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This Trip Is Necessary

Being against city officials taking out-of-town trips to important conferences seems to be in the same classification as being against sin and communism. It is easy to criticize and very few defenders can be found.

But The Observer feels that the Garden City citizens who are upset about several of their city officials making the June Mayors' Conference are on the wrong side of the fence.

The fact that the conference is being held in Honolulu, Hawaii, and therefore more expensive when it comes to airplane fares doesn't make the conference any more or less valuable when it comes to gaining valuable information.

Garden City has nothing to say about the location of the annual conferences, which was held in Dallas, Texas, last year

with no public furor which matches the Hawaii trip scheduled for this summer.

The conferences include numerous panel discussions and seminars where Garden City officials can acquire information and knowledge they couldn't gain in the week-to-week meetings and problems that occur only in their community.

By learning how full time mayors and councilmen handle similar problems, the Garden City officials would be better armed and educated when the problem lands in this community.

There is no foundation for objecting to spending \$100 to learn how to save \$1,000. The principle of municipal conferences is too valuable to be lost or damaged by the mere location of the conference itself.

—LEONARD POGOR

See It Through

There seems to be a good deal of consternation on the part of some persons about what are called "two-way" or "see-through" mirrors in two of Livonia's schools.

These mirrors are located only in Whitman Junior High School, where they look from the teachers' offices into the gymnasium; and in the boys' locker room at Franklin High School.

If the parents of children in these two

Letters To Editor:

I Am a Birch Member Editor:

The narrative herein is one of personal enlightenment and rational decision... preceded by years of doubt, confusion and high-numbering frustration!

It is difficult to pinpoint the birth of my political consciousness. I recall vividly the beans, salt pork, prunes, NIRA, WPA, and the weary, concerned, but courageous bearing of my parents during those dark days of the Depression. I remember Pearl Harbor, the patriotic national unity of the war effort, my sense of pride serving in the U. S. Army and Merchant Marine... and the happiness of VJ Day!

Perhaps this readjustment period was the origin of my anarchy. We had achieved a great victory... but had we truly won? At the war's end we were the most powerful nation on earth; and yet, we permitted the Communists, whom we saved from annihilation, to take the spoils. Why?

Meanwhile... back at the ranch in Washington, D.C., we allowed our "leaders," our elected representatives, to supine court (lower case intentional), and others to prostitute the U.S. Constitution... Increase federal power over the States and local government, piece-meal our national sovereignty to the United Nations and eventual

SENSE and NONSENSE

Associated Press carried a story about the State of California awarding \$19,000 to a widow in workmen's compensation following the worker's death due to lung cancer. Wallace Trau, the victim, was a lawyer who was reported to have worked 10 to 12 hours daily, often under extreme tension.

"He started out smoking one pack of cigarettes a day, but later was smoking three," was the explanation.

It seems that an employer in addition to paying a salary, providing soothing working conditions, and helping one plan for retirement now has another duty. The combination doctor and stern mother must also be added to make certain that each employee protects his health.

Some day the individual isn't going to have to make any decisions for himself.

An indication of the community's sense of values was evident within a 24-hour period last week in Garden City. More than 1,000 persons attended a basketball game Thursday night in West High School. About 40 attended a public meeting the following night to rally support for a state tax reform program which would benefit public school students.

It seems that people care more about burrow than burden.

A C&O freight car that was headed east over the weekend must have spent some time parked on a conservative siding. Scrawled on the side of the car—in red paint was the John Birch Society's phrase "Impeach Earl Warren."

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Letters to the Editor:

View From Inside GOP

Editor:

Of all written coverage on the Republican State convention concerning especially the 19th Congressional District, your Chandler-Richard story was the best. It was detailed and documented.

To have thoroughly understood the two-camp view of the Oakland delegation however, one needed to witness the district convention, Jan. 31. The dispute did not stem from a conservative or moderate split. The delegates nominated by legislative district caucus prior to that convention represented the entire spectrum of Republican political philosophy BUT they had one characteristic in common—proven and demonstrated party participation; they had worked for the entire GOP ticket. This group was seated at the State convention.

The opposing Oakland delegates included a number of persons proven not to have even voted in the fall election, a person who had indicated his party preference as Democrat when seeking appointive office, many persons whose political participation first began the night of the district convention and others who are still involved in recounting a lost primary election.

I am, of course, delighted that the caucus delegates were seated. These delegates who chose party leadership for the next two years were eminently qualified to so select an organization. They represent a broad variation in political views.

Although political views within a party organization may vary considerably, the members must be united in one purpose: the winning of elections for all party candidates in a general election. Those who have specific candidate preferences belong in the election organization of the candidate or candidates they prefer.

A political party is a vehicle for candidates, with certain similarities in their views of government, designed to help them win elections. Mistakenly, many people feel that the political party is a debating society for establishing a rigid political philosophy, or a proving ground for the worth of any candidate.

Most voters who for no candidates or party but still decide the primary and general election results. A party organization in which philosophical debate is the prime purpose will have the least influence on the electorate. A party organization with a positive purpose of winning election can and has influenced Michigan voters.

Chairman
18th Wayne GOP
Man Driver Disagrees With 'Impressions'
Editor:

I read with great interest the column "Impressions" by

From the Publisher's Desk

OBSERVATION POINT

By Philip H. Power

(Editor's Note: Philip Power, Observer Publisher, has been in Istanbul over the past week. The following column, written from Istanbul and sent to The Observers, is the first of a series of reports from his trip.)

ISTANBUL — Americans who live in the suburbs are very rich and exceedingly fat.

To most of us, this is no news. Nor is it particularly interesting to read about. We have plenty of problems in our own communities without some guy trying to tell us that we are rich and fat.

The problem is that, from a Turkish point of view even from the point of view of most of the foreign colony living in Istanbul it is the dominant fact of their existence. To a visitor, coming directly from the Detroit area to Istanbul in less than 12 hours, the poverty of the people is the overwhelming sensation.

"Poverty is the everyday condition of life for over half of the world's population."

Quite true, we think. Then we skip by to find some other, more interesting reading.

But you can't skip by it. Not when you're living in its midst. Nor can you get over the contrasts between ordinary American suburban life and the conditions of an ordinary Turk here in Istanbul.

Median income for Turkey is around \$100. Median income for the area served by The Observer newspaper is around \$9,000. To get an idea of exactly

OBSERVING the Scene...

By MYRA CHANDLER

Many times the right action comes about for the wrong reason.

I had a young friend this week put down his sign, shave off his beard, and go back to college. Do you know why? He said the ultra-liberals were too bigoted. They would not allow themselves to be criticized.

The promoters, likewise, of Adam Clayton Powell objected to his being unseated, not that he isn't guilty of flagrant behavior in Congress, but because they do not believe Congress has a legal right. Likewise he was recommended only to be censured by his peers, not because he was guiltless, but because they did not want him to be martyred. Maybe his constituents will be smarter than that.

For one, I am glad Jimmy Hoffa finally has to pay the penalty of his demeanor of public trust. But I do believe he was framed, railroaded and his trial was not legally within the framework of our courts. True, he is guilty of bribery and cheating—but so is the government, in the way they finally nailed him. Does the end justify the means?

Those against Daylight Saving Time are using emotional "means" for their argument saying "little children will be raped on their way to school in the dark." And the only pressure is coming from the golfers to have it lighter at night for an extra round.

Well this is nonsense. The only real argument in opposition can be presented legitimately by the farmers. The Legislators in Lansing who represent the farm landowners will probably try to get a Bill through in favor of Eastern Standard Time. Otherwise, if no Bill is voted on by April 1, the Federal Uniform Time Act goes into effect and the entire state will be on Daylight Saving Time no matter what the Legislature does. The Senate passed a bill to exempt Michigan from the Federal Uniform Time Act. But the House is split on the matter.

House leader Robert Waldron said Democrats should vote by what is good for their own district and not on party lines.

They do not have long to decide and the tug of war is evident.

Senate Minority Leader Raymond Dzendzel also urged Representatives to take a sounding of their district before they vote.

The tug of war could grow to a fist fight on the floor if each listens to what his area is saying.

In a case affecting the entire state it is not logical to weigh the advantages and disadvantages to the entire State?

Daylight Saving Time may affect the farmers in Traverse City, but what if the entire State is on an entirely different time schedule from most other states for six months of the year? Could not the confusion affect commerce, transportation and communications? How about television and radio where the national networks and Federal Regulating Agencies will base their schedules on Daylight Saving Time—and Michigan is an hour off?

In the long run might this not even be bad for the farmers in our State and really affect the whole of Michigan's economy, being an hour out of step with the nation.

The Legislators must decide, but why do their leaders not urge them to decide as Statesmen, not nook and cranny politicians?

Letter To Editor

Atts: Charter Comm. Open Letter To Charter Commission

The present charter specifies that after Council action the Mayor has the opportunity to veto such action any time prior to the next regular meeting. The Council may then consider its vote, but such action must be taken during said meeting.

Due to the time involved in preparing minutes (and review by the Mayor) the Mayor's veto letter usually arrives at the Council office just prior to the calling to order of the regular meeting. Therefore, the Council is totally unprepared to review its action and often acts hastily in such matters.

It is my recommendation that in the new charter (or amendment thereto) the requirement that Council act at the next regular meeting to override or concur with a veto be revised so that action or non-action be delayed until the second succeeding meeting after the meeting in which the item was originally passed by the Council.

This actually delays the effective date of any such action... usually about another week; however, I see no fault in having an additional week's delay on matters where there is a difference of opinion between the Mayor and the Council. Further, it would give the Council at least a week's time in study and review its action rather than requiring that it act without proper consideration.

Rudolph R. Kleinstadt
City of Livonia
Ed. note: Good point.

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