

# HERB CAEN It's News to Me

## Memos to Myself:

Hollywood is showing a flicker of interest in filming the life story of A. P. Giannini, the banking behemoth—which is why his biographer, Julian Dana, hopped southward yesterday via Western; after seven long years of work, Dana has just finished writing "A. P. Giannini, Giant of the West," and three major studios want first peek. . . . The beef over who has the right to use the name "Coffee Dan" was settled Mon. out of court—and, starting tomorrow, Sam Miller can at last hoist that monicker over his Mason st. late spot; the original "Coffee Dan's" son, John Davis of San Jose, relinquished the rights for a sizable chunk of cash. . . . Life can be beautiful dept. Lou Wolcher, who was fined \$1000 (my!) and placed on probation for a year for selling black market likker—and who, while on probation, was arrested for being drunk in and around an automobile—is currently enjoying his probationary period on the sunny strands of Florida!

As the papers noted yesterday, Roger-Dodger Lapham lashed back angrily at two of his Supervisor-critics Mon., accusing Marvin Lewis of wanting to be Dist. Atty., and Ed Mancuso of having a yen for a Judgeship. All of which deeply wounded Daily Operator Geo. Christy, another Lapham heckler. "Gosh," sighed George to Hizoner, "you gonna leave me just a poor milkman?" . . . Hm. I suppose if I printed the name of the big brewer who won \$17,000 on Oihaverry's longshot victory at Santanita, the boat's radar in action. After the demonstration, Dr. Grady turned to the "Sacramento's" veteran master, Capt. Warren J. Susan, and smiled: "Interesting job you've got, Captain." Sighed Capt. Susan: "I suppose so—but it gets a little monotonous. Do you realize I've been on this run for 43 solid years and I STILL haven't seen the other side of Goat Island?" Dr. Grady promised to do something about getting Yerba Buena turned around. . . . For the how's-that-again? dept. I have no idea what he meant, but this is what Fire Commr. Jim Sullivan said during his pep talk to candidates for the city fire dept.: "I want you new men to go up the ladder. Take all the examinations for Lieutenant, for Captain, all the way up to Battalion Chief. And vice versa! Anyway, that's one way of getting 'em down the ladder."

Although they ran off to Reno last Wed. and got married, only to agree to an annulment two days later, there they were holding hands and talking soft talk in the Empire's Plush Room Mon. night. I mean Roderick Fraser of a prominent Penins. family, and Victoria Hilton, pretty blonde showgal. But young Fraser, who claims he was tight when he got hitched, says sobriety there'll be no reconciliation. And although Victoria acts like she still loves him, tra-la, her lawyer keeps making noises like his lovely client should get some heart balm in the form of currency. Confusing, isn't it? . . . Don't be surprised if Valentine Hammack of the U. S. Atty.-staff here was also a speech-prosecutor in the first Japanese war-crimes trials; decides to run against Dist. Atty. Pat Brown. . . . Shouldn't that second bay bridge, if any, be named after Emperor Norton—who first thought of spanning our puddle about 75 years ago?

Public Utilities Commr. Dan De Carlo is getting slightly fed up with the ceaseless discussions about street cars vs. busses, underpasses, freeways, subways, etc. Grouched he to Police Commr. Ed Turkington and Judge Eddie Murphy the other day: "I'm willing to settle for a canal up Market Street!" . . . Strictly a king-sized brawl in the Barbizon early Sunday morning. In walked three No. Beach hoods, obviously looking for a fight. The biggest one swung at Guy Cherney, and missed. Then he smacked Co-owner Sy Owens on the mouth. And THEN he decided to pick on fiftyish, gray-haired, stylish-stout Joe Bernstein. A great mistake. The old Silver Fox of Turk St. ducked a roundhouse, hit the bum twice, and laid him out flatter than the Marina. Curtain. . . . Local Democrats, acting like they're still in business, have already signed N. Y.'s Mayor Bill O'Dwyer for their Jefferson Day dinner at

# Lapham Fires Another Blast At Critics

Mayor Lapham's blood pressure, which has been rising steadily in reaction to supervisory criticism of his administration, particularly the Municipal Railway management, hit a new peak yesterday.

The Mayor, not satisfied with his impromptu blast at Supervisors Marvin Lewis, Edward Mancuso and George Christopher at a Supervisors' meeting Monday, continued the attack in a prepared statement. "In my three years' attendance at regular board meetings," he said, "I have been impressed by the actions of some board members whose unwarranted and unjustified statements obviously are made for the sole objective of obtaining publicity for themselves irrespective of the harm they do to the general cause of city government, to the reputations of many fine department officials and employees, and to their own colleagues on the board."

**HONEST CRITICISM**  
"I do not refer to honest and constructive criticism—that is always a good thing—but I have lost patience with those Supervisors who make loose and unfounded statements and who seem to think that they have a privilege to criticize, sneer at, and smear topside city servants in a most unfair manner. "If those who choose to be so critical would have the courtesy (and the common sense) to speak on facts rather than on fancy, I am sure their remarks would carry more weight with the public at large, as well as with those whom they treat so viciously without regard for cause or fair play."

**AMENDMENTS FEARED**  
The Supervisors last night were warned by William L. Henderson, secretary of the commission, that the supervisors and the commission will face a serious problem as a result of the numerous amendments recommended by the board to the commission's compensation schedules. Henderson said the board already has recommended amendments for approximately 130 of the 650 classifications of city employment. "If that ratio is maintained," he said, "there will be some 250 or 300 amendments, which poses a problem."

**COLMAN DEFEATED**  
Colman was voted down, 6 to 3, in an attempt to have the commission's report sent back without action on individual classifications. Supervisor Marvin Lewis charged the commission was at fault in failing to get the standardization schedules to the board two months ago, thus giving the board time for adequate consideration. The Board of Supervisors is the wage fixing authority. It can ignore commission recommendations and fix compensations on the basis of what it feels is justified.

**TAKES COURAGE**  
"Doing a good job in Government . . . and I am thinking of the thousands in our departments who do good jobs . . . takes more courage than doing the same job in private enterprise. I realize abuse is part of the game at any time, but I admonish Supervisor Lewis to deal in specific cases of fact rather than in general cases of fancy."

**Lapham Supports Proposed Long Range Highway Program**  
Mayor Lapham aligned himself with Governor Warren yesterday in urging adoption of the long-range highway program, to be financed by additional revenues, including an increase in the gasoline tax. The Mayor said he was making his position public in his capacity as one of the directors of the League of California Cities. Oil companies and others opposing the Governor's program, the Mayor said, "are stalling and attempting to have the Legislature take no action on this matter."

**Traffic Talk**  
Langdon Post, Federal Housing official, will address the Central Council of Civic Clubs Friday evening at Memorial Hall, Odd Fellows' building. Post will discuss traffic and transportation.

# City Salaries

## Board Urges \$15,000 for Dr. Geiger; Amendments to Pay Plan Criticized

A \$15,000 a year salary for Dr. J. C. Geiger, director of health, was recommended last night by the Board of Supervisors as it continued hearings on salary standardization. Dr. Geiger now receives \$10,800 annually. The Civil Service Commission's recommended raise to \$11,700 was called "inadequate" by the County Medical Society.

"I think it is about time," said Supervisor George Christopher in sponsoring the increase, "that the city recognize the responsibilities of Dr. Geiger's office and compensate him accordingly for his work." The recommendation of the board will be sent to the Civil Service Commission along with other revisions in the commission's proposed salary schedule.

By midnight the board had added more than \$1,000,000 to the Civil Service Commission's recommendations. "The commission is advised that it is the desire of the board to give first passage to the salary standardization ordinance on March 7 or 10. "The work of reviewing the proposed amendments for 200 or 300 classifications, analyzing and checking data justifying the raises, cannot be completed in time for the commission to prepare a report and transmit it to the board by March 10. Using all our facilities, it would require at least a week or 10 days."

**TIME LIMIT**  
The board has set a time schedule for itself to give final passage to the ordinance on March 21, although the charter states the board is not required to give final passage before April 1. In fixing the March 21 date, the board provided for action on a possible veto by Mayor Lapham. Notwithstanding Henderson's warning, the board last night continued a slow and deliberate survey of the various classifications. Criticism was also leveled at the board's tactics by Supervisor Jesse Colman, who leads the minority in the voting on the amendments. Observing the board was accepting without question the new data presented by the employees' spokesman, he added: "This is not right. I realize that there's an element of bunk here and that many members of the board realize that many of these raises will not and cannot be granted. "But I won't be a party to de-bunking anyone."

Colman added he was "not of a mind to be unduly liberal with the taxpayers' money." The standardization data being reviewed by the Supervisors includes recommendations to raise the pay of 452 city employees at a total annual cost of \$1,010,000. Minor members, led by Colman, declared the board's actions on salaries may peril deserved pay raises, either by failure to meet the legislative dead line or by running into a veto by the Mayor. Henderson estimated that to date the board's "across the board" pay policy has added \$788,000 to the payroll.

**STORES DONATE \$27,000 TO LOCAL RED CROSS CAMPAIGN**  
San Francisco's 1947 Red Cross drive yesterday received its largest contribution so far in the campaign, the goal in record time "as a demonstration of the city's gratitude to the men who fought in the war." Firms contributing were: City of San Francisco, representing 13,000 stores, donated \$27,000. Most of this fund will be allocated to the war wounded and to veterans. Joseph Magnin Co., O'Connor Motor Co., J. C. Penney, Ransohoff's, Roos Brothers, Sears, Roebuck & Co., and The White House. In a public appeal for \$987,000 to continue Red Cross activities here women workers.

# GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



... and the Red Cross is ever ready—what with nature, atomic bombs and Congress in session, who knows what disasters may occur!

# Metropolis

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## S. F. Business Set a Record In January

Any doubt about San Francisco's postwar growing pains was removed yesterday when the Chamber of Commerce made known the results of its January survey of business. The general business index rang the bell for a new high at 223.5, or 7.8 per cent above January a year ago. Retail department store sales were up 8.9 per cent; freight car movements, 5.9 per cent; electrical energy sales, 12.5 per cent; industrial and commercial gas sales, 11.2 per cent; water consumption, 27.3 per cent. Bank debts went up 15.7 per cent; airport traffic was up 10 per cent in terms of planes and 18.2 per cent in terms of passengers. Manufacturing industries in the Bay Area employed 121,300 wage earners, or 38,000 more than a year ago. Pay rolls were up 60.1 per cent. In the industrial field, 22 expansions for an aggregate expenditure of \$10,110,000 and 42 new industries with outlays of \$1,956,000, compared with 34 expansions for \$2,831,000, and 44 new industries for \$2,631,000 a year ago. January living costs were slightly less than December but 18.6 per cent above last January. Vehicular traffic across Golden Gate Bridge moved up from an average of 15,661 crossings daily a year ago to 16,532 this January.

## Board of Equalization

The State Board of Equalization met in the State building here yesterday to consider sales and franchise tax matters. It will continue these deliberations today. Tomorrow the board will take up appeals on liquor cases.

# City Paris

CITY OF **Paris** presents the short dress for a long evening

John Fredericks hat

... from five o'clock on... wand-slim, bare-shoulder sheath of black, pure silk shantung, with cover-up tunic, as shown in

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it's tops...  
it's terrific...  
it's **TRIFARI**

A touch of classic simplicity to gleam at your throat, your wrist . . . conventionalized wheat grain motif in a gleaming gold or silver finish. Choker 12.50, bracelet 7.50

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