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**Summer no End  
to responsibility**

As summer approaches and children begin their summer vacations, it would behoove the teachers and parents of this community to realize that this is not a license for children to take over their own upbringing.

The fact that they are no longer in school does not mean that they can be turned loose to act like wild, unsupervised animals throughout the community. It is during this summer period that many acts of vandalism are committed and some of the children, filled with youthful exuberance and no real supervision, are oftentimes the major culprits in the dastardly deeds.

Each September when schools reopen, there is nearly always a huge bill for repairs to schools that have fallen prey to vandals. This money comes from the pockets of the taxpayers - namely you and me. We are the ones who feel the strain of having to repair damages to schools after the vandals finish. Again, these vandals are, in many cases, our own children who have seen fit to leave home under the pretext of playing and have would up their activity by literally wrecking a nearby school.

This is not a blanket accusation of all children on summer vacation. Neither is it a blanket indictment of all parents for not knowing where their children are and what they are doing. But the fact remains that enough parents are not aware of where their children are and what they are doing that these children, not recognizing the folly of their activities, manage to wreak havoc on some of the schools in their area.

What this really means is that, despite the fact that most homes in the community have two working parents, some real and honest attempt at child care must be made. This means that job or no, the parents should be aware of the whereabouts of their children at all times and that child or those children should be answerable to some responsible adult at all times.

This is a critical point in our times and one of the last bastions of defense we have is the public school system and all it stands for. It is necessary that we maintain that stronghold.

To be sure there are many things lacking in the present-day educational system. But this is all we have and until a more meaningful and efficient system is devised, we will have to live with this one and we must not allow it to be wontonly destroyed.

The monies that are spent in repairs are monies that could be used to upgrade the present-day reading level, or to implement a remedial math program or a host of other things that the students need. This is money wasted. Moreover, it is money taken from the community that can least afford it.

Acts of vandalism are often looked upon as childish pranks. But when these acts cost us as much as a million dollars or more a year, then it leaves the ranks of children playing games and becomes a crime of major proportions.

But perhaps the crime is not all the fault of the children. There are some parents who don't know what their children are doing. There are some parents who don't want to seem to be too "harsh" and "restrictive" with their children and allow them to roam free at will.

The fact that these children have no supervision might very well be the reason that some of the acts of vandalism are perpetrated. This is something we must deal with.

There are also some parents who don't know what their children do and refuse to believe their child is guilty of a crime when the child is caught red-handed.

All of this can be remedied with a little more care on the part of the parents and the understanding that children need constant supervision until they have proven "beyond a shadow of a doubt" that they are trustworthy and mature enough to be allowed the total freedom they seek.

**Letter to the  
editor**

Dear Observer,

A couple of months ago I happened to be in Portland and I found a copy of your paper on the doorstep of the place I was staying. I was particularly interested in the editorial of this particular issue. It had to do with Nixon's plan for the industrialization of the Pacific Northwest, to make it "the light metals capital of the world." I clipped the editorial because it is especially relevant to our area (Clatsop County) where they are preparing to build an aluminum smelter next year, the first industry of this type to move into this area.

I did not publish a small paper in this county called the Clatsop metal smelters and nuclear power plants to power them. There is a new and active citizens environmental council in Clatsop County which has been pressing for thorough studies of the environmental effects before this aluminum smelter is built, but I don't think even these people are aware of the long range plans described in your editorial.

Since I managed to lose my clipping I wish you would send another copy and if possible tell me how I could find the actual speech you referred to or some account thereof. I would appreciate any material, information, sources, etc., that you could supply me with relative to this question.

Thank you,  
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Mr. Alfred L. Henderson  
Portland Observer, Editor  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Loaves & Fishes in the Model Cities area is fast becoming a reality. The Meal Site Finding Committee which was selected at the first meeting has been hard at work and will be ready with their report on June 30th. Since there was a need for a temporary Steering Committee Chairman, I have been asked and have volunteered to hold this position until a permanent chairman can be selected.

On June 30th at 2:00 p.m., a meeting will be held at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 116 N.E. Schuyler for this area which is Irvington-Elliott-Boise neighborhoods. It is important to have at this meeting a representative from every church and organization within these neighborhoods. Hopefully, this will include the pastors, two representatives from each of the women's societies of the churches, other interested persons and agency representatives. The Meal Site Steering Committee will be formally organized and will select the meal site location.

The needs of the elderly people in our community will be met only through our efforts to make such programs as Loaves & Fishes successful. I know that you will want to be at this meeting.

Sincerely,  
John Jackson, Pastor  
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

P, S, For further information, please call Loaves & Fishes, 288-2214.

**Civil rights commission  
sees breakthrough**

The U. S. Commission on Civil Rights has perhaps found more to criticize in the Nixon Administration than in any other during the commission's 14-year life but its chairman says that "we have had trouble with every single administration."

"In this administration," said the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, one of the original commissioners and the chairman since 1969, "we are liable to make the greatest of all breakthroughs—making civil rights compliance endemic in the whole federal system."

All six members of the commission told Nelson they favored an expansion of the scope of their monitoring of civil rights throughout the nation, but only one—Maurice Mitchell, chancellor of the University of Denver—thinks the commission should have enforcement powers. He complained that "the commission cannot order a federal agency not to spend funds or make it blacklist businesses who discriminate."

The commission's 150 staff members tend to agree with Mitchell, said Nelson. Some of the staff members also became incensed earlier this year when the commission agreed to permit the White House to evaluate federal agencies' replies to a compliance questionnaire before sending the results to the commission. Reacting to staff criticism, Chairman Hesburgh said that the visions of some staff members "go about as far as their desks. Ours has got to go over the whole . . . When it comes to policy, the commission makes policy."

"Toughness and diplomacy" have been the principal tactics of the agency, Nelson found. Most of the members favor continuing the traditional role as a research and monitoring agency, although they feel more emphasis should be given to all minorities, such as the Spanish-speaking and Indians. The commissioners also talked to Nelson of investigating such areas as police enforcement and poverty programs.

"Ever since President Eisenhower appointed the first commissioners in 1957, the agency, temporary by statute and tiny federal standards, has been the bane of presidents and attorneys general—Democratic and Republican alike," Nelson writes. Last Monday, the commission opened hearings on another volatile issue, federal efforts to desegregate the suburbs.

While taking a look inside a commission meeting, Nelson observed how the commissioners employed their "toughness and diplomacy" in getting testimony from cabinet members at the hearings. The question was whether to invite or subpoena the three cabinet members: Attorney General Mitchell, HUD secretary George Romney and Transportation Secretary Volpe. "They finally decided on the invitation route, followed up, if necessary, by personal contacts from members of the commission, and falling back as a last resort on the subpoena power," Nelson reports.

**1st on military base**

**Afro-American history  
exhibit at Fort Lee**

PETERSBURG, Va. — Carlton A. Funn, a graduate student at Virginia State College will present an exhibition on Afro-American history, Saturday, June 26, at nearby Fort Lee.

The Fort Lee presentation will be held in Larkin Hall, Building 11102, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The Fort Lee exhibition will be the first ever on a military base, however since 1969, Funn's collection has been shown on 41 different occasions at such locales as the University of Virginia,

University of Maryland, before the members of the Virginia General Assembly, and at Virginia State.

The "Funn Collection of the Afro-American Experience" is the cumulative result of 15 years of effort by Funn to provide positive historical information on the black man's contribution to the U. S. and the world.

The collection consists of African artifacts, teaching materials, quiz masters, view masters, books, pamphlets, portraits, and a variety of multi-media kits that

**Editors draw out  
Nixon on policies**

President Nixon may have set a pattern that would alleviate criticism of White House news conferences when he appeared at the annual dinner of the American Society of Newspaper Editors' convention.

The President held a nationally broadcast (on radio) news conference at which he was questioned by six reporters and editors. Members of the panel were William B. Dickinson, Philadelphia Bulletin; Emmett Dedmon, Chicago Sun-Times and Daily News; Eugene V. Risher, UPI White House reporter; Sylvan Meyer, Miami News; Frank Corimer, head of the AP White House staff, and Otis Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times.

The format permitted follow-up questions and some cross-examination -- in fact a form of debate -- that does not prevail in televised news conferences. The absence of opportunities for follow-up questions and development of particular news angles has been one of the bases of criticism of Presidential press conferences.

President Nixon and his interrogators concentrated on the Asian situation; the Calley trial, and the controversy over J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI. The President said we were entering a new era of relations with Soviet Russia and Communist China. When Dedmon asked him how he reconciled his statements about ultimate withdrawal of American forces from Vietnam with Secretary Laird's statement that some American military forces would have to remain, the President explained that what Secretary Laird meant was that it would be necessary to maintain a residual force in Vietnam until all prisoners of war were released and the South Vietnamese were ready to take over and defend themselves.

No withdrawal date

When Dedmon pressed the President for a withdrawal date, Nixon said that a date could not be stated and for him to speculate would only serve the enemy. He said he would make another statement on withdrawal in October.

As for his action in ordering Calley released from the stockade and that he would make the final review and decision in the Calley case, the President said that he felt that, because of the tremendous interest in the Calley case, he felt that he should take the two steps he did and that it was proper for him to do so.

Again in the field of foreign relations, the President told Dedmon that normal relations with China must be restored and that we could not have a China isolated. The President of the United States, he said, must try to bring a billion Chinese into world affairs. He had relaxed trade relations and was prepared to take other steps and the extent to which the Chinese responded was up to them.

As for Cuba and Chile, the President said, we were not going to change towards Cuba until Castro changes as to us, and as to Chile, our relations will be affected by the attitude of the Chilean government. We will react, he said, when they do something against us.

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In response to a question by Cormier, Nixon said that when people are stirred up the President has a responsibility to quiet it. He said it seemed to him that Calley's case would be reviewed by the Commander in Chief after military judicial procedures are completed should be made to put the case in perspective. The code of military justice provides, Nixon said, that the President has a right to intervene when he thinks the national interest, and the interests of the defendant require it.

Be fair to Hoover, he asks

Nixon was asked if there was the slightest chance that Hoover would be replaced as head of the FBI. He strongly indicated that it would not happen in his administration.

He had not discussed that situation with Hoover, he said, but he asserted that the Director had "taken a bad rap on a lot of things and he doesn't deserve it." He asked the editors to be fair in their handling of what he termed the unfair and malicious charges that have been made against Hoover.

Nixon was particularly vehement in describing the assertions that the FBI is a form of police state as "just pure nonsense." He said he knew for a fact that the FBI had not tapped the telephones of any member of Congress.

When Chandler asked about campus violence, Nixon said that the youth of today have difficult problems but some of the things that have caused violent demonstrations are being abated, such as the draft calls, withdrawal from Vietnam, and attempts to solve the issue of minorities. He thought that the youths would take another look at things and reestablish their faith in America.

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**Model Cities  
Churches**

Model CITIES Neighborhood Churches are joining together for rap sessions to gain information about projects in the area. St. Andrews Church and Mallory Avenue Church are scheduling their first session on June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Church, N. E. 9th and Alberta.

The meeting scheduled June 24th is hoped to give citizens of the Model Neighborhood a chance to keep abreast of what is developing in the Model Cities area. The topic for the rap session is, "The House that Jack Built with Model Cities Funds". Agencies and representatives attending include: Mr. Russell Dawson, Area Director,

Dawson, Area Director, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Mr. Charles Landskroener, Portland Housing Authority; Mr. Levi Russell, Portland Development Commission; and Mr. Ken Hampton, Portland Model Cities.

Mrs. Natalie Ettlin who is coordinating the inter-church event invites all Model Neighborhood residents to attend.

**News Bureau**

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**Corporation**

The more than 100 gallons of milk served every day at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch near Amarillo, Texas, are being packaged in Pure-Pak plastic-coated cartons now that the ranch's new food processing building has been completed.

In the past, milk consumed at the ranch had been processed at the dairy barn and served at the dining hall from pitchers. Now, with a milk department that includes a pasteurizer, a storage tank and a Pure-Pak Model EP packaging machine operating in the processing building, the 370 boys and the staff at the ranch are drinking their milk from half-pint cartons that are labeled, Produced, Processed and Packaged by Boys Ranchers.

The equipment is the same to be found in any modern dairy, and the knowledge the boys receive in operating the new machinery is expected to help them long after they leave the ranch. The Pure-Pak machine, which forms, fills and seals 23 containers a minute, is operated by four boys, under a trained supervisor, who rotates the boys to the various job stations on the machine.

Currently, the machine is being run Monday, Wednesday and Friday to package homogenized milk, and on Thursday to package chocolate milk. The boys at the ranch drink up the contents of 1,800 Pure-Pak half-pint cartons every day, and as one of the younger table waiters expressed his feelings, it sure is a lot easier to pass out these cartons than it is to keep pouring from a pitcher.

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch was founded in 1939 by Cal and Mimi Farley. From a nucleus of six boys gathered from troubled backgrounds the ranch has grown to an enrollment of 370 boys, where the precepts of Mr. Farley, who firmly believed that every boy should have a shirttail to hand onto, are still followed. The new dairy processing department adds another skill to the 14-trade vocational program which helps to prepare the boys for jobs after they leave the ranch.

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