

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Growing Up

Editor—Ah, yes, we all wanted to grow up to be President, didn't we? Well, I would like to share with you a recent personal experience in which I was shocked at my own behavior and at the depths to which the national scene has affected me.

During a recent trip to the grocery store, my youngest took some candy. I was reprimanding her and explaining why she should not steal. She is a particularly stubborn four year old and adamantly maintained her right to please herself. My exasperation at her turned into astonishment at myself as I heard myself say, "What do you want to do—grow up to be President?"

WANDA S. BURGESS.
Mill Valley.

'Hardest Test'

Editor — The Chronicle's vigorous support of Propositions A and B is appreciated by the parents and children of San Francisco's public schools. Your detailed account of the cost of these bonds lets us know the exact price of quake-safe schools and children's centers.

The Chronicle could perform a further public service if it itemized the costs of all projects in San Francisco, taxpayer financed, that never came before the voters.

Why do sports centers, garages, public and private buildings find ways of being built through "corporations" etc. while schools must face the hardest test of all, the taxpayers' vote?

BARBARA HOLMAN.
San Francisco.

UC Portfolio

Editor—The amazing power of America's largest corporations has historically been used to only one end — the further growth and larger profit of these same corporations. The irrationality of this practice is becoming more obvious every day as our problems — social, ecological and otherwise — continue to worsen and the super-corporations become more and

more powerful.

Thus it is regrettable that The Chronicle (Editorial, October 19) has decided to chasten those people who urged the University regents to be socially responsible in their handling of the \$456 million U.C. stock portfolio. Corporate profit — whether it ends up in the hands of some multimillionaire or of the University of California — must cease being an end in itself.

DAVID C. FUNDER.
Berkeley.

Dangerous Precedents

Editor — Like many Americans, I had resigned myself to suffering through another three years of Nixonian politics, but the Cox affair has made even that prospect totally unpalatable. It is imperative that Nixon be removed from office. It is lamentable his acts of moral shabbiness may be chargeable acts of "high crimes and misdemeanors," but the possibility that some future President might use these same unprincipled acts as historical precedents is a chilling thought. If for no other reason than that, we can no longer afford to keep Nixon.

D. M. MAY.
San Rafael.

Staying Clean

Editor— . . . I clipped an article from the May 9, 1973, Chronicle because I wondered then how long this man, who seemed at least halfway honest, would last. The article began, "Elliot L. Richardson brings to his new job as Attorney General that peculiar Boston political skill that enables him to get a dirty job done and still stay out of trouble."

JANE FRANKLIN.
Menlo Park.

Short Supply

Editor — Enlightened statesmanship is the fine gold dredged from the cauldron of political expediency. At this time the yield is in short supply.

JOSEPH BROOKE.
Berkeley.

Meat Loaf Day

Editor — Well, there goes another American tradition down the drain — no turkeys for most Americans on Thanksgiving Day. The turkey growers are busy chukling over their skinny, \$1.10 a pound birds and their plans to export many of them to Japan. Good — they are the only ones who will be able to afford them. Since most of our wheat is in Russia and our turkeys are going to Japan, I think Americans should start a new tradition and declare Thanksgiving "National Meat Loaf Day" or "National Macaroni and Cheese Day . . ."

CONSTANCE LEE.
Paso Robles.

'Vast Multitude'

Editor—We are members of that vast multitude, the silent majority who support our beloved President 100 per cent. God bless him.

EDWIN B. RIVERS,
MARY E. RIVERS.
Hayward.

Second Step

Editor — And the second step a successful dictator takes is to close down the newspapers. What I want to know is: Are you guys feeling sassy or scared?

BARBARA WHITNAH.
Berkeley.

Fingerprints

Editor — Must the State University Trustees and the University of California Regents submit their fingerprints as a condition of employment?

MIKE JOHNSON.
El Cerrito.

Impound Him

Editor—Impeachment isn't enough; we should impound the scoundrel.

ROBERT ANTON WILSON.
San Francisco.