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SPEEDING THROUGH HEAVENS, Arend-Roland comet is photographed by McDonald Observatory of University of Chicago at Fort Davis, Tex. Unusual feature is long, narrow "jet" pointing toward sun. (International Soundphoto)

Report Shows Crime Increasing Alarming Among U.S. Teenagers

Washington — (U.P.) — Prostitution, venereal disease, drug addiction and drinking are increasing alarmingly among American teenagers, a Senate Judiciary subcommittee report shows.

Chairman Thomas C. Hennings (D-Mo.) called for a "partnership" between Congress and state and local authorities "to do something about this blot on the American scene."

The subcommittee said more than one million youths between 10 and 17 will be brought before the courts in 1956 if the present upward trend in juvenile delinquency continues. This compares with an estimated 530,000 juvenile court cases this year.

Four-Year Study
The subcommittee issued a special 250-page report Sunday night on the results of nearly four years of nationwide hearings. It criticized theories that lack of recreation and slum housing

conditions are among chief causes of the nation's increasing delinquency rate.

While good recreation planning is a "potentially potent agent in preventing crime and delinquency," it said, the average delinquent is "considerably more socialized" than his non-delinquent contemporaries.

"It is partly through his group interests and activities that he gets into trouble in the first place," the report said. "The 'fighting gangs' are a product of the 'need to belong,'" it added.

Cites Housing Projects
The committee said some of the worst centers of delinquency are in modern housing projects. It concluded more than new housing is needed to reduce delinquency.

It estimated that about 200,000 teen agers contract venereal disease each year. Sexual maladjustment and venereal disease are closely related to other problems

Election Law Bill Passes House

Salem — (U.P.) — The House Monday approved House Bill 808 tightening and clarifying the state's election laws by a vote of 52 to 8.

The 160-page bill, a substitute for House Bill 606 dubbed "Big Bertha," gives the secretary of state more control over election procedures and requires him to conduct election classes for county clerks.

The clerks would then train election workers in the counties.

Rep. Vernon Cook, Gresham Democrat, said none of the individual changes in election laws were radical, but that the combination of "many many small changes added up to a drastic change in the law."

Extensive regulations covering the use of voting machines were included in the bill that now goes to the Senate.

Also provided was pay of not less than \$1 an hour nor less than \$6 a day for election workers.

Instead of mailing copies of sample ballots to all voters, the bill allows publication of the ballot in reduced form in county newspapers.

Cook said the bill consolidated a maze of election laws so that they were understandable.

Special trains for cyclists Sunday excursions with fitted vans for bicycles and cafeteria cars are run on British railways, with a choice of 40 trips and trains for the return journeys.

of youth, it said.

The report suggested a general re-examination of the process by which young people are educated in these matters.

It also reported testimony that youths 13 to 18 are involved in several towns on the Mexican border in prostitution, drunkenness, sale of narcotics and pornography, and perversion.

It listed Tijuana, Juarez, Laredo and Nogales among the towns where "all forms of vice flourish openly."

New Planning, Development Group Approved

Salem — (U.P.) — A new department of planning and development requested by Gov. Robert D. Hylmes to replace the present Oregon Development Commission was approved by the House Monday.

Vote on the measure was 33-14. It now goes to the Senate.

Rep. Robert Duncan, Medford Democrat, said the new department under control of the governor would require \$238,000 for the next two years. Duncan said this was \$108,000 more than the volunteer development commission would have cost.

The development department, under a director to be appointed by the governor, would make surveys and talk with industrialists in an effort to get new business into Oregon.

Experience Cited
Rep. Shirley Field, Portland Republican, objected to house bill 445 creating the department on grounds that the present commission was experienced and had many important business contacts around the country.

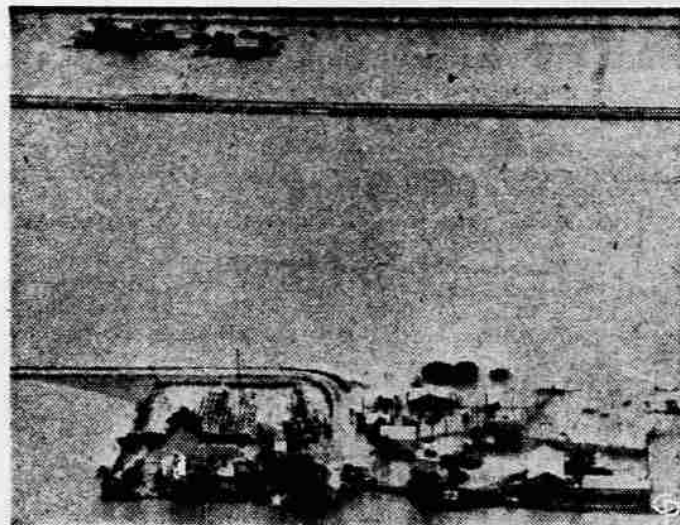
Rep. Wayne Giesy, Monroe Republican, also objected that the new department would not be able to do a good job due to the Democratic excise tax increases now being considered by the Senate.

"We should have voted on this before we passed the excise tax increases," Giesy said.

Both Duncan and Rep. Don Willner, Portland Democrat, said the importance of the bill was in increasing emphasis on attracting industry to Oregon by giving the governor responsibility for the job.

Willner said that in most states development plans were a function of the executive department.

The lead pencil industry complains with many unusual requests from manufacturers. Not long ago, it created a special pencil for writing on kosher meats.



FED BY HEAVY RAINS, flood covers farm lands near Garwood, Tex. as Colorado River overflows. Most of East and South Texas was inundated. (International Soundphoto)

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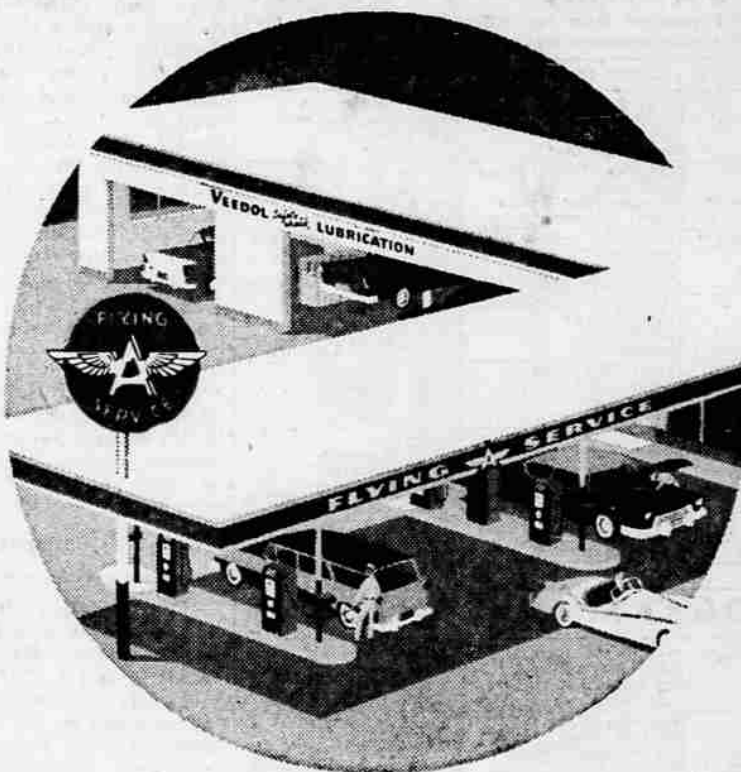
Frankfort, Ky. — (U.P.) — Kentucky and Virginia were the first states to provide institutional care for the mentally ill. Kentucky began operating its first state mental hospital in 1824, and now has four such institutions, plus nine mental health clinics.

Tacoma — (U.P.) — Joe F. Kock, 76, Tacoma, was drowned off Point Defiance Sunday after he fell overboard from his skiff while fishing.

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