

## As We Live

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### Boys Should Be Punished For Their Petty Thievery

A person who finds it easy to "get away" with taking of minor articles from shops may easily get to the point of taking more valuable articles.



(Q) "I have a serious problem I would like to have your opinion about. My son, who is a Junior in high school, has been reported to the principal of his school by several of the local merchants for taking things from stores, such as records, candy bars, pencils and pens, etc. He was one of a group of 11 boys, all from fairly comfortable home. We, as parents, have paid the stores for their thefts but some of the fathers feel this is letting the boys off too easily and that it will not keep them from stealing more things. Our son has been so frightened and shocked by the experience I feel he has learned his lesson. He tells us he knew he was doing wrong but could not stand out when all his friends said he was a 'chicken.' How would you suggest we deal with this problem?"

—C.W.

(A) As far as your son is concerned, I think he may have had a lesson that will long be remembered and will deter him from future thefts, provided he is with a group of boys who do not believe a person is a "chicken" when he refuses to steal.

However, your major problem, it seems to me, is to help your son develop better values in the selection of his friends and associates. In other words, try to show him friends who get pleasure from wrongdoing are not the type he ought to be with.

**Ask for Meeting**  
I think it would be wise to ask the principal of the school to call a meeting of the parents whose sons were involved in these thefts and, as a group, decide what penalty, you, as parents, will put on the boys. I think the fathers, perhaps more than the mothers, will require the boys to earn money, in after-school jobs, to pay for all they

have taken from the stores. I think it would be wise, in addition, for the parents to agree that every boy must go to the owners of the stores and apologize for his wrongdoing and, if the store owners wish, they can then tell the boys how they feel about their behavior. Getting opinions from strangers often does more good than lectures and scoldings from parents and teachers.

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### Flood Insurance Plan Heading for Senate

Washington — (U.P.) — A federal flood insurance program is headed for the Senate floor for the first time in history.

The Senate Banking Committee approved the \$5,000,000 program Thursday as a compromise between plans proposed by President Eisenhower and Democrats.

Tentative estimates show home owners taking part in the program would pay \$2 to \$10 for each \$1,000 of insurance.

The program would put the government in both the insurance and the re-insurance business, selling insurance directly to property owners and reinsuring private insurance.

The government would pay 60 per cent of the cost of the program, the property owner 40 per cent.

### Senate Dresses Up Foreign Service

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate yesterday passed and sent to the House a bill designed to make the foreign service a more attractive career.

It would increase the present seven classes of foreign service officers to 25. In the change-over, the 2553 persons affected would get an average pay increase of \$222 a year, or 2.6 per cent.

The measure also would raise the pay of 75 chiefs of mission — \$2500 a year for 19 chiefs of Class I missions and \$5000 for the other three classes.

Dead Line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.



**ADLAI CASTS VOTE**—Adlai Stevenson who is seeking Democratic presidential nomination, is shown as he casts his vote in the primary election at Halfday, Ill. Stevenson is unopposed on the ballot, but write-in campaigns have developed for Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Governor Frank Lausche of Ohio. At right is election judge Gustav Stoerp.

### A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — A lot of prominent college faculty advisers must have been surprised at a letter from a young visiting Spaniard.

The letter, by Fernando Melendez Jr., viewed with considerable alarm the drinking habits of American

colleagues. When Melendez came here to take a business course at Georgetown University he vowed he would follow the American pattern. Things like choosing the correct fork and the correct glass—in respect to his host.

Fernando, son of a Spanish admiral, made it clear he held no grudge against his good friends at Georgetown. His was a general observation.

Anyhow, the first glass he lifted was a dry martini, with a couple of sloshing white onions. "It was sort of a liquid dynamite which had a short fuse," he informed the dignified profs of schools like Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, California, Chicago, Michigan, Princeton and others.

**Short Fuse**  
"It has a very short fuse. By the time the first exploded and I had a couple of others, the rest of the evening was vague. I am told that I sang a great deal in Spanish, but luckily none of my companions understood the language."

After a decent period of recovery, Fernando had another short bout with "something they call here a 'manhattan.'" "I am convinced," the senior at Georgetown wrote, "that we ought to warn all foreign students entering American institutions of higher learnings about the pitfalls of the so-called cocktail circuit."

Fernando went on to say that they can have "a demoralizing effect on many students new to your great country." Visiting students, bent on learning something, he said, want to conform "but they do not have the experience with hard liquor which your own students apparently have."

**A Little Plug**  
Then, as an unappointed ambassador, the young man from Spain got in a little plug. Said he:

"There is wine," he said. "A good Spanish sherry stimulates the appetite instead of smothering it with alcohol, and there are sherries to fit every occasion. Also there is enough alcoholic content to give the feeling of benevolence and release one seeks."

Fernando, a handsome young man, told me about a custom popular in both Britain and Spain. At around 11 o'clock there is a pre-lunch break for sherry "to build up a strapping appetite."

"There is," Fernando assured me, "no chance of a hangover if you eat right."

He also said there is an old superstition among Spaniards that to spill a drink on the table cloth is not a faux pas but a good omen.

"Cuffing over a drink calls for a 'Thank you' from your host," he allowed.

Try it in any fancy restaurant around these acres and you get a practiced stare.

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