

Professor Hits School System

Children 'Throttled' By Books, Tests

INDIANAPOLIS —(AP)— A university professor declared Tuesday night that America's schools are turning out principally students "with crippled minds, trained only in memorization or blind, unreasonable rote-learning."

Dr. W. Allison Davis, professor of education at the University of Chicago, made the statement in an address at the 56th annual convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

PUPILS, teachers and administrators are "caught in the toils of unrealistic, unlife-like and boring curriculums and tests over which they have no control," said Davis. The educator asserted that the mental abilities of the majorities of pupils are wasted. This is because, he went on, the curriculum and "intelligence" and "achievement" tests emphasize only a narrow range of the real mental ability which the pupils possess.

Davis added that the present system "fails to develop or measure the pupil's ability to think, to use his reason so as to learn to solve life problems, to gain insight of to see the meaning of his own observations."

DAVIS DECLARED that American education "is being throttled by the powerful grip of publishers and authors of textbooks and tests which prevent pupils from developing most of their mental abilities."

Children learn well, Davis asserted, only when they are interested. So the textbook writers must find "stories, problems and situations which seem lifelike, real and therefore important to the child," he said.

Bond Stresses Lighting Need In Schools

The importance of good lighting in schools was stressed to members of the Cascade Lions Club at their Tuesday meeting by Dr. B. W. Bond, optometrist and member of the club.

Bond and Dr. Harold S. Rockstein, Springfield optometrist, presented a lecture illustrated by slides prepared by Dr. Darrell Boyd Harmon for the state of Texas.

The lecture was based on a study made by Harmon on classroom environments and their effect on vision, health and mental development of school children.

Bond reported the study showed that correct lighting played a tremendous role in reducing chronic fatigue, visual problems, chronic infections, nutritional problems and faulty posture.

The study covered some 160,000 students and included schools where lighting was redesigned to scientific visual principles.

Following Bond's lecture, teachers and contractors among the club's membership cited local examples where schools have been designed to take advantage of correct lighting.

Floating Object Reveals \$2,180

PORTLAND — (AP) — Three boys saw a strange object floating on a shallow pool here Tuesday. They fished it out and found it contained \$2,180 in currency.

The money had been wrapped in paper, sealed in a glass jar and then wrapped in a water-tight container made of an old inner tube.

The boys, Lynn Hill, 7; Myron Whitcomb, 9; and Melvin Weaver, 11, divided the money and went home. The mother of one of the boys reported the find to the sheriff's office.

The money was thought to have belonged to James Stevens, 71, who died three months ago in a nearby shack. Stevens, a recluse, had told neighbors before he died that he had saved enough money to return to his native Russia. A search of his house shortly after his death turned up \$327 hidden in envelopes and a tobacco can.

The money was taken by the sheriff's office to be turned over to Stevens' estate.

Dsady Toothache

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — (AP) — Police reported Wednesday Raul Gonzalez, 25, shot himself because of a three-day toothache. His mother, Mercedes, said dentists had not been able to relieve the pain.

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FANTASY, a five-gaited mare, is one of the fine horses which will be shown in the annual Spring Horse Show of Eugene Hunt Club, starting Friday night and lasting through Sunday afternoon. She is owned by Collis Johnson of the Green Valley Stables of Salem, and has been exhibited in many competitions. Shown on Fantasy is her trainer, Tuck Higgins.

Girls Cry 'Enough' To Panties Raids

Scornful coeds indicated Wednesday they were just about fed up with panty-raiding men students as a new wave of lingerie looting swept college campuses and a group of raiders held a "forgive us" meeting.

Overnight, the attitude of the coeds seemed to have changed from one of squealing encouragement to aroused resistance or cloistered indifference.

The rampaging males stormed women's quarters from Seattle, Wash., to Athens, Ga., Tuesday night.

At Iowa State College the girls chanted "act your age" as about 500 men students slashed screens and broke windows to gain entrance to dormitories and sorority houses. Other coeds simply locked themselves in their rooms.

AT KANSAS University in Lawrence, Kans., members of Delta Tau Delta fraternity stood guard both inside and out at North College, a residence for freshmen women. A group of 300 raiders passed the building by.

"Quite a few of our boys have girls in the dorm and we didn't want them bothered," a spokesman for the fraternity said.

In Manhattan, Kans., Kansas State College raiders hit several sorority houses and the dormitory for freshmen women. About 20 men succeeded in entering the Pi Beta Phi sorority house through a fire escape, but lost their zest when they got a cool reception.

Some 150 men students at Ball State Teachers' College in Muncie, Ind., received a more favorable reception when they rambled through three girls' dormitories.

The group grabbed stockings and underwear in their three-hour tour. Faculty members instigated impromptu dances to keep the demonstration in check.

THE INVADERS draped stockings about their necks and hoisted underwear as banners. A woman's skirt was raised on the flag-pole at the men's Elliott Hall.

A group of 800 University of Missouri men who took part in three raids in Columbia, Mo., Monday night met in Brewer Fieldhouse for a "forgive us" meeting. The penitent males drew up plans to make restitutions for their destructive raids.

Fourteen students were seized by police at Philadelphia when 2,000 University of Pennsylvania students ripped down trolley wires and fought police.

Police also broke up a would-be panty raid at University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Squads of officers arrested every male, student or otherwise, they could lay their hands on.

COEDS ALSO were locked in their rooms at the University of Georgia.

At Seattle, Wash., 12 police cars rushed to the University of Washington campus and broke up a raid by 800 boys on sorority houses in the university's "Greek Row."

Raiders at the University of South Carolina dispersed when police arrived.

At Troy, N. Y., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute students staged a pitifully unsuccessful raid on Russell Sage College. All they got was hoarse when coeds pulled down their shades and ignored the boys' shouted demands for "panties, panties."

Ike Will Leave Paris May 31

PARIS — (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will turn over his command to Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway May 30 and take off for Washington May 31.

The Allied supreme commander, who retires June 1 to become an active candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, will relinquish his post to Ridgway at a special ceremony at headquarters.

Ridgway, now in Washington on his way from Tokyo, is to arrive here Tuesday.

He will have Wednesday and Thursday to go over the supreme Allied command with Eisenhower and then formally take over Friday, which is Memorial Day.

Eisenhower is due in Washington June 1 where he will report to President Truman and become a semi-private citizen. As a five-star general, however, he will remain technically on active duty.

MANSTON, England — (AP) — A U.S. Air Force F-84 Thunderjet exploded in flight and crashed on the American fighter base field here Wednesday, the third such Thunderjet crash in a month. The pilot was killed.

The plane, one of five making up a special acrobatic team known as the Sky Blazers which had flown here from Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, exploded as it flew over the field control tower.

U of W, WSC Join Panty Fad

By The Associated Press

Youths at the University of Washington and Washington State College joined the latest college fad Tuesday night.

At the University, an estimated 1,000 students smashed windows and did minor damage in panty raids in a women's residence hall and six sororities.

At Washington State, about 250 men invaded five women's living quarters.

Pullman Police Chief Archie Campbell said little damage was done, but two State Patrolmen were called in to help Pullman and campus police disperse the crowd.

Policemen in at least 20 squad cars in the vicinity of the raids at the University did not enter the fray. One policeman said the officers were reluctant to leave their cars because they feared the gang would damage the vehicles.

A member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority aimed a lusty swing with a baseball bat at one youth. He ducked and the coed demolished a window on the follow through.

Atomic Expert Risks His Life To 'Kill' Bomb

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — (AP) — A veteran atomic expert said Wednesday "the sweat was pouring off of me" as he disarmed an atomic device which failed to explode in a test Tuesday.

Dr. Jack C. Clark, 49, is a deputy director of the Los Alamos, N.M., laboratories of the Atomic Energy Commission, and deputy director of the series of tests being held at the Yucca Flats grounds on the desert near here.

He also is the man charged with pushing the button that sets in action the complicated timing system which detonates an atomic device.

For the second time in his career, he pushed the button Tuesday and nothing happened. The first time was last October. Both times something went wrong with the electrical circuit.

After the power had been shut off, Dr. Clark rode the elevator to the top of the 300-foot tower from which the blast was to have taken place.

"My knees were shaking," he said, because he knew that it could be a mechanical failure and that simply by touching the key contact in the device itself he might explode it. But it didn't.

Five Big Trucks Pile Up in Fog, Two Men Killed

CHICAGO — (AP) — Two men were killed when five trailer trucks piled up in a series of rear-end collisions during a heavy fog Wednesday.

One of the dead, Clarence Wade Louisville, Ky., was killed by one of the trucks involved in the giant pileup when he climbed from the cab of his truck and sought to warn away approaching vehicles with a flare.

He was struck by a truck loaded with sheets of stainless steel and driven by Edward Tull, Mattoon, Ill.

The force of the collision when Tull's vehicle struck the pileup ripped the steel loose and it battered through Tull's cab, crushing him instantly.

Police said a truck driven by Edward Brown, East St. Louis, Ill., was proceeding slowly along the Lincoln Highway near State Street in the suburb of East Chicago Heights.

The second truck, driven by Richard Bowers, 27, Orville, Ohio, rammed into Brown's vehicle Wade's semi-trailer struck the pileup of Brown and Bower's vehicles.

The fourth truck was driven by Tull. It hit Wade then veered into the smashup.

The last truck in the pileup was driven by James Cropp, 64, Louisville.



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