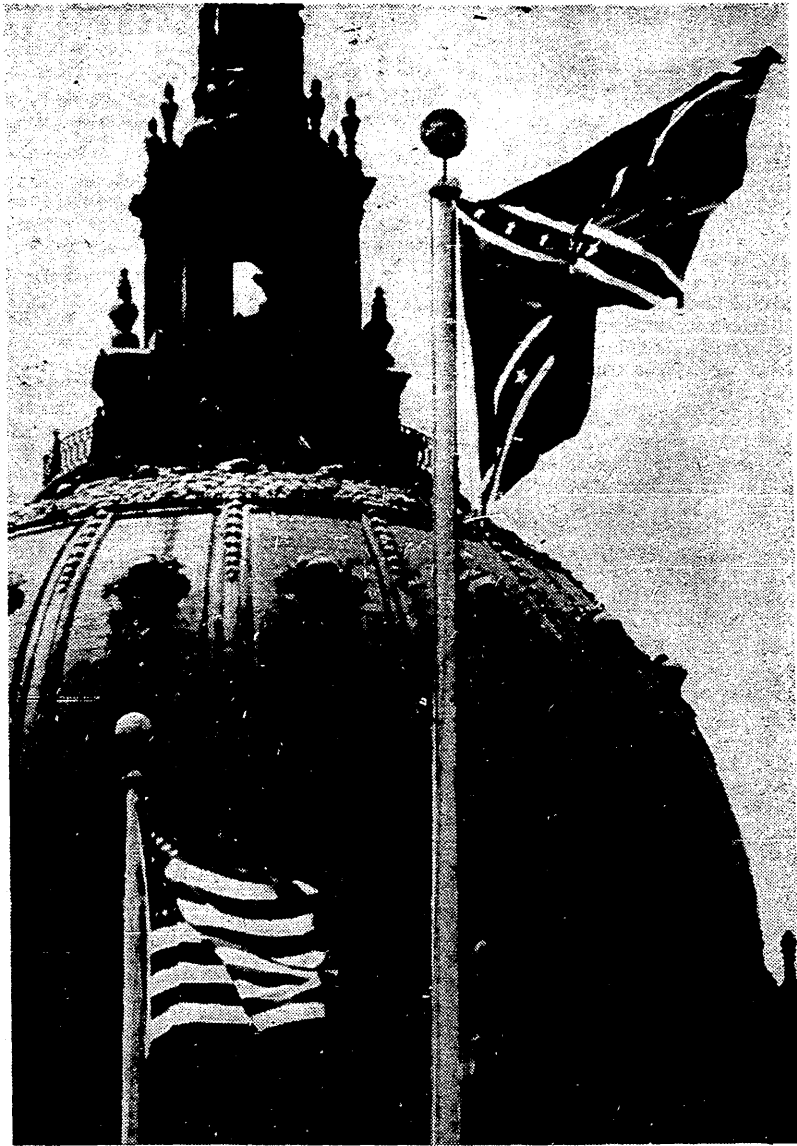


Ruckus Over a Flag

Southern Banner Defended



CITY HALL'S CONFEDERATE FLAG
"It's just historical—no political significance"

The man who raised the Confederate battle flag in front of City Hall found himself manning the barricades as well yesterday.

Angry civil rights leaders—calling the Southern banner "a symbol of hate"—demanded that it come down.

But Stanley Bergman, the 49-year-old businessman and Sertoma Club member who persuaded the city to turn the 18 bare flag poles in Civic Center Plaza into a "Pavilion of American Flags," stood his ground.

"I don't want to fight the Civil War all over again," he said, "but the flag should remain."

He defended its inclusion in the display "purely and simply" on historical grounds.

HISTORY

"There are no political overtones to this," Bergman said. "All the flags come from the history of America and, whether we like it or not, the Confederacy was a part of our history."

The flag—showing the stars of the thirteen Confederate states on a blue cross against a red background—was raised last Sunday, Flag Day, along with 17 other flags representing different stages in the development of American history.

Among the others were the British Union Jack and the flags of the California and Texas republics.

The disputed flag, which is the traditional Confederate battle flag and not the official "Stars and Bars," is flown between the Civil War flag of the Union and the outdated 48-star version of "Old Glory." Its pole carries a descriptive plaque contributed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

One of the most vehement critics was attorney James Herndon, a member of the Negro American Labor Council and past president of the Negro Historical and Cultural Society.

"It's the badge of slavery," he said. "I don't see how you can dignify the

flag of tyranny and rebellion by flying it alongside the American flag.

"It's a slap in the face to every Negro who has ever fought for the United States."

Another critic was the Rev. Hamilton Boswell, pastor of Jones Methodist Church and chairman of the Conference on Religion and Race.

'DECEPTIVE'

"It's deceptive to make a historical display of this flag," the Rev. Mr. Boswell said, "because it gives status to the Confederate idea."

He said racist groups use the flag as a "modern symbol" against civil rights and many people will not con-

strue it in its historical sense.

"I'm against it all the way around," he said, "unless it's in a museum."

Bergman conceded he has been under "considerable pressure" to take the flag down.

"I realize that a lot of people view it as a symbol of hate, and I violently disagree with anyone who uses it that way," he said.

"But let us hope and pray the people are big enough to understand our history. You can no more take the flag out of an historical display than you can go to the history books and tear out the pages on the Civil War."

Bergman won the support of Ernest Besig, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California. "In this historical light," Besig said, "the flag is quite appropriate."

"If city officials displayed the Confederate flag by itself, maybe to reflect sympathies with the South, it would be another question. But in this context, I can see no objection."

Textile Strike

Milan, Italy

A series of staggered strikes by the 450,000 workers in the Italian textile industry started yesterday.

Associated Press

Ascherman

Hearing Off For a Week

Dr. Stanford Ascherman's battle with Marin General Hospital was forced into a week's recess yesterday by a variety of legal impasses, and a dearth of witnesses.

But Stanford Law School Dean John D. McDonough, who is presiding over the hearing to decide whether Marin will admit the 37-year-old doctor to staff privileges still hopes to resolve the matter.

First, he rejected hospital attorney Harold Reid's proposal that the hearing be postponed until a law can be enacted to protect hearing witnesses from being sued.

\$200,000 SUIT

Dr. Ascherman has already filed a \$200,000 suit against one physician who testified against him, and other doctors have declined to appear for fear they may be sued too.

McDonough admitted "we are in a difficult position because of the unavailability of witnesses . . . but we must exhaust every possibility."

He suggested that Dr. Ascherman agree not to sue witnesses, but the doctor's attorney, Harry Gonick, rejected this.

McDonough then asked Reid to invite witnesses by registered mail so that their refusal to testify would be a matter of record.

NO SUBPOENAS

A Superior Court judge has ruled that the hearing has no legal status and therefore cannot subpoena witnesses.

The hospital has accused Dr. Ascherman of some 21 counts of incompetence, and the physician demanded a public hearing to defend himself. Four other hospitals which refused him staff privileges have been sued by Dr. Ascherman for a total of \$6 million.

McDonough said he wanted the facts of the actions by these other hospitals entered into the record when the hearing resumes next Tuesday.

Brazil Appointee

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

President Humberto Castello Branco signed a decree today appointing Hugo de Almeida Leme Minister for Agriculture.

United Press

Chilean Girl Better but Shooting Still Mystery

Carmen Tello, the Chilean beauty who suffered a gunshot wound in the abdomen early Sunday, was reported "improved" yesterday.

Miss Tello, 24-year-old daughter of Manuel Tello, until recently the Chilean consul general here, apparently shot herself with a .22 caliber Beretta pistol in her car in the garage of her apartment at 1440 Merced avenue, Richmond.

Her roommate, Carol Mozley, told friends she had had "words" with Miss Tello shortly before the shooting and that the diplomat's daughter had threatened to kill herself.

Richmond police listed the shooting as a suicide attempt, although friends quoted Miss Tello as saying it was "accidental."

Miss Tello's father, transferred to the Chilean Embassy in Costa Rica two weeks ago on a special assignment, was due here yesterday but had to delay his trip a day.

Mystery continued to surround the incident, which the Chilean consulate reportedly sought to keep secret.

Sergeant Dave Rodden of the Richmond police, in charge of the investigation, saw Miss Tello yesterday for the first time, but thereafter remained unavailable to newsmen.

Hector Burr, the new Chilean consul general, called on Deputy District Attorney William Higham of the Contra Costa District Attorney's Richmond office.

Higham said Burr had requested the conference simply to inquire about "procedural methods."

"If anything does come up," Higham said, referring to the investigation presumably under way, "I'd prefer that it be withheld (from the press), because it may be used as evidence in court."

At the time of the shooting the right-handed Miss Tello's right hand was in a cast as a result of a broken thumb—broken accidentally.

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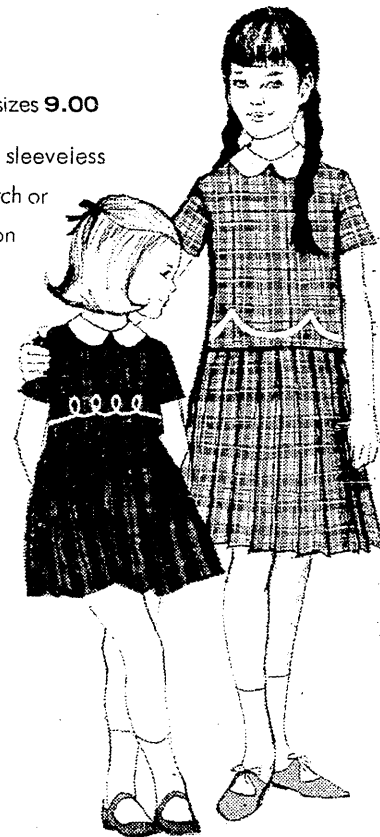
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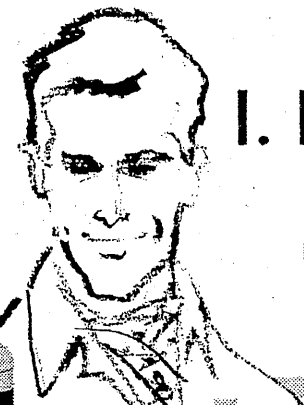
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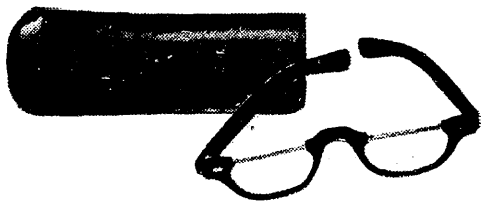
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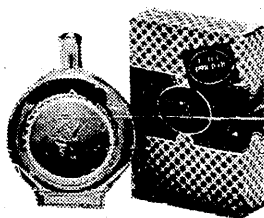
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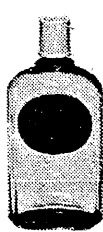
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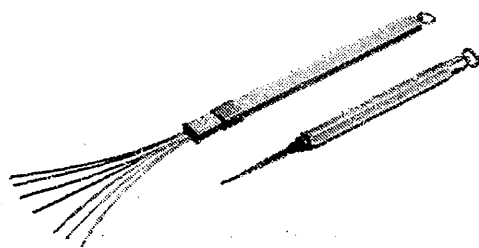
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