

Judge Urges Personalized Attention For Every Young Defendant in Court

Editor's note: As Chief Justice of the Court of Special Sessions of the City of New York, one of the largest criminal courts in the world, Irving Ben Cooper is especially concerned over the handling of juvenile delinquency cases throughout the United States—and distressed by what he feels is their mishandling in many American courts.

Last year, about 3,000 defendants between 16 and 19 years of age appeared in Judge Cooper's court, and he has become acknowledged nationally as one of the outstanding authorities on juvenile delinquency and probation in the U.S. This is his 21st year on the bench and marks what Judge Cooper calls his "coming of age" as a jurist.

The following dispatch is the first of three in which he discusses what he considers to be society's shocking failure to cope properly with young criminals. He tells not only where he feels the fault lies, but what can and should be done to correct it. Judge Cooper's views go to the heart of a problem that besets modern America and millions of our homes.

By CHIEF JUSTICE IRVING BEN COOPER
As Told To Jack V. Fox
United Press International

New York (UPI)—I wish I could bring parents, thousands of them, into my courts and have them see a sight that never fails to warm my own heart although I have seen it a thousand times.

It is the sight of young people who have come perilously close to the ruination of their lives—and then pulled themselves back to decency.

Their heads are held high, their clothing is neat, their very manner exudes the inner feeling of pride and respect for themselves as human beings, their sense that they are "somebody."

I wish the parents could have seen these same young men and women a year or six months before when they first came into that same courtroom.

Then, they were strikingly different. Some shambled in with sulky defiance written

all over them. A few wore a mock contriteness that was as transparent as it was phony. Some were so frightened they were in a state of shock. Others bore the stamp of complete defeat, a resignation to hopelessness.

Real Trouble
All of them were in trouble—real trouble. They had committed serious crimes: burglary, assault, stealing cars, gang warfare, narcotics addiction, sexual abuse.

They were on the brink of a life of crime and misery and despair and degradation that would pull them relentlessly into the gutter—and possibly keep them there. They would be a menace to the community in which they lived and bring tragedy to others.

The transformation of so many of those young people into decent, clean human beings, pulling them back from that brink in time is the greatest satisfaction of our work. We have found that we can save as many as seven out of eight of them.

That is what I want to talk about: how it can be done. It comes down to the simple concept that every young defendant must be given personalized attention. Mass production of justice is no justice at all. If our society is to endure, we must go farther than the dictum that the punishment should fit the crime. It must fit the person as well as the crime.

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Won't Be Taking Chance
"Get him out of society's hair" for a little while, anyway. "Throw him in the jug."

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many judges pass sentence without knowing anything of these factors. Most are heart-sick that they must operate in such fashion, but the community has not seen fit to help them rehabilitate its own young people. It "costs too much." Or "it's mollycoddling."

Costs too much? The real cost of carrying these youths over the transition from childhood into the beginning of responsible maturity is an incalculable mass of material and social wreckage—damaged and wrecked family cars, increased insurance rates, wanton destruction of household, commercial and community property, medical bills growing out of carelessness and foolhardy exploits, irresponsible pregnancies and births, families, relatives, friends, neighbors absorb a major share of these costs.

Our criminal courts today are in the same stage as our medical clinics were 40 years ago. Go into our clinics today and you will find the best medical men in the profession giving of their time. It wasn't always like that. I can remember when I was a boy in a poor family going to a clinic and waiting and waiting for hours and being shocked at the sight of pregnant women sitting on the benches and men with open sores and infants with tearing coughs waiting in line for the least competent of the medical profession assigned there to give them treatment.

In medicine today, a few spots on the lung cause alarm and prompt professional attention. It would be unthinkable to wait until the whole lung becomes involved. Why should the law continue its failure to meet head on that large segment of youthful and early adult defendants who show unmistakable signs of criminal behavior in its early stages? It is unjust to give them scant attention. It simply is impossible to dress deep

wounds with band-aids. And what of reinfection?
Not Too Late
So much said here is obvious. That is exactly the trouble, for it is the disregard of the obvious that is responsible for this alarming condition. But it is not too late to translate into tangible, overt action the warning of Chief Justice of the United States Hughes:
"The Supreme Court of the United States and the courts of appeal will take care of

themselves. Look after the courts of the poor, who stand most in need of justice. The security of the Republic will be found in the treatment of the poor and ignorant; in indifference to their misery and helplessness lies disaster."
(Next: The Causes)

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For this to work, the judge must have at the time of sentence a complete and accurate life history of the youth before him.

He must know:
Why did he commit his act?
Others about him have not got into trouble. What was there in his experience to turn him criminal?
What of his home? His relations with his parents? How has he done in school? Who are his friends and companions? What are his hobbies? What has he seen of love and marriage and parenthood? What kind of a job does his

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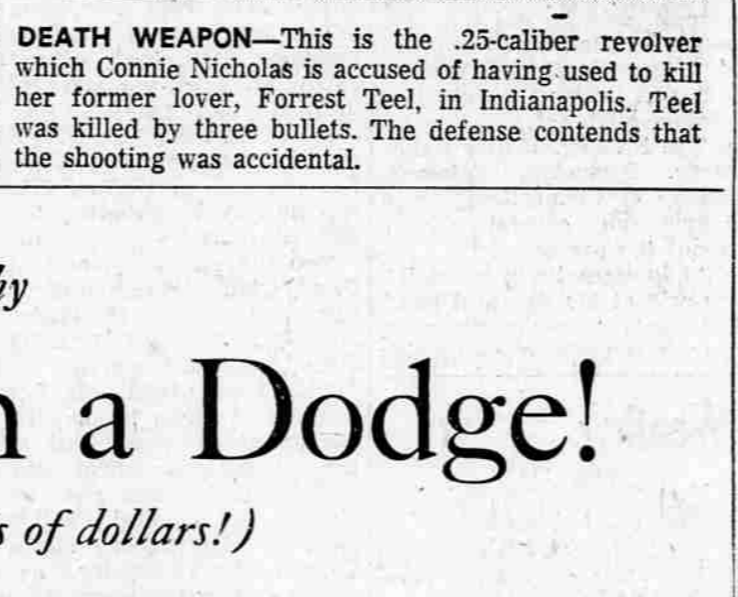
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DEATH WEAPON—This is the .25-caliber revolver which Connie Nicholas is accused of having used to kill her former lover, Forrest Teel, in Indianapolis. Teel was killed by three bullets. The defense contends that the shooting was accidental.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Tuesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	2-13-40-41	67-72-83-88
Taurus	10-12-15-35	66-69-82-99
GEMINI	5-12-17-22	52-53-55
CANCER	7-13-14-15	71-73-75
LEO	16-20-25	78-81-85
VIRGO	18-21-23-26	31-32-79-89

1 Powerful 31 As 61 In
2 Friends 32 Off 62 Things
3 Follow 33 Correct 63 And
4 Today's 34 In 64 Distant
5 All 35 At 65 Best
6 A 36 Turn 66 Your
7 Creative 37 Love 67 Easing
8 Day 38 Money 68 If
9 Talk 39 Business 69 Male
10 Keep 40 Helpful 70 Speedy
11 The 41 Is 71 An
12 Plugging 42 Domestic 72 Your
13 Are 43 Over 73 Indiscreet
14 Time 44 Mistakes 74 Alone
15 Money 45 Favorable 75 Situation
16 Be 46 And 76 Headway
17 To 47 And 77 Affairs
18 Don't 48 You'll 78 People's
19 Conservative 49 Avoid 79 Comes
20 Work 50 Handling 80 Money
21 Accomplish 51 New 81 New
22 Course 52 Becoming 82 Objectives
23 As 53 Involved 83 Personal
24 Other 54 All 84 All
25 Especially 55 In 85 In
26 Fast 56 Think 86 Favored
27 Eat 57 Eat 87 Eat
28 Writing 58 You'll 88 Liberties
29 Pays 59 Make 89 Now
30 Careful 60 Clearly 90 Now
Good Adverse Neutral

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There is no mystery about new car prices

Until this year, it was hard to compare different makes of cars to find which offered the most value for the money. It was like comparing apples and bananas. But not any more. Not since all new cars are required to carry price labels. Now, for the first time, you can compare various makes and models and see exactly what you're getting for your money. It's like exposing the hole cards in a game of stud poker: You know exactly where you stand.

Why should you buy a Dodge?

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All cars cost money to run—but how much?

It would be nice if you just bought a new car and that was that. It didn't burn gas. Didn't use oil. Never needed service. But that's wishful thinking. Cars do use gas and oil. They do need service occasionally. But that doesn't mean that all cars cost the same to drive and maintain. Not by a jugful. There's a big difference.

Dodge is designed to run for less

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Starch
Youth offenses are the bud stage of criminality. They follow in the main patterns of adult desires. But there are less cerebral, less variegated and more lusty. To consider youthful crime as something foisted on an innocent and law abiding community rather than as an aspect of its own thought of itself and its own action is to be naive beyond sanity.

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