

FBI Chief Sees Moral Value In Crime Films, Radio Shows

WASHINGTON—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said today that crime films and radio programs with stern rebukes both for those who would ban such productions, and for those who glorify crime.

He told the United Press in an interview that crime programs and pictures make a worthwhile contribution to society provided they do not glorify the criminal, but instead portray the futility of crime and awaken in the public a desire for greater corrective measures.

Danger in Ignorance—The situation, he said, "parallels the need for public enlightenment of the abuses of parole and probation which send sex perverts and hardened criminals

out to rape and rob again. Hiding maladministration of law enforcement is just as much aid to the potential murderer and rapist as failure to show the honest citizen how he can cooperate with the enforcement of law."

He was referring to the contention of some students of sociology that failures of the parole and probation system should not be spoken of publicly because such publicity harms the whole system.

Hoover said that in bringing about a correction in the styling of programs based on crime, the place to begin is in the script rooms of the networks and movie studios. Hoover was particularly critical of the "too many crime pictures and radio programs that have a succession of crimes which go unpunished and which, to many, prove that crime does pay."

Parents Responsibility—"Until objectionable programs are eliminated," he added, "those in authority over youth must be held responsible if they permit their charge to see motion pictures and listen to radio programs which emphasize crime as a thing of glory."

"We do not condemn the bible because its pages contain incidents of anger, lust, murder, envy, greed and sloth," he said. "On the contrary, we are quick to analyze the lessons so apparent from the fact that we build in our minds and hearts and those of our children a strong moral fiber as the result of its knowledge."

Hoover said that when 80,000,000 people attend motion pictures each week and millions listen to the radio daily, "we must admit that these two means of visual and auditory education have widespread influence in shaping the thoughts and conduct of a majority of our citizens."

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Logger Dies in Jail Fire at Bandon

BANDON—(AP)—Harold B. Clark, a logging company employee who worked south of Powers, burned to death in the city jail here about midnight Saturday night.

Night Officer Walter Lindsey, who was burned on the face in a vain attempt to reach the locked cell, said the fire started in Clark's cell. Clark had been arrested in the city park.

State Solons Return Home

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Six-months waiting period after divorce as now required by Oregon statute.

Tax on Big Incomes
Before closing, they voted through another measure raising the tax on incomes over \$8000 by an additional one per cent. The bill was designed to recapture money that would otherwise be lost because of the community property law which was passed a few days before.

The community property law, permitting persons with large incomes to save on both federal and state income taxes by dividing income between husband and wife on tax returns, was expected to cost the state about \$1,000,000 a year.

Also passed were a one per cent withholding tax on salaries and a two-cent pack cigarette tax. The cigarette tax will come when the sales tax goes into effect, if passed, on Jan. 1, 1948. The withholding tax will become operative only if the sales tax fails.

Revenue Shares
A deadlock on the distribution of the expected \$24,000,000 sales tax revenue was broken when the Senate and House approved a compromise agreement. The formula provides that all monies derived from the tax over \$22,000,000 will go into a state reserve fund to offset direct levy on property. The \$22,000,000 is to be apportioned one-sixth to counties on the basis of equalized assessed valuation of real property in each county; one-sixth to cities on the basis of population; one-sixth to public welfare to assure that any amount appropriated from liquor to make up the budget of the Public Welfare Commission will be supplemented by a liquor revenue deficit; one-sixth to the public schools on a pupil attendance basis and the remaining one-third to the general fund for governmental budget appropriations.

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Monoxide Poisoning Takes Three Lives

BATTLEGROUND, Wash.—(AP)—Carbon monoxide poisoning by fumes from a manifold type heater were blamed Monday for the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer and their granddaughter in their automobile.

Coroner Ray Andrews reported the bodies of the couple and nine-year-old Betty Meyer were found Sunday evening seated in a model A Ford coupe where they apparently died Saturday night on returning home.

Andrews said the automobile was in low gear and had plowed into wooden crates piled in the yard of the Meyer residence near here. Mrs. Meyer had been driving and the child was seated in her grandfather's lap. The three were visiting Saturday in Washougal and Camas and shopping for Easter food and treats for the child. Andrews said his investigation disclosed.

'Man on Street' Gets Chance to Air Views

SPRINGFIELD—The local "man on the street" will be able to express his views through a sidewalk radio broadcast on Main between Fifth and Sixth Sts., sponsors reported Monday.

The broadcast, to begin at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and run five days a week, is sponsored by Gerlach's Drug Store, Alexander's Federated, and Irish and Murphy. Programs will be produced over station KUGN.

CIVIC CLUB TO MEET
SPRINGFIELD—The Civic Club will meet at the city library at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday for a potluck luncheon and to distribute sewing materials for work being contributed to Doernbecher Hospital at Portland.

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Chemist to Give First of Talks

Dr. Samuel Glasstone, author of books on physical and electrochemistry, will open the university spring term lecture series Monday with an address on "Science in Our Modern World."

The speaker, who is now associated with the University of California, will speak under the co-sponsorship of the university lecture committee and Sigma Xi, national science honorary. The free public lecture will be presented at 8 p.m. in 207 Chapman Hall on the campus.

Dr. Glasstone is best known as the author of "Textbook of Physical Chemistry." His most important work was editing the five-volume "Taylor's Physical Chemistry." He has also written "Introduction to Electrochemistry," "Thermodynamics for Chemists," and "Rate Processes by Glasstone, Laidler, and Laidler."

He was research associate in chemistry at Princeton University from 1939-41, and was science editor of the Princeton University Press from 1941-42. From 1942-43 he was professor of chemistry at the University of Oklahoma.

The chemist received his education at the University of London.

Phone Service Cut by Strike

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houses the company's regional office for southwestern Oregon.

The company said Monday that its offer to arbitrate the wage dispute was still open but the union held out for arbitration of the entire 107-point program in which an average \$12 per week wage increase was one element.

All Quiet
Around town the general comment was, "we never had it so quiet." The county clerk's office had one call and employees said the caller must have used a "bogus" emergency. She inquired about income tax. The sheriff's office had one call by 10 a.m., the police two by 11 a.m., the fire department, one during the morning. Hospitals were getting nearly routine service.

Other cities, according to United Press and Associated Press services, were variously affected. Springfield, with dial phones, had virtual "business as usual" except for out-of-town calls. Klamath Falls reported its dial system carrying all local traffic.

Many Unaffected
Associated Press estimated 79 per cent of Oregon's 250,215 phone customers were on dial exchanges and not immediately affected by the strike. Albany, Astoria, Baker, Corvallis, Eugene, Grants, Pass, Pendleton and Roseburg depend upon manual service.

Throughout the state an estimated 4700 employees walked out. About 730 supervisory employees remained in the exchanges. Some were busy during the morning handing out paychecks. Monday was payday.

Two other companies in Oregon were not affected by the walkout. United Press reported that West Coast and Oregon-Washington telephone companies served Graham, Newberg, Beaverton, Coos Bay, McMinnville, La Grande, Hood River, and other communities locally.

Supreme Court Rules on Labor Law

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the National Labor Relations Act supersedes similar state acts.

The New York Labor Relations Board contended that it had authority to require to steel corporations to recognize foremen's unions. The corporations replied that, since they were engaged in interstate commerce, the National Labor Relations Board alone had authority to determine bargaining units among their employees.

Justice Jackson delivered the court's 8-3 decision. Justice Frankfurter wrote a dissent in which Justices Murphy and Rutledge joined.

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Fifth Nazi Suicide Occurs at Nuernberg

FRANKFURT—(AP)—Herbert Backe, 50, German minister of food and agriculture during the latter part of the war hanged himself Sunday in the Nuernberg jail, where he was awaiting trial on war crimes charges.

Army officials said Backe had fashioned a noose from two handkerchiefs, which he fastened to a pipe in his cell. Hermann Goering and three other Nazi leaders previously had committed suicide in the same jail.

County JRC Found Active

Many projects are occupying Junior Red Cross units in Lane County this spring, a report from O. D. Mickelson, JRC chairman, reveals.

Some groups are knitting washcloths to be put in educational gift boxes to be sent to children in war-torn countries, and Frances Willard students are making wall-hangings for use in the Roseburg Veterans' Hospital.

Biggest activity being carried on this year by JRC members is the gift box project. Boxes are filled with new articles donated by JRC members, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, pencils, paper, crayons, soap and a few small toys.

To date, more than 600 such boxes have been filled by Lane County schools. Since the project is not seasonal, boxes may be filled at any time. Many letters have been received by the local chapter from foreign countries expressing thanks and appreciation for the boxes.

For more information, schools may telephone 2921. Boxes will be furnished, complete with directions for filling.

Negotiations Make 'Some' Progress

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being, at least, he was not intervening personally in the non-stop efforts of his Labor Department officials.

The Republican Congress also was watching the communications crisis. House GOP leaders generally deplored the strike.

Wage Raise Asked
The issue is the union's demand for a \$12 weekly wage increase and other contract improvements. Conciliators hoped A. T. & T. and its long distance workers could get together on some formula for resuming service. It was these groups that produced a pattern last year which averted a scheduled nationwide strike minutes before the deadline.

The administration believes that it has the power to seize the telephone lines, but it apparently had decided not to do it. One state, however, exercised seizure powers.

Company Seized
Twelve minutes after the strike started, New Jersey's Labor Commissioner Harry C. Harper, on orders of Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll, seized all facilities of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. and called on 24,000 strikers to go back to work at once.

Union leaders, however, refused to put out a back-to-work order. At Kearny, N. J., police arrested a picket on a "disorderly person" charge.

But elsewhere the walkout appeared to be proceeding just as the NFW planned it. NFW President Joseph A. Beirne set the pace for his followers by joining the Washington picket line.

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Taft Answers Truman Talk

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Robert Taft of Ohio declared Monday that the Republican-controlled Congress will disregard President Truman's "political timing" and cut both taxes and government expenses this year.

Taft, who heads the Senate Republican Policy Committee, told a reporter he regards as a "purely political statement" the President's assertion in his Saturday night Jefferson Day address that the Republicans are headed toward "false economy."

"The President's budget will be cut," Taft said. "Estimated revenues are going to be larger. Taxes can be cut and a large surplus left to apply on the debt, for which the Democrats are suddenly much concerned after 14 years."

"If we don't cut taxes now," the Ohio senator continued, "the spenders will soon find new ways to spend and spend and elect and elect."

Mr. Truman told his audience of Democratic Party members he recognizes frankly that the present tax burden is too heavy to be considered permanent, adding:

"At a proper time I will support tax reduction and tax readjustment designed to reduce the burden and to adjust the burden to the needs of a peacetime economy."

Taft said this statement indicates to him that Mr. Truman has "political timing" in mind.

Concert Scheduled

The a cappella choir of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, will present a concert at 8 p.m. Monday in the Church of the Nazarene, Eighth Ave. and Madison St. The choir is directed by Professor Roger Taylor, S. Taylor, Dr. Lewis T. Corlett, college president, will preside. There will be no admission charge.

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Portlander Narrowly Escapes 3000-Foot Fall

PORTLAND—(AP)—An airplane passenger fell part way out of the cockpit while stunting at 3000 feet elevation over Portland Saturday but was pulled back to his seat by the pilot.

Henry T. Troh, pilot and operator of a suburban airport, said Tom Wallace, 43, slipped from the rear seat when his safety belt became uncoupled during an outside flip. Wallace's leg hooked in the cockpit and he was suspended momentarily while Troh righted the plane and pulled him back into the cockpit.

Wallace was treated at a hospital for a wrenched leg.

Wood Preservers' Confab Scheduled

PORTLAND—(AP)—The national convention of the American Wood Preservers' Assn., representing the industry which treats wood products with chemicals, will be held here April 22-24.

Ralph H. Rawson, president, estimated 400 chemists, engineers and railroad executives would hear speakers discuss processes which make wood resist decay, termite attack and shrinkage and burning. P. B. Proctor, head of the Oregon State College Forest Products Laboratory, will be a speaker.

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Jap Vet, Father Test Property Law

PORTLAND—(AP)—Consent of the Oregon law to alien Japanese the right to real estate is challenged in a case filed in circuit court here by a combat veteran of Japan and his father.

Kenji Namba, 22, a combat veteran of the Japanese army, and his father, Namba, 59, native of Japan, and a resident of the U.S. since 1938, the alien land is disallowed.

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