

"Do-Good" Statistics

There's quite an assemblage of "do-gooders and bleeding hearts" (to use the phrase so beloved by stand-paters and status quo'ers) who believe that society can and should make efforts to alleviate the problems of juvenile delinquency. (If being a "do-gooder and bleeding heart" is to believe that intelligence and cooperative effort can lead to beneficial results for society, then we stand with DGs and BHs. But that's neither here nor there.)

The New York Herald Tribune the other day carried an editorial which lends substance to the claims that organized social efforts can, and do, help society.

HERE is what it said, in part:

"... New York City, for the first time since 1952, shows a decline (5.9 per cent) of children's cases in the courts. For the whole state, the drop is even greater (8.2 per cent), the first reversal of the upward trend since 1950.

"... This is evidence of 'increasingly effective work with youth by police, schools, youth boards and other public and voluntary agencies.'

"The further point is made that such results come from improved understanding of children's problems and needs—that something can indeed be done, and is being done, to prevent juvenile delinquency.

"Having demonstrated this, the obvious thing is to keep pressing."

IN THIS complicated, tension-filled world, many people are in need of help—help which only public social agencies, backed by the citizenry at large, are equipped to render. Private agencies no longer are capable of doing the job.

The problem of juvenile delinquency is one area where help is needed—help more enlightened than Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's unbelievably callous and short-sighted advice to the effect that Sunday school is the remedy for all such ills.

So it is good to learn, through the cold statistics of the New York State Youth Commission, that efforts along these lines are, indeed, bearing fruit. If properly pursued and supported, they will pay off in many ways—more responsible, educated adults; lowered taxes; better communities; a stronger nation.—E.A.

H. R. H. and Mr. Jones

A small boy once used to dream how wonderful it would be to be a king or a prince—a person of great importance and power.

No more.

Eying the to-do being made over today's wedding of Princess Margaret of Great Britain and Mr. Anthony Armstrong-Jones, one wonders how these pleasant-appearing young people manage to keep their senses of perspective and humor—if, indeed, they do so manage.

They not only are deprived of privacy; they are in fact public property, to be subjected to advice, criticism, adulation, or recriminations for their every action, their every appearance.

NEWSPAPERS feel free to pry into the most intimate details of their lives. Commentators discuss their clothes, their habits, their histories and temperaments and virtues.

European royalty, or much of it, shuns the marriage of a British princess to a commoner, and Britain's press gets peeved. The Queen, ignoring criticism, seats the bridegroom's parents (divorced) in a choice position in Westminster Abbey.

And so it goes. The bachelor-girl Princess finally has found a husband; the bohemian photographer becomes "Cinderfella."

There's hardly been so much excitement since the abdication of King Edward VIII.

VIEWED from our own position of advantage, in the midst of petty bourgeois comfort, one sometimes wonders if H.R.H. and Mr. Jones would be happier as handsome, but otherwise nondescript, simple people.

It is a vain thought. One cannot cast off the trappings of royal tradition. Even the Duke of Windsor is a prisoner.

In the case of Princess Margaret, it is a role which she did not choose, but which she accepts as part of her duty and heritage.

Mr. Jones, we fear, will find it a difficult, demanding, and often frustrating life.

It will have glamor, pomp, notoriety. But, from way out here in the provinces, one is inclined to feel a bit sorry for these two nice-appearing young people, every once in a while.

We wish them every happiness they can find.—E.A.

Music Is for the Ears

This is National Music Week, an observance of which we approve.

But what does one say about music in plain, pedestrian words, black and white on the printed page?

Several jillion words have been so written, and well, too. But they signify nothing unless one lends an ear to music itself.

And, happily, it has never been easier to do, for what with radio, TV, phonographs, concerts, recitals, musical comedies, operettas, there is music everywhere, for everyone.

Enjoy it.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace

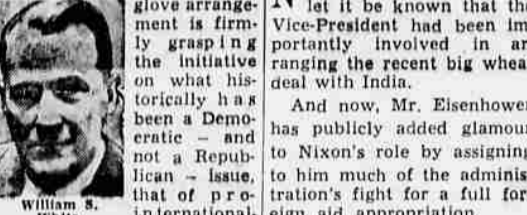


"I'D RATHER NOT, DENNIS. I DON'T TRUST MYSELF!"

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

HAND-IN-GLOVE Washington - The hand is Eisenhower's. The glove is Nixon's. And this hand-in-glove arrangement is firmly grasping the initiative on what historically has been a Democratic - and not a Republican - issue, that of pro-internationalism.



President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon are putting the squeeze most painfully on the Democrats in this whole area. Not the least important consequence is to give Nixon a massive buildup as the Republican presidential nominee for the approaching campaign.

Most notably Messrs. Eisenhower and Nixon are publicly challenging this Democratic Congress to bring off a positive miracle, a foreign aid appropriation of the full \$4.1 billion asked by the President. It is a long-established and well-understood rule of the game that no president ever gets every dollar he asks. All the same, Eisenhower and Nixon are demanding an absolutely intact loaf of bread.

THE Republicans have no ultimate responsibility for what Congress does, because they are in a minority. They are, therefore, free to belabor the sweating Democrats on foreign aid, demanding that they do this and that. The Democrats, in the shorthand of politics, cannot escape blame for what will surely come and would quite assuredly have come had this been a Republican and not a Democratic Congress - a reduction in foreign aid.

So everywhere the public looks in the months ahead it will see one spotlighted figure in world affairs, aside from Mr. Eisenhower himself. This will be Richard M. Nixon.

It all proves that no presidential aspirant can possibly have so strong an ally as a man who is already in the White House, sitting at the center of American political power.

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OSC Students Win Oratorical Contest

Portland - (UPI) - Two Oregon State students, Robert Russell and Sue Palmer, won the men's and the women's divisions of the annual Oregon intercollegiate oratorical contest here Thursday night.

Both are from Portland. The contest was held at the University of Portland.

Runner-up in the men's division was John Lake of Portland State and second in women's competition was Erma Johnson of Northwest Christian college.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

DEXTER FELLOWS, probably the greatest circus press agent of them all, liked to tell of the night a lion escaped from his cage. A posse was formed to recapture the beast, but before the hunt began, the brave volunteers repaired to a nearby tavern for a couple of stiff ones.

Only Fellows declined to partake. "Not for me, boys," he insisted. "Hard liquor makes me too darn courageous."

An indignant customer returned for credit to his bookstore a copy of "The Romance of Cattle Raising." "This book," he complained, "is all about cattle raising. There's not a word of romance in it."

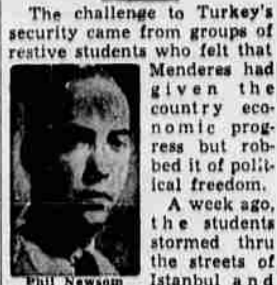
Unhappy man in Chicago is a musician who worked his head on a new arrangement for a week—and then his wife cancelled her date to visit her family in Albuquerque!

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Turkey's Premier Menderes Holds Fast In Face of Criticisms; Problems Told

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
The man-of-the-week: Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes.



The plasm Ankara. The quote: "One cannot play with the security of the country."

The challenge to Turkey's security came from groups of restive students who felt that Menderes had given the country economic progress but robbed it of political freedom.

A week ago, the students stormed through the streets of Istanbul and Ankara, clashing with troops and police and demanding Menderes resign.

By this week, their overt acts had died down to minor demonstrations and cries against Menderes of "murderer."

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

There are two hot spots in the news. They are:

1. Foreign Aid. Don't cut it now, Ike pleads.
2. Medical help for the aged and the aging.

THE President says that major cuts in his \$4,175,000,000 foreign aid program would "deal a crushing defeat to the free world and lead to grave international tensions."

He adds:

"Slashing the program would mean virtual abandonment of an effort that has yielded greater benefits in security, good neighbors and profitable trade than any other comparable outlay."

He said the amount he has requested is the minimum required to meet the basic necessities of sheer defense and "to keep afloat a glimmer of hope in hundreds of millions of people arrayed with us on the side of freedom."

ON medical help for the aged and the aging he speaks briefly in his message.

He says the program presented by Secretary of Welfare Flemming recognizes federal-state relations and PRIVATE relationships.

From the political standpoint (in election years EVERYTHING is viewed from the political standpoint) the administration plan is regarded as a backfire to slow down the much more expensive Democratic plan for medical help for the aged.

HMMMMM It must be admitted that deep slashes in the foreign aid program right now might shake the solidarity of the Western alliance at a moment when the free world must present a united front to communism. It must also be admitted that medical aid for the aged is a program that must eventually be undertaken, just as the social security program was undertaken some two decades ago.

THE problem is HOW TO PAY FOR THEM in a nation whose federal debt alone already aggregates nearly \$6,000 per household.

HOW to do it? The answer, I think, is that we must DO WITHOUT SOMETHING ELSE. If you want a fine, modern, new automobile to replace your out-of-date old one, you have to do without something else in order to be able to pay for it. Otherwise, you will be SWAMPED in debt.

The only difference in the case of governments is that they can PRINT MONEY with which to pay their bills and you can't. The penalties for printing money with which to pay government debts are rugged, but it takes long time for these penalties to show up disastrously, and the spenders feel it will be safe for them to play against time. (They may be gone when the note comes due.)

OUR government is fabulously extravagant. It WASTES a fantastic amount of money. By application to the PUBLIC'S business of the sound principles that govern private spending, IMMENSE savings could be made.

The time will come, I think, when we will HAVE to apply these sound, time-tested principles to public spending.

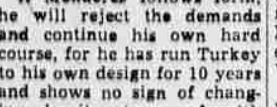
Maybe the time is here now.

Vancouver Chamber Assistant Named

Vancouver, Wash.—(UPI)—Col. James T. Darragh has been named assistant manager of the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. Col. Darragh will take over his new position following his retirement from the army June 30. He currently is head of all army reserve units in the Oregon military sector.

Dick West, Abashed, Admits He's No Teen Ager After All

By DICK WEST



Washington—(UPI)—If the 1960 Olympic games had a contest in jumping at the obvious, I expect I could bring home a gold medal.

When I am trying to make a point, I do not merely hit the nail on the head; I also leave no stones unturned and no bridges uncrossed. Moreover, I take care not to burn any bridges behind me.

Recently, however, in a misguided moment, I decided to take what I regarded as a subtle approach to a report I was writing on the congressional investigation of disc jockey Dick Clark.

What I intended to do was josh a bit about the current teen-age infatuation with Clark and his cast of pompadoured boy sopranos. So I described the hearings as they might have been seen through the eyes of a "teen-age disc jockey reporter."

You can imagine my chagrin when I started getting letters from Clark fans, extolling me as a champion of the true, the good and the beautiful and adopting me as one of their own.

In particular, I was unsettled by a note from two young Pittsburgh ladies, portions of which are reproduced below:

"We've never heard of you before but what you said really makes sense and we'd like you to know that we're with you all the way.

"We first heard of you when we read an article written by you in our daily paper about Dick Clark. As far as Dick's concerned, with the teen-agers we know he's tops. Dick Understands Them

"If they think that by having an over-publicized hearing that is going to change our opinion of him, they're out of it. Like we mean way out.

"Dick's one of the few older men who has the understanding and confidence teen-agers need. Like, dad, they're all hung...

"Keep those editorials going. They're great."

Jeepers, girls, I hate to disillusion anyone, but you've got me pegged all wrong. I just act that way sometimes when I've been addled by too much exposure to congressional hearings.

To tell you the truth, girls, I'm even older than Dick Clark. I'm old enough to remember the days when disc jockeys played sensible songs, such as "Flat-Foot Floogie With a Floy Floy." They don't write songs like that any more.

And, girls, did you have to

Portland Dope Raids Net Five

Portland—(UPI)—More than a month of undercover work by two unidentified Portland police officers climaxed early today with the arrest of four men on charges of selling marijuana.

A fifth man was arrested for possession and four homes were searched. The four were arrested on secret indictments.

Arrested were Elbert Polk Jr., 21; John Otis White, 21; Donald Clifton McLaurin, 26, and George Dolby, 53.

Merle Johnson, 36, was charged with possession of narcotics after police found a packet of marijuana in a foot locker in his home.

Police Chief William J. Hilbruner said that at a later date the two officers would be identified, but now must remain unknown.

The undercover men were accepted in underworld hangouts, jazz-joints and other spots, Hilbruner said. He said they made contacts which gave them passports to the people who dealt in narcotics.

Crater Speech Festival Stated

Central Point - The first speech festival for sixth, seventh and eighth graders in District 6C, which includes schools in Gold Hill, Sams Valley and Central Point, will be held at Crater High school tomorrow.

The event, sponsored by the Crater High school speech squad, of which Don Lacy is advisor, will start at 9 a.m., following registration in the Crater High cafeteria. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Saturday.

About 38 contestants will compete in five events. They are debate, poetry reading, humorous reading, serious reading and oratorical declamation. The topic for debate is whether Oregon should abolish capital punishment.

Awards will be presented by Miss Patsy Charley, president of the Crater speech squad, and Charles A. Meyer, superintendent of District 6C schools.

Judges will include residents of Gold Hill, Sams Valley, Central Point, Medford and Southern Oregon college.

Labor Secretary May Speak at Oregon City

Oregon City—(UPI)—Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell is tentatively scheduled to address a \$5-per-plate Republican fund raising dinner here May 22, local GOP County Chairman Wesley Phillips said today.

say twice that you had never heard of me before? We "older men" may be "all hung" and "out of it," but we still have our pride.

Actually, girls, I never saw the Clark show but once when I was passing by a television set. All I could see then was a screen full of flying saddle shoes and lobby sox.

This may be good clean fun but I'm more the Lawrence Welk type. I dig bubbles.

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