

CHRONICLE 12/23/84

Political Vendetta?

Editor — The targeting of Ed Sarsfield of the Department of Social Services concerning his business expenses is petty and unproductive. It seems like more of a smokescreen or a political vendetta. There are certainly far greater wastes to be uncovered not only in the Department of Social Services but in other city departments as well. However, maybe such revelations were not deemed sensational headline material. It is certainly not from lack of information.

Some of my co-workers and myself have supplied the media and the Board of Supervisors from time to time with tantalizing information concerning the waste of millions of dollars but to no avail.

DENISE D'ANNE
San Francisco

EXAMINER 11-25-87

A "NO" vote on Proposition X on the December ballot will save a 10-year effort by several communities to build a Broadway Tunnel park. The proposed park would be a stunning addition in maintaining the beauty of San Francisco and enhancing the ever-elusive quality of life for us all.

Denise D'Anne
SAN FRANCISCO

PROGRESS 7/23/86

Editor:
The waterways of the world are becoming so polluted that the promise of feeding the world from the products of its watery depths will soon be a mere historical note. Now it is suggested that abandoned cars be added to the problems of our oceans. Why in heavens name can't we dismantle automobiles in San Francisco? Are we so short of workers that we can't afford to create more jobs? Or are we not at the point of desperation that we can afford to waste more of the world's resources. Or are we so callous that we care little of destroying our water resources, depriving us of present and future food and even drinking water.

Denise D'Anne
San Francisco

Public transit first

Editor:

TIME magazine's Oct. 19 cover story warns of the coming devastation of the earth's climate, faulting petroleum products among other miracles of science and industry. Yet another reason to vote No on Proposition F, the bring-more-cars-to-the-city bond issue. Whatever happened to transit first?

Denise D'Anne
San Francisco

SF PROGRESS 10/13/87 CH.

PROGRESS Take the bus

Editor:

Is anybody listening? While we are being barraged with news of the Greenhouse effect on our environment, Sarah Rentschler, Reporting On Art, complains of parking for theatergoers, etc. There are bus lines and BART to just about anyplace you want to go. What is wrong with using public transit? If you don't want to wait for a bus late at night, take a cab home. it is still cheaper and safer than driving. On weekends and nights when there is nothing happening around Civic Center, people can park there and take a bus to their destination (theaters, restaurants, etc.)

We should be encouraging use of public transit especially for city dwellers and not be complaining about parking. Yes, I do own a car.

Denise D'Anne
San Francisco

9-11-88

POTRERO VIEW 11/19/80

Why Not Mass Transit?

Editor:

At a time when we are told we have less than 20 years to maintain the habitability of the earth, we wrangle over parking at San Francisco General. Why don't we fight for better mass transit as we do to park these enormous steel shells that harbor so much destructive potential to our environment. Should we be asked to subsidize our own destruction?

Denise D'Anne
Guerrero Street

Logic faulted

To the Editor:

Your logic, if that is what it is, concerning City employees demands, is absurd. Just because a large segment of employees in private industry are fool enough to accept inadequate wages certainly is no reason for City employees to be just as foolish. I advocate a living wage for everyone. Perhaps City employees will start a trend.

DENISE D'ANNE
San Francisco

EX 1-29-91
For what other resource are we wasteful Americans willing to go to war? Trees or maybe even water? Not unheard of for the latter as the history of the West of our country attests. Shouldn't we start to control our profligate ways?

DENISE D'ANNE
San Francisco

City worker pay

Editor:

Every time I see an attack on city employees it reminds me of a quote from Mother Jones, a labor organizer over 100 years ago: "I asked a man in prison

once how he happened to be there, and he said he had stolen a pair of shoes. I told him if he had stolen a railroad he would be a U.S. Senator."

According to figures from Civil Service, the average wage of 49.7 per cent of miscellaneous city employees, based on the maximum step (Step 5) is \$13,200 or below annually. The remaining employees make \$13,200 annually and above. However, only about half of city employees are at the maximum step and a very large percentage are either CETA or temporary. The maximum for these employees is \$10,000 a year or below.

You can be sure that the loudest critics of city employees make far in excess of \$20,000 a year. These people are more likely to wink at corporate and governmental bureaucrats who steal millions from our citizens while condemning poor working people who can barely survive.

Denise D'Anne

12/1/78 Censor Schlafly

Editor:

I think Phyllis Schlafly should be censored and not for her ideas, but for her mixing of metaphors. Can she tell me what censorship pro or con has to do with 60 million non-

readers? Is there or is there not censorship? That is the question. Did I miss a paragraph that gave the answer?

I'll take Jack Rosenbaum and his sexism any day to Phyllis' unreadable dribble. Jack's writing is at least lucid.

Denise D'Anne
San Francisco

PROGRESS - 12/6/78
TWO WEEKS AGO, on TV's "CHIPS", about the highway patrol, one scene featured the theft and destruction of a motorcycle. A few days later a police motorcycle was stolen in San Francisco and "found" in Pacifica. The thief, using a blow torch, cut the \$4,000 bike into a dozen pieces. TV influence?

Joe Orenco of the Giants' exec staff was guest speaker at the Fryers' Club, won \$30 in a drawing, and generously invited, "The drinks are on me." Nobody wanted to turn down good old Joe. His bar bill; \$48. . . Local 400 (city employes) is out with its April Bulletin, announcing, "March Membership Meeting, April 18."

PROGRESS - 6/21/78

Jarvis-Gann for the rich

Editor:

You said it re taxes on wages. "Such a tax hits at the average middle-income breadwinner. . . These are the people who are already carrying the bulk of the tax burden."

And Jarvis-Gann is another way for us middle-income breadwinners to subsidize the rich. Sixty-five per cent of the Prop. 13 savings goes to those who make a profit on their property.

Any fool will tell you that the real fat from government (managers, administrators) will not be cut but the muscle will (clerks, bus drivers, librarians, gardeners, recreation people, etc.).

The people outside of San Francisco have been taken in again by glib emotional appeals to make the rich richer and the poor poorer.

Denise D'Anne

11/15/78 PROGRESS Labor union support

Editor

I replied to Jerry Lloyd, trustee of San Anselmo School District, concerning his inquiry about public school teachers being required to support a private organization (labor union) as a condition of employment.

My response was YES because unions bargain for all workers and since all workers receive essentially the same benefits under a union contract then they should bear the costs of maintaining a union.

It is the same to me when a citizen pays taxes for schools to which they don't send their children, or paying a private corporation for its advertising, or jet planes added to the cost of goods, e.g. milk products come to mind.

Milk is milk yet milk distributors advertise as if one brand of milk is different from another — and I pay extra for that.

Denise D'Anne
S.F.

DENISE D'ANNE SAYS



The vicious attacks by the Board of Supervisors, along with Francoise's gross insults to City workers, should make us realize the importance of strengthening our forces.

Will you give up this opportunity to unite our 4000 voices in protest against tyranny, or will we encourage them to continue on their path of destroying every vestige of dignity we have as working people. Join with me to rid ourselves once and for all of these jackals. Vote for SEIU CSA Local 400 in the Unit 4/5 Bargaining Election.

PROGRESS - 7/21/76

Rule of Three

To the Editor:

The original purpose of a Civil Service Commission was to set up rules to counter the old patronage system. This was a system that opened the door to widespread corruption in government. Friends, relatives, political cronies got jobs without regard to their abilities or competency.

One rule adopted by San Francisco that has proved to be more effective than most is the Rule of One. According to this rule the person who receives the highest points in a test is automatically hired for the tested position.

The Board of Supervisors, feeling their oats after the recent city strike, is continuing its attacks on city workers. It is now proposing the Rule of Three to be placed on the November ballot as a charter amendment. This will leave civil service jobs wide open to the spoilage system of old.

Even some women's organizations, misguided by the promise of more affirmative action gains, are backing the Board. What these supporters don't seem to take into consideration is the deepseated anti-female, anti-gay, and anti-minority feelings prevading most of our society. This is more apparent when it

comes to hiring practices. In the city itself not one woman or minority person heads a department.

The Board of Supervisors would have us believe that by adopting the Rule of Three more jobs will be open to women and minorities. The fact is that most women and minorities are in deadend jobs which do not offer any opportunities for promotion. The Rule of Three will not be any help to them.

If the Rule of Three is adopted it will merely give city management a greater discretion to discriminate. Not only will women and minorities find more doors closed to them but vocal men and women who want to change the system, or who are strong union supporters, will be blocked from any promotional opportunities. And many who would like to enter city employment will find no jobs available to them.

Denise D'Anne

Scapegoats

Editor:

I am in substantial agreement with Ms. Drew's view of the state of the city. However, until she operates a Muni bus, puts out a fire, clerks in the City Attorney's office, or any city office, I don't think she is in a position to criticize city workers.

Broad generalizations and insults are dangerous tactics against our concept of judging people on their merit.

There is no basis for such persistent allegations of laziness of city employees. Ms. Drew should divert her wrath to those people who try to delude our citizens into thinking that cuts in workers' pay and cuts in city services will eliminate unjust taxes on the working class.

City employees have long endured the scapegoat role. It is time the people looked to the real culprits — downtown corporate greed.

PROGRESS 12/18/76
Denise D'Anne

THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN MACHINE

The human body is often characterized as a machine — the most perfect of machines. It is complex yet works with such precision that no human person has yet been able to duplicate it.

A machine, our body may be, but our emotions can never be likened to a machine because they do not follow any rules or formulas. Yet it would not be too far out of line to say that many males of our species have been so conditioned that they react more like a machine than the female. That is, their emotions have been so sublimated that they can not distinguish emotion from function. Their life revolves around providing for their bodily needs almost exclusively. A man is trained to work to his limit to attain bodily comforts — food, shelter, mechanical conveniences and sexual outlets — devoid of emotional satisfaction.

When you consider, for instance, that science has proved without a doubt that women are biologically capable of greater sexual capacity than men, one wonders at the conditioning process that makes men believe they have a mandate to sexual superiority. One also wonders at the conditioning process that makes women deny their inherent sexuality to the point of their "functioning on the level of animal life, providing the male with sexual outlets and exercising and animal functions of reproduction and care of the young."¹

But many men persist beyond all reasoning that they have unlimited biological capacity in regards to sexual performance. The sad part of it is that they react to sex on a machine-like basis consistently trying to outdo themselves in order to perpetuate the myth. This, of course, prevents them from developing their inherent reservoir of emotions stymied by their conditioning.

So while women are allowed to develop their emotions to the limit because that is considered a "natural" female trait, men suffer from the lack of this outlet to the point of bodily damage. They die sooner and are afflicted twice as much with all kinds of debilitating diseases.

It is time men realized that although the body works on a mechanical basis, emotions are what directs its workings and should be used to satisfy more than bodily function.

— Denise D'Anne

¹SEXUAL POLITICS, by Kate Millet.

Worker vs. worker

To the Editor:

I am wondering if any of those anti-union, anti-worker critics would voluntarily give up any portion of their salary, if they made \$20,000 a year. If they would then we'd have a Socialist society.

Certainly those corporate executives making \$300,000 and more a year can't have that. So naturally they, along with the corporate controlled supervisors, pit worker against worker. That way no one questions the real reason for higher taxes — pleasure palaces for the rich and downtown manhattanization, not city workers salaries.

Denise D'Anne

PROGRESS - 4/2/76

S.F. EXAMINER 4/28/76

Come on, you know as well as I do that the real issue is not whether one group of city workers makes too much in wages. But rather it is to protect corporate interests in maximizing their profits at the expense of all workers.

Denise D'Anne
San Francisco

S.F. EXAMINER 5/10/76 the Homosexual

James Crowley's redneck Christianity is enough to give anyone the shudders. His vicious attack on other human beings (homosexuals) is totally contrary to that wonderful Christian precept, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Denise D'Anne
San Francisco

MR. WRIGHT: As a City employee, I was surprised to read that Supervisor Terry Francois said we are no different than prostitutes. I didn't feel hurt. In my 28 years with the City, this is the first time our classification has been

3/22/76

STRIKE SUPPORT REPORT

By Denise D'Anne

Does forming a Strike Support Committee mean we are going to strike? Not necessarily, but it does not hurt to be prepared. In fact that was the discussion on February 18 when about 30 rank and file members of SEIU-Joint Council met with Jeff Dinkin, a spokesperson from Alameda County employees. We learned that because Alameda's County employees were prepared for a strike — they didn't have one. But they did get the best contract of any government employees in California. Something they are sure they would not have gotten if they were not prepared to strike.

We should be no less prepared. We are now planning our strategy, which includes keeping the membership informed of negotiations, gathering names and phone numbers of all employees, assigning picket duty, picket sites, fund raising events for a strike fund plus many other important details. We will also plan pre-strike actions.

Your help and ideas are needed. Remember — there is no law against public employees striking. Only you can make the decision to strike. Let's hope we won't have to but why not be prepared!

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY at 5:30 P.M., 770 Golden Gate Ave., phone: 873-8755. For further information contact Bill Bradley at 873-8755.

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Gardeners— I Apologize

By Denise D'Anne

In my anxiety to arouse the "Sleeping Giant" (the clerks), I have inadvertently offended a hard working sector of city employees — the gardeners (see Public Slaves, Muni Review, Feb. 11, 1976).

My purpose in the article was to show the clerks, who work as hard as any other city employee that with unity they could get top wages as do the gardeners and other crafts people. My feelings are that all workers should get a living wage and that no one class of workers should be singled out for special treatment. After all, we are all expending energy and bringing special skills to our tasks. Each of us complements the other and every job is essential to our economy. Whatever the title, we are all human beings trying to survive as best we can in a society that delights in keeping certain groups of workers in bondage.

Car pollution

I wish those people who spend so much energy condemning cigarette smokers would spend half that energy condemning automobile drivers.

The pollutants from an automobile are far more dangerous to our health than cigarette smoke. When they give up driving, as I have, then I'll give up smoking.

Denise D'Anne
San Francisco

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