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Negroes Still Can't Vote In South

Although there has been less opposition in the South to continuing the slow extension of suffrage to Negroes than to school integration, only about one in four eligible Negroes in the South now votes.

If Negroes vote they can go far to assure their economic and political rights.

The Eisenhower Commission on Civil Rights has offered a proposal to assure southern Negroes the right to vote in national elections. It is considered significant that two of the three Southern members of the commission endorse the proposal.

The proposal is for creation of temporary registration for federal elections by a federal officer who would be em-

powered to register qualified voters when they are otherwise unable to sign up.

It was drafted by the commission after the commissioners discovered that the local board of registrars in Macon County, Alabama, had been charged with refusing to register Negroes for voting. When an injunction was brought, the board resigned. When a new board was named, it refused to serve.

The disenfranchisement of any group of voters should be the concern of the people we elect as our representatives. The proposal of the commission should be examined by legislators at the next session of the Congress and acted upon.

Maybe The Parents Should Be Locked Up

A 17 year old member of one New York street gang had the audacity to date a girl who lived in the territory claimed by another street gang. So he was ambushed and shot to death on the steps of his Bronx high school.

This shooting occurred just a short while before a Manhattan Grand Jury indicted seven Puerto Rican youths for first degree murder as a result of a fatal stabbing of two 16 year old boys on a playground last August 30.

These acts of violence and numerous others have New York City stirred up as never before about juvenile delinquency problems. One publication says that New York is in a state of near hysteria over the wave of juvenile crime. Everyone recognizes that something must be done but no one seems sure just what course of action to take.

Obviously the spending of money is not the answer. Already the juvenile delinquency correction program in New York state embraces a dozen different projects at a total cost of 56 million dollars a year. Despite the expenditure of such a huge sum, delinquency gets worse.

As a consequence ordinarily fair minded people are getting frustrated, angry and are saying some intemperate things. This anger leads to demands for harsh treatment of the offenders. Anyone who is angry yearns for revenge, so we have persons like Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz and a former police department chaplain in New York denouncing efforts at correcting delinquents and demanding ever more severe punishment. They also have taken to denouncing those who approach the problem with any weapon except punishment. The ex-chaplain scored the "sob sisters of both sexes or the professional do-gooders and the youth board consultants who cry out and say there is no such thing as a bad boy. We cage wild animals. Shall not these boys and girls be caged? What we should do is pass a law by which all known members of gangs are arrested and sent to jail."

A similar indictment of "crackpots, do-gooders and starry eyed profession-

als" was sounded by Judge Leibowitz counselling two Grand Juries to be cautious about recommending youthful offender treatment for indicted teenagers.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover has lost patience too. He has joined those who have lost faith in the theory that a youngster who has committed an offense should be treated any differently than an adult. Hoover advocates severe punishment.

These attitudes are understandable, but they are none the less deplorable. Simply to lock the juvenile offender up for periods of time to "punish" him does nothing more than push him along the road to crime with the likelihood that he will end up doing more harm when he is released, and becoming an adult offender living out his days in some prison at public expense.

It appears from a distance that the street gang problem in New York can't be licked primarily because of poor communication. Somehow public authorities are not getting across to parents, school people and others that the gangs must be broken up. And certainly no one is getting that across to the members of the gangs themselves. Few of these read the newspapers. They are not aware of the great furor they are causing. Street gangs are their way of life, and they go along their normal violent way.

When Governor Rockefeller met with Mayor Robert F. Wagner on Sept. 8 they agreed that "greater parental responsibility" was the crux of the solution to delinquency. They agreed also that prevention was less expensive than cure in institutions and jails.

But how to do it? That's the question. So far 56 million dollars a year isn't doing it in New York. It is becoming increasingly apparent that you can't buy good conduct with money any more than you can buy "greater parental responsibility." And you can't buy it either simply by standing aside, grabbing the offenders with angry hands as they commit their offenses, and crowding them behind bars.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

U.S. Visit By Italian Head Watched Closely By Commies

WASHINGTON — The toughest job in the world is for a country cousin to be house guest after the visit of a glamor-puss. That's the position in which the premier of Italy, Antonio Segni, finds himself today.

Segni is visiting the United States as an old friend who has been here before, as an ally who is tried and trusted, and he comes just two days after the White House has been wooing the most headlined and uncertain personality in the world.

Yet despite the fact that Premier Segni is almost a "cousin" of the United States, the Communist party in Italy, second largest Communist group in the world, will be watching this visit even more intently than that of Nikita Khrushchev. For, if the United States pays scant attention to Segni, Italian Communists will raise the cry: "The Christian Democratic party doesn't count any more in the U.S.A." And the slender, minority position by which the Christian Democrats hang on to power in Italy may be upset.

It also happens that Premier Segni has stuck his neck out a long and dangerous distance for us. He was minister of defense last year when the question arose of putting U. S. missile bases on Italian soil. He decided with practically no hesitation for the bases. There has been a storm of Communist opposition ever since. France has ducked out on missile bases. So have Norway and Denmark. England is the only country besides Italy that has stood firm.

Land Reformer

Segni, however, is the type of individual who has got accustomed to sticking his neck out. He did so on an equally controversial domestic issue—division of the land. The premier has spent most of his life as a farmer and as a professor. When Mussolini's Fascist regime was overthrown and the first Democratic administration was set up in Italy, Segni was made under-secretary of agriculture, later became minister of agriculture and as such hammered out the Agrarian reform law.

This was one of the toughest jobs faced by the Italian government. The church held vast areas in southern Italy, and Segni, a staunch Catholic and leader in the Catholic Youth Movement, drafted and enforced a law which took over and divided up much of those lands. New agrarian communities are dotted all over southern Italy as a result.

Segni has been in the Italian cabinet, one way or another, almost ever since Mussolini was kicked out. At one time he was minister of education while Giuseppe Pella was prime minister. Now Segni is in Washington as prime minister with Pella as his foreign minister.

The future of these older Italian Democrats who bucked Mussolini and stepped in to lead Italy so firmly in the difficult postwar years is partly at stake in the present Segni-Pella visit. Their margin in the Italian Parliament has been slipping. That's why the Italian Communist party will be especially watching the reception Eisenhower gives the premier of Italy.

Heavy Treasury Loans

This week marks the tightest credit week for American business and the U.S. government since the banks were closed at the height of the depression. This week the Treasury Department must float four billions in short-term loans and simultaneously bank credit is tighter and interest rates higher than ever before.

Financial experts figure that business will come through this tight period but some of them are worried. If one big financial house or industrial concern should get caught, the chain reaction on Wall Street would be serious.

Money is now so tight that small merchants who have to borrow to lay in their Christmas supplies of merchandise are having trouble.

This is one reason for apprehension over the steel strike. Continued lay-off in industries dependent on steel could seriously hurt the economy.

However, tightening of credit has been deliberate, and considered necessary by the Federal Reserve Board in order to prevent inflation and stop the huge shipments of gold out of the United States. Not in 20 years has the dollar been so weak. Stringent credit controls, according to Federal Reserve experts, have now stiffened the dollar, and this is one reason the controls will stay on despite the danger of some business failures.

REMEMBER WHEN

25 years ago the University of Oregon Alumni Association planned a two-county meeting at La Grande, with Ray Bolger as general chairman of the affair. Raymond O. Williams was listed as master of ceremonies for the event. The following committee was to assist: Floyd Sherwood, entertainment; Peter Sullivan, reservations; Howard Young, publicity; Melvin Parker, Elgin; and Cecil Christman, Wallowa; James Hutchison, Union; Asa Eggleston, Enterprise; an dWayne Mack, North Powder, area attendance chairman.

La Grande Veterans of Foreign Wars Post was notified by the national organization at Kansas City that its charter had been approved.

J. H. Pearce of La Grande, reservations chairman, announced that State Senator Joe E. Dunne, GOP candidate for governor, would be on a special speaking tour in Eastern Oregon.

15 years ago the OPA announced plans to boost coffee prices in the war rationing effort by U.S. "home folks."

County farm agent R. W. Schaad hosted state officers of the Farm Bureau on a tour of this area. Lester Van Blokland, retiring Union County Farm Bureau president, accompanied the tour, as did Vernon DeLong, incoming county bureau president.

Mrs. Fred Tufverson served as hostess to the Riverside Ladies Aid meeting during which the membership planned to do volunteer Red Cross work.

Miss Rosalie Lefebvre was married to Sgt. Roy Niederer. She was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lefebvre, La Grande. The groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo R. Niederer, Summerville. He was home on leave after spending 2½ years in the South Pacific.

NEWS CHUCKLES

United Press International

SIGNS OF TIMES

HOLLYWOOD—Sign on a pickup truck seen on the Hollywood freeway:

"Half ton, will travel."

"CREEP" CALLS COPS

NEW YORK—William Hayden was indignant today because police made him turn over a five-foot boa constrictor he found Tuesday perched on an ash can near his apartment.

"Some creep called the cops and they wouldn't let me keep it," Hayden said.

No one seemed to know where the snake came from.

DOOR WINS DOOR (PRIZE)

WASHINGTON—The door prize at a birthday party Tuesday for cartoonist Al Capp was a caricature of the winner done by Capp.

The winner was Mrs. Helen Door.

WANTS SPITFIRE

LONDON—An unidentified person today advertised in the personal column of the London Times for a "Spitfire or hurricane fighter plane, condition immaterial."

TOT GETS PERMANENT

SAN FRANCISCO—One year old Susan Hollingsworth took a big step towards womanhood Tuesday. She had her first permanent.

PROMOTES OWN WARES

SHELTON, England — Poultry shop clerk Fred Jones, 31, was fired Monday because he advised customers only to buy eggs laid by his own chickens.

OBITS

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Dr. Ross G. Harrison, 89, former director of the zoological laboratory at Yale University, died at his home Wednesday.

NEW YORK—John H. Kliegl, 89, a developer of the old stage klieg lights, died Wednesday in Doctors Hospital.

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