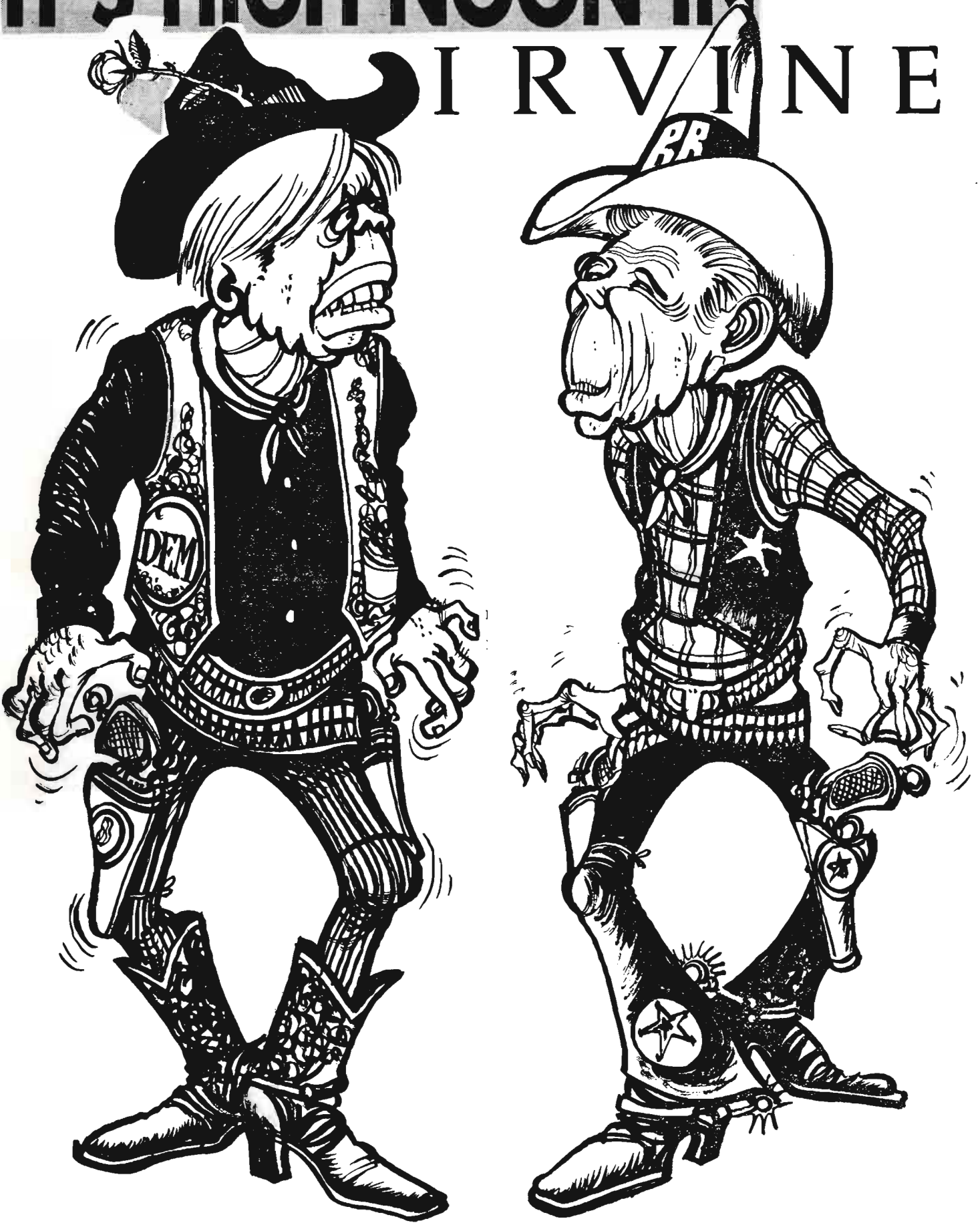


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# IT'S HIGH NOON IN IRVINE



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What have the two characters on the cover got to do with us? Not a thing, not a thing. We just wanted an excuse to dramatise the idea that it'll soon be High Noon in Irvine, Cal. - on October 11th that is, and it's really not too far away the way time fleets these days.

Frank Sinatra received a fan letter from a girl who asked for a job as his secretary - just to be around him. "I am willing to do anything for you" she wrote, "and when I say anything - I mean anything." His wife, Barbara, answered the girl: "Thank you for your letter and offer, but Mr. Sinatra has a good secretary and I do everything else - and when I say everything - I mean everything."

CHARLES CASTANEDO, (19th '50-'51), of 15514 Cadwell, La Puente, Cal., would like to hear from the Hawaiian members of the Division remembering when he was hospitalized.

Philosophy of an actual politician - it's true; he really said it: "Let me tell you the worst thing in American politics. It's getting \$400 cash in an envelope. When that happens, you don't know whether the guy who gave it to you took one or six". Can you believe it?

Guest room rates at The Registry Hotel are \$35 for singles and \$35 for doubles. Reservations have to be received by the hotel at 18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, Cal., by Sept. 26th.

If you think this issue is slanted, you'll be right. It's slanted to our west coast get together scheduled for October at the Registry Hotel located at the Orange County Airport in Irvine, Cal.

The key date is Saturday, Oct. 11, although reservations have already been made for rooms on Friday the 10th and Sunday the 12th. Such can be taken to mean that Saturday is going to be a full day and a busy one.

GILBERT PODGORNÝ, (H 34th '45-'46), of 855 Fordham, Chula Vista, Cal., reminds us that at one time, while stationed in Kobe, the first three men's names on Co. H 2nd BN, 34th Inf. Regt's roster were Akien, Baack, Bull. So, when the 1st Sgt. called roll, it sounded like: "Achen! Back! Bull!" That's O.K., Gil, thanks. It reminds us of the 1st Sgt. who, on ordering his men to fall in, would add: "In alphabetical order - beginning with the 'A's".

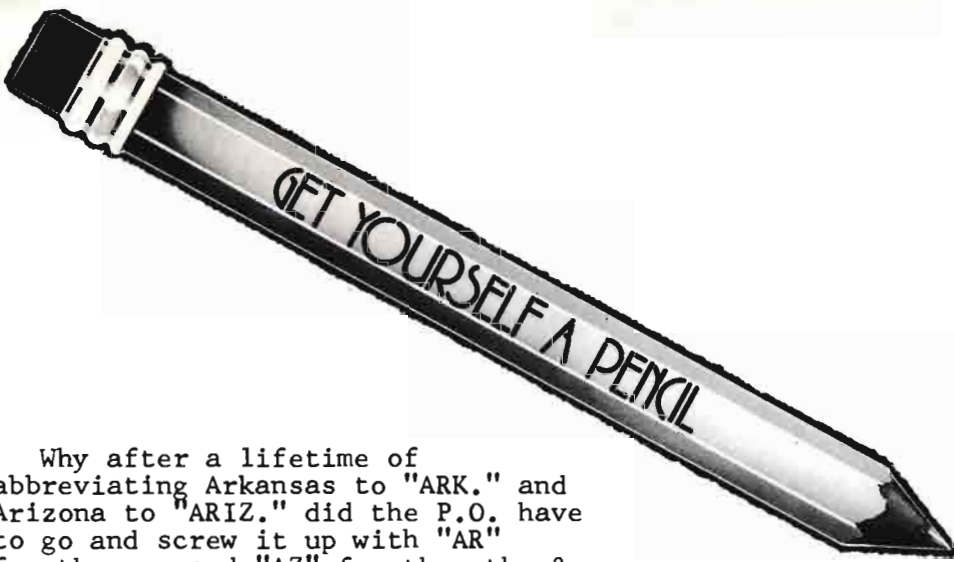
George Washington was not only a good politician, he was an alert parliamentarian. In 1787 at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, a proposal was made "That the standing army be restricted to 5,000 men at any one time." Since Washington, as presiding officer could not offer a motion, he turned to another member and whispered: "Amend the motion to provide that no foreign nation-enemy shall invade the United States at any time with more than 3,000 troops."



Introducing Mary and JIM ERWIN - of Morongo Valley, Cal. Jim was a Medic with A of the 21st in '50 and '51.

Plan your time so as to make both our gathering-of-the-clan at The Registry Hotel and the Queen Mary at Long Beach. For the Elegant Lady, just take the Long Beach Freeway south to the "Queen Mary" exit. You can stay aboard her - 400 original state-rooms. And there are restaurant facilities on board. Sweepers, man your brooms - the smoking lamp is lighted.





Why after a lifetime of abbreviating Arkansas to "ARK." and Arizona to "ARIZ." did the P.O. have to go and screw it up with "AR" for the one and "AZ" for the other? O.K., you're so smart, can you quickly distinguish between "ME", "MA", "MD", "MO", "MI" and "MT"?

The couple were watching a passionate love scene on the TV screen. The wife turns to the husband with, "Why don't you ever make love to me like that?" Replied husband, "Do you have any idea how much they pay that fellow?"

We are an Association. Going to Webster, we find that he called Association as "the act of associating, the state of being associated, an organization of persons having a common interest, something linked in memory with a thing or person." Associating, common interest and memory stand out in the definition as they stand out in our history. These words best express the tone of our annual reunions geographical get togethers, picnics, clambakes or whatever it is whenever just a few of us get together and renew the comradeship of the 24th.

Our Association is unique among all the other division associations in the close comradeship of its membership, comradeship that can only be maintained by contact with each other. It is the life line of the Association and the duty of all members to see that it is kept in good repair by continuous contact, either by letters, phone calls, attending reunions, meetings and other get togethers, letters to the Editor, articles for Taro Leaf and getting involved in the different areas of voluntary work, and accepting positions of leadership. It is your Association and it can not survive without your input into its day by day functions.

Are we going to see you in Irvine? Why not make your reservation today? Do it! Try a little comradeship to beat the economic blues. It'll surprise you how the blues will disappear, if only for a few hours. See you there!



"Since we're at peace, what do you do for kicks nowadays?"

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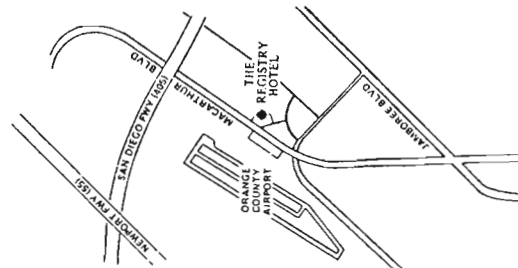
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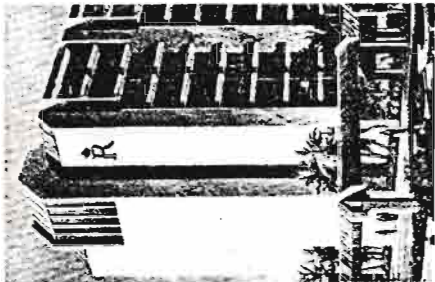
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We finally got around to devouring "A Soldier's Story" by General of the Army Omar N. Bradley. Good reading. Nevertheless, we see red when we read in the preface Bradley's acknowledgement of his indebtedness to his aide, Lt.Col. Chester B. Hansen for his loan of his "personal diary of approximately 300,000 words". We always understood that diaries were no-no's. Not one word, they told us, not a single word set to paper. Keep it to "Somewhere in New Guinea" or "Somewhere in the P.I." or whatever. Now it comes out that a general's aide wrote a 300,000 word diary. You explain it.

It'll be no great shakes as a reunion. No 76 trombones in a big parade - just an all-day gathering of as many westcoasters as can make it. Where all rank and privilege will be cast aside.



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Looking for a new way to discourage burglars?

Well, you could do what Carol Burnett did. She bought a worn-out police cruiser and now keeps it in her driveway.



It's C.A. "Bud" COLLETTE on the left - he's 3rd Bn, 5th RCT - and JIM IRWIN on the right - he's A 21st '50-'51. Bud, and Jean recently drove over to visit Jim and his wife. Reported Bud: "I howed Jim my old 24th Inf. Div. book "Forward" on Korea. He is sure looking forward to our new History but then, who isn't. We talked about Korea for hours then Jim took me up a near-by canyon. We saw a lot of wild life: roadrunners, quail, jackrabbits and squirrels. Then it was a fine steak dinner; Mary is sure a good cook. They even have a pet Roadrunner that comes up to their door for food. That's the life of living in the desert. They live in Morongo Valley; that's near Palm Springs, Calif. Jim is also looking forward to our one day Reunion in October.