

Youth producers and markets

The American public, which for the purposes of this discussion will be considered in the light of its business activities, has become aware of a socio-economic problem of vast proportions and tragic implications. Too many young Americans are finding themselves out of step with the society in which they are being raised. They are out of step—disadvantaged, alienated, unemployed or under-employed in an affluent society that has the potential of offering reasonable satisfaction to all of its members. Whatever the social factors that underline this problem may be, it has deep seated economic effects in the community that are of vital concern to businessmen.

In this brief presentation of the problem, with a suggestion for a solution, it will be impossible to deal with all of the factors that have contributed to its development. That would take volume; many of which have already been written. In this presentation it will be necessary to deal in generalities each of which will have its exceptions. The generalities dealt with will be those usually accepted by observers in the field. Let us accept these generalities in this discussion, for to harp on the exception will be to quibble in the face of an overwhelming threat to the social stability that is necessary to the welfare of our community.

The National Alliance of Businessmen, a group which by its performance, has demonstrated an awareness of the problem under discussion, has a slogan, "Talk Business to

Businessmen." It is my intention, for the next few minutes, to discuss the problems of the young people in our society from the businessman's point of view. There will be those who feel that I am speaking from a psychological and or sociological point of view. This will be true because business, in the broadest sense, is responsive to the psychological and sociological patterns of behavior found in the area in which it functions. I'm going to touch on the fields of psychology and sociology but I will be talking business to businessmen. I will be talking about the qualifications of potential employees, future markets that it is in the interest of businessmen to develop and costs, that they must be paid, as a cost that ultimately falls upon the business community.

Businessmen are taxpayers, participating members of the community. Each, in his own way is interested in programs that he interprets as contributing to the general welfare. They are interested in a healthy community a stable society, in which their families can live and enjoy themselves and in which children can have the training and experience that leads to responsible adulthood. They are interested in a healthy community a stable society in which business can be carried on with a minimum of difficulties. Businessmen participate not only in planning for business development, but also in planning for the society that will tolerate the development. Businessmen are vitally interested in training education and social standards of behavior that affect their future markets and future employees. Social and educational

problems are business problems. Businessmen handle these problems, for the most part, in a pragmatic manner as they face tomorrow. They seldom record their observations but successful businessmen remember and avoid the behavior that has not been successful. I believe, that in these remarks, I can call attention to an area of civility of great importance to our economy that businessmen have overlooked and, in overlooking it, have unknowingly made a major contribution to the unrest among our young people that disturbs so many of us today.

Gun mishap kills wife, 19

VANCOUVER, Wash. — A 19-year-old Clark County housewife was accidentally shot and killed by her husband Monday afternoon as she stepped into the line of fire while he shot at a bird outside the couple's home.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Vancouver Memorial Hospital was Mrs. Patricia McLellan, of 3806 NW 166th St., in rural Clark County outside Vancouver.

Sheriff's deputies said the victim's husband, John, 20, was shooting a .22 rifle around the front of their trailer house and apparently did not realize that his wife was in a small building adjacent to the trailer.

At the moment he lined up his sights and fired at a small bird, officers reported. Mrs. McLellan stepped around the corner. The bullet struck her in the head and she died before reaching the hospital.

By RENAULT ROBINSON

The black man's resentment of law enforcement stems primarily from past and present practices of police brutality whether it be a personal experience or something learned from a friend, relative or the mass media.

Other reasons for the black man's lack of confidence in law enforcement are the lack of adequate protection of black citizens from criminal situations, racial or otherwise, general police prejudice and discrimination toward blacks, improper police procedures that are sometimes illegal; the murder of black citizens who are unarmed and only suspected of criminal activity; and of course, the lack of an effective grievance mechanism by which blacks can obtain justice for police wrongdoing.

George Edwards, author of "The Police on the Urban Frontier," stated that, "In the black community, the police are regarded as armed invaders. The relationship has rarely been happy in the past, and today it is strained to the utmost in most American cities.

In most American cities policemen and poor Negroes live in what can only be described as intermittent warfare. Hostility abounds on both sides — in the minds and hearts of unemployed Negro youths on ghetto streets. And in the minds and hearts of white police officers who may have to curb ghetto violence."

Resentment of law experience rooted

The Kerner Commission also pointed out that the police are considered as essentially "occupation forces" and not "community protectors."

Kerner also stated that "A large number of white police officers working in black neighborhoods exhibit prejudice towards the blacks."

A study made by the University of Michigan shows that the majority of police officers are either "highly prejudiced, extremely anti-Negro," 38% or "prejudiced, anti-Negro," 34%.

The U. S. Commission on Civil Rights pointed out in its report in 1961 that there are three categories of police violence:

1. Racially motivated brutality.
2. Violence as punishment.
3. Coerced confessions.

The report went on to say that the victims of police brutality are always those "whose economic and social status offered little or no protective armor."

The Honorable George Edwards, Judge of the United States court of Appeals for the sixth Circuit and Police Commissions of Detroit from 1962 to 1963 has written that, "There are still white cops who walked up to an obviously drunk Negro, knocked him down with his fist and explained to the young white rookie: 'That's the way we teach them respect. Now I'll pick one for you and you deck him.'"

In the report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, page 161, it states "... the police maintain a much less vigorous standard of law enforcement in the ghetto, tolerating activities like drug addiction, prostitution, and street violence that they would not tolerate elsewhere ..."

We who live in the black community are painfully aware of how this works. For example, in the average neighborhood children know who sell dope, and who the police man is but the police can't seem to find them.

Over two hundred black youths were killed by other black youth and almost none of the offenders were caught and when several white police officers were killed the offenders were caught right away.

They can catch the murderers of white policemen but when a black man, woman or child is murdered the police don't seem very interested.

The problem of police brutality is of a very serious

nature and must be dealt with by the black police; mainly, because the public has been complaining about police brutality for years, and their complaints have either fallen on deaf ears or have been dismissed as untrue. However, black police know that these com-

plaints are true and that the policy of the police department is to cover up complaints, especially against white policemen, for acts against black people. Black police must support community action against police who commit acts of brutality against black people. The police can only become true agents or representatives of the black community if in all cases of unlawful behavior by police, police officers are prosecuted like any other civilian. We have no proof that the police themselves can perform

this function. The IID simply does not work.

The black police league feels that black people must have equal justice at all

costs and their function shall be to see that they receive it. The motto on the police vehicles, "We serve and protect" shall some day have real meaning in the black community. Black police must begin to protect black people from the white man and from themselves. Black police must see that black people receive fair treatment. Justice for all blacks should be the rule and not the exception. You must support the AAPL, we must force the city to hear our pleas. One way or another.

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