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GANGSTERS BEING GLORIFIED

By George Castillo

This is an age of stark realism in literature, drama and other arts, but one subject which continues in a strange little tower of unreality is the gangster and criminal.

It's a phenomenon which has threaded history with persistent monotony, but it has reached a new height with the advent of the visual media of moving pictures and television.

The unhealthy trend is pointed out by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a letter to Bob Caudill of Sutherlin, president of the Douglas County Christian Endeavor Union.

It was in answer to a letter from Caudill lauding him for his stand on soft peddling films glorifying crime.

Hoover indicated his pleasure at learning Caudill shared his views on what he called "the dangerous trend in the field of film and television entertainment."

The FBI director emphasized his stand with his comments in a recent copy of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. In it he says:

"In the face of the nation's terrifying juvenile crime wave, we are threatened with a flood of movies and television presentations which flaunt indecency and applaud lawlessness. Not since the days when thousands filed past the bier of the infamous John Dillinger and made his home a virtual shrine have we witnessed such a brazen affront to our national conscience.

Town Terrorized

"As an illustration, two brothers, aged 10 and 12, who a few weeks ago terrorized a town in Oklahoma in a shooting spree that left one man dead and two others wounded, told the police they got the idea from watching television and movie crime stories."

Hoover points out that the motion picture and television industries have many responsible leaders. He says they serve the best interests of law enforcement and public welfare by "genuine portrayals of criminals in their true light—wretched, unglamorous leeches who bring nothing but degradation to themselves and human suffering to their fellow men."

"Regrettably, however, there are some unscrupulous individuals who value money above morals, and whose actions should be exposed in the searching klieg light of public opinion. In their lust for bigger and bigger profits, they glorify violence, glamorize corruption and picture criminals as heroes for youth to idolize."

Hoover continues that he deplores censorship, but the industries must have a standard of decency or code of operations which will not justify portraying vile gangsters as modern-day Robin Hoods.

He indicates that the industries themselves should reverse the present trend toward immorality. If they do not, he says, the public should move to force the reversal.

"Parental supervision over the entertainment fare of children, discretion on the part of movie and television viewers, and citizen protests to producers of offensive shows can solve this problem," he says.

Public Can Force Initiative

"Unless the leaders in the television and motion picture industries take the initiative to correct this ominous trend of crime glorification, they may be assured it can be accomplished by the strong pressure of public opinion. Time after time, the voice of the citizen has brought action, and it can be done again," Hoover concludes.

The degree to which these unsavory films and television shows affect the young mind is difficult to determine, but it is almost certain to at least have the effect of clouding the meaning of right and wrong.

Heaven knows the forming moral fiber of youth is taking enough strain as it is. Parents and other members of the community should protest to producers when the picture or show is not art or wholesome entertainment, but visual poison possibly destroying the impressionable minds of youth.

—Bruce Bioassat—

The capital city of Washington is a meat grinder that chews up reputations with almost frightening efficiency.

Sometime men are persuaded to give up their private pursuits, divest themselves of encumbering financial entanglements and conflicting interests, and plunge in a round of long, arduous labors that usually are thankless. This is called government service.

If they don't know it at the outset, they soon learn they are flitting constantly with that menacing grinder.

Take Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams. Reports persist that whether or not the Harris committee develops any new solid findings in his relationship with Bernard Goldfine, the President's chief aide may very well resign.

IF HE DOES, surely he will be remembered most for his role as a principal in this garish affair. Perhaps this will be so even if he chooses not to quit.

Yet even Adams' most vigorous and outspoken enemies know that he has toiled endless anonymous hours in the nation's service.

Some might say that in this he has been "self-serving," that he has been close to or actually in the seat of supreme U.S. power, and has enjoyed his key role.

But this is really beside the point. He has been at work on government business, which means the people's business. There is ample sign that at critical moments, when Mr. Eisenhower was ill, Adams bore very heavy burdens.

NEVERTHELESS the events of this summer suggest that when ever he leaves Washington he will carry many merit badges with him.

Nor do many others who come in riding high, only to be cut to pieces when they make mistakes—or even seem to.

We need not and should not condone their misdeeds. Still, we can have sympathy for those among them who have given much useful service. For more often than not, the furor stirred by their errors will blot out all recognition of the good they may have done.

A we can certainly wonder at the fact that, in the light of the continual Washington slaughter, able men jealous of their reputations go on responding to the government's call.

Portland (AP)—Attorneys for Peter Crockett Jackson, 16-year-old great-grandson of Maria C. Jackson—widow of the founder of the Oregon Journal—this week indicated they will appeal a ruling that the federal courts do not have jurisdiction over a controversy involving Mrs. Jackson's will.

The will provided for establishment of a trust to perpetuate the Journal.

A suit by young Jackson asking to have the trust declared illegal has twice been dismissed from federal district court by Judge William C. Mathis, who declared the federal courts do not have jurisdiction.

Jackson's attorneys have filed notice to appeal the Mathis decision. The U. S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco will now consider the case.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Friday he believes the Lake Michigan water diversion controversy may be related to the diversion problem in the Upper Columbia River Basin.

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Neuberger's letter set off speculation that Northwest senators may now turn against the bill backed by Illinois senators.

"Are You Really SURE You Know This Game?"



Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

SILVER-LINED GOBBLEDYGOOK

Salem Oregon Statesman

With the tax on payrolls for unemployment compensation jumping this month from a minimum of 3 per cent to the legal maximum of 2.7 the piffling profit of the Unemployment Compensation Commission that it has "channeled \$1,647,836 into state and community purchasing power during the past fiscal year" doesn't set well with many who pay the tax. Tom Gerber in the Canby Herald called the wording "a model of silver-lined gobbledeygoose" and concluded there must be a "Doctor of Euphemism" on the commission staff. The Woodburn Independent complains that the finger which "points with pride" touches only lightly on the 900 per cent increase in the tax which some 12,000 employers have to pay to replenish the UCC reserves.

What is disturbing is that the report adopts the philosophy of using the taxing power to promote purchasing. We had thought that the purpose of unemployment compensation was to enable unemployed to keep families fed and clothed and sheltered pending re-employment, not to maintain the level of spending. Its reference implies that the tax is collected for the benefit of the storekeeper! It is of course true that spending of UCC checks does help sustain trade—that is the "other side of the coin," but to emphasize this is to ignore the real justification of the tax, which is simply to keep the unemployed from economic distress.

Actually this outlay of millions creates no new purchasing power. It merely transfers that power from hands of some people to those of others. When the tax becomes too burdensome it impairs the ability of the payer to provide the employment or increase employment needed for an expanding economy. Prosperity comes only through production and distribution of goods and performance of needed services. It does not come through taxes and transfers from one person or class to another. Pursuing the UCC theory—which is also the Walter Reuther theory—to its logical conclusion, all we need to do is raise taxes and raise wages and prosperity will follow through creation of purchasing power. In the end all you are doing is blowing wind into the currency; inflation robs it of value in the marketplace.

Our society is productive enough that it can greatly mitigate and eventually remove the need for the want which has plagued mankind through the ages; but to do that the economy must be kept in balance so it will function smoothly. Scattering of currency doesn't relieve want unless goods and services are available in exchange at fair prices. The law covering unemployment compensation needs an overhaul, but its original purpose still must be kept in mind: to blunt the edge of unemployment for a term, not to serve some vague economic end such as increasing purchasing power, and not as a substitute for the general welfare program.

A GREAT PROGRAM

Pendleton East Oregonian

Few activities supported by tax dollars pay the handsome returns shown by the Travel Information Division of the Oregon State Highway Department. The division expends approximately \$150,000 annually for newspaper, magazine, television and radio advertising (all outside the state of Oregon) and the preparation and distribution of brochures. That expenditure brings to the state of Oregon annually tourists who spend approximately \$130,000,000.

This program is in its 23rd year. One of its founders was an editor of this newspaper, the late E. B. Aldrich. He conceived the program when he was serving on the highway commission and worked on it thereafter as a member of the Travel Information Department's advisory committee, composed of newspaper and radio people. Almost all of the 48 states now have some adaptation of this program which Oregon pioneered.

Oregon's program was for many years a solo effort. In recent years Oregon has put some of its funds into a joint advertising effort with the state of Washington and British Columbia.

This year it is estimated that Oregon's advertising program directed to tourists was "delivered" through all media to approximately 100,000,000 persons. Mail inquiries that resulted from that advertising are some 20 per cent greater than in any previous year. There were strong indications on July 1 that this may be Oregon's greatest tourist business year, that she may be host to a record number of visitors this year.

The full story will not be known until late this year because the advertising program will be expanded to attract visitors through the fall months when this state enjoys some of its best weather.

Most of the advertising funds are expended in states near Oregon. Traffic surveys have proved conclusively that the majority of vacationists do not want to spend two weeks on the highways. They want to "sit down" for a good part of their vacations. California annually sends more vacationists to Oregon than any other state.

This is a great program. It brings an immense pool of new money into Oregon every year and the extent to which it can grow is virtually unlimited.

Neuberger Statement May Lose Michigan Water Plan Votes Of Northwest Solons

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Jordan's Acute Oil Shortage Has Been Eased

AMMAN (AP)—Jordan's acute oil shortage has been eased, informed sources said Friday. The first oil from the port of Aqaba has reached Amman in 140 big truck tankers which brought it from the British-owned tanker Clyde Explorer.

An American-owned tanker was due at Aqaba Friday with an additional shipment and the operation was set to proceed smoothly henceforth. The oil presumably is coming from the Persian Gulf.

Because of the arrival of oil by sea, the U. S. Embassy announced the end of an emergency airlift in which C130s have been bringing oil during the night hours on a crash basis. The Embassy said since oil cargoes now can be brought by sea and diverted to Jordan.

Jordan had been dependent upon Iraq for its oil and the revolt in Iraq July 14 ended that source of supply.

Breaking the back of the oil shortage has an important political significance here. It is particularly important to western sections of Palestine where the severe shortage has raised the possibility of political repercussions. That danger is now past.

In The Day's News

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parison, finding the needle in the haystack would be easy.

Why is finding this object so important?

It's like this: It is relatively easy to shoot an object (say a missile) beyond the earth's atmosphere. It is quite difficult to bring it back to earth again because at the high speeds at which it will return (because of the pull of gravity) the friction of the air will burn it up unless an unburnable material can be found.

Conclusion:

We're seeking an unburnable material. In such a search, experiments are necessary. We're doing the experimenting. If we don't find such a material, maybe the Russians will. That would give them a big advantage in missile warfare.

What of the mouse? The mouse was put in to give us an idea as to whether it will be possible someday to send a human being out into space and bring him back again safe and sound.

Why do we want to do that? Well, why did Columbus sail off into the then dreaded and AWFUL space beyond the horizon of the Western ocean?

The answer: He wanted to find out whether human beings could do it and COME BACK. The only way to find out was to TRY. Human beings are strange animals, aren't they?

More about human beings: The teletype report contains this terse item:

"Russia's greatest soccer star—Eduard Streltsov—will no longer lead his team to victory. The paths of glory led him today to a 12-year prison sentence for ASSAULT AND HOOLOGANISM."

What happened?

The answer is simple. Some people can take success in stride. Some can't. It goes to their heads and ruins them. They think they're so big they can do anything and get away with it. Streltsov was one of this tribe.

It's at least interesting to know the Russians act that way too. They AREN'T supermen. They're just human beings.

BOILER PLANT STARTS

SALEM (AP)—The boiler plant at the state reformatory went into operation this week, Paul J. Squier, superintendent, said Thursday.

The reformatory will open next March. The three steam generators in the plant will supply heat to the state hospital farm, the reformatory, and the proposed women's prison.

Effort Of Belgian Nation Behind Success Of Brussels World's Fair

This is the first in a series of articles pointing out similarities between the Centennial Celebrations of 1959 and planning for the Brussels World's Fair now under way in Belgium. The series is written by Rolle Crick, Oregon newspaper man, who has just returned from visiting the Brussels World's Fair.

Precisely at 8:30 each morning, elusive music slides around the palaces and pavilions of the Brussels Universal and International Exhibition.

Uniformed guards make last-minute adjustments in their attire and take up positions at nine gates leading into the strange garden of

architectural marvels created for the 1958 World's Fair.

Then the visitors, many of them clad in the costumes of their native countries, file through the gates as one great human family to share the same emotions of gaiety, admiration and awe. Soon the main byways of the fair are a moving mass of color as the crowds become greater.

There is the excited confusion of thousands of voices speaking in many languages. And over all, the music still sounds, surrounding the entire spectacle with a feeling of peace and good will.

Similarly will Oregon do its share next year toward creating international understanding when it stages its Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair. The planning calls for it to be the greatest show of its type in the continental United States in 1959 and it can be if the people of Oregon will profit by the experiences of the people of Belgium in promoting a great event.

Research Forester To Enroll At OSC For Doctor's Degree

Hank Gratkowski, research forester with the Siskiyou-Cascade Forest Research Center, will leave about Sept. 1 for Oregon State College where he will study for a doctor's degree.

The Roseburg resident will attend the college about three years and while there do research work on brush control problems of South-west Oregon. He has been doing research on the same problem at the Roseburg office for the past four years.

Gratkowski will move to Corvallis with his wife, Florence, and three children, Bob, Susan and Cheryl.

Bill Stein, also a research forester with the Roseburg research center, has just returned from a one-year educational leave of absence. He attended Yale University where he studied for a doctor's degree.

Starting this fall, Stein will do research on juvenile growth of five local tree species. The project is expected to take several years. After the field research is completed Stein will write a thesis and submit it for his degree.

Senator Wants James Roosevelt's Deals Probed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind.) demanded Friday a broad scale Senate investigation of ethics involved in some Maryland business dealings by Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.).

The House, he said, has been investigating White House aide Sherman Adams' dealings with industrialist Bernard Goldfine, and "what's good for the goose is good for the gander."

Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala.), presiding at a Senate Banking subcommittee hearing at which Capehart voiced the demand, announced he would ask the subcommittee to consider it. Sparkman set no date for this.

The subcommittee got into a heated partisan row Thursday when Roosevelt, eldest son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, testified he has accepted a \$5,000 a year post as board chairman of the Family Savings Assn. of Silver Spring, Md., which is fighting a regulatory bill on which the subcommittee is conducting hearings.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board, through Chairman Albert J. Robertson, a witness before the subcommittee Friday, called for tough new laws to compel savings and loan associations to carry federal insurance to protect investors and depositors.

Robertson said some associations are insuring with indemnity firms incorporated in foreign countries.

Policemen Raid Three Taverns In Baker Count

BAKER (AP)—State police raided three taverns in Baker County Friday and arrested eight persons on gambling charges.

This apparently was a continuation of announced efforts by state police to stamp out vice operations in communities with large migrant farm worker populations.

The police—aided by Baker County Sheriff Delmar Dixon—swooped on the Cimmiyotti Tavern at Richland, on the Hells Canyon Inn, some 10 miles south of Halfway, and on the Stockman's Tavern at Halfway.

Arrested at the Cimmiyotti Tavern were Paul C. Cimmiyotti, 35, owner; Peggy Alleen Eichler, 48; and William Joseph Eaton, 49, both bartenders.

Jesse Ray Heard, the owner, and employees Clifford and Catherine Webb and Nunez Perez were arrested at the Hells Canyon Tavern.

Rulen F. Collier was taken into custody at the Stockman's Tavern.

One-Time Lumberman Petitions For Bankruptcy

PORTLAND (AP)—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed in Portland by a one-time lumberman. He said he owed \$182,000 to a federal prison inmate.

The petition was filed in U. S. District Court by William Gilbert Lumm of Portland, once a partner in both the United Loggers Inc. and the West Coast Timber Co. Lumm listed his total liabilities at \$235,000 and his assets at \$122,000.

Lumm said he owed \$182,000 to Edgar Robert Erron, 36, Portland, who now is serving a 12-year sentence in McNeil Island federal prison for mail fraud. Lumm now is a salesman for a fire alarm firm.

Many Share Work

Staging a truly great international show calls for hard work by everyone, whether directly involved in the event or not, but the rewards are great. As Roger Motz, minister of economic affairs for Belgium, put it:

"One of the lessons of economic history, from the days of the great fairs of the Middle Ages and up to the universal exhibitions of our own time, has been that the effects of such events stretch far outside the few weeks or months during which they are held."

So important did the people of Belgium believe the fair would be to them that 600 million dollars was invested in Belgium participation in the fair or in improving highway systems, communications and housing accommodations.

In 1956, Brussels had hotel space for 12,200 persons per day. Now there are lodgings for 60,580 persons daily. There has been an increase of 400 per cent in the number of beds available in Brussels for visitors.

Thirty miles of new roads were constructed in the city itself. Additional new high speed roads slashed outward into the country because Belgium is convinced that the visitors who come to Brussels will tour the rest of the nation.

Special Events Held

To make the incentive for additional tourism attractive, special events are being held throughout the country for the entire six months of the fair. Sections of Belgium corresponding to counties in Oregon are distributing attractive brochures at the fair to call attention to the desirability of touring beyond Brussels.

Although each section is primarily interested in attracting people to its own territory, the fair representatives extol the virtues of neighboring sections in the knowledge that that is good for all.

These are among the lessons which must be learned in Oregon if Oregon is to get the most out of its own exposition.

Every community, every county, every civic organization in the state must work doubly hard from now until June 10, 1959, date of the opening of the Oregon show, to prepare for the influx of tourists.

In Belgium, the fair was used as a magnet to draw visitors, and as a place where literature can be distributed to tell the entire country's story.

Areas Have Exhibits

Many of the geographic sections of Belgium have special pavilions at the fairgrounds where films can be shown, attractive color prints adorn the walls and regional products are displayed as further inducement to added tourist stays. The same emphasis must be given here to cause the tourists to

"fan out" and see all of Oregon, for this will spread the tourist dollars more evenly across the state and also hold the visitors and their money longer within the state.

In Belgium, local governmental units and community leaders teamed to raise the necessary financing for regional pavilions at the fair and special pageants and gateways at home. The job was not left to one organization like a chamber of commerce. Everyone got into the act, under proper coordination of course, with the end result that today all of Belgium is an expansion of the big exhibition at Brussels. There's something doing everywhere all of the time.

The educational system of the country found its niche in the overall planning. Students were given basic background information on the important history and geography of Belgium beyond the usual history and geography courses. They were told this would prepare them to be better able to answer tourist questions accurately and intelligently.

Languages Valuable

Special emphasis was placed on learning additional foreign languages. Persons who could certify they knew three or more languages received reductions on the cost of seasonal passes to the World's fair plus round enameled lapel pins with the initials of the languages spoken.

Many of these so-called "benevolent interpreters" have no real connection with the fair, but are ready to help out whenever they see a visitor having language difficulties. There could have been more of them, however, drafted into jobs driving taxis because there is where the language problems really become acute.

Each exhibiting nation has its own guides at the fair, but Belgium has provided its own corps of efficient full-time guides and hostesses.

They belong to an organization called Accueil, meaning welcome. Most of them are assigned to the fair, but many are stationed at Belgium's ports of entry. There is a plan to keep these greeters at the ports of entry after the exposition is over.

Special Dress Worn

Each member of the Accueil is multilingual and dressed in maroon jackets and royal blue skirts, crisp white shirts and black ties. They wear the asymmetrical star, emblem of the fair, and the word "hostess" is emblazoned in gold over the jacket pocket.

Four of these hostesses are stationed at each border crossing or airport and between them they know 20 languages.

Remembering that Oregon will be hosting an international trade fair, similar emphasis on creating a local Accueil may be in order. The Centennial Commission already is considering stationing "greeters" at the main points of entry into the state.

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