

Kefauver Subcommittee Will Tackle Sale of Pornographic Literature to Juveniles

Tighter Laws Seen Needed To Smash 'Big Business'

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said today that, new federal laws may be needed to smash the "very big business" of selling smut to juveniles.

Kefauver heads the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee which begins hearings in New York tomorrow on the traffic in pornography and its contribution to youthful waywardness. He said the sessions in New York will go into the "nationwide" problem.

Interest Stressed

The hearings have been scheduled tentatively for the same Foley Square Courthouse which housed many of the most dramatic sessions in Kefauver's 1950-51 investigation of interstate crime. Those hearings rocketed the Tennessee Democrat into a position of national prominence.

The Senator stressed the Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee's interest in that part of the pornography racket which puts salacious publications, records, pictures and films, into the hands of youngsters.

"The question of the stag smoker is not in our jurisdiction," Kefauver said in an interview.

He added that some of the witnesses at the New York sessions will be persons connected with what he termed the "big business" of peddling pornography.

Federal Control

"We'll be interested in the question of federal control," the Senator said, "in the mails, customs, and interstate commerce." Customs authorities are involved, he said, because some of the material appears to originate outside the United States.

The Senate recently approved a bill which would tighten regulations against shipping pornography through the mails. Kefauver said that, in addition, "There seems to have been a great cleaning up" since the subcommittee's investigators have been looking into the sale of such material to youngsters.

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Humphrey Bogart and Luan Platter celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary today with this recipe for married success: A double bed and a difference in ages. Bogie Betty, as his wife is called, have rung up a decade of sharing the same swimming pool, a record in the plaster city where actor-actress combinations usually don't last past option time.

One reason for their happy state of affairs, they agree, is "We are old-fashioned—we believe in double beds."

"It's pretty hard to sulk over something if you share the same bed," said Bogart. "That's a European idea, those separate bedrooms. A lot of rich people have 'em, too."

Age Difference

The Bogarts reflected on their 10 years together as they sat around the den of their mansion, Mrs. B. in tight blue cocktail slacks and her husband curled up in a chair with a drink. The 24-year difference in their ages, decided Betty, helped them make this anniversary.

"I was a baby when I married him—30," she said. "There is a growing up process between 20 and 30, and he's been supremely patient. I don't think a younger man would have stood for my working, for example."

"Bogie's very wise. He's a good man, honest, faithful and upright."

Her husband said, "I never felt our marriage wouldn't last because she was so young. You make it last. You work at it. I think women should marry older men. This idea a boy of 23 has to marry a girl of 21 is nonsense."

Boredom Deadly

"We also get along because we have a pretty good sense of humor. We don't take anything or ourselves too seriously. And Betty is bright, intelligent and never careless about anything. We have a lot of friends. Boredom can kill a marriage."

"Most of these babes out here," he snorted, "don't deserve to be married for five minutes. When they get married they don't really mean it. They marry some guy because he's pretty."

"Some of these actresses like Arlene Dahl decide they look so well with their leading men they marry 'em."

The Bogarts were married at the farm of their friend, writer Louis Bromfield, near Lucas, O. They met a year and a half before when director Howard

Future of Nation's Vaccination Program Being Talked

Washington — (U.P.) — Polio experts, vaccine makers and federal officials met here today in an urgent effort to decide the future of the nation's limping vaccination program and end 40 days of confusion for American parents.

The conference, to be held behind closed doors, was called by U. S. Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele. It will consider the adoption of new federal vaccine safety standards and to act on a government proposal that unreleased vaccine supplies be retested.

The final decision will determine when millions of Salk shots held up by the government will be released. It also will decide how soon the free program for first and second

graders is completed and when other children can start getting shots.

Federal Vaccine Fund

As the discussions got underway Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.), predicted his labor committee

GOP Chairman Cites Work Figure

Portland — (U.P.) — Republican National Chairman Leonard M. Hall said here yesterday that Sens. Wayne Morse and Paul Douglas were poor prophets when they predicted depression last year and he cited figures showing April employment to be the highest in history.

Hall flew here from Boise, Ida., and left in the afternoon for Spokane, Wash., on his way back to Washington, D.C.

"With business going at its present rate the nation will enjoy in 1955 one of its great and prosperous years," Hall said. He added that "this prosperity is going on in a situation which the 'gloom and doom' boys cannot understand — prosperity and peace."

Hall predicted the Republicans would take back control of both the House and Senate in 1956 as well as capture the White House again. He said he believed Morse would be defeated.

He said that with President Eisenhower's popularity the party "will get a bigger vote in 1956 than it did in 1952."

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 15

A court of honor will be held at the community building May 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Roger Kelsoe
Scribe

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would approve legislation today authorizing a \$28,000,000 vaccine fund for needy children and providing standby federal powers to control vaccine distribution.

Scheele said the vaccine conference would in particular review the findings of a team of government experts which spent two weeks inspecting the supplies and manufacturing methods of four producers of Salk shots.

The conferees are expected to finish drafting their recommendations late today. Scheele said he will announce his decisions "as soon as possible." A report also will be made directly to President Eisenhower.

Federal health officials were

close mouthed about the conference. But a high drug industry official and other sources listed these as the chief issues before the specialists:

Retest Vaccine

1. A federal proposal that unreleased vaccine be retested even though it could delay the clearance of shots by more than a month.

2. Adoption of stiffer safety standards which shots would

Memorial Unveiled For War II Hero

Poplar, Wis. — (U.P.) — A World War II P38 stood in Poplar today as a memorial to Maj. Richard I. Bong, "America's ace of aces."

More than 5000 persons gathered here yesterday to dedicate the memorial to the air ace who shot down 40 enemy planes in the South Pacific.

Bong, a native of Poplar, died at the age of 24, 10 years ago when his jet plane crashed in California on a test flight.

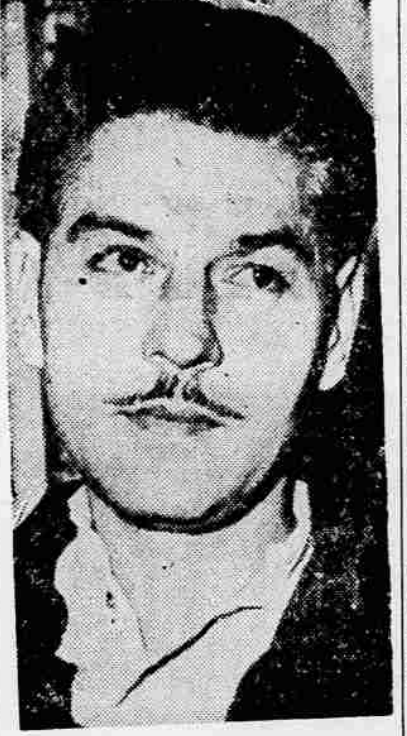
His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Bong, unveiled the P38. The plane, of the type Bong flew, has stood here for years without being officially dedicated.

Polio Shots Urged For All Children

Chicago — (U.P.) — The National Parents and Teachers association wants every child to have Salk anti-polio shots, its president, Mrs. Newton P. Leonard, said today.

Mrs. Leonard, Providence, R.I., said the Salk polio program "might have been put in operation a bit hastily," but she added she has confidence in it.

"We never believed it was 100 per cent effective," Mrs. Leonard said. "But the few cases reported since the program began certainly are well within the margin of effectiveness set by the National Polio Foundation."



GUILTY OF TREASON — A U. S. Army court martial in Berlin found Pvt. William Marchuk (above) of Norristown, Pa., guilty of betraying American secrets to the Russians. The 38-year-old soldier had been a prisoner of the Soviets for six years but was freed several months ago.

have to meet before being released.

3. Whether to release vaccine held up for rechecking without completely retesting it.

4. Whether all vaccine supplies should be held up indefinitely — perhaps until fall — to give scientists time to work out a more sensitive testing system. A key industry official said some experts favor this move because they suspect polio cases among inoculated children may indicate there is something in the vaccine which present tissue culture and monkey tests do not detect.

Representatives of all six Salk shot producers were on hand for the conference. Among the polio experts were Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., who made the study which pronounced the Salk shots safe and effective; Dr. David Bodian of Johns Hopkins university, and Dr. W. McD. Hammond of the University of Pittsburgh. The Public Health Service said Dr. Jonas E. Salk, the vaccine's developer, could not be present.

Naval Center Urged For Newport Airfield

Newport, Ore. — (U.P.) — W. F. Bradley, chairman of the Republican Central committee of Lincoln county, has wired U.S. Rep. Walter Norblad urging him to consider the airport facilities at Newport for a proposed Naval air reserve center.

Bradley said he thought the Newport area would be better "strategically and economically" than the Hillsboro site, under consideration, because it would be "without the problem of heavy concentration of both urban and rural population."

Newport airfield has two heavy-duty mile-long paved runways with ample field area for development, Bradley said. He added that extensive vacant acreage was available for housing.

Coastguard Saves Fisherman at Florence

Florence, Ore. — (U.P.) — A modest coastguardman jumped into surf and swam 100 yards with a life jacket to rescue a 65-year old man yesterday while thousands of persons nearby were unthinkingly viewing Florence's 16th annual rhododendron festival.

The rescued man was Will Graneman of Eugene, who was trapped by the tide while fishing on the north jetty.

The coastguardsmen, one of two at the little boat station here, wouldn't give his name. "We're not supposed to do rescue work. We're only here to man the station and I'd rather not have my name used."

VICE PRESIDENT
Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — Bertha B. Hallam, University of Oregon Medical school library head, was elected vice president of the Medical Library association at the association's annual meeting here this week end.

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