant attitude recently displayed by... Abernathy."

The F.B.I. has gone so far as to pry into the finances of Coretta Scott King. The organization was pre-occupied counting receipts to the documentary film about Dr. King when it was appearing throughout the country.

Jesse Jackson, Roy Wilkins, and Bayard Rustin have also come under the scrutiny of the F.B.I.

It is truly a shame that those who speak out against injustice in this country are labelled subversive.

## Editorials Seem Like Good Idea

L. D. DeSoto

While I sit at this typewriter, I know I am unable to write anything. So I can only let you, the reader, write the words that will flow for the rest of this article. You direct my fingers. You are me, I am you.

Well... how do you like it? An editorial is a good idea. Yes, of course, but, what shall you write? There is great social dilemma in the world today. Runaround economics. Mass starvation. The flower of mankind, namely love is trampled like a cheap weed. Very good I commend you. Very fine things to write about, and I must admit you are better writers than I thought. You have insight to the truth of our times.

Ecology is threatened. Our world, our people our drowning and suffocating in our own industrial feces. Automobiles run wild on the freeway. Where are their owners? Why have they not obtained licenses? Why have they not gotten their shots? Where are their parents or owners of their little keys and slips of paper, those that feed them? Oh, we have done wrong, America! Bring back the horse... or walk... or ride a bicycle. The society of automobile has gone mad and is spreading the disease! (You're doing well. Moralizing is good for the soul.)

Well, is that it? No more? I'm disappointed. Nothing about war or POW's or politics or nuclear holocaust or Creedence Clearwater Revival? Shame shame But, with practice you'll get a lot better. You've actually served a purpose writing this, although reading it for the first time, because all who read this in some way are united. WE wrote it. Everyone. A marvelous idea. I/We/All have done well and good for getting it out of our systems. Thanks.

## Response To " Will The Pot Boil Over "

In response to the story "Will the pot boil over" that appeared in the May 12 issue of the Eagle's Eye, I say NUTS!

The person who wrote this article obviously believes that no one has any convictions worth fighting for. Nor does he believe that people can be suppressed and pushed to the point that they have to fight back.

Ever since blacks and whites have got together on this continent we've been pushed around, looked down upon, hated, and now physically threatened.

Today whites have a terrible time getting jobs over black applicants. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has literally forced businesses to hire a certain percentage of black employees. Employers have bent over backwards for minority groups.

Whites are sick and tired of being held responsible for black slavery in this country. Whites are sick of hearing they don't treat blacks well. Whites are sick to death of being told they must respect the black man, and when whites start dying then the dam will burst. Don't call me Whitey, and I won't call you nigger.

But will the pot boil over? Only if people like the author of that article don't open their eyes to reality. Then the pot will boil over and a lot of people are going to get burned.

## Okinowa Denounced By Student

By LAURIE GREENE

"A period of history which began in the tragedy and suffering of war... is closing in conditions of peace."

This statement was made after Okinowa was returned to Japan following 27 years of American occupation. In one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, Okinowa was taken from Japan after 83 horrid days of fighting. Japan sacrificed 260,000 lives in a vain attempt to keep this small, strategically located island from "enemy" hands, while the United States lost 125,000 lives.

During these next 27 ears, 43,000 American troops were shipped onto the island. Committees were established, depending upon U.S. economic support. Money, people and machines were poured into Okinowa because it was a strategic military vantage point for the United States.

Now there is nothing. The troops have gone; the men and their war machines have gone. All the money, the time and the lives spent were wasted. Or were they? Granted, it was a military necessity during World War II, but what about now? The Okinowa were only too willing to have the big Americans take their nuclear bombs and their B-52's off the island. Although they depended upon American economic support, there were no tears shed when the U.S. handed Okinowa over to Japan.

The gesture of "peace and friendship" made in returning Okinowas to Japan was great, but it should have been done long ago. It was, in this author's opinion, futile and unnecessary to keep the island

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### *Movie Rating Impractical to T. V.*

Laurie Greene

The old familiar sound of a gun shot or a bomb explosion may be a thing of the past, if TV violence is reduced, as suggested by U.S. Surgeon General Jessee L. Steinfeld.

Steinfeld contends that there is a definite link between violence on television and an antisocial behavior in some children. In a report to the Senate he said that "the casual relationship between televised violence and antisocial behavior is sufficient to warrant appropriate and immediate remedial action.

It was suggested, by Steinfeld that a rating system be used as guidelines for parents and the government.

"I don't know whether it would be on a scale from 0 to 10, but it could be sued by consumers and the Federal Communications Commission might look at stations in terms of violent content."

In response to this report, networks such as NBC, CBS and ABC are taking violence from TV programs. "However," stated John Schneider, president of CBS, "We do not pledge to eliminate all violence from television because we do not feel that to be a desirable course."

Concerning the rating system, all agree it would be impractical if applied to television. "Children are not always attended by parents when the watch television and a rating of violence might attract them to a program," contends Julian Goodman president of NBC.

Therefore the networks are placing additional emphasis on resolving conflict in children's programs, such as Saturday morning cartoons, through non-violent means. ABC for example, is planning to upgrade all cartoon series this fall by eliminating all programs which depend solely on "action" and are devoid of comedy.

# Students, Teachers Discuss Age of Bus Driving Eligibility , Maturity

The law now says that 18-year-olds are adults.

However, the Civil Service Commission of San Bernardino is discussing whether or not persons under 21 can be hired for city jobs.

Specifically, the city transit superintendent has stated, "Due to the age of the persons we haul, they feel ill at ease with a young teenager behind the wheel of a bus doing the driving."

Students and faculty at Eisenhower were asked their opinion of this attitude.

Mr. David Camarigg, counselor: I don't really believe bus passengers would be concerned about teenage bus drivers. The same doubts were prevalent when women began driving school buses, but women have proved themselves capable and aI feel teenage drivers can be just as competent as other drivers. Having taught both high school girls and 'adult' women behind the wheel driver training, I can assure you girls are much easier to teach and learn quicker.

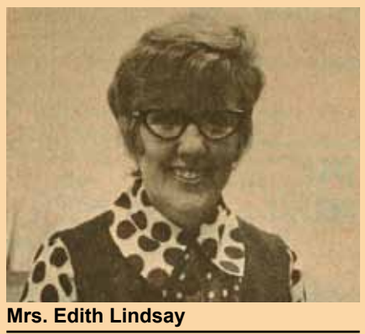
Mr. Charles Zupanic, counselor: The Sun Telegram of May 4 suggests in a story that the Transit System is primarily for "seniorciticens." As a senior citizen is over 60 years of age, he or she might well feel at ease with young people. However, the same person will gladly and confidently place himself in the hands of a young person at Disneyland. So the age is immaterial but the "image" is important. Let the transit system stress the proper image, and let the law be the law. The law says 18-year-olds are adults. So comply.

Mrs. Florence Haslam, attendance office:

If feel that the Civil Service Commission is right in not hiring 18-year-olds to drive school buses. There is always an exception to the rule, but in the most part, 18-year-olds do not realize the seriousness of the trust place in them for a job involving not only their safety but the safety of a bus load of children, and there is too much chance that it could be forgotten momentarily.

Mr. Detlef Moeller, driving teacher: Seems to me that a "young teenager" would not look any younger nor make passengers feel any more ill at ease than a young 21-year-old. It's too bad that reaching a certain age makes you an adult according to the law. I venture to say that there are as many 18-year-olds who are not adults as there are "teenagers" who are adults before they reach that milestone age of 18.

Mrs. Edith Lindsay, work experience: I can't say that I have experienced a feeling of security with many bus drivers in my life, and they were middle aged. If the driver were 18 years old, my apprehension could quite conceivably be intensified, since it usually takes a lot of living to place true value on life. At 18, I would not have driven a bus with the same feeling of responsibility that I have now. I contend that human nature hasn't altered in that respect. Hiring for this position should be based on a mature attitude of the applicant, despite age.



**Mrs. Edith Lindsay**

Mrs. Mary Williamson: I would not feel ill at ease if an 18-year-old should be a competent driver. I would certainly prefer this to an older person.

Helen Lavin, secretary, adult how can we use a dual standard and worry about the 18-year-old adult education: I agree with hiring an older person with much driving experience for a bus driver; however, there are many types of jobs that can be given 18-year-olds where age is not a factor, and inexperience would not keep them from getting the job. The job to be done should be the factor, not whether the law says 18 is an adult. I held a very responsible job at 18. I also had driven a car already 2 years at 18, but not a school bus.

Mrs. Drothy Fromm, secretary: I do not feel an 18-year-old has had enough experience behind the wheel to permit them to be responsible for the lives of others. I totally agree with the city transit superintendent.

John Myerchin, counselor: I feel that this example and several others, including the interpretation of some school regulations, have made a mockery of the law. It appears that the 18-year-old will be held fully responsible as an adult, but he won't be allowed to participate in many of the privileges accorded to adults.

Russ Sterger, sophomore: I feel that if they are qualified for the job they should get it, no matter what age they are. As with driving a bus, I feel that someone who has been driving for a long time and has had more experience at it should get the job. This would cancel out the young teenager in this aspect. I agree with the superintendent.

Roger Standifer, senior: I don't think 18-year-olds have had enough driving experience, plus they would not have the know-how to cope with the problem the students on the bus would have. they would also be too close, age wise, to any high school students, to make them mind and follow the rules.

Mr. Milt Smaha, teacher: The California Vehicle Code allows a person of age 18 to drive a school bus transporting pupils to or from school. Since our children are supposed to be our most precious assets of the future, driving the aged and they will not trust him, yet they will allow our kids to be driven by the same aged person? I think a well trained 18-year-old adult driver could qualify as well as any other driver.

Mrs. Idabelle Conroy, secretary: What grandma isn't proud to ride with her grandson!

Daniel Dorado, sophomore: The law that says 18-year-old are adults is really no good. For example, my friend who is 18 wanted to buy a car, and he had to have a co-signer for the loan company.

Vera Jacobson, sophomore: Why shouldn't they be able to drive a bus? If they have their license and are careful drivers, then they should get the job.

**Vera Jacobson**

Mr. John Knippel, teacher: As a former bus driver and trainer, I agree with the city's concern. There are a few exceptions as there are to any generalization but we are dealing with human lives as well as expensive pieces of property. Changing the legal status of an adult and having better education does not change the maturation process. Also most 18-year-olds have very limited experience in traffic and especially for handling a large cumbersome vehicle that accelerates slowly, turns wide and has twice the braking distance of the average car.

Mr. Randall McKay, teacher: If a young person were to get a job driving a bus, I don't believe that he would be chosen for the job if he were incompetent. His testing and screening would undoubtedly be quite stingent, thereby producing a good bus driver. In many jobs, young minds and energies are the catalyst of success.

Mrs. Majoerie Rawlinson, recorder: I believe 18 to 21-year-old adults should be hired for many city jobs but not as bus drivers for the reason of their own mental health as well as the passengers; feelings.

To drive a city bus, and to cope steadily for eight hours with traffic, plus the public, plus schedules, transfers, handling and checking the money, takes several years of experience and maturity. A young adult could secure experiences for a city us driver by first driving a truck, then a school bus (which isn't 8 hours of steady driving in traffic and doesn't involve handling money).

It takes maturity and experience to drive with the comfort of the passengers in mind. The last over-21-but-young driver I rode with drove too fast between stops, stopped too abruptly, passed by passengers waiting for the bus, and it was an unpleasant experience, not at all like riding with the other drivers.

**Mr. Milt Smaha**

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for so many years. The need 27 years ago the island isn't necessary the need of this country today, nor has it been for many years. The time and money should have been channeled into different resources, such as ecology and helping the poor, other than an island where efforts to help were totally unappreciated.

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