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## How Is the War Going in Viet-Nam?

The Bremerton, Wash., "Sun" recently made an interesting compilation of official remarks on Viet-Nam. They speak for themselves:

Sec. of the Army Brucker in 1955: "With a little more training the Vietnamese army will be the equal of any other."

Gen. O'Daniel, American aide to Vietnam in 1959: "The American aid program has proved an enormous success, one of the major victories of American policy."

O'Daniel in 1961: "The Communists now realize they can never conquer Vietnam."

Sec. of Defense McNamara in 1962: "Every quantitative measurement shows we're winning the war."

Adm. Felt in 1963: "The South Vietnamese should achieve victory in three years." Arthur Sylvester, assistant Sec. of Defense the same year: "The

## Redistricting the High Schools

The Oregon School Activities Assn. has done a good job realigning the state's prep leagues except for one aberration...the myopic insistence on keeping the eight-team football playoffs.

The OSAA's rigid demands for eight Class AAA districts leads to such problems as that in the Metro league this year when Sunset has the better record, yet David Douglas wins the championship. The Scots, you see, fared better under the league's extremely-complicated point system.

The OSAA can permit only eight Class AAA districts since only eight teams can get into a football playoff; any more would leave some byes and thus problems.

corner has definitely been turned."

Sec. of State Rusk in 1964: "The Vietnamese themselves can handle this problem." Rusk in 1966: "There is an erosion of enemy morale."

Ambassador Lodge in 1967: "I expect the war to achieve very sensational results in 1967."

Gen. Westmoreland in 1967: "We have succeeded in attaining our objectives." Later that same year: "The end begins to come into view."

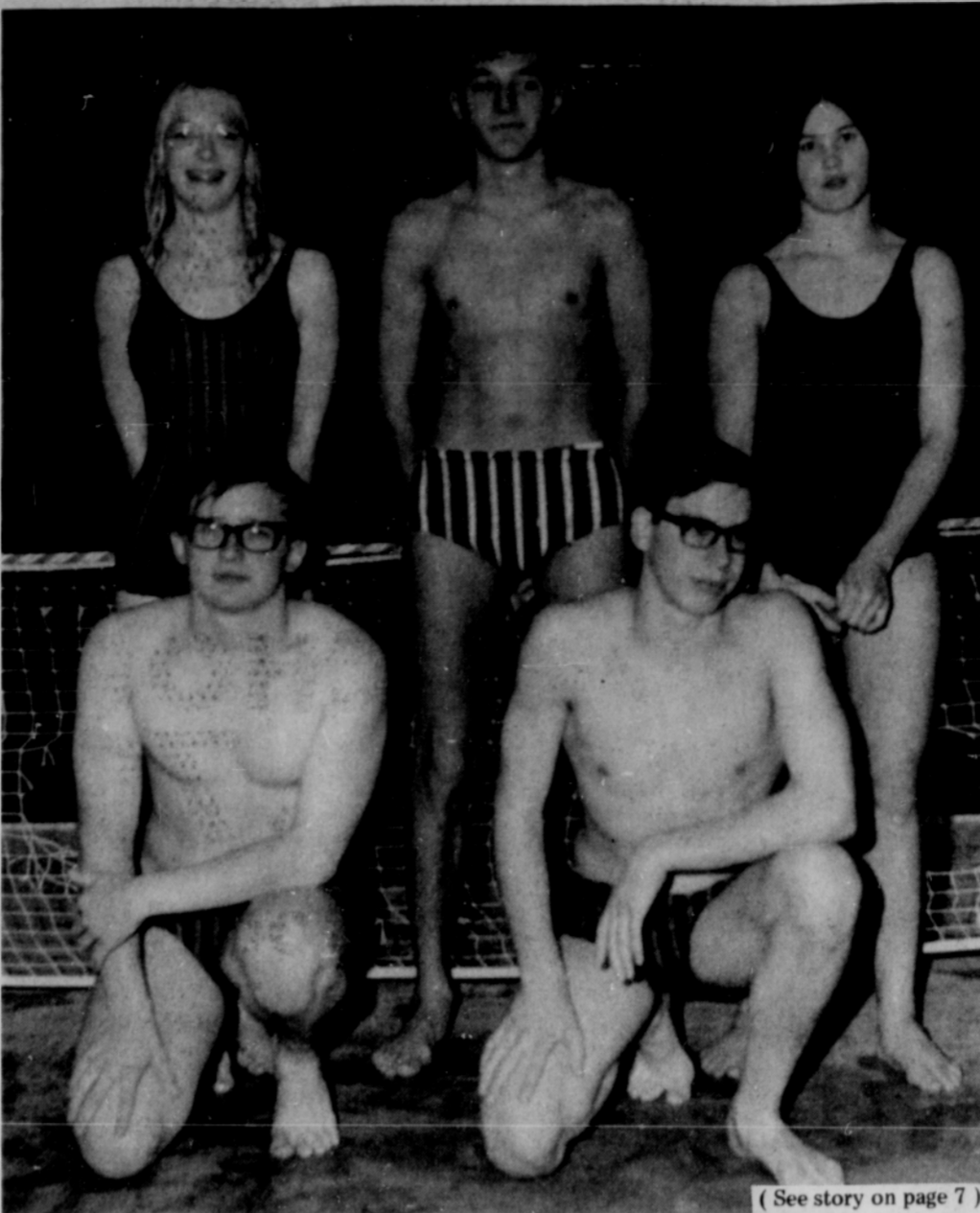
Sec. of Defense Laird a few weeks ago: "Tremendous progress has been made in Vietnamization of the war and we are turning the corner."

The dreary recital could go on and on, but the words speak for themselves. All this drivel cannot hide the fact that we are not winning the war, all we are doing is sacrificing American lives needlessly, shamefully.

But if the existing leagues were divided properly, each team would play every other team. There always would be a clear-cut champion.

In its insistence, however, on only eight districts, the OSAA has created leagues with 15 teams (District 4), 12 (District 3) etc. District 4 obviously could be divided into two leagues...but this would foul up the OSAA's football playoffs.

We're not at all convinced that the football playoffs are a worthwhile thing; neither are a lot of educators. It seems to us that meaningful divisions within existing leagues are more important than football playoffs which at best involve only eight schools.



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HEADED FOR STATE Swimming Championships at Eugene this week end are these five Pioneer swim team members. In front row are John Johnson, left, and Ron Kipp. Standing are Laurie Samsel, left, Rob Bignall and Kathy Cousing. (Post photo)

## ★ Letters to the Editor ★ L and C Choir Dates Concert

Editor  
The Sandy Post

In reply to the housing article in The Sandy Post issue of Thursday, November 6, 1969, please be advised:

"Mr. Wallace Telford, Executive Director of The Housing Authority of Clackamas County states that this is not migratory housing and has nothing to do with bringing in migrant or welfare families. The homes are built to accommodate only those in need in the community. The City determines this need and the number of homes needed. The housing program is only started in the community after the City has requested the Local Housing Authority to do so.

If the City wishes to proceed with the program it will provide

homes for those low income families with permanent residency in the community. Local low income families in need are generally assigned housing on a basis of:

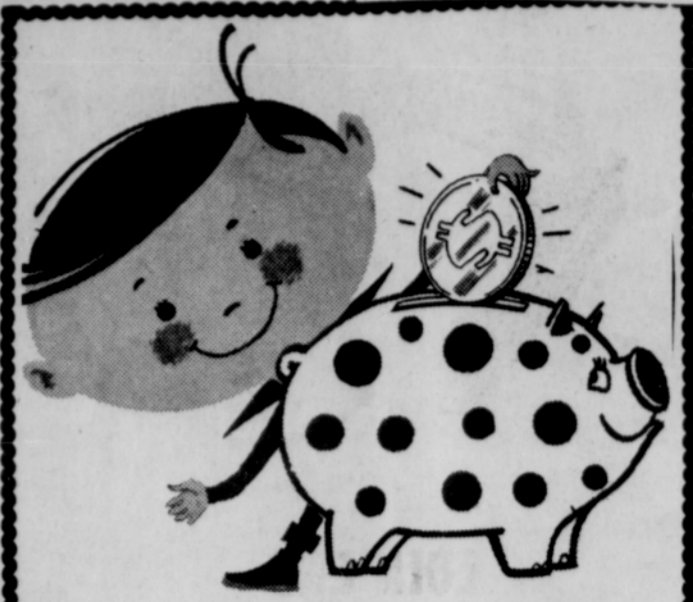
50 per cent for elderly families,  
10 per cent for disabled families,  
25 per cent for veteran families,  
15 per cent for welfare families."

Sincerely,  
Wallace M. Telford  
Executive Director

**HELP!**  
CLEAN UP SANDY

## Kiwanis Slates Fruit Cake Sale

Holiday fruit cakes will be offered for sale by the Sandy Kiwanis Club at three locations in Sandy this weekend. Joel Medders, President of the Sandy Kiwanis Club, announced the wives of Kiwanians would be staffing the fruit cake display tables. The one and a half pound Benson' Old Home Fruit Cakes will be sold for \$2.00 each. Proceeds will go to the Sandy Kiwanis Community Service fund. Medders said arrangements had been made for display tables at the Clackamas County Bank, Rexall Drug and at Ceder Plaza. The sale will begin Friday afternoon and continue through Saturday.



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By Bob Kaye



We have to accept the fact that our society is in the midst of vast and deep seated change; that the viewpoints of the young differ from those of their elders to a greater degree and in more fundamental ways than has been usual in the past.

There probably have been such periods before, but never in the history that we know about has mankind faced the crucially fundamental problems that threaten its very survival to the extent that it faces them today. Youth is the time when instinct requires it to venture out upon new paths, when it is relatively unbound by habit and tradition. Age becomes cautious and conservative. Therefore, it is not to be wondered at that the cleavage between generations has become intensified.

There is one aspect of this situation that needs to be considered if we are to understand it more fully. This relates to the vast change in the economic climate of our country that has occurred in the last 30 to 40 years. Possibly it takes someone like myself, who has lived through these years, to comprehend the tremendous change in attitude and thinking that this change in the economy has wrought. People are ruled by habits of mind no less than by habits of muscles and both are formed in their youth by the pressures of their environment. Nothing is more illustrative of the differing viewpoints between the young and the old today than their attitudes toward money and the things money stands for.

My generation, for sure, did

not like the world they saw when they left the nest. The depression years stared us in the face. It was not an affluent society, in fact it was an economic situation where worry, want, hardship and hopelessness were permanent guests in nearly every household, in some degree at least.

It was not a question of a college graduate being able to pick and choose among the positions being offered. It was considered fortunate if one found any sort of permanent work to do no matter how humble and unglamorous it might be.

Like youngsters of any period we fell in love, wanted to marry, have children and form households of our own. The crucial question was, could we afford it? In many cases we couldn't. Money was the scarcest commodity around. We did not think in terms of getting a "position" with all its prestige and fringe benefits. Our ambition was mainly to get and hold a job. It was any port in a storm.

Our children are the parents of today's youngsters. Fear of want and economic insecurity in their childhood moulded their ambitions. Neither we nor they were politically minded, nor do I believe that either generation was particularly critical of their parents in the current sense of the word. We were too busy trying to survive and they were too busy trying to rebuild the ruins of an economic system to give much thought to extraneous matters.

We, in our day, were too uncertain of our own com-

petence and too conditioned to accept the judgement and leadership of adults to rebel against them. Things were tough enough as they were without injecting discord and disorder within the family and community. Our children were too dedicated to attaining security to feel free to rock the boat. No one could possibly expect to "get ahead" by being a rebel in word or deed. Therefore, conformity became king by necessity. Is it any wonder that the man in the grey flannel suit in his tick-tackey houses and his cooky-cutter jobs became the symbol of that period?

Before young people of the "now" generation get entirely carried away with the unbridled brashness and overwhelming sense of their own infallibility that seems so often to characterize their attitude towards their elders, I wish they would pause and reflect that the previous generation managed to create out of an economic chaos the most affluent society the world has ever known. They literally converted rags into riches. Not only that, but they were universally involved in four years of war which disrupted their lives to a degree that is unimaginable by today's youth.

I would feel more sympathy for the young in their struggle to break the mold of conformity and hypocrisy that they fight against if they would acknowledge the debt they owe to their parental generation. They are getting a free ride on easy dollars created by their parents and can now afford to be angry. They cannot afford to be ungrateful.

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