

Prison Magazine Lists Reasons for Inmate Downfall

Atlanta (UPI) — Have you ever passed by the cold, high walls of a prison and wondered what manner of man was behind the barrier?

The answer has been provided for one famous prison — the U. S. penitentiary here — by the alert editors of the institution's slick paper magazine, the Atlantian.

They spent six months interviewing 500 prisoners to get their facts for "Project Prisoner," a statistical study that has won praise from famed psychiatrist Dr. Karl A. Menninger and from Warden Fred T. Wilkinson.

The project, Wilkinson said, was particularly useful because it encouraged prisoners to ask themselves: "Why did I get this way?"

Women Rate Low

Contrary to what may be popular belief, women and gambling did not put the skids to the prisoners as much as other things did — for example: bad company (25.7 per cent), liquor (21 per cent), emotional problems (17.6 per cent) and broken homes (13.4 per cent).

Women rated 9.3 per cent on the downfall scale and gambling only 3.7 per cent.

Inmates of the penitentiary are a bit above the average in intelligence and 62.7 per cent said they attended church in the outside world.

Homes Not in Bad Light

As for conditions in homes from which the prisoners came, the statistics do not show them in a bad light. More than 70 per cent of the 500 men said readily they were from "happy" homes which had an "average" living standard. In 66 per cent of the cases, no other member of the family had been in trouble. But there was a high percentage of divorce — 43 per cent.

The highest percentage mark (83.2) came in answer to the question: "Do you plan to go straight?" Among the dissenters on this question, however, came this plaintive reply from a man serving his sixth term at the age of 30:

"When I leave I will have about \$30 and that is all — no clothes, no home, no place to go. I will have to steal to get by. I started, and once you have started, what is the use of stopping?"

Further Evidence

The magazine project contained further evidence that there is no such thing as a "criminal face." The feature included a photograph of 20 men — 10 inmates and 10 members of the prison staff. Members of the UPI bureau here took the prisoner face test and almost everyone flunked.

Commenting on the prison magazine study, Wilkinson said that he hopes to see the day "when the same type questions (put to the prisoners) will be asked by members of society who stand by guiltily when the prison doors close greedily behind the symbols of its failure."

Wall Street Chatter

New York (UPI) — A final settlement of the steel strike will not result in a marked inflationary trend, asserts the International Statistical Bureau.

The Bureau says the increase resulting from a settlement would be only nominally reflected in higher steel prices and cost of living.

It noted that marked increase in wages with a resultant sharp gain in prices would certainly have a general impact, but this is "hardly likely to occur in the settlement of the steel strike."

Airline, oil, finance and aircraft shares are having trouble making any sustained progress because of heavy tax selling operations, says Investors Research Co.

Printers Ink notes that August advertising volume on a national basis rose 10 per cent.

Spear & Staff re-recommends American Express, and suggests that investors hold on to Delta Air Lines, buy Hagan Chemicals and hold Southern California Edison for income and further indicated long-term appreciation.

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FORTHOLE VIEW—Peering through porthole (upper photo) as the French liner *Liberte* arrives in New York are models Mary Jo Jones, left, and Sheila Finn. They are both 19 and from New York City. They were returning from a four-month tour of Europe. The lower photo shows the same two girls looking through the same porthole, with the photographer on the other side. —(UPI Telephoto)

Dunes Opponents Have Strong Ally In Ervin Peterson

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Washington (Special) — Opponents of the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore have a strong ally high up in the Eisenhower administration — Assistant Secretary Ervin L. Peterson.

Peterson is flatly opposed to the legislation introduced by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) for creating a national seashore on the Oregon coast between Reedsport and Florence.

The Department of Agriculture has prepared an adverse report on the proposal which will be sent to Congress, Peterson said in an interview.

"The bulk of that area is in national forests," observed Peterson. "People can go in there for recreation. They can hunt, they can fish, they can get to the beach. I fail to see that there would be any public benefits in Uncle Sam taking off his forest service hat and putting on his park service hat."

Would Transfer Jurisdiction

Peterson was referring to the fact that if a national seashore were created at the Oregon Dunes, the federal jurisdiction would be transferred from the U.S. Forest Service to the National Park Service over those public lands now administered in that area by the Forest Service. The Forest Service is one of the agencies of the Agriculture Department which come under Peterson's responsibility. The Park Service is under the Interior Department.

When it was suggested that one reason advanced for creating a national seashore is that it would be widely publicized as a tourist attraction, Peterson acknowledged that the Forest Service has "ballyhooed" its recreation areas. But he argued that, despite this, recreation use of the national forests has doubled in recent years.

"The issue involved here," contended Peterson, "is single use vs. multiple use. That area

is essentially a recreation area, but it has agriculture potential."

Peterson a native of North Bend, Ore., spoke of timber cutting in the forests, and the growth of commercial interests on the private land that would be taken over by the Park Service.

"Do you throw all this out in favor of one use?" he asked.

What about the proposed bill of Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton that would give him authority to go out and create three national seashores at places he considered appropriate?

"Peterson said his department favors this bill, as long as it is amended to exclude areas involving national forests.

"I think it's in the public interest to preserve our seashores," he averred, noting the vanishing shoreline on the Atlantic Coast.

Little Likelihood Seen

With the Agriculture Department opposing the Neuberger seashore bill, and the Interior Department thus far shying away from it in preference to Seaton's bill, there appears little likelihood that the Budget Bureau — the legislative clearinghouse for the president — will be able to grant a favorable report on the bill.

The Budget Bureau has cleared Seaton's general authority bill, with its request for authorization to spend up to \$15 million in buying up land for creation of three national seashores.

Budget Bureau support, or that of the entire Eisenhower administration, is not a requirement to get a bill enacted by Congress, especially when control of the legislative branch is held by the opposite party. But it materially improves the prospect of success.

Hollywood (UPI) — Errol Flynn's estate is the object of an impending battle between his heirs and his 17-year-old "protégée" Beverly Aadland, but a thief was satisfied just to get the late actor's typewriter. Someone broke into Flynn's closed home within the last several days and stole only one item, the typewriter, police reported Sunday.

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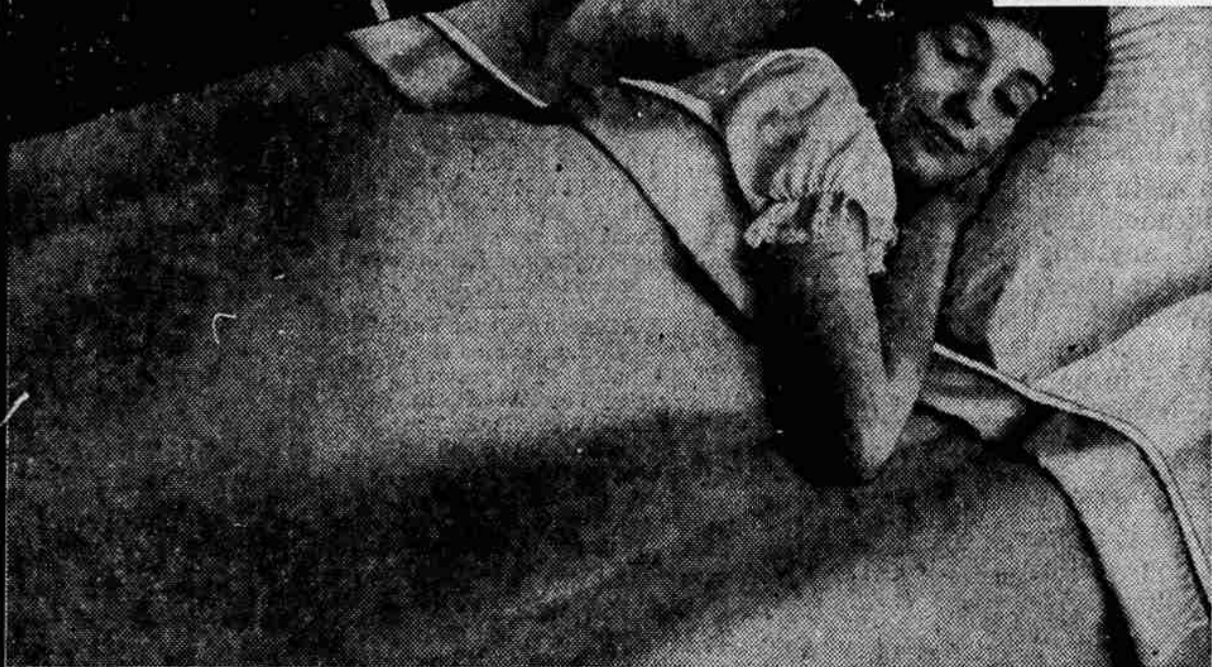
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