

Thousands Strike By Air, Sea

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In Sacramento, Governor Brown has just completed appointments to a 19-member study commission to delve into the admittedly complicated subject of California's welfare procedures.

The commission was authorized by the 1961 California legislature. It is instructed by the law to take a CRITICAL look.

It is an important committee, and the California legislature acted wisely in creating it. The welfare problem in these modern days is one of our BIG problems. If wisely and soundly administered, it can be wonderful. If unwisely and unsoundly administered, it can lead to scandalous abuses.

Here's a thought for the new commission:

The more chiselers who get on the gravy train and manage to say there for considerable periods of time, the less there will be for those honest needy persons for whose assistance welfare programs are really designed. This thought must be kept constantly in mind if the public welfare programs are to be made to work as they are INTENDED to work.

EVERY CHISELER ROBS SOME HONEST NEEDY PERSON.

The news wires a few days ago carried this interesting and, of course, somewhat cynical little story from New York:

Most of the welfare clients who picked up federal surplus food at new distribution points in New York City yesterday walked back to their homes, carrying in their arms the packages that had been issued to them.

There was an exception: One portly gentleman got his two bags of food after showing the surplus food certificates that had been sent to him by the city's welfare Department.

He walked to the curb, hailed a taxi, tossed his supplies inside, climbed in after them, gave the driver his home address, and was driven away.

That brings back an incident of the Big Depression — back in the 1930's.

In the city of Detroit, back in those days when the world as we had known it was suddenly upset, strange things happened. There were people who came down the Detroit river in THEIR YACHTS to get their relief checks.

It created quite a stir. There were protests that such things shouldn't be permitted to be.

The final ruling (in those admittedly disturbed days) was that these people had become accustomed to a way of life that included private yachts and that they were entitled to continue their way of life — yachts and all. So they got their relief checks and went back to their yachts and went home.

Maybe that was the reasoning in the case of the New Yorker who came down the other day in a taxi for his relief food and then carried it home in a taxi. That was the way he had become accustomed to. So he continued it.

It isn't the RIGHT way to handle welfare assistance. When it is handled that way, for whatever reason, we run the grave risk of making UNEMPLOYMENT more attractive than employment — at least to a lot of people of the less admirable kind.

Canyonville Lions Set Calendar Drive

John Hamlin was named chairman of the annual birthday calendar drive of the Canyonville Lions Club, reports Virginia Proctor, News-Review correspondent.

He was appointed at the regular weekly dinner meeting.

Hamlin will have on his committee Charles Pruden and Harvey Ringen. The drive will continue until Sept. 15. Anyone not contacted who wishes to be included may call at the bank, according to Lions Secretary, Milton Herbert.

The Canyonville club is continuing to sell house numbers to residents.

According to D. W. Gill, chairman of the street naming and numbering committee, the project is complex, and the Lions will continue to work on it following meetings and at other opportunities until all townspeople have been contacted.

Plans were made to include the first and third Wednesdays in the work night schedule to complete the street signs.

Conrad Klooster was accepted into membership.

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