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EDITORIALS

FREE PALAVER

By Paul Hornbeck

AUTHORITIES PLEAD FOR MURDER

"We want more murders, bigger crimes—more lawbreaking of every kind." That is the backhanded plea which has for years issued from our foremost governmental authorities and most influential citizens.

The latest payoff was the systematic murder of 8 nurse trainees in Chicago by a 24-year-old expert who should still have been locked up in the penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas. Companion lawlessness and evidence of freedom from all moral and legal restraint appears in the race riot in Chicago, the thieving, looting, mugging, robbery, raping, kidnapping, pemicious vandalism and every other brand of crime in every city from Boston to San Francisco and Houston to Minneapolis, which is intended to include Washington, D.C., Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Medford and Central Point.

The President of the United States makes speeches and says, "We are against crime," but sits supinely by while the Supreme Court and most of the lower courts in the country are busy turning criminals loose so they can repeat. The courts are joined by most of the editors of the country, the foremost writers, the leading clerics of the church (masquerading themselves as Christian ministers), university presidents and other leading educationists, vast social-betterment organizations, and many other categories of individuals and collective bleeding hearts. All these have been prating for years about rights of the poor criminal, spending vast tax money to "rehabilitate" him, while unmercifully downgrading every law enforcement agency in the country, presenting the most horrible picture possible of "police brutality."

Last week 3,000 Illinois National Guardsmen were called into Chicago to quell the so-called rioting, looting, arson, etc. After a couple of days of it the commanding officer reported that the criminal actions were incited, the young Negro and white hoodlums trained and agitated by imported insurrectionists. The FBI, CIA and Congressional investigating committees have years and mountains of invincible proof that Communist subversives have been mixed up in these instigation activities all over the United States; but the above mentioned individuals and organizations of the previous paragraph say it isn't so. They and the President are afraid that such charges made out loud would offend the Kremlin. We have no such qualms and the Kremlin is plenty welcome if they choose to be offended when we say they are the biggest rotters on the face of the earth.

The Illinois National Guardsmen have guns, as do all other law enforcement officers. But the guardsmen were given implicit orders not to shoot unless shot at. In other words, if they saw a "rioter" looting a store or setting fire to a building or assaulting a citizen, they were there to arrest and jail him. "If the criminal resists arrest or attempts to escape, don't use your gun unless he shoots at you first." In other words, "Give the criminal a fair chance to kill you before you shoot at him. He is more valuable than you are."

Shades of Matt Dillon.

DISARM

The goings-on noted above give emphasis to the matter of disarmament. During the last few years there has been more than enough agitation from the mentioned bleeding-heart individuals and organizations to strip all law enforcement officers of their sidearms. The same idea has carried over to the national level and backs the great McNamara and Statesman Rusk in their effort to strip the United States of its armament power. It is much more bloodless to turn ourselves over to Communism or other world despotism through negotiation or through the United Nations.

The United Nations organization could be an influence for world amity. But it isn't. Instead of accepting the bland advice of our beloved American intelligentsia, it should be the self-survival interest of every intelligent American to investigate, without bias, the present makeup, policies, objectives and potentials of the UN. Who controls it? Who constitutes the Security Council, and how will it be affected when Red China is eventually admitted. Who gives up and pays and pays and pays with blood and money? You might even be surprised at the fears which began to congeal in the mind of Adlai Stevenson before his death. Nor is he the only one. Outlaws, individual or international, cannot be made law-abiding simply by agreement upon the part of those who are law-abiding. Force—gunpowder force—is the only thing they will respect.

PROBING CONSENSUS: A NEEDLESS, SENSELESS ACTIVITY

Had you ever thought about how foolish it is for lawmakers, national or state, to be running home all the time to "find out the consensus of the grass roots?" In our opinion, the elected representative who deems it necessary to do this and who proposes to let his voting on considered measures be guided by what he interprets as the day-to-day consensus of his constituents, is not worthy of the office to which he has been elected.

Now we are not saying that the elected representative has no business knowing what his constituents are thinking. But when he is elected he should know that thinking fairly well and the theory is that he and the majority are in something of the same mind when they have selected him. The theory of representative government then requires that he is obligated to act upon the various particular issues which confront him by exercising the best judgment of HIS mind towards what is right as opposed to what is wrong. In following that course, without regard for all outside influences, he will be representing the interests of his constituents to the best of his ability, morally and intellectually.

We have representative government because it would be impossible for all the people to judge all the merits of all the issues that arise, and even if they could, the process of expressing those judgments would be too cumbersome and ineffective. That

WASHINGTON AND

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

A little over 30 years ago, in a period of economic stress, the nation's farmers turned to Washington for a solution to their then existing problem.

Now their chickens have come home to roost.

The entire situation was placed in perspective recently by Congressman R. H. Gross of Iowa who stated that last year the Secretary of Agriculture blandly explained to the House agriculture committee why the government sold millions of bushels of surplus corn on the open market.



"We purposely sold," he said, "in order to move prices down far enough so that they would be 'way below the support level, the loan level, so that we could thereby get compliance (by farmers in the feed grain control program). That was the whole intent and purpose and thrust of the program."

Congressman Gross then pointed out that recently the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers appeared on television to say, "I mentioned the fact that increases in the supplies of pork depend on the difference between the price of hogs and the price of corn, and we're trying to hold down the price of corn."

In other words, the programs which farmers sought at one time are now being used

against them. The price deflation powers exercised by government through stored surpluses is enormous.

Thus, when government-promoted inflationary pressures cause a rise in the price of pork chops, the political repercussions of angry consumers in the big cities blows up a storm. Hence, to mollify the irate housewife, the pressure is put on the farmer.

The Arabs have long warned against permitting the camel to get his nose in the tent. The American farmer is now learning the merit of this proverb.

For not only is government, once hailed as the savior of the farmer, now seeking to manipulate the price he shall get for his products, but it is also seeking to dictate to him what labor he shall have, and what he shall pay for it.

This is evidenced in the West where Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz, working hand in glove with the labor bosses, and aided by the big city sociologically minded dreamers who never planted a crop in their lives, are seeking to destroy domestic agriculture.

Senator George Murphy, California, is on record with well documented evidence that the big farm operators who have the resources, are moving to Mexico, leaving the smaller farmers holding the bag.

And this points up the problem the American farmer faces. The uninformed big city masses are political reservoirs which must be carried no matter what happens to the farmer.

is why a fully democratic government could not operate successfully, and so we have a republican form of government. But again, we are not saying that individuals have no business expressing their wishes to their representatives as to how they want them to vote. However, we do say that a constituent has no right to demand that his representative vote such and such a way just because he so desires it. His desires may be wholly selfish and his convictions biased beyond reason. He has every right to request his representative to measure his convictions against the constituents' logical reasoning, based upon what he honestly considers the right and wrong aspects of the issue. The representative has no obligation to yield to the constituent's thinking, unless he is convinced that right would be better served thereby. "You won't get my vote unless you vote such-and-such-a-way" is just as much a bribe as ten thousand dollars, and will be disdained by every honest politician.

Having said these things, it should be seen that we have more than a little basis for asserting that it is indeed an immoral policy which has prompted President Johnson and his coterie of State Department aides to seek out the consensus of opinion not only in America, but in a hundred nations of the world as to what he should do in Vietnam. The consensus has been sought not in an effort to determine right or wrong in the issues involved, but purely and simply an attempt to find out what policy or degree of policy or lack thereof would secure the most votes and political support for the administration.

Regardless of what Moscow and Peking say, we know and the world knows that U.S. involvement in Vietnam is neither aggressive nor imperialistic. All honest Americans, which should include the President, know that the Communist nations and their satellites are not capable of honorable negotiation. It is therefore immoral to ask for such presumed negotiation. The only possible position of right for the President to take is to determine what is the right and just course for the United States to take—and then take it, regardless of what American factions may think or the Russians or the British or Nasser or de Gaulle or anybody else may think.

If the President of the United States would follow that course, the Vietnam war would be over in short order and the spilling of American blood over there would be quickly reduced to a trickle—and we could get back to minding our own business, which would by no means be isolationism, regardless of what the smart boys say.

Why is it important to prevent litter and safeguard beauty? Litter is not only a health and safety menace, but is expensive to clean up. Some \$500 million in tax money is spent each year to de-litter highways, city streets, parks, beaches and other public areas, according to Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

Conversely, a clean well-kept community generates citizen pride, indicates stability and property values hold up.

Then what can the average person do about it? A great deal. In fact, he is the only one who can stop it because he is largely responsible for it. Here are some specific do's and don'ts: Keep a neat litter-free home and back yard. Teach your children not to litter and most important of all set a good example by not littering yourself. A good example will rub off on your children; also on your neighbors.

Always carry a litterbag in your car and be sure to use it. Encourage local youth groups to sponsor anti-litter projects. Use your influence as a taxpayer and voter to make sure local anti-littering ordinances are enforced.

Remember, only people are litterbugs. And people's habits can be changed.

As reported in The Wall Street Journal: "Though some people appear to forget it, the government's outlays give it both the right and the duty to oversee the money's use....

No matter how openhanded and unquestioning the government may say it is, sooner or later its hand is likely to become the firm fist of federal control."

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8 to 9 DAILY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Mental Pain . . . This is the sleeper in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and if the Bill is passed with this clause . . . it will close the lips and pen of every Patriot.

There is not any defense against a claim of causing "MENTAL PAIN", and any Politician, Communist, Anti-Christ or other person who is out to destroy you . . . will be able to use this clause in doing so.

If the "MENTAL PAIN" clause is retained in this Bill, every Patriotic Organization and Publication will have to fold up.

The "MENTAL PAIN" clause is what the Administration wants most of all; they will give up on Open Housing, providing they can get the "MENTAL PAIN" clause . . . because this will give them complete control over what you may say, write or print.

The Communists have for years been trying to get this law on the books; however, in order to do so, they had to include it in a Bill that would be so controversial that this "MENTAL PAIN" clause would slip through without being noticed.

If Gus Hall, leader of the Communist Party in the U.S.A., OR Martin L. King claimed that you had made a remark about him causing him Mental Pain . . . what would your defense be?? Remember the U.S. Attorney General would be on the side of the Prosecution, and could also sue you.

This is one of the most abhorrent clauses ever inserted in a Bill presented to Congress.

Wake up and do something about it!!!

R.W. Walworth
Georgetown, Cecil County
Maryland

To the Editor:

Central Point Times:

In the June 30 issue of the Central Point Times, Norman Jean mentioned the recording "Day of Decision" which has become so popular with disk jockies and the public nationwide. I too think it's about time we awakened to the fact that patriotism is NOT dead.

I am enclosing the words to the recording for the benefit of those who have not yet heard the record on the radio. DAY FOR DECISION

The other day I heard someone say, you know America is in real trouble. It's true, Old Glory has never fallen so close to earth. The blood of American soldiers is soaking foreign soil in nameless, winless conflict. Men are dying for ideals we so-called Americans have abandoned.

America's real trouble doesn't lie in the rice paddies of Viet Nam or in the overwhelming "masses of Red China. It's here. This is the age of the American cynic. The day of doubt, Love of God, country, and family have been thrown to the junk heap. We stare at our shoes when they play the National Anthem. We change channels when a political discussion comes on. We wouldn't be caught with our eyes closed during public prayers.

We've decided that elections and politicians are bought and sold like cattle. Patriotism, the old hand over the heart, flag waving, marching, singing patriotism has been condemned. Somewhere back there in our rush for progress and power we've changed, we have, you and me. Our enemies know it. They've seen newsreels of the discontented marching around the capitol. The draft card burning. They've driven steel wedges in our wall of solidarity. The new idea is why attack America, it will eventually fall under the weight of its own corruption. And did you know it's working.

This deadly complacency once stamped beneath the bloody feet of a tattered Continental army in 1776 once drowned with U.S.S. Arizona in Pearl Harbor Bay has risen again. This sneering let George do it attitude. This better red than dead cancer is more feared by the American soldier than all the Communist bullets. It kills the vitality and spirit of America. Day

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"The Snitching Posts"

The "snitching post." Back in the 1930's when the first parking meters were introduced, the nickname given to them had by no means an affectionate tone.

A little more than 30 years ago C.C. Magee, then editor of the Oklahoma News of Oklahoma City, was having problems. Serving on the local traffic committee, he was one of the men called upon to resolve the increasing downtown parking problem. Parking was creating headaches all around. That is, until Magee had a brainstorm. Why not limit the length of time a motorist could spend at any one parking spot? Why not install coin-operated meters to regulate that time?

And so the "snitching post" was born. In 1935 the first meters in the nation appeared on the streets of Oklahoma City. Objections immediately arose from every quarter. Citizens were disgusted. Motorists were outraged. Parking meters were an infringement of the rights of freedom, they claimed. And with that, lawsuits sprang up.

But it didn't take the local merchants long to realize the potential of parking meters. Business began to pick up sharply. No longer were just one or two cars parked outside their stores for an entire day. With the turnover in traffic came a turnover in

business. Motorists, too, discovered that the "snitching post" wasn't so objectionable after all. At least one could be sure of finding a parking place somewhere with the new system. Soon parking meters began to appear in nearly every city in the United States, and slowly they became a part of the modern street scene.

The idea of inserting coins in meters became acceptable but motorists didn't always feed the meters American coinage. Washers jangled down their throats, transit tokens choked, their slow Currency from all around the world appeared in the meters, from the coins used in Russia's pre-Communist days to coins presently in use in the Philippines. But even that is changing now. Meter manufacturers are constantly improving the efficiency of meter mechanisms and today it's not so easy to outsmart a meter.

Parking meters now belong to our traffic picture, and it looks as if they're here to stay, at least until a better innovation comes along. In the meantime they're proving beneficial, for not only do they provide everyone with an equal chance to find a parking spot but, with today's high cost of living, they're not so easy to outsmart a meter.

Farm or Fish?

In a recent House address Rep. Frank T. Bow (R.-Ohio) said he received a photocopy of a postcard which read as follows: "Do you want to work all summer, while your neighbor is fishing? If not rent your corn and cotton to the Government. Final date for signing up in the food, grain and cotton programs is April 1, 1966. So hurry."

He added that the postcard was sent to the farms of Chester County, Tenn., by the local Agricultural and Stabilization office in Henderson, Tenn. Postage fees were paid by the Department of Agriculture.

"This must come as a shock to farmers," Rep. Bow continued. For generations we have lauded them in speeches poems and songs for their hard work, diligence, perseverance despite hardship, drought and floods. And now their Government is urging them to adopt "Lazybones" for a theme song.

"And I might add," he concluded, "that no matter how successful this appeal may be in signing up farmers for their corn and cotton programs, it has the possibility of producing a dangerous boomerang effect on city folk. If they get the idea that their tax dollars are being used for a farm program that encourages farmers to fishing, the farm program may be in real trouble."

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