

Pessimism, dour outlook an ingrained habit in U.S.



WASHINGTON (AP) — In good times and bad, Americans seem to have an overriding, downbeat evaluation of the national condition: They think things were better before and will be worse later, says a pollster who has analyzed years of readings of the national mind-set.

Everett C. Ladd, executive director of the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at Storrs, Conn., also finds that discontent with the way things are going economically has become rampant in the world's richest economies.

People in Japan, Great Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Italy and Canada, in a variety of polls taken by his and other polling organizations since last fall, have said that their homelands' economic situations were bad and getting worse, he said.

Ladd offered a theory to explain the

widespread pessimism: a bad news syndrome. All of those countries, he noted, have similar communications systems "which make large doses of negative coverage a constant in the experiences of their citizenries."

Ladd's evaluation of what polls from the present and past reveal about the industrial world's attitudes will be published next week in the *Public Perspective*, a Roper Center publication, and in *The American Enterprise*, a magazine of the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

"There is survey evidence that Americans have long been anxious about the status of things that are important to them," Ladd said. In 1948, when his organization asked people whether the next few years would bring better or worse times or little change, nearly twice as many said "worse" than "better."

And in July 1963, before John F. Kennedy's assassination, when Camelot supposedly still reigned in the national

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psychology, just 34 percent of those polled by Gallup pronounced themselves "satisfied ... with the honesty and standards of behavior of people in the country today."

A dour outlook is an ingrained habit, Ladd suggests, noting that John Quincy Adams in his Jubilee Address of April, 30, 1839, observing the 50th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration, expressed deep pessimism about whether

the country could live up to its promise. In more recent times, Americans were asked in 377 polls between December 1985 and last month to describe the state of the national economy.

"There isn't a single instance when more people called the economy good to excellent than labeled it not-so-good to poor," Ladd said.

On one occasion, in April 1986, half of those who responded were positive and half negative. "In every other instance, the composite score has been negative — in boom times as well as during recession."

In the United States in a February poll, 71 percent said they were dissatisfied with the way things were going at that time. In Canada, 78 percent were dissatisfied with their country's direction; in Great Britain, 63 percent thought their country was not going along broadly the right lines. In France, 61 percent said things had a tendency to get worse, not better; in Japan, 44 percent said things were getting worse.

Barracuda attacks woman

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Barracudas generally don't attack people unless provoked. But don't tell that to Nadine Cloer, who received nearly 200 stitches after an eight-foot barracuda leaped into a houseboat and bit her hand and leg.

"I saw him come out of the water like a bullet," the Tampa-area woman said from her Key Largo hospital bed Sunday. "It was like a torpedo right out of the water. It looked like it was diving straight for me."

Family members rushed to help Cloer after the fish lunged at her Saturday off the Florida Keys. They pushed it overboard with poles.

Coach coerces teen into sex, reports say

HEMET, Calif. (AP) — Two former high school quarterbacks who said they were lured into the fantasy sex world of their coach are still haunted by loyalty to their football mentor.

"I never, never want anyone to go through what I had to go through," Marc Searl said.

Searl was joined by schoolmate A.T. Page in their first interview since the March arrest of former Hemet High School coach Randy Brown and his wife, Kelly. Hemet, a town of 50,000, is 20 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

The teen-agers made their comments in an interview last week with the *Riverside Press-Enterprise*.

Authorities said the coach coerced Page, now 19, to have sex with his wife, often while he watched. Searl, now 18, refused the advances despite four months of solicitations by the coach.

The Browns pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy and committing oral copulation with a minor.

The teen-agers said Brown told them a botched vasectomy prevented him from having sex. In addition to salvaging his marriage, they said, the coach told them that having sex with his wife would make them better football players.

Page claims that during sex at the Browns' home, the coach would lecture him about football plays.

"He called it astronaut training," Page said. "Just as something would be going on with Kelly, he'd plug in a videotape of a scrimmage or something or a practice, and say, 'Now this is what you're doing wrong, A.T. You'll remember this when you play tomorrow.'"

The Browns, who said they pleaded guilty to avoid a trial and a possible three-year prison term, were given 16-month suspended prison terms and \$5,000 suspended fines.

Student killed during Weber State shootout

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Mark Duong feared a college grievance hearing would lead to his expulsion. So, police say, he stood up at the end, pulled out a small revolver and opened fire.

In a matter of seconds, he struck three people, including campus police Sgt. Kent Kiernan.

But Kiernan, with a bullet in the face and hand, was able to return fire, killing Duong.

Authorities at Weber State University were investigating a feud between Duong, 27, and Tuan Nguyen, who had accused Duong of harassing and threatening his wife. Nguyen's charges had led

to Thursday's hearing.

Friends speculated that Duong, a computer science major one class short of graduation, could not bear the thought of being kicked out of the school.

Duong began shooting shortly after the hearing concluded. The first shot grazed Nguyen's head.

University attorney Richard Hill was shot twice in the arms as he charged the gunman.

Kiernan, though shot in the nose and hand, ordered Duong to drop his weapon. Instead, Duong shot again, and Kiernan pumped five bullets into the gunman, who died later at the hospital.

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