

REQUIRED PRINTS OF FINGERS SEEN AS CURB ON CRIME

Compulsory Imprints Will Cut Criminality, Bring Swifter Justice, Bureau of Investigation Avers

WASHINGTON (UP)—If fingerprints were as compulsory as birth certificates there would be less crime in the United States and justice would be swifter, the bureau of investigation of the department of justice believes.

Officials admit, however, that the public will have to be educated to the idea before any federal fingerprint law can be passed.

"Law-abiding citizens are beginning to realize that fingerprints may mean death to a criminal, but that it also may mean life and liberty to an innocent man, woman or child," said an assistant to the director of the bureau.

"A tourist losing his passport in a foreign country could more readily obtain a duplicate if his fingerprints were on file in Washington. Every police station has fingerprinting equipment, and this can be done in a matter of minutes. As soon as they are checked at headquarters a new passport could be issued without further delay."

Advantages Claimed
This is not the only advantage of fingerprinting registration for law-abiding citizens, it is pointed out.

If there were sufficient demand by the public, fingerprints could be made at home and forwarded to headquarters, but it would be far easier to file the fingerprints shortly after the birth certificates and thereby, in thousands of instances, prevent crime rather than detect it, official argue.

Human beings, many of them at least, would think twice before committing a crime if they knew that their fingerprints were on file at "headquarters" and that the conviction and punishment would be swift.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation, says: "Long since the time has passed when criminals hid in dark alleys or skulked in dark basements. The day of the mask and the dark lantern is over. Crime lives next door to you. Crime often plays bridge with you. Crime dances with your sons and daughter. These persons of the underworld are not simply poor boys and girls or moral invalids, as the superstitious would have us believe. They are marauders, who murder for a headline, rats crawling from their hideouts to gnaw at the vitals of civilization. True, they are dressed as we are dressed, they live as we live and often far better, owing to the rich rewards of their 'profession,' but their standards of life are those of pigs in a wallow, their outlook that of vultures."

Technique Developed
Fingerprints can be "lifted" from playing cards, from cloth, from glass and silver; from wood, metal, leather or paper. Anywhere that a fingerprint is suspected, a certain type of "dust" can be sprinkled over the surface which will reveal it if it is there, no matter how faint it may seem.

In addition to the 12,610 fingerprints of men and women who are viewed by the bureau of investigation as the most dangerous and deadly of the army of more than 3,000,000 persons whose fingerprint records are clear and who are and will continue to be, in all likelihood, law-abiding citizens.

Twenty per cent of 20th century crime is committed by persons not old enough to vote, statistics show. These minors should be home playing in their own backyards, but instead they are out stealing automobiles and committing nearly a thousand murders a year and tens of thousands of burglaries and larcenies, officials declare.

Among the arguments advanced for universal fingerprinting are:
Fingerprints never lie and no two ever are alike.

There are nine classifications of prints that are foolproof, and into these will fit the imprints of the fingers of 1,849,185,359—all the people in the world.

Burning will not change fingerprints. Scar tissue will show, and if the skin grows back again it will be exactly the same as before the injury.

KNOX SAYS NEW DEAL IS MOST EXPENSIVE 'AMATEUR HOUR' YET

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 14.—(AP)—An attack on the new deal as "the most expensive amateur hour in history" by Frank Knox, vice presidential candidate, who also advocated a "real share the wealth movement" of widespread employ ownership of stock, opened a drive by Republicans to recapture West Virginia.

The nominee, speaking before his party's state convention and an overflow crowd of several thousand persons, added:

"And in November, the American people will give all those new deal performers the govt."
Knox declared there had been a strong movement in the direction of wider stock distribution among workers, but that this had been halted "only temporarily" by the depression.

He also amplified his party's position on labor matters, saying:

"The relentless forces in the American system are moving toward shorter hours and higher wages. Our Republican administration will encourage this trend."

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt is augmenting his stable with hunters and jumpers.

Frank Demaree's real first name is Joe.

ACCUSED DOG WINS ACQUITTAL



Here is "Idaho," the dog charged with drowning a youth at Brockport, N. Y., on July 4, in "conference" with his defense attorney, Harry A. Sessions, as he went on trial for his life. After a day of testimony Justice of the Peace Homer Benedict freed "Idaho" to the custody of his master. (Associated Press Photo)

NEW DISCOVERY GETS STAMP AS AID TO MANKIND

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Medical science once again has come to the aid of mankind with the discovery of a new and powerful non-poisonous germ killer.

The finding of silver oxide powder, produced from any silver salt by addition of sodium or potassium hydroxide, bridges a great gap in the use of silver as a medicine, medical men say. The oxide, a brown powder, was described for the first time at a meeting of the American Philosophical society in session in Philadelphia.

The germicidal, the chemistry of which was explained by John J. Muller, professor of chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, where the discovery was made, combines silver nitrate and colloidal silver.

Silver nitrate, a salt, is probably one of the most potent germicides, but burns. Colloidal silver is mild, but lacks much of the metal's germicidal ability.

The new powder, when mixed with paraffin, makes a salve for external use and it will dissolve in water for use internally.

A test proving its non-toxicating properties was made substituting the germ killer for drinking water and given to baby chicks. (UP) The "silver

water" the chicks grew to full feather and showed no signs of retardation or bad effects.

Tests for medicinal effects were made in conjunction with Dr. William Lentz, of the department of veterinary medicine at the university, but the findings were not published.

Previous experiments with various forms of silver caused argyria, or deposit of metallic silver in the skin, turning a person a ghastly gray color. The new brown powder caused nothing of the like to happen.

This new discovery has been placed on the most delicate membranes, including the eye, without irritation. It has been given only to animals by the mouth, and cats, dogs, horses and cows have been cured of intestinal infections without ill effects.

Muller discovered the germicidal's remarkable and unexpected solubility in water and other substances while making pure silver oxides for non-medical uses.

Thomas A. Bedingfield of Trail, employed in the pear harvest in the Phoenix district, was assessed \$1 and costs in Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman's court yesterday, for operating an auto without a muffler.

Melvin L. Gibson, a California fruit worker, was assessed \$5 and costs for operating an auto with improper license plates.

D. O. Woodrum was fined \$1 and costs for non-possession of a driver's license.

SEA IS ENGULFING ANCIENT TOWN ON COAST OF FRANCE

Picturesque Village On Mediterranean Now Guarded Only by Battered Dikes—Protection Is Sought

LES-SAINTE-MARIES-DE-LA-MER, France (UP)—This ancient town on the Mediterranean, one of the most picturesque in France, is in danger of disappearing—in danger so imminent that the prefect of the department of the Bouches-du-Rhone has been asked to do something about it.

The sea is eating its way into the coast. Already the city proper, once three-quarters of a mile from the sea, is protected from it only by dikes, one of which, on the west, has been almost destroyed by this year's storms. Middle-aged inhabitants remember playing in fields now well out in deep water. Customs officers hula that once stood on a cliff above the sea now are in deep water.

The town is almost entirely surrounded by water. To the south is the Mediterranean, to the west the salt lake of Les Lons, to the east the Imperial salt lake. Both of these bodies of water are separated from the sea only by a thin strip of shore, through which narrow channels are beginning to be cut.

To Be Swallowed
It will not be long, if nothing is done, until the barriers break down, the lakes become part of the Mediterranean, and Les-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, a small promontory on the end of the neck of land bearing the road from Arles, gradually will sink beneath the sea as so much of the land about it has already done.

Dikes built along the banks of the little Rhone have helped to increase the speed with which the sea is eating away at the coast, for the silt which the Rhone used to spread at its mouth to replace the land eroded by the sea is now carried out into the Mediterranean.

Les-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer retains all its picturesqueness because its inaccessibility keeps all but the most determined tourists away. Whereas other famous old cities of France have been spoiled for the sensitive traveler by the commercialization of their attractions, Les-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer has remained untouched. It is too far off the main roads, it is the only point of interest in a desolate region, and so it retains its native customs and its primitive character.

In Desolate Region
It is in the Camargue, the desolate region of salt marshes in the delta of the Rhone's multiple mouths, where the only thing that grows is cattle fodder. There the cowboys of

France live, armed not with lasso, but with a long pike. Large stretches are practically uninhabited. Les-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer being the only community in its administrative district.

Chief attraction of the town is the curious fortified church of the 12th century with beesting walls within which worshippers could, in case of need, become defenders. In the church is housed the Black Virgin, which the gypsies come regularly to worship, in pilgrimages from all parts of Europe.

OLD HOYT CELEBRATES LOSS OF APPENDIX BY STOPPING REDS, 5-4

(By the Associated Press)
Old Pop Hoyt thought he had the third strike on Comebacker Waite Hoyt this season, but he's found out now it was only a base on balls.

Since early in May when Hoyt underwent an emergency appendicitis operation, it had appeared as though his career were over.

But the actor-singer-pitcher had a hearty laugh at the expense of the old man with the scythe no later than yesterday when he made his first start since his recovery and stopped the Cincinnati Reds with seven hits and the Pirates chalked up a 5-4 victory.

Hoyt has been around the big-time 19 years now, the oldest hurler in point of service in either league.

This wasn't the first time the game apparently had given up on him, only to have him pop up somewhere else and go right on winning.

His all-time record shows 224 victories with seven major league ball clubs starting with the Red Sox and going through the original Yankee murderers' row, the Tigers, Athletics, Dodgers, Giants and, finally, the Cubs. The only other hurler active in the game today to top his victory record is Lefty Grove.

Hoyt's win yesterday didn't help the Pirates at all in their efforts to

get back to third place in the National league lead for the high-flying Giants, who have a firm grip on that spot in the race, also took their game, trouncing the Phillies 6-4.

NEFF WILL PRESIDE AT BOURBON RALLY; ALL VOTERS INVITED

Attorney Porter J. Neff will preside at the Democratic rally to be held here Monday night, it was announced today by J. R. Marshall, chairman of the Jackson county central committee.

The meeting, open to all county voters, will be held at 8 o'clock in the new Democratic headquarters on the ground floor of 217 West Main street, opposite the California Oregon Power company.

"We should like to have all Jackson county voters of whatever political affiliation attend the rally and see and hear the candidates who will be present," Mr. Marshall said. "Unfortunately, we cannot issue an individual invitation to each voter, but everyone will be given a cordial welcome. The rally will give the voters an opportunity to get acquainted with their candidates for public office and learn what they stand for."

Jack Murray, president of the Young Democratic club of Jackson county, today urged all members to make a special effort to be present at the rally. It is essential, he emphasized, that young voters keep abreast of political affairs.

Among those who will speak at the meeting are U. S. Burd, candidate for state treasurer; Alfred P. Dobson, candidate for state attorney-general; Willis Mahoney, candidate for U. S. senator; E. W. Kirkpatrick, candidate for congress from this district; and Claude McColloch, chairman of the state central committee.

Exactly 119 players shared in the 3,419,164 ballots that were cast this year as fans picked the college all-star football team.

Two Industrial Deaths.
SALEM, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The state industrial accident commission reported two deaths during the past week due to accidents in Oregon industries. There were 631 accidents. The fatally injured were William P. Yaden, Scappoose loader, injured August 8 at Scappoose, and Ralph V. Sweet, Ivan, timber cutter, injured August 10 at Klamath Falls.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The petition of the Pacific Radio corporation, Marshfield, Ore., to operate station KOOS from sunset to 9 p. m. for 30 days brought an adverse report from the communications commission.

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