

GILBERT'S "What Young People Think"

Gifts to Officials No Worry To A Third Of Nation's Youth

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Nearly a third of several hundred American young people told us recently that they thought the acceptance of expensive gifts by government officials is all right. That was a bigger surprise to us than the 53 per cent thought the practice all wrong. The remainder expressed no opinion.

"What difference does it make?" asked Gary Linton of New York City. "Just as many Democrats as Republicans receive gifts, so when it comes to influence, it balances out."

Another comment from Frederick Bowers of Chicago, was that "government people don't get enough to live on the way they have to, so why not accept gifts from friends?"

And Jack Donald of Oakland snorted, "How many top company officials come home at Christmas time loaded with gifts?"

The majority viewpoint was expressed however by Kenneth Acks of Brooklyn in the comment that "It's not fair in a democracy."

This question was just one in a series on the situation in Washington. In their answers these young people indicated that:

1. Vice President Nixon is by all odds the outstanding Republican candidate for President.

2. If they had a chance they would vote for the nomination of John Kennedy over Adlai Stevenson on the Democratic ticket nearly 2 to 1.

3. Nixon and Secretary of State Dulles, in that order, are the cabinet members especially admired; those particularly disliked are Dulles and Nixon, in that order.

4. Fifty-five per cent of the young people would have voted for President Eisenhower last time, and 51 per cent were still glad when we questioned them that he was reelected. But only 39 per cent thought he would stand a chance for a third nomination, even if it were legal.

5. Atomic weapons and negotiations with Russia are the major issues of government.

Questioning teen-agers about politics is more logical than it might seem at first blush. We discovered before the last election that 80 per cent of them have preferences like those of their

parents. One of our polls then indicated the teeners would have voted for Eisenhower 2 to 1.

An important aspect of the popularity vote on Nixon is that while 89 per cent of the youngsters regarded him as the leading Republican possibility for President, against 42 per cent for Kennedy and 44 per cent for Stevenson on the Democratic side, only 34 per cent say they would vote for him, against a combined total of 50 per cent for the two Democrats.

And of that 50 per cent, Kennedy rates the lion's share—33 per cent—making Stevenson look like an also ran. Perhaps young people prefer to vote for comparatively young people.

Nixon seems a little more popular with the boys than with the girls.

The three targets for both admiration and dislike in the Eisenhower cabinet proved to be Nixon, Dulles and Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

On the positive side, the percentages were 32 for Nixon, 29 for Dulles and 16 for Benson. On the negative, Dulles rated 35, Nixon 33 and Benson once more 16.

Foreign Issues Predominant
Some pro and con comments: "Dulles and Nixon keep up good work in the face of constant criticism," Paula Pokrandt of St. Paul.

"Benson has helped the farmer, even though he has been criticized."

"They call my generation 'beat'; rather the administration exemplifies the complacent, over-hesitant 'beat' type," Frederic Little, Los Angeles.

And some approving comments: "Strengthening of defense," Chase Strickland, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"Tendency to allow freedom of economic activity," Francis Anderson, Philadelphia.

"The stand for integration in the South," Diane Albert, Olean, N.Y.

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cized," Diane Brooks of Norwood, Ohio.

"Dulles puts his foot in his mouth too often," Dianne Burdick, Oklahoma City.

"Nixon is the cause of much trouble," Terry Bigoni, Portland, Ore.

"Benson seems to be a glory house," Mary Ann Gill, Olean, N.Y.

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Whom do you regard as the No. 1 candidate for Republican nomination for President in 1960? For the Democratic nomination?

For whom would you vote? Would you have voted for Eisenhower last time?

Are you glad he was reelected? Do you think he would be nominated again if that were legal?

Are there administration policies with which you disagree, or strongly approve?

What do you regard as the major issue in government? Is there anyone in Eisenhower's cabinet you especially like or dislike?

Next Week: Teeners Want To Be Half-Fare Grownsups.

Construction Has Begun On Burns High School

BURNS (AP) — Construction began Tuesday on a new Burns Union High School.

It was the second time that workmen starting building a new high school. The first time it was completed, then destroyed in a June 1 fire. It would have been ready for occupancy for the fall term.

The old school building will be used until the new \$540,000 structure is ready in October, 1959.

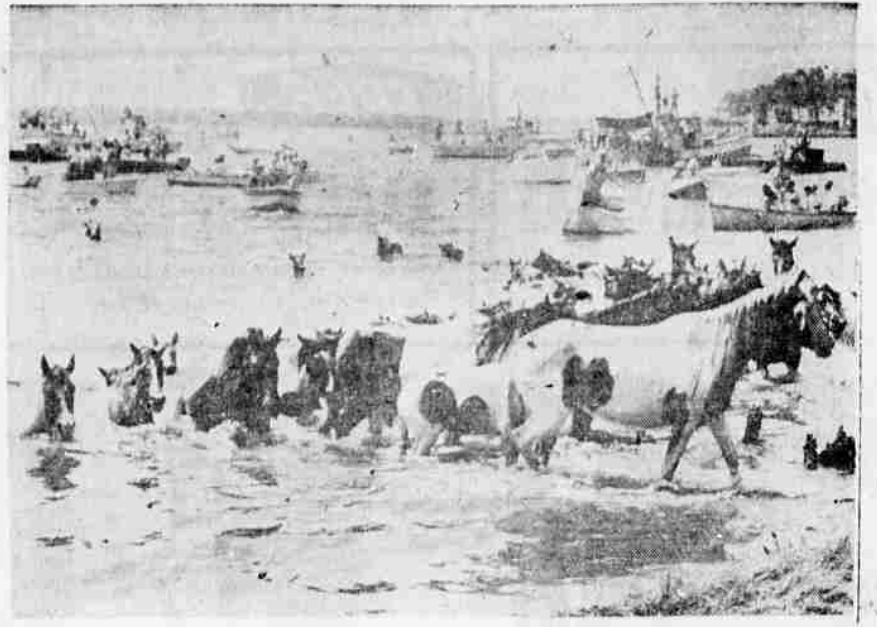
Actress Makes Another Flight To Trujillo Jr.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Lita Milan has made another flying trip to Gen. Rafael Trujillo Jr.'s yacht. This one cost Trujillo \$10,000.

The Brooklyn-born starlet and four other guests flew to Acapulco last Friday in a chartered four-engine, 60-passenger airliner.

Western Air Lines, which furnished the plane, pilot, copilot, navigator and stewardess, said Gen. Trujillo paid for the junket with a check made out to cash.

Miss Milan who returned here yesterday to resume work in a movie, said she didn't know when she'd see Trujillo again. The general is en route home, but she said, "That boat has a slow engine on it."



WILD HORSE DRIVE—The famed wild ponies of Assateague Island, Virginia, are shown completing their annual trek across the channel to Chincoteague where they will be auctioned off at the Fireman's Carnival. A huge crowd gathered in boats and on the shore to watch the ponies make the hour-and-15-minute swim. Unsold ponies will be returned to Assateague Island.

Hells Canyon Riders Sign For Pony Express

BAKER (AP) — The Hells Canyon Riders Club of Halfway is the first group in the state to sign up for the Pony Express mail run, planned next year to coincide with Oregon's Centennial observance.

Stan Thompson, Baker businessman who founded Pony Express, Inc., said he has asked riding clubs throughout Oregon to participate in the event.

Letters bearing special postmarks will be delivered to Portland in a four-day ride, starting June 7, 1959. Highwaymen raids and mock Indian attacks will be staged along the routes.

Library To Give Party; Boy Will Receive Award

Members of the Paul Bunyan Reading Club will be guests of the county library on the courthouse lawn Friday at 10 a.m. All children are invited.

The purpose of the club was to see which child could read the set program of eight books first. Harold Huestis finished first on June 13, and will receive an award from Dr. B. R. Shoemaker at the party. The program extended from June 1, to the end of July.

Also, the library will be closed the last two weeks of August for vacation.

Scout Leader Too Rugged, Says Parents

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP) — A 35-year-old ex-infantry sergeant of World War II with 23 years experience in the Boy Scouts said Tuesday he has been thrown out of Scouting because of his ideas "about rugged individualism."

William N. Smith, former leader of Troop 27 here, has been banned by the regional and national Boy Scout organizations from holding the position of scoutmaster. Renewal of the troop's charter has been held up until he is replaced.

"We are a very, very outdoor type of troop," Smith told newsmen. "The whole gist of this controversy is the type of program our troop has been carrying on."

Smith's dismissal as troop leader was followed by numerous protests from the parents of the 35 boys in his troop.

In the three years that Smith has been scoutmaster, he has taken his Scouts on numerous camping trips and hikes.

These included a four-day, 200-mile canoe trip on the Connecticut River and a trip to Mt. Washington in New Hampshire, in sub-zero weather.

Oregon Woman's Father Killed On Movie Set

LONE PINE, Calif. (AP) — The father of a Forest Grove, Ore., woman was killed Monday in a gas explosion at a movie location at Lone Pine.

The victim was John McFadden, 49, a special effects man. He was using butane gas to create a prairie fire scene for the film "Thunder in the Sun," when the gas exploded.

He was the father of Mrs. Sharon Duncan of Forest Grove. Survivors also include the widow, Ida, and another daughter, Diane, at Los Angeles.

Withdrawal Of Land For Lock, Dam Asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army Engineers asked the Interior department Tuesday to authorize withdrawal of about 6,020 acres of Oregon public land for construction of a lock and dam for the John Day Project.

The land is located along the Columbia and John Day rivers in Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Comments on the proposed withdrawal may be filed in writing with the Bureau of Land Management's state supervisor in Portland. A public hearing may be scheduled.

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