



TEETH FOR CHRISTMAS—This is one youngster who, even though he is only three weeks old, will have two front teeth for Christmas. David Husby, born Sept. 13 and not knowing the sophisticated ways of the world, needed prompting from his mother before he displayed his new chompers. (UPI Telephoto)

OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith

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It's hard to know what not to believe in any more. Even things everybody used to be able to hate with impunity, such as slums, turn out to have some good in them. Peter Wyden, writing of "Suburbia's Coddled Kids" in the Saturday Evening Post, has a kind word, by implication at least, for slums, generally odious as they may be. He points out that kiddies reared in the affluent atmosphere of suburbia live antipode of suburbia live antipode, organization lives - isolated from the realities of poverty and the slum. The divorcee of suburban childhood of the slums is so great that some enlightened parents are taking their young ones on guided tours of blighted areas, Wyden reports.

ness in the lives of our cultured pearls of suburbia. Imagine a lad growing up as big and strong as a station wagon and winning his diploma without ever having been in a pool hall and learning how to sink a spotted ball without scratching. This is fundamental. Imagine never having seen the patterns of red, green and amber cast into the fluid streets on a rainy night by the neon signs announcing Eat at Marty's, The Iron Bucket, Cocktails, Open All Night, and all the other yeasty invitations of the city after dark. Imagine reaching manhood without having fought in a real rumble, with canopeners, bicycle chains and tire irons; without having heard the sound of the policeman's whistle, and the pounding of furtive feet in the dank alleys.

As examples he cites a 17-year-old girl who had never seen an escalator; newspaper boys whose mummies drive them on their routes in nasty weather; and a 13-year-old girl who broke into tears at her first sight of an inebriated woman.

Too many of our youths know these strange and savage experiences of the backways of the metropolis only through television, which does its best but fails to recreate the real texture of slum life. So let us hope these quaint jungles do not entirely vanish from the face of America. Maybe Walt Disney could be persuaded to add a Slumland to his empire of artificiality. On the other hand maybe it wouldn't come off. Human misery has a depth and quality that is hard to fake.

I believe Wyden has a point here, although I think any child who lived 13 years in the suburbs and never saw an inebriated woman must have been kept in a back room all the time, or at least was blindfolded on week ends. I certainly don't want anybody to think I'm for slums. I still ache from the stoning I took recently for calling my own dogs stupid, which they are. It's dangerous to be for or against anything.

Richard Vance Evans, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Tyley O. Evans, Central Point, is a junior at Wheaton college, Wheaton, Ill. A graduate of Crater High school, Evans has been active in the concert band at the college. He is majoring in music education.

However, I do think there are few structures in this world that can be torn down without a little something good being crushed in the rubble.

A generation ago city boys used to laugh at the chap who had never seen a cow. The teacher used to make them raise their hands. This was the standard mark of a child whose family didn't own a car, or who had an absentee father, or who had no antecedents "back on the farm" to give him a sense of identity with the nation's past.

The frustration suffered by the boy who never saw a cow was minor beside the empty

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Demo Victory To Increase Prices, Nixon Declares

Billings, Mont. — (UPI) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon intensified his campaign against Sen. John F. Kennedy today with a charge that a Democratic victory in November would inevitably lead to "higher taxes and higher prices." Starting a campaign day at a chilly street rally in Billings, and leading on to Denver and Salt Lake City, the Republican presidential candidate said Kennedy was advocating spending programs that would cost Americans billions of dollars more than they are now spending for federal government.

Crowd Shivers He said high prices and increased federal taxation were bound to result. "Their programs will have to bring about that kind of financing," the vice president told an early morning Billings crowd estimated by police at more than 4,000 persons, who stood shivering in 40-degree temperatures. The Republican presidential candidate intends to make his campaign against Kennedy progressively rougher and this strategy was apparent in statements over the week end.

Hospital Escapee Picks Wrong Ride

Salem — (UPI) — A 17-year-old state hospital inmate escaped from custody Sunday while on ground parole and hitched a ride. The motorist, however, was Polk County District Attorney Walter Foster, who turned the youth over to authorities.

SULTAN DIES

Dar es Salaam — The Sultan of Zanzibar, Seyyid Sir Khalifa Bin Harub, 81, died Sunday.

Kennedy Warmly Greeted in Dixie; Defends Rights

Warm Springs, Ga. — (UPI) — Sen. John F. Kennedy spoke up for civil rights in the South today and won a warm Dixie welcome at this health shrine where Franklin D. Roosevelt worked and died.

The Democratic presidential nominee, without naming Vice President Richard M. Nixon, answered his opponent's charge that he has failed to talk about Negro rights in the South. He fired this reply: "As I have said in every part of the country, if it is to be true to its ideals and obligations, it must assure every phase of our national life." Kennedy spoke outside the Little White House where FDR died, and then paid a brief call at the nearby Warm Springs Polio Foundation headquarters.

Heartwarming Welcome Thousands of Georgians mixing with wheelchair patients in the piney woods outside FDR's Little White House, gave Kennedy a heartwarming welcome.

Kennedy accused Nixon, his GOP opponent, of medical "election year hypocrisy." Kennedy offered a six-point health program to advance the battle against illness and disease.

Salem Gasoline War Enters Third Month

Salem — (UPI) — Salem's gasoline price war headed into its third month today with regular selling as low as 25.9 cents per gallon with major brands holding at 27.9 a gallon. Premium grades went at 31.9 cents per gallon.

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