

CHARACTER TRAINING HELD CRIME CHECK

Real Education Might Put
Ban on Violence Is
View Expressed

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Crime
waves would be as rare as cholera
if we applied what is now known
about the character development
of children.

There is a widespread and mis-
chievous notion that the ideals of
young people are lower than the
standards of their parents. "A
reasonable examination of all the
facts would show the exact oppo-
site to be true.

Why, then, this widespread
misconception? Two reasons sug-
gest themselves. First, youth is
breaking away from certain cus-
toms of dress and speech and
manners which an older genera-
tion took with intense serious-
unimportant. Second, older folks
too easily forget that standards of
right living are higher than for-
merly.

The real test comes when the
sons and daughters take the
places of their parents. Measured
by that test, the new generation is
capable of taking higher ground
than its predecessors.

If our moral standards seem to
be in a state of anarchy, it is not
youth that has failed, but the
grown men and women to whom
youth naturally looks for example
and inspiration. Youth gets its
ideals first not from our nicely
worded ethical systems, but from
our daily lives.

We need to make our ideals
higher and to guide young people
in interpreting those ideals in
terms of their own experience.
They need to realize that the
mighty current of our customs,
laws, institutions, personal man-
ners—our very words—has been
built up, bit by bit, through the
countless years.

Ideals of fortitude, loyalty, hon-
esty, purity, citizenship are older
than our printed books or our
monuments of stone. Buildings
crumble, nations fall, races die, re-
ligions come and go, but the great
ideals abide. They run like a gold-
en stream through all the old cus-
toms and religions ever finding
new channels; ever purifying
themselves in the bright sun of
experience, ever reaching for the
wider purpose, but eternally true
to the original nature of man.

DEBT SETTLEMENT PROGRESSING WELL

PARIS, July 4.—(AP)—The
Melon-Berenger debt settlement,
which fixed terms of payment of
war obligations between France
and the United States, today ne-
gotiated the most difficult hurdle
in its path to ratification by the
French parliament.

Both the committee on foreign
affairs of the chamber of depu-

ties and the finance committee
voted to recommend passage of
the ratification measure. They
qualified their approvals by in-
serting the clause "with reser-
vations," in their decisions, but
it was understood tonight that
these reservations would be out-
side of the text of the document
which will be presented to Pres-
ident Gaston Doumergue for sig-
nature and then be forwarded to
President Hoover.

Premier Poincare told the fi-
nance committee that he would
oppose the insertion of any re-
servations in the text of the ra-
tification bill. He did not say that
he would make it a question of
confidence, but he insisted that
the ratification which is to reach
Washington by the end of July,
must be unconditional.

HOOVER CONSIDERS REDUCTION OF TAX

WASHINGTON, July 4.—(AP)—
Before the administration can
reach any conclusion upon the
feasibility of an early reduction
in federal taxes, President Hoo-
ver said today there must be a de-
termination to the effect upon
treasury of recent legislation, of
how far normal expenditures can
be reduced and of the prospect
for future revenue.

A careful study is being made,
however, he declared in replying
to the questions of newspaper
correspondents, in the effect of
the treasury surplus, and the ad-
ministration hopes "that the sit-
uation may work out on the side
of a safe surplus for material re-
lief."

Referring to expenditures au-
thorized by recent legislation,
Mr. Hoover pointed to the naval
building program, the farm re-
lief law, eradication of the Med-
iterranean fruit fly, and the ex-
penditures for and navy aviation
and for rebuilding army posts.

These have been authorized
since the budget for the present
fiscal year was drawn up, and he
noted their effect upon it is not
yet known.

CALIFORNIA FOREST SWEEP BY BIG FIRE

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., July 4.—
(AP)—Two fires were sweeping
the summer settlement districts
in the Santa Cruz mountains to-
night, forcing residents of many
summer homes to flee with their
belongings.

The more threatening of the
fires was near Olympic, 15 miles
north of here. The fire had burn-
ed over 750 acres in the Lompico
district today, when the fire
fighters believed they had it un-
der control. It blazed up again
tonight and was sweeping toward
the summer resort of Ford's rest.

The other fire was in the New-
all creek district, on the south
slope of Ben Lomond mountain.
The blaze was fanned by a brisk
wind, and Earl T. Barron, state
fire inspector at large, was dis-
patched from Sacramento to take
charge of the situation.

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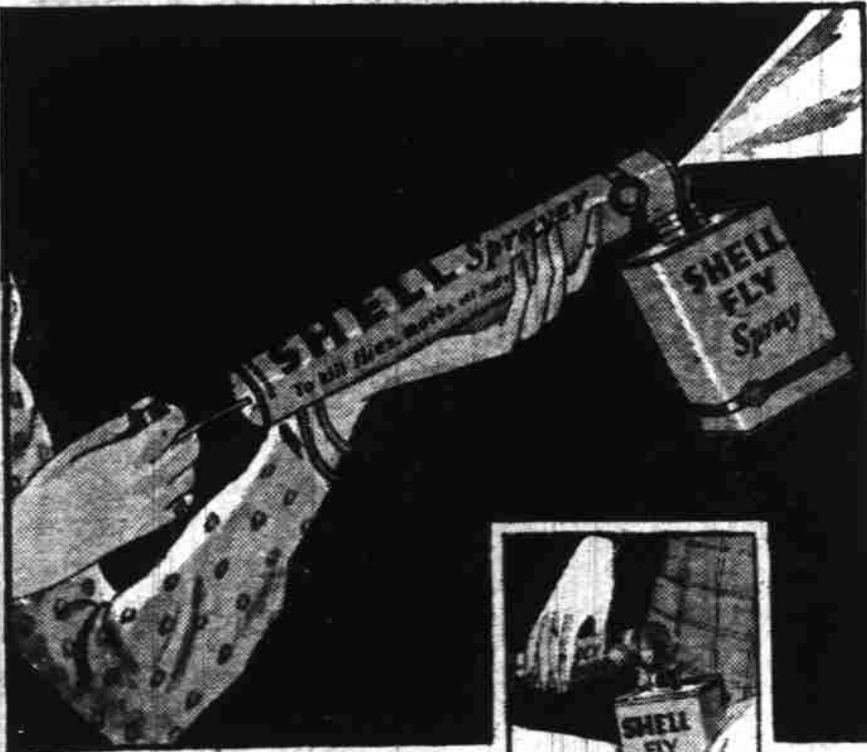
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