

Education Pioneer Holds To Support Of Progressive Plan

(Rear Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, in a recent interview with United Press International, strongly attacked progressive or "Dewey school" of education and warned that it was weakening the nation. In the following dispatch, written at the suggestion of UPI, one of the U.S. pioneers of progressive education, an ardent advocate of the principles of the late John Dewey, replies.)

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(Written for United Press International)

Admiral Rickover states as his fundamental conception that "the main function of schools" is not to "adjust" to life, but "to impart knowledge" to children and youth. Such an assertion belongs back in the pre-Darwinian era. Charles Darwin in 1858 gave the intelligent world a new thought outlook, specifically a new conception of behavior and of the place of thinking, namely that behavior is, and properly must be, the effort to meet a life situation, and that the function of thinking is to help carry on life in the best possible way. William James and John Dewey extended this idea of behaving and thinking into education as a further effort to meet life's needs.

The Admiral's outmoded conception of education still holds widely in Europe, where education is not so thoroughly studied as in the U.S. Europe widely holds that education exactly consists in imparting knowledge to the young and this for the sake of scholarship. France probably still holds to this more strongly than any other country; the result as we have recently seen is not too good.

The proper aim of education is life itself, to make life as fine and as rich as we can. Knowledge is an essential to this, much thoughtfully digested knowledge. But life is ill-served by memorizing book knowledge. Our better elementary schools and our too few better secondary schools teach more knowledge and teach it better than did the older type schools. These better schools aim at life, at all-around character, not simply at book knowledge; and they develop a richer and better character for meeting life's needs than did their predecessors.

Sources Quoted

Three specific sources are here quoted in support of the assertions just made.

1. Dr. Ralph Tyler, America's foremost student of educational evaluation, says explicitly, on the basis of definite tests that sixth grade pupils today equal the eighth grade pupils in the 20's.

2. Dr. George D. Strayer, who has surveyed more school systems than anyone else in the U.S., says: "On the fundamentals children today are doing much better than their fathers and mothers or grandfathers did. They are reading more and they read better; they spell better; and they are a competent in the fundamentals of arithmetic as any other generation, and they write better and more interestingly than their parents did."

More Academic Honors

3. The Eight-Year Study, which was supported by interested corporations to the extent of \$600,000, gives the following report for the graduates of the six most modern type high schools in its study after they had graduated four years later from college. The comparison is with a like number of college graduates equal in all respects except that the latter had attended typical non-progressive secondary schools:

"Consistently high academic averages and more academic honors... clear-cut superiority in the intellectual intangibles of curiosity and drive... the intelligence and ability to think logically and objectively, and active and vital interest in the world about them... (They were) more frequently concerned with democratic values and the importance of assuming their share of responsibility for the general welfare... more often cooperative, tolerant, and self-directing."

HE GOT PUSHED

Gary, Ind.—UPI—Gary police hung a parking ticket on a car sitting in the middle of a street and discovered it had cardboard license plates, a dead battery, no brakes and no gearshift. The owner, Guy Thomas of East Chicago said he was just "waiting for a push."

Lumber Freight Rate Hearings Open in Portland

Portland—UPI—Hearings resumed here Tuesday on a proposal by Southern Pacific to reduce lumber freight rates from southern Oregon to southern California and Arizona.

The hearings are scheduled to be moved back to San Francisco after a week of testimony here.

F. Wascoe, manager of Southern Pacific's bureau of transportation research, testified Tuesday under cross examination about a cost study SP presented in San Francisco to show it could operate at a profit under the lower rates.

Study Questioned
Edwin R. Berol of California Forest Products Association and the Southwest Pine Association, questioned Wascoe to attempt to show SP's cost study did not allow enough margin for depreciation for railway, warehouses and other facilities. Groups opposing the rate reduction contend the railroad cannot make money under the proposed lower rates and that freight lines in California, Arizona and New Mexico will be injured as well as tug and steamship operators in Oregon and northern California.

More than 30 Oregon lumbermen are expected to appear before Interstate Commerce Commission Examiner Walter Baumgartner of San Francisco at the Portland hearings.

Facility Combats Power Failures

Buffalo, N. Y.—UPI—Power failures caused by storms are being combated by a new facility of the Niagara-Mohawk Power Corp. called the "disaster room."

The special unit, now in full operation, is prepared to marshal the company's emergency crews to cope with troublesome situations the moment they are reported.

The disaster room contains a huge wall map on which tiny red stickers show the exact location where trouble has been reported. Variations in the marking of the stickers also indicate the nature of the trouble, whether an emergency crew has been dispatched and whether the trouble is being corrected.

The room is used daily in handling normal trouble reports. It becomes the disaster room when a storm acquires such duration and intensity that the company must summon emergency crews to cope with it.

Trouble calls from customers are distributed automatically to 13 girls assigned to phones in the customer service room. From here, the reports are sent to the trouble office. After 6 p.m. calls go directly to the trouble room.

Mentally Healthy People Said Having 'Mental Accidents'

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor
New York—UPI—Contrary to appearances, the world is not becoming "progressively more insane," according to a newly thought out scientific viewpoint on mental health and mental illness.

What is happening is that more and more mentally healthy people are having "mental accidents" in the same way that more and more physically healthy people are having physical accidents which break legs or crack skulls.

"The strain and stress of modern living" are doing to healthy minds what they are doing to healthy bodies—it is "not unlike the fact that more cars, better roads, and more horsepower produce more car accidents."

Korner Theory
The theory is that of Dr. I. N. Korner, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Utah. The nub of the theory is that mental health and mental illness are not at opposite ends of a straight line, no matter how logical it seems and no matter how many authorities believe it has to be so.

Rather there are two straight lines, Korner theorized. At opposite ends of one are mental health and "mental injury." At opposite ends of the other are "susceptibility to mental illness" and "mental illness." "Mental injury" can happen to anyone, just like physical injury. But when it happens to a person who truly is mentally healthy "he will spontaneously provide his own recovery," Korner argued. This man "resembles an individual physically who has suffered injury in the form of a broken bone or an invasion of a bacteriological agent. The organism's reaction will be a vigorous and healthy one, the bond will mend, the invader will be attacked by agents mobilized within the body."

But "the mentally ill person may be perceived as an individual whose bones, once broken, show no inclination to knit, whose organism does not mobilize to combat and eject bacteriological invaders. The potentially mentally ill person—that is, the infirm man who may be normal according

Car Thief Seeks Insurance Payment

Peoria, Ill.—UPI—Charles F. Losey, 21, of Peoria, wants his insurance company to pay damages on a taxicab he stole and wrecked.

He has filed suit in circuit court demanding that the company pay under the "family" policy he carried on his private car.

Police reported at the time of the incident last year that Losey walked from a tavern, climbed behind the wheel of the unmanned cab and drove off.

He was pursued by police and the cab crashed in nearby Pekin. Damages totaled about \$700.

Eagle Squadron To Get New Jet Plane

Elgin Air Force Base, Fla.—UPI—The famed Eagle Squadron of World War II, now the 335th Fighter Squadron of the Tactical Air Command, will be the first combat unit to be equipped with the new super-sonic Republic F-105 jet.

The fighter-bomber, described by TAC's Gen. O. P. Weyland as "the most powerful one-man airplane" in the world, packs 13,000 pounds of airborne destruction. Included in its potential arsenal are nuclear weapons, guided and unguided missiles, 4,000 pounds of conventional bombs, some 180 rockets and a 6,000-rounds-a-minute automatic cannon whose 20-millimeter shells hit the target with the impact of a car hitting a stone wall at 450 miles an hour.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
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A strong case can be made for the swallow as man's best friend.

Certainly there are few other creatures that do more to keep down the insect population than this small, fork-tailed bird who spends most of his waking hours in the air hunting them.

Except for the white-bellied tree swallow, most of these

though he does gorge himself occasionally on seeds and berries, he still turns in a very respectable toll of insects. The kind swallows take is just about anything that flies. Size has little to do with it. Anything is fair game from a butterfly down to a gnat or aphid, some of which are too small for us to see unaided.

The capacity of a swallow is considerable. No less than 80 chinch bugs were found in the stomach of one killed for investigative purposes, and since the chinch bug is highly destructive to crops, even one swallow does a lot to help a farmer.

He has a long life span in which to do it. In Great Britain, where swallows have been banded for years, one was killed by a cat in Glasgow in 1920 that had been tagged as a nestling in 1911.

Preparing for Migration

For the next few weeks, you are likely to see scores of these birds sitting on telephone wires in the country-

side. The chances are they will be the young swallows preparing for their first migration to Central and South America. They congregate in to bands and then take off. If, after a few days you see some more, they will be new arrivals from the north.

Their migration is leisurely. They travel only by day, and if they can't outrun a storm they stop over until it is gone. Though they may fly 400 miles during a hunting day in the nesting season, according to estimates, they travel only 100 to 200 miles a day in migration, using a good part of the time to hunt insects on the way.

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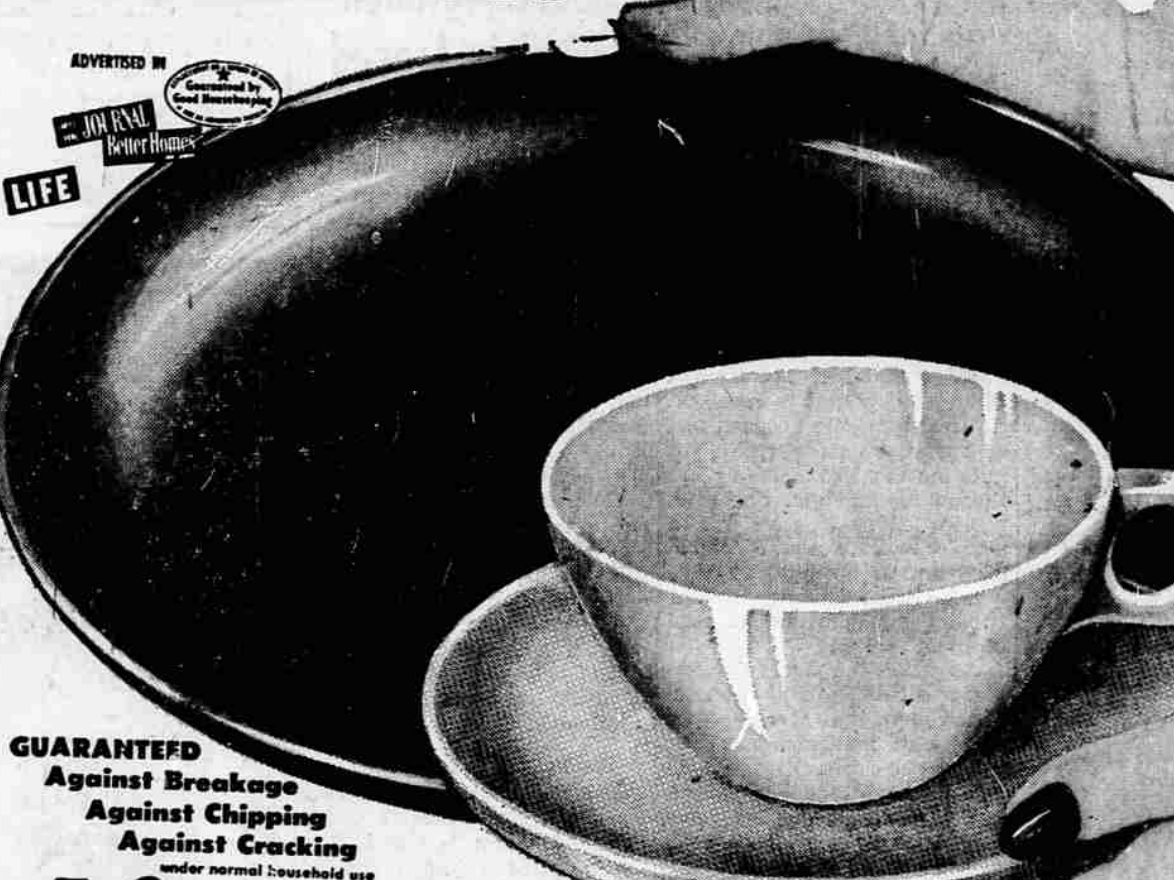
swift flying birds with the twisting, darting flight are very nearly 100 per cent carnivorous. Occasionally they eat a berry or seed, but in the latter case, more often than not, the seed is taken when they scoop an insect off a plant.

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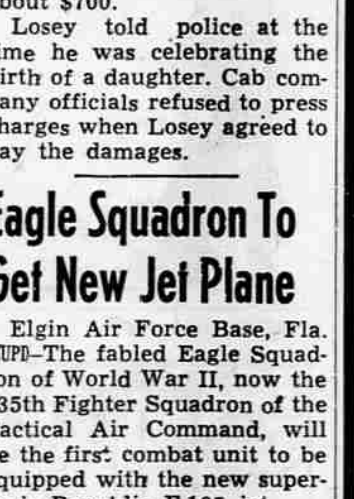
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LOW STRIKE RATE

Washington—UPI—The Labor department reports that idleness as a result of strikes amounted to 1,700,000 man-days in July, the lowest of any July since 1944. The department said Tuesday that the number of walkouts started during July totaled 350, about the same as May and June. About 160,000 workers were affected by strikes started in June.

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