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"UNDERSTANDING THE YOUTHQUAKE"

What issue has been more vital than our youth in these times? The TV cameras haven't told the whole story about today's youth. Nothing can substitute for first-hand observation. In his latest book GENERATIONS APART, C. M. Ward relates what he has learned about today's youth. He has listened carefully what youth has had to say before drawing conclusions about the underlying causes of the "generation gap" now prevalent in the world.

The author says, "I have sketched the possibilities both in the present jargon of this 'now generation' and in the sober language of past generations who have already posted their scores. Plunging right into the heart of the issue, the author states flatly: 'Not only is the younger generation's language different, their sense of values is different.'"

FUN VERSUS WORK

America's youth have been reared in a country offering the highest standard of living, but the author of book referred to above sees them rejecting a "thing-based" way of life. "They criticize Dad and Mom for being so obsessed with work and duty that they have lost the ability to be turned on." Dad and Mom have been brought up to esteem productivity. Youth rebels. Youth doesn't want to pile up anything. It wants to TASTE everything from the cradle to the coffin.

EXPERIENCE VERSUS ACHIEVEMENT

The quest for respectability is another era of generation conflict. Dad and Mom want sons and daughters to be somebody. Youth could not care less. They consider this value to be phony—a plastic... They want to go way out. They believe the greatest thrill to be mastery and personal victory. Parents believe a life spent fluttering and flitting is a life thrown away—a life without a single accomplishment. Youth replies, 'Who wants to be a somebody, alone at the top, miserable, when there is a chance to be GROOVY?'

THE "IN CROWD" VERSUS THE "OUT CROWD"

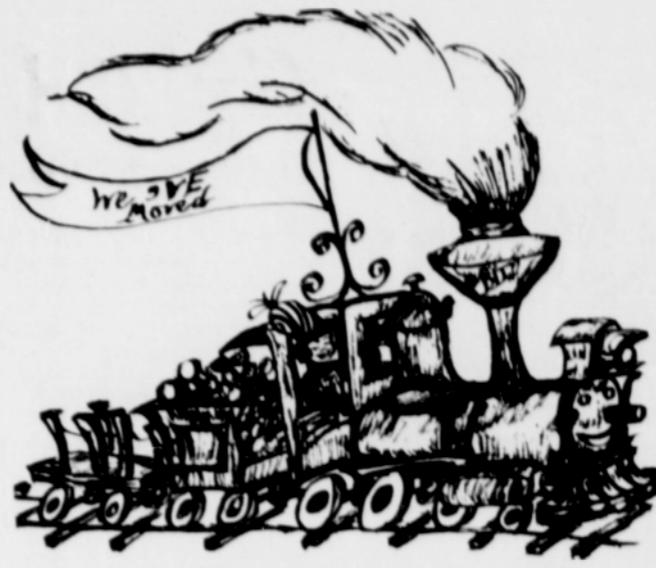
Youth consider value to be 'peace,' 'love,' and 'gentleness.' That is why they are so opposed to war. They are the 'love generation.' So they are pacifists and advocate non-aggression... Youth believes in shedding all ambition, etc. Mom and Dad of course do not understand this lack of personal drive, this selflessness. They feel it violates, it betrays terms like DUTY and HONOR. Youth places a high value upon the NOW. It is the "now generation." Parents revel in history and in tomorrow. They never quite catch up. Youth believe that the only real moment is the present. It must be exploited to the fullest.

CONTENT VERSUS STYLE

Parents naturally place value upon content. They believe that what endures the test of time is value. Youth experiments. It clamors for freedom of expression—they criticize parents for being so obsessed with work and duty. To them, parents have been brought up to esteem productivity. Youth rebels it. Youth doesn't want to pile up anything. It wants to TASTE everything from the cradle to the coffin. Today's youth conformity is the worst possible death. Inhibition is boredom. Rules are restrictive.



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Study on IQ and race

The much debated question of the brain capacity of the Negro as compared to that of the white man is moving now from mere academic speculations to scientific evaluation. A National Academy of Sciences committee has recommended that federal agencies investigate "genetic factors in human performance—a cautious phrasing that includes that explosive issue of whether or not black intelligence as measured by IQ tests may be lower than that of whites."

The report is the outgrowth of five years of unflagging study by one of the leading members of Academy Dr. William Shockley who insists on confronting the issue with relevant data and carefully developed norms.

The report was mailed to the

866 Academy members after a study by a committee chaired by Dr. Kingsley Davis, professor of sociology at the University of California at Berkeley. The committee includes seven other leading social scientists and geneticists.

Earlier studies have tended to rely rather exclusively on heredity as an index factor in the calculation of one's mental capacity and growth potential. It is just now that social scientists of integrity are bringing into sharp focus the role that environment plays as a qualitative quotient in the determination of one's mental faculties.

The view still persists in respectable scientific quarters that race is not a determinant factor in measuring intelligence

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see changes happening

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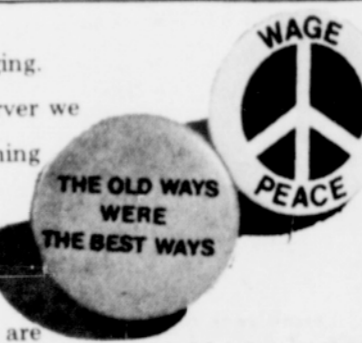
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Alfred Lee Henderson
Publisher and Editor



Many drivers to get suspensions lifted

Thousands of Oregon motorists whose licenses were suspended are due to get back their right to drive on the highways.

Licenses to suspended motorists will be reissued under authority of a bill, passed by the current Legislature and signed into law last Friday by Gov. Tom McCall.

The law prohibits the long-standing practice of extending the suspension period of an already-suspended license, where the motorist has gotten himself into additional trouble.

Motor Vehicle Department spokesmen estimate that 15,000 drivers will be affected, but that not all of them will get their licenses back automatically.

The law, which was strongly favored by the Department of Motor Vehicles officials, is designed to correct a situation where hundreds of Oregon motorists have had numerous extensions added to their first suspension, the result that they have no practical hope of driving legally again.

"Studies of the problem have shown conclusively that adding to the suspension period of an already suspended driver is not an effective deterrent to keep him off the road," a DMV spokesman said.

"We feel the more effective approach are the penalties provided by law, of jail, fines and vehicle impoundment," the spokesman added.

Meanwhile, the department is screening 1,000 records a day in an effort to determine which motorists should have their licenses restored.

Policy on Aging.

Since 1956, the month of May has been observed annually as Senior Citizens' Month; and for the past eight years, the President has issued a proclamation in tribute to the nation's older citizens, the Employment Division announced here today. The theme of Senior Citizens' Month, May 1971, will be, "Toward A National Policy on Aging."

The 66 Senior Aides projects throughout the country presently provide 4,963 part-time slots for enrollees over 55 years of age, the Employment Division said. These programs, however, are insufficient to accommodate the numerous older workers seeking both full- and part-time employment. The Employment Division reminds employers through Senior Citizens' Month that the older worker population is a valuable manpower source which provides not only many well qualified workers on a full-time basis but also provides an abundance of eager, experienced part-time employees.

Letter to the editor

The Reverend Alfred Lee Henderson
Publisher and Editor
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Dear Reverend Henderson:

Congratulations! You've really done it!

Volume I Number 32 of the Portland Observer is well conceived, well planned, timely, current and interesting, and best of all is a newspaper which all Oregonians can take pride in.

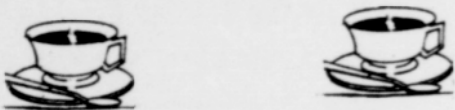
Checking my mail today I was pleasantly and happily surprised in finding that what I initially thought was a new newspaper was in fact our very own Portland Observer. My secretary, Debbie Warren and I wish you and this urgently needed publication a long and happy future.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Mercedes F. Delz

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