

Police Question Central Point Boys

Two Central Point youths, 12 and 14 years old, were questioned Wednesday by Central Point police about recent destruction to school property, Police Chief Wallace Bowen reported.

The two youths, released to their parents pending an appearance in juvenile court, are accused of causing about \$100 damage to equipment at Central Point Junior High school.

Bowen reported that they emptied five first aid boxes and three CTC fire extinguishers. In addition they turned over a 50 gallon drum of fuel oil, cracked a glass pane in a door, and damaged some meter box covers.

The boys had to climb a 14-foot fence to reach the equipment they damaged, Bowen said.

The contents of the first aid kits were found in the bedroom of one of the boys, according to police.



OIL INTO JORDAN—The oil tanker "Explorer" brings a shipment of American oil into the port of Aqaba, Jordan, to help Jordan during the current Middle East crisis.

Republicans Plan Roundup August 18

A Republican roundup, at which state and local candidates will be guests, is scheduled Monday, Aug. 18, at Hawthorne park. James M. Ragland is general chairman of the picnic sponsored by Jackson County Republican Central committee, Jackson County Republican Women's club and Young Republican club.

Those attending may bring their own dinner or tickets may be purchased and dinner will be provided by sponsoring organizations.

Mrs. Frank Bash is arranging an entertainment program, and will be in charge of decorations. Mrs. H. W. Morrow, food; Hal Gardner, tables; Ray Johnson, public address system; Manville Heisel, tickets, and Mrs. Murray Gardiner, publicity.

Special features are being arranged.

Vandalism Problem in Housing Said Not Necessarily Juveniles

By EDWARD COWAN
 United Press International
 Washington—(UPI)—A rock crashes through a window pane and fragments of glass shower the sidewalk.

A janitor finds water gushing from an outside faucet that has been knocked loose from its stem.

A tenant is forced to climb the stairs to her fifth floor apartment because vandals have broken off the buttons on a self-service elevator.

These and similar acts of wanton destruction are everyday occurrences in big city public housing developments. They have shocked many citizens—including well-behaved tenants of the developments themselves—and have created a widespread impression that public housing projects are breeding grounds for juvenile delinquency.

Impression Unfair
 Officials of the U.S. Public Housing Administration (PHA) assert that this impression is unfair. They make these points:

—Vandalism is a problem confined mainly to big cities like New York and Chicago. It has caused little trouble in smaller communities.

—Even in big cities, the cost of vandalism is small compared to normal maintenance expense. In Chicago, for example, only two per cent of the annual maintenance budget for public housing units goes to repair damage caused by vandals.

—Police studies show that crime and juvenile delinquency rates are generally lower in public housing projects than in nearby unredeemed slums.

—Although many new homes that the PHA helps pay for are damaged by wanton vandalism," said Public Housing Commissioner Charles E. Slusser, "such incidents are greatly outweighed by the beneficial effects that public housing brings to a community."

One Gives Black Eye
 Slusser pointed out that "it takes only one vandal to break a dozen windows" and give a black eye to a housing project in which scores of families may be living peacefully.

PHA studies indicate a close correlation between the size of a public housing unit and the amount of trouble caused by the tenants. In so-called "high rise" (multi-story) apartment houses, it is difficult to instill any sense of maintenance responsibility in tenants. The whole place is too much like a big, impersonal institution.

Because of the problems they create, high rise buildings are shunned except in the big cities, where land costs make them a necessity. Elsewhere, local housing authorities have won PHA approval for one and two-story houses with individual lawns and back yards.

In Colton, Calif., for example, detached singles and duplexes were built.

More novel is the project in Cedartown, Ga., where there are duplex and four-unit houses on scattered sites and the tenants perform their own maintenance. "You can't tell those houses from any other home in the community," a PHA official said.

Utopia Not Expected
 Although these and other measures are expected to help, PHA officials do not contend they will lead to Utopia.

"You can't take people out of one-room hovels without running water, put them in

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London—(UPI)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan today proposed a special summit meeting of the UN Security Council on the Middle East Aug. 12.

Macmillan said that as far as Britain is concerned the meeting could take place in New York, Geneva, "or any other place generally agreeable."

Macmillan made the proposal in a new letter to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

He announced it to the House of Commons.

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