

Teen-Ager, Present Day Scapegoat, Should Receive Help Instead Of Yelps

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP) — America is a strange land where the old people are forgotten and the young are denounced.

Right now the scapegoat of our times is "the teen-ager." Practically everybody seems to be picking on him. But as far as I can tell his basic crime consists in the fact he is over twelve and hasn't yet reached the age of 20. He is in his teens, and that seems automatically to make him a criminal suspect these days.

The teen-ager is a headline kid, according to the stock caricature of him now emerging. He dresses like a bum, has the manners of an ape and if you look into one of his ears you can see daylight coming through the other ear.

He is a noisy, shiftless, full-time freeloader off his parents, or else he earns his pin money selling dope to his high school buddies. He is a hot rod driver. He and his teen-age girl friend spend their evenings seeking panic thrills. Their favorite fun: smoking reefers, holding up filling stations and dynamiting Sunday schools.

It is all so familiar. Youth always seems to be going to hell in some kind of a wagon, or so middle-aged people want to believe. A generation ago the devils of their day were the daring flapper and her long-haired, baggy-pants boy friend, the cakeater. Hot dog! Remember them? Every rumble seat had the reputation of being a mobile laboratory for experiments in free love.

Lucky To Have Him

Next the rab-rah college boy in the raccoon coat became the sym-

bol of youthful worthlessness, and the staid adults asked each other hopelessly, "what is our country coming to?"

Well, it has come to the teen-ager, and I think we are pretty lucky to have him. We don't really deserve him. Certainly he isn't as silly-looking or silly-acting as the cakeater, and how the nation managed to survive that oddity in sideburns is the real mystery. I like to believe that a lot of the people who now yelp so loud against teen-agers are just retired flappers and cakeaters who have forgotten their own youth and become crusty with the years.

The teen-ager of today was born in a major economic depression and reared in an atmosphere of World War and international tension. But, judging from the examples I know, he is taller, heavier, stronger and more serious than his father was at the same age. To me the amazing thing about teen-agers isn't the percentage of harum-scarum thrill-seekers; it is the number who are cautious and conservative.

Able To Stand Strain

There may be a tendency among them to expect more from life for less effort. But they got that idea from their parents, and it is the goal of our century anyway.

I think one reason for the sometimes frantic criticism of the teen-ager is the realization among adults that their world may hinge in the next few years upon whether the teen-ager can stand up under strain.

He will. In Korea I met a squad who told me proudly about one of their teen-age members: "He carried and dragged a wounded buddy 40 miles across the hills." There are many teen-age infantrymen like that in Korea.

Crossing the teens is a perilous journey for any child growing into manhood. He needs help—not yelps. If I were a teen-ager today, I'd tell myself:

"Look, you middle-aged critics, it isn't my fault. I'm young or that you are growing old. Go on and make a better world yourself—if you can. But be mad at time, not at me. I'm wise to you—you're just jealous of me."

The southernmost point of Great Britain is in Cornwall, and it's known as Lizard Point.



MUTE TESTIMONY TO FURY OF WAR — A shattered tree stands like a gaunt sentinel before the war-wrecked remains of a bridge over the Han River, a natural barrier on the western front in South Korea.



SEPARATION WAS ONLY TEMPORARY — It was Spring wool harvest time near Ephrata, Wash., as the baby lambs viewed their strange-looking mothers in background. Every shorn ewe found its offspring when the day's clipping was done.

East German Reds Order 100 Pct. Turnout For 'Peace'

BERLIN — (AP) — East Germany's Communist bosses have demanded a "100 percent" turnout for next week's "peace plebiscite" in the Soviet zone.

The East sector government announced the machinery is all set to poll 12,000,000 eligible East Germans on the double-barrelled question: "Are you against remilitariza-

tion and are you for a peace treaty for Germany in 1951?"

By special decree, youths as young as 16 are permitted to cast a vote in the poll.

West Germany and West Berlin have forbidden the poll in their territory as pure Communist propaganda.

The "votes" will be taken Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in the Soviet sector of this city and the surrounding Soviet zone.

In previous controlled elections, the East zone has piled up as much as 99.7 percent of the eligible vote. In driving for 100 percent this time, the Communist rulers have a powerful weapon. To abstain or to declare oneself against a peace treaty and in favor of rearming brands an East German as an "enemy" of the state and an enemy of the Soviet Union — punishable by long jail sentence or even death.

TRADE ASSOCIATION MEETS

The regular monthly-membership meeting of the Retail Trade Association will be held in the Hotel Umpqua Wednesday, June 13, at noon. There will be a discussion of plans for fall opening and other business items.

To Study Europe Outlook

PARIS — (AP) — Sixteen United States congressmen landed in Paris Saturday to begin 10-day Study of Europe's ability to defend itself with American help.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower and other top military and diplomatic officials met their plane.

Congressman James B. Richards (D-S.C.), chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, said "We hope we will carry back information that will be helpful to Congress in its consideration of legislation dealing with foreign aid."

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Congressman From Truman's District Indicted

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — Leonard Irving, Democratic representative in Congress from President Truman's home district, was named in two federal grand jury indictments here charging use of labor union funds in the 1948 election campaign.

Irving, president and business manager of the International Hod Carriers, building and construction Union, AFL, local No. 264, was named alone in one of the indictments.

Named with him in the second indictment were the union and Roy E. Livingstone, financial secretary and treasurer of the local.

The indictments, each containing 12 counts, were returned to federal Judge Albert L. Reeves after the jury had heard Stanley Cole, Chicago, who was representative Irving's campaign manager in the 1948 election.

Court officials said the maximum penalties possible under the two indictments would be a fine of \$1,000 and a year in prison on each of the 24 counts.

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