

EDITORIALS

Love And 'Strap Oil'

(From the Christian Science Monitor)

The fact of juvenile delinquency and adolescent criminality as a major problem before the people of the United States needs little elaboration. The latest testimony comes from a committee of the National Education Association, which found the breakdown of youthful discipline the number one difficulty facing public-school teachers.

What to do about the problem and what is causing it, two questions inextricably interwoven, can scarcely be elaborated too much. To relieve the lawless juveniles of all responsibility and place all blame upon so-

ciety is to deny the very existence of the individual as a being with God-given ability to choose between good and evil. To deny that society has a responsibility is to deny also the corollary: that good homes and good communities have something to do with turning out good youngsters.

We have before us the views of three men entitled to speak with authority: to experienced judges and a Negro special police officer who had himself risen to sports fame from the humblest beginnings.

Says Judge Elijah Adlow, Boston's chief justice of its municipal court, writing in the Atlantic Monthly:

It would be absurd to expect that at a time when adult America is indulging in an orgy of lawlessness youth should reveal moderation and restraint. . . . An age that has witnessed more drinking, more gambling, and a more widespread indulgence in luxuries than ever before is bound to witness a gradual disappearance of those primitive virtues which sterner and more sober generations nourished and applauded. . . . We must recapture the spirit of the home which our parents and grandparents knew, and young people must be brought up and not left to bring themselves up.

Judge Irving Ben Cooper, chief justice of New York City's Court of Special Sessions, writing in the Journal of the American Jurisprudence Society, indicts society's handling of the problem:

To consider youthful crime as something foisted on an innocent and law-abiding community rather than as an aspect of its own thought of itself and its own action is to be naive beyond sanity. . . . The community's attitude toward youthful offenders, like its treatment of youth generally, is a mixture of soft-heartedness, exasperation, wounded resignation, and sadistic pleasure in punishment.

"Jersey Joe" Walcott, former world heavyweight boxing champion, put it simply to a Senate subcommittee: poverty plays only a small part; lack of recreation and discrimination and segregation more. But the best preventive is love mixed with a little "strap oil."

"We need," said Joe, "more old-fashioned fathers and mothers." Whatever one may feel about corporal punishment as an aid to discipline there is no mistaking these men's agreement on the need for chastening and with St. Paul's words in his Epistle to the Hebrews linking chastening with love.

THE BRIDGE CLUB ENJOYS A "COOK OUT"



Civil Defense Goals Revealed

Two goals have been set for this year by Civil Defense chairman John Warden, he told a meeting of Civil Defense workers last Wednesday (July 13).

These are to get organized in detail so that the group can function properly and to conduct training classes for the workers so that in cases of emergency they will know what to do, Warden said.

At present, Warden is trying to



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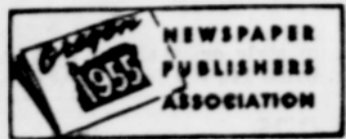
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"So Much Like Oregon That We Were Homesick"

Late in June, I delivered the annual commencement address at Goddard College, one of Vermont's famous progressive schools. The invitation had been urged upon me by the two Senators from Vermont, George Aiken and Ralph E. Flanders, who took exception to my article in the New York Times saying the Northwest was more beautiful than New England.

I must confess that we found Vermont truly inspiring. On the day before my speech, Maurine and I climbed Spruce Mountain, near historic Montpelier. The trail through dense evergreen woods and past brackish upland ponds reminded us of Oregon—it even made us homesick. From the mountain, we could see quaint dairy farms spread out across the rolling hills like the pattern of linoleum on the kitchen floor.

Maurine's family is in the dairy business, so one unique Vermont custom fascinated her. To stimulate the sale of milk in restaurants, certain key men in the dairy industry always carry a pocketful of silver dollars. If they hear a waitress ask, "Will you have milk, coffee or tea, sir?" they reward her with a silver dollar. But she must mention milk first—otherwise no silver dollar.

A State Senator in the creamery business told us the idea had helped to sell more milk half-pints in restaurants.

A Lesson for Us in the State of Oregon
But it wasn't only Vermont's wooded ramparts which brought Oregon vividly into our minds. I

wish thousands of Oregon folks could have sat with Maurine and me as we had a buffet lunch with leaders of the public-power movement in Vermont. Most of these people were Republicans but this is what they said, in essence:

"Power at 13 mills a kilowatt-hour, charged by the private utilities, has forced industry out of New England and to the cheap electricity of the TVA. Our sole hope now is the St. Lawrence sea-way, which offers a promise of 3-mill energy. The St. Lawrence project finally has been authorized after years of opposition by the private utilities."

What will happen in the Northwest if great sites like Hells Canyon and John Day are surrendered to the private power companies? Will we have energy enough to attract new payroll? Or, will we suffer New England's disastrous experience?

Hoover Proposals Threaten Oregon
Proposals of the Hoover commission to levy "user charges" on navigation through inland waterways could throttle Columbia River barge and tug operations.

Since the era of George Washington, the government has improved, deepened and marked our interior water routes. Now ex-President Hoover, who is determined to destroy what remains of the New Deal, would impose "user charges" at the Bonneville Dam locks and similar facilities.

Under free access to Federal locks, tonnage moving into the upper Columbia River had rocketed from only 85,715 tons in 1933 to 1,343,575 tons by 1953. This never could have happened under the Hoover theories for two reasons. In the first place, Bonneville Dam would not have been built under Hoover. Secondly, if it had been built, the so-called "user charges" at the locks would have been prohibitive.

Competition from water navigation had aided consumers by holding down railroad and truck freight rates along the Columbia Gorge portal to the Pacific sea-

board, and also benefitted farmers who must ship wheat, orchard fruit and general produce to marketing centers.

VETS MAIL BAG

As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper will publish a weekly column of news briefs from the Veterans Administration. For further information, veterans should contact or write their nearest VA office

Notify VA of Your Change of Address, Veterans Urge

Two warnings were given veterans and dependents of deceased veterans who receive monthly checks from the Veterans Administration, now that summer vacations and holiday trips are in order. They are:

1. If you are going to be away from your home for an extended

period, ask your post office to hold your mail; or at least make sure that a neighbor takes care of your check when it arrives; and if you change address permanently, make sure the VA office which handles your records knows about it—give both the old and the new address when you write.

2. If a monthly check is lost or not delivered when it should be, notify the VA at once.

When you write VA about such matters, write the office handling your affairs, not to Washington, D. C., and make sure you identify yourself thoroughly.

The best way to do this, VA said, is for the veteran to give VA his "C" number, the number VA assigns to all claims; and for dependents, the "XC" number. These serve as complete identification.

Under the law, the Post Office normally may not forward a VA benefit check, VA said.

Question of the Week

Q I understand that if a veteran's Korean GI Bill training entitlement runs out after he passes the half-way mark of his school term, he will be allowed to complete that term anyhow. I am taking on-the-job training under the Korean GI Bill. May my entitlement be extended after it runs out?

A No. Under the law, entitlement may be extended only for veterans in school under the Korean GI Bill, and not for those taking job training.

The 500-mile-long Kagera River system, rising in hills southwest of Lake Victoria about four degrees south of the Equator, is today recognized as the Nile River's true headstream, says the National Geographic Society. Mystery shrouded the Nile's source for thousands of years. Many explorers failed to find its origin.

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1. Succinct means (a) helpful; (b) concise; (c) juicy.
2. Exacerbate means (a) add carefully; (b) exasperate; (c) to dig.
3. Hagiology refers to (a) study of the saints; (b) witchcraft; (c) bartering.

ANSWERS

1. Concise.
2. Exasperate.
3. Hagiology.

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