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Impressions

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Los Angeles may be the city of angels, but one's first impression is that it is a city of people, and more people.

This was the second year in a row that I have spent a short time in Los Angeles or vicinity, and while a week is certainly not sufficient time to evaluate any city, it is time enough to gather some lasting impressions of an area and its occupants.

The area of Los Angeles and vicinity includes over two million people, and the number of people coming into and out of this area per month is staggering. The city of Pasadena, for instance, where I spent most of that week, has about 2,000 to 3,000 people moving in monthly.

Naturally such a congestion and confusion breeds problems. It is in large expanding areas such as this that one begins to see the raw results of the phrase "for the good of the majority."

Freeways are installed ruthlessly, without regard for any individual or their rights. The entire area is like a huge animal that is constantly gathering everything of the area into itself, and spewing out only that which it cannot readily absorb.

Water and power are being taken from areas to the north and brought into the area by aqueduct and power lines. And through it all, an outsider gains the impression that for the growth of the city itself any means is justified to gain the end.

It is easy to see why the area has expanded so greatly. It reaches out like a huge octopus to gather in everything valuable in the area, to make it a part of its ever growing circle.

In a sense, it is like a human being. It is concerned only with whatever affects its own well being, and has the feeling that the rest of the world exists for it rather than the other way around.

For instance, let's take the smog problem. I noticed a great improvement in the smog situation in the past year's time. A year ago, it was so strong that it made your eyes smart, and it was easily apparent a block away.

Some fantastic ideas had been proposed for alleviating the condition. One of these was the building of a huge tunnel through the mountains to a valley on the other side, and by the use of fans, carrying smog out of the area.

There were others, equally as fantastic. However, acting in concert, the area has banned completely the use of outside incinerators. They have imposed a heavy penalty for anyone using these for burning rubbish. They apparently have not yet gotten around to banning outside barbecue pits but that may come next.

The problem is understandable. There must be just about two million automobiles in the area alone. Add these fumes to those of a busy city and you have an idea why such a thing as "smog" occurs.

The chief concern of the area seems to be how to get the auto traffic in and out of Los Angeles. Freeways have been built everywhere, and traffic problems seem to have top priority.

One thing about those freeways, they are no place for the faint hearted nor the novice driver. Only the most reckless drive the inside lane. Myself, I was on the extreme outside, and even then almost got shoved off the highway.

A word of warning, though, if you're not familiar with those big city streets . . . they move some of them at night.

Everytime that I went some place at night, I found that they had moved some of the streets when I started back, and I had to ask some service station attendant where they had moved them before I found my way home.

Incidentally, they're also building a new mental institution in the Los Angeles area. A friend of mine told me that the reason for it sprang from the fact that all the Midwesterners came to Los Angeles expecting to pick up gold in the streets, and when they couldn't find it, they went crazy.

That may be, but confidentially with all the traffic, all the people, and all the problems, it's a wonder they are not all in institutions.

Myself, being a more rural minded gentleman (country hick, I think they call it), I was more than anxious to swap the city of angels for the piece and quiet of Klamath Falls.

er handout from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The four-page folder, No. 110 in this particular free service series, carries the reprint of 21 pictures about a new daily food guide which is offered "free" by the USDA. All newspapers and magazines are invited to write for glossy prints of the 21 pictures.

Now the only money the USDA has to spend is the money it gets from you and me as taxpayers. Let's look at what this picture and editorial service could cost, remembering that you and I foot the bill.

There are conservatively 1,500 daily and weekly newspapers publishing food pages in the nation. At a price of a dollar a print, the pictures are going to cost somebody \$31,500 if all those newspapers order them. This is obviously the 110th such offer, so, if accepted by newspapers alone (not counting magazines), the total would be getting close to three and one-half million dollars. By the time you add salaries for stuffing envelopes, cost of the envelopes, wages paid to persons who handle them through our intricate postal system, you run up a pretty sizable bill for "free" offers for you and me to pay for.

We're not going to write for the pictures. We get better and more versatile material already from private industry such as homemaking departments of the big food corporations, meat, dairy, potato, rice and cereal institutes.

A few thousand dollars more here and a few thousand there, added to the already overwhelming cost of government operation, takes just that much more out of our income in the form of taxes. Let's call for a stop to these ever-increasing "free services" we don't need and don't want.

Stop Free Services at Washington — SPSAW — might read this way: Spend For Self At Will — and might well be one more way of keeping more dollars in circulation for greater prosperity in America.

you let one thing go, everything can go."

Everyone, she believes, does well to create at least some aura of mystery, and to retain some area of personal privacy.

"Show business today has become everybody's business," continued the sprightly blonde singer, frowning. "While fans are flattered to think they are in the real know, they also miss something—the chance to idolize and idealize. If there is no mystery left, there is nothing to idealize."

How can the old glamor of the entertainment world be restored? "I doubt it much can be done now," said Vivian frankly. "It would be a long and subtle process."

"You can't do it anymore by having a star hide behind a wall. That would only make Mr. and Mrs. American public break out laughing."

"They have tried to bring back the glamor bit, as in the case of Marilyn Monroe. But how? I'll bet the bust, waist, and hip measurements of Greta Garbo and Pola Negri weren't widely published. Their glamor was based on a sense of mystery."

Miss Blaine, a Newark, N.J., lass who started her career as a dance band singer at 14, would like to change some of the glamor surrounding herself. It is the glamor she won by portraying "Miss Adelaide," the eternal blonde fiancée in "Guys and Dolls."

"In five years I played the role about 2,000 times," she recalled. "The character became like a rope around my neck."

"I typed me. I have been closely identified with musicals and comedy, and if I wind up with them I won't be unhappy. But I also like to play a heavy role now and then."

"Only in that way can you prove to yourself you have areas within you that you hope are there. It also helps you stay alive—both to the public and to yourself."

Manufacturers say about new demand for both new and old products: General American Transportation Co., Chicago: "New business booked in February was a new high for the month, and, most important, largely for end applications in industries we were not supplying two years ago."

Capac Industries, Capac, Mich.: "Increased demand from the automotive industry for molded housings for heaters and duct couplings, and heavy demand for plastic packaging and special heavy wall plastic products."

General Industries, Elyria, Ohio: "We are molding plastic parts for a greater number of different industries and in fields we never thought would be the substantial users of plastics they are."

No Glamor

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Who took the glamor out of show business? "The stars themselves," said Vivian Blaine firmly.

"They did it by letting down the bars of their privacy and inviting the world into their homes. Of course, a star has to have a home life, or his existence is pretty vacuous."

"But I doubt that show business has been enhanced by allowing the public to come behind the scenes and see what makes a star tick in every aspect of his life. "What show business needs is a little more mystery."

Miss Blaine, who provides some of the more uproarious laughs in the hit Broadway musical, "Say, Darling," also thinks many stars are getting entirely too folksy in their attire.

"Movie stars, male or female, make a big mistake in going around sloppily dressed," she remarked. "The fans look at them and ask, 'This is glamor?'"

"I don't say you have to be glittering all the time, but you certainly should be neat and well-groomed."

"Viv feels the American housewife, as well as stars of stage, screen and television, could do with a bit more sprucing up."

"Women should dress up more—even if the only one who sees them during the day is the grocer," she said. "There is such a thing as self-respect and self-discipline."

"You can't let yourself go. If

Rising Sales

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—The plastics industry is busily raiding markets once served by metals and other materials as new plastics and new uses will assure it another year of rising sales.

The Society of the Plastics Industry, after a survey of leading makers of molds and tools, reports today that 1958 sales so far are either keeping pace with 1957 or exceeding last year's figures by as much as 40 per cent in some companies.

Another segment of the industry, plastic pipe, which has seen sales boom from 500,000 pounds in 1947 to 58 million pounds in 1957, predicts it will sell 60 million pounds this year for around 30 million dollars.

SPI credits much of the gain in plastic sales to the last two years of research and production progress, which are now bearing fruit.

But part of the gain in use of plastics has been sparked outside the industry of late by manufacturers seeking ways in the recession to cut costs, both of materials and of production processes, and to bolster retail sales by redesigning old products or introducing new ones.

Plastic pipe makers have found a big field in the irrigated sections of the West, in water lines around the farm or home, including the new boom in swimming pools, and in some industrial processes where corrosion can be a big cost factor.

"This pipe costs about as much as metal ones but salesmen say it's much easier and less expensive to install. Here is what some mold man-

Sunny Side

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles—the driver of our foreign policy bus — likes to stay on the sunny side of the street that leads to happy boulevard.

He wears optimism like a vest, buttoned tight. True, he has some gloomy moments. But they don't last long. And he seldom finds anything wrong with his own roadmanship.

It was a rather sunny account of our foreign policy that he gave the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week. He listed a number of things we're doing to make our problems come out right.

"I see," he said, "a prospect that provides good ground for hope. We are not being tossed about rudderless on a sea of change. We are guiding and influencing the character of change."

He conceded "our record is not perfect" and added: "We have no doubt done some things we should not have done and not done all that we should have done." But he didn't mention any errors by name.

And he didn't say anything about such recent setbacks as the stoning of Vice President Nixon in Latin America, or the growing anti-Westernism in the Middle East, or the fact the Soviets are out in front with missiles.

Instead he turned to what he called the "Communist balance sheet" and found it didn't balance because the Soviet problems are simply "insoluble."

Only six of the committee's 15 members were in their seats to hear Dulles.

Dulles has had some unpleasant moments with this committee whose members have heard him say one thing one time and what appeared to be just the opposite the next time.

For instance: he must have been having one of his gloomy periods back in December 1955, when he said:

The Soviet zigzag policy seemed ended; they were opening dangerous new roads in the cold war; there was a rebirth; and they might be getting more confident because they were stronger.

But two months later, in February 1956, he said the Soviet leaders had to ditch Stalinism; their policy of "intolerance and violence" had failed because of free world firmness; and the Soviets were in a "very bad way."

This so angered Sen. William Fulbright (D-Ark) — or maybe it was because of the switch from December — that he complained Dulles was "treating us as children, ready to clap in delight at every fairy story, no matter how fanciful."

Dulles seems a little more relaxed now. Back in those days the word "panic" was on his mind. He repeatedly warned this country not to be "panicked" by what the Soviets were doing although to others the country seemed perfectly calm.

He hasn't used the word "panic" in a long time. What's been bothering Dulles, with his long training in diplomacy, is Soviet propaganda and the way they use it for diplomatic purposes.

But he acknowledged recently we're getting a little better at propaganda ourselves.

Thanks

Midland (To The Editor) — The Midland Community Club wishes to thank the many firms and individuals who have donated items for the Community Hall. The kitchen and dining room will soon be completed.

The hall will be a recreation center for the entire Midland area. Ray Peery has installed a piano at the hall, and a number of local children are taking music lessons.

Plans are under way to have several fund raising projects in the immediate future, the first of which will be a pancake supper and quilt raffle June 14.

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Free Services

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Let's have a new national week: "Stop Free Services at Washington."

The latest "free" service reaching my desk is the offer of another

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

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Here's How They Voted:

WASHINGTON (AP) — How Oregon and Washington members of Congress were recorded as voting on recent roll calls:

Senate:

On Knowland (R-Calif) amendment to mutual security bill to prohibit aid to Communist countries, adopted 43-2: Against — Jackson, Magnuson, Morse, Neuberger (all Democrats).

On Williams (R-Del) amendment to same bill to prohibit aid to Dominican Republic, rejected 46-33: For — Jackson, Magnuson, Morse; Against — Neuberger.

House:

On Sikes (D-Fla) amendment to Defense Department appropriation bill to provide for Army of 900,000 instead of 870,000 recommended by President Eisenhower, adopted 224-158: For — Porter (D), Ullman (D); Against — Green (D), Magnuson (D), Holmes (R), Horan (R), Mack (R), Norblad (R), Pelly (R), Westland (R); Not voting — Tileston (R).

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GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — A leading Colorado educator thinks too much emphasis may be placed on the appearance of colleges and universities. Quigg Newton, president of the University of Colorado, told a civic group here, "I sometimes think our institutions are too beautiful and give the impression we have everything we need." Newton said he is seeking higher pay for teachers.

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