

Speakers Tell Recommendations Of Children, Youth Conference

Eight speakers who reviewed the recent Governor's Conference on Children and Youth here Monday indicated that the many trained leaders and laymen at the conference believe in general that prevention, rather than correction, must be the key word of future child and youth programs for this nation. A lack of love, harmony and stability in the home are at the basis of most of the problems of children and youth, they said.

Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins acted as chairman for the meeting, called by the Medford League of Women Voters, the Junior Service League, PTA units of the city and Medford branch, American Association of University Women.

Education Talks Stormy

One of the stormiest sessions was that of the education section, according to E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools, who attended that division. After spending almost one whole day arguing the philosophy of education, he said the section members finally recommended higher requirements for teachers, particularly elementary, more "in service" training, decided more money should be spent on instruction material and equipment.

Discussing finances, he said there seemed to be a trend away from federal aid to education in the thinking of the education section, and it was indicated that Oregon is in a good position to support its own schools. The section also recommended more consolidation of schools and was "strong for the children's school bill."

Too Little Planning

Along the lines of curricula, he said the section thought there was too little "over all planning" for the school system, recommended a study of "drop outs," and thought Oregon's kindergarten program should be enlarged.

In special education there should be more and better education for mentally and physically handicapped children, and more emphasis on education for the mentally superior child, he said the section indicated.

Miss Elizabeth McGalliard, county public health nurse, reported on the "family life" section and said discussion there was to the effect that the family should be strengthened as a social unit and pointed out that in the matter of church counseling of young couples, the Catholic and Jewish faiths are far ahead of the protestant churches. She discussed the effect of economic changes on the family, and insurance safeguards. Adoptive procedures were given much consideration, she said, with the section acknowledging that fully legal and formal adoptions are the answer to much of this problem.

"Realism" Advocated

Another phase of the family life section was discussed by Mrs. Henry Padgham, representative of the Jackson County Public Health association. She said her group thought there should be more "realistic" education for those who do not go to college, and pointed out that one-third of the least privileged educationally produce two-thirds of the nation's children. This section stressed that more

harmony, love and understanding in the home are absolutely necessary to produce a happy, adjusted child who will be able to face the world, she said.

Reporting on the public health section, Miss Frances Clink, nurse, said her section dwelt on the need for more trained pediatricians in Oregon, more hospitals for children, such as Doernbecher hospital, and better resources for children with special needs. She said her section believed it was vital that the entire community cooperate on every public health program and ended by saying that "as far as family health is concerned, it is ultimate responsibility of the family itself."

Picture "Not Bright"

Mrs. Blanch Frisbie, public health nurse, reported on the mental hygiene section's findings. She said the picture of the care of the mentally ill is "not bright," and since half of all the hospital beds in this nation are occupied by the mentally ill, these people constitute one of the nation's most pressing problems. The conference section, she said, agreed that most of the emotional disturbances of children stem from unhappy and insecure home life.

She reported the section agreed that adoptions must be in the hands of experts, that low IQ children need help, not detention, that the state and nation's marriage laws are poor, and adoptive laws and psychiatric services are inadequate. It was further stressed in the mental health section that Oregon should have facilities to train its own social workers and that social workers and teachers must be better trained to recognize early abnormal attitudes in children, especially in the primary grades.

Cites Emotional Problem

In her section it was said that half of all illnesses have an emotional basis and consequently emotional disturbances are at the bottom of much absenteeism from employment. It was stressed that there must be a "positive attitude" about mental illness.

Mrs. Ethel Tennant of the Medford Nursery school, spoke of the child welfare section, saying it stressed that adults must be taught to "understand children." Discussing services for children, the section made such of the fact that \$9 million is expended for aid to dependent children, and \$29 million for aid for the aged. She received day care for children of working mothers, said the section thought the foster home situation needed improvement in Oregon and that adoption trends needed more study. She said this section spent considerable time discussing the need for federal aid, but said in her personal opinion "the community can meet its needs without state or federal aid."

Juvenile Work Argued

John Richard, county juvenile officer, said his section also proved controversial, with police officers and juvenile workers arguing over the philosophy behind the treatment of juvenile delinquents. He said the section agreed that Oregon's courts, laws and probationary services are "inadequate, confusing and contradictory" and that they must be changed. He said the section recommended a law modeled on the juvenile court act of the federal children's bureau, that jurisdiction over juveniles be put en-

tirely in the hands of circuit judges sitting as a juvenile court, and recommended establishment of a department of domestic relations for circuit courts.

Further recommendations were for one trained social worker for each court or the courts of two adjoining counties, better cooperation between police and social workers, and detention homes in counties where the juvenile care load warrants. Jackson county was one of these.

Sound Warning Note

He said a warning note was sounded to the effect that "if the counties don't meet their juvenile court needs, they will find one day that the entire system has been taken out of their hands." Richard said he believed these matters should be handled on a local level.

Richard said there was discussion of a youth authority plan, and transfer of the juvenile program to the public welfare commission, but no recommendations were made on these.

More Asthma Cases In Older People

San Diego, Cal., May 3—(U.P.) A Philadelphia doctor says there are more cases of asthma among older people today because the life span has been lengthened and doctors recognize the allergy quicker.

"We are not seeing more people with asthma who are past 50 or 60 than we used to," Dr. Louis M. Tuft told the California Medical association convention yesterday.

"This is because more people live beyond 60 than in the past couple of decades," he said.

Dr. Tuft said it was important "to determine if we are dealing with asthma or some heart condition" because some older people often suffer heart or lung conditions whose symptoms at similar to asthma.

Freeze on Russia Would Wreck UN

Lake Success, N. Y., May 3—(U.P.)—Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz warned today that the Hoover plan to freeze the Russians out of the United Nations would wreck the world organization.

In a brief talk to a visiting group of wounded veterans from Valley Forge General hospital Nimitz said:

"The League of Nations failed because the United States, one of the great countries of World War I, failed to join or support it."

"With that remark, you can guess what my answer is to Herbert Hoover's suggestion to

Government Goes Further in Red In Fiscal Year

Washington, May 3—(U.P.)—The federal government went \$2,588,185,942 into the red during the first 10 months of the present fiscal year, treasury figures showed today.

The budget bureau has estimated that the deficit will grow to \$5,400,000,000 by the time fiscal 1950 ends on June 30.

The end-of-April deficit compared with \$1,877,657,702 on the corresponding date last year. The national debt mounted to \$255,739,702,288 compared with \$255,553,319,700 on the corresponding 1949 date.

Below Expectations

Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder said recently that March 15 income tax collections had not come up to expectations, but that the government has been cutting down its expenditures.

Nonetheless, federal spending for the first 10 months of this fiscal year totaled \$32,908,705,121 compared with \$29,655,915,888 for the corresponding date a year ago.

Receipts for the 10-month period were \$30,320,519,179 compared with \$31,533,573,590 a year ago.

reorganize the UN and leave the Russians out. It just wouldn't be the UN; it would be something else again. . . the strength of the UN lies in the fact you can get representatives of all members here to discuss their problems.

Liquor Sales in Oregon Off During Last 9 Months

Salem, Ore., May 2—(U.P.)—Oregonians have consumed copious quantities of cocktails since repeal came in an prohibition went out, the state liquor control commission disclosed today. But, as you might say, the boys in the back room aren't having as many any more.

Liquor sales in Oregon in the nine months ended March 31 dropped \$2,634,092.46 from the volume of the similar period a year previous.

Still Trailing
Total sales in stores, agencies and warehouse in the nine months reached \$28,006,356.73, compared with \$30,698,449.19 for the first nine months of the 1948-49 fiscal year.

In the first three months of 1950 liquor sales picked up slightly but were still trailing the records for the first three months of 1949.

Sales totaled \$5,419,371.30 for the first three months, this compared with \$7,625,538.78 for the first three months of 1949.

But costs of sales have been reduced so that, despite the drop in sales, the commission actually showed an increase in revenues of \$1,204,830.88 over revenues for the similar period of a year before.

Permits decline

Not only is volume of liquor sales down, but the number of customers show in the nine months a total of 271,595 permits were sold, 20,497 less than were sold in the similar period of a year before.

Total earnings of the liquor commission since its inception have reached \$97,520,090.96 and that represents a lot of high-balls.

Of this amount \$73,543,740.25 was transferred to the public welfare commission to aid in paying old age pensions. Under a law passed by the 1949 legislature, all surplus liquor commission revenues now go directly into the state's general fund, with the welfare commission drawing from it for the old age grants. Since last July 1, the commission has transferred \$8,929,843.65 to the general fund.

Funds Transferred

In addition, the commission has transferred \$3,604,177.52 to cities and counties of Oregon, \$1,672,168.50 to incorporated cities and \$1,094,942.10 to counties in the last 15 years.

The remainder of the surplus revenue of the liquor commission is carried in three accounts: cash surplus, \$1,163,786.74; working capital reserve, \$7,211,696.13, and surplus invested in fixed assets, \$297,736.07.

Hilton Proves Age; Gets Marriage Permit

Santa Monica, Cal., May 3—(U.P.)—Hotel Heir Nick Hilton had to go back home for his driver's license to prove his age today before he and Screen Actress Elizabeth Taylor were issued a marriage license.

Hilton, who doesn't look his 23 years, was first refused a license by deputy county clerk Zelle Serjeant. Miss Taylor looks all of her 18 years.

"I'll have to go to Los Angeles to get my proof," Hilton, son of Hotelman Conrad Hilton, said. A little later he and Miss

Taylor, both giggling, returned with his driver's license and Miss Serjeant, convinced he was old enough, issued the license. The two will be married Saturday in the Catholic church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills.

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