

Juvenile Delinquency Feeds Hungry Youths in Pakistan

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Karachi, Pakistan — (UPI) — Juvenile delinquency is not regarded as a problem in Karachi because it is unofficially accepted as a way of earning a living.

Newspaper boys and adolescent coolies regularly earn a fast rupee through a shady deal involving anything from the procurement of American cigarettes to the sale of U. S. dollars on the black market. These boys are the middlemen for adult operators.

Inside the shabby, gray-washed Empress Market, a small regiment of coolies supplement their meagre income by getting cuts from the butcher, the baker and the man who operates underground.

They can lead a customer to a bottle of Scotch at \$2 under the price at a legitimate wine shop along Elphinstone st.

To voracious eaters, foreign canned goods — pilfered by trusted cooks and houseboys — make a tempting morsel. They also give such coolies a fair-size cut in profits from the clandestine sales.

All in all, one of these boys revealed, a skillful procurement coolie who has his customers accurately tabbed can make the equivalent of \$100 per month on the sly. An average government clerk's salary is \$35 per month.

These teen-age wheelers and dealers often eat meat and

eggs, rarities even on the dining tables of the better than average middle-class families.

"The price of respectability is too high," said one of the boys.

Because of his deadpan sense of humor, his aggressiveness and talent for spotting easy customers, this coolie has become the leader of his pack. He earns an average of \$130 a month.

This youth has acquired a brick bungalow in Korangi township where thousands like him in the Refugee Resettlement area on an income so low children remain unschooled and babies turn scrawny and scabrous, if they do not die of malnutrition.

Unlike his hapless neighbors, however, his family of one wife, one child, parents and a brother eat well and live well, comparatively.

Their two-room, one courtyard and one bathroom doll house has been extended to take in another room and a rain-proof roof has given them shelter against the merciless monsoon showers.

How, he asked, could anyone deliberately turn his back on much-needed income for the sake of respectability?

Typical of the many coolies that prowled along Bohri Bazaar, teeming Empress Mar-

ket and the labyrinthian slums of Bundar rd., he once had a taste of respectability as a house boy in a foreigner's house. He did not make enough to feed his family. Uneducated, and unable to obtain a white-collar job in a city where the unemployment ratio has kept the average clerk's salary at an impossible low-level, he took to his present profession.

Plying their underworld trade requires these boys to have more skill than brawn. A chief requirement is an ability to guess the nationality of a customer coupled with a more than average grasp of current world affairs.

To gain the confidence of a foreign customer they will strongly advocate democracy to an American — calling Khrushchev "a nut." To a Russian, socialism alone can level the social inequalities in Pakistan. Once they even pointed at Princess Michiko as Japan's most forthright approach at democracy.

As a rule, these boys glean their knowledge from the Urdu newspapers read communally by a literate member in their group or from gossip traded among their elders. Some stray into the Russian propaganda Centre, the Voks library, in Elphinstone st. where they learn all about Russian socialism.

It is worth realizing that

of the 25 boys interviewed, American library caters to the interest of the illiterates who not one has been to the USIS middle class, while the Russian library. They claimed the Russians are out to channel the

SOD HOUSES

Washington—A million or more sod houses once dotted the American plains, the National Geographic society says.



FAIR QUEEN OF FAIR — Sally Jo Howell, 18, of Whittier, Calif., happily shows her crown after she was named queen of the Los Angeles county fair. Miss Howell won the title over 10 other contestants. (UPI)

Congolese Independence Easy On Animals, Rougher On Men

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Rwinda, Congo — (UPI) — Two years of Congolese independence may have been rough on humans but the wild animals in the vast Albert Game reserve have thrived on it.

Since independence, tourists who used to visit the park in thousands, have dwindled to a trickle of United Nations employees on local leave.

But while human beings are a rarity, the park is teeming with untamed animals who have been hunted in the past 35 years only by photographers.

The herds of elephant are increasing despite some ivory poaching by the Dandandi tribe to the north of Lake Edward.

Conservator Basile Munyaga, 35, who was born on the fringe of the park, estimates there now are between 12,000 and 13,000 tuskers on the lush greenlands of his domain.

The herbivorous hippo have reached the 14,000 mark and should be thinned out to preserve grass for the multitudes of antelopes and other grazing animals also on the increase, Munyaga said.

Tame Buffalo
Thirty thousand young buffalo, as tame as Jersey cows, glower fearlessly at motorists bumping along the over-

grown tracks. In many places the tracks have completely disappeared because of encroaching grass and lack of traffic.

One by one the jeeps used by the African game wardens to patrol the reserve have all cracked up. Because of the Congo's desperate economic situation and lack of foreign currency they cannot be replaced. Lacking mobility in this huge stretch of territory, the wardens are at a disadvantage in their fight against poachers.

The Rwinda hotel, high on a windswept escarpment overlooking the lion country, is without plumbing. The pump bringing water from a spring two miles away cracked up. Water for the wardens and tourists who stay at the hotel now has to be rolled up in barrels from the spring. Guests do as best they can with buckets in their rooms.

But if rutted tracks, plumbing and transport inconvenience the humans, the only effect on the animals has been greater isolation in their natural habitat.

Many of the animals now are wary of automobiles. Two years ago they knew the shape and smell of a car and knew it was harmless. Today, the younger animals are often startled into flight by the

sight or smell of an automobile.

The browsing elephants, however, can still be approached by car to within 20 yards before they turn away slowly nuzzling their young ahead of them with delicate thrusts of their trunks.

Lion also abound. The Conservator estimates there are now above 400 ranging the area between the north of Lake Kivu and the south of Lake Edward.

In a dawn trip to the north of Rwinda, this correspondent saw two pride totalling 21 adults and cubs within 15 minutes of leaving the hotel. The Conservator said this was unique in his 13 years' experience with lions in his area. They had killed a buffalo a few yards off the main track — further proof that they were not used to having many visitors.

Judging by the hundreds of vultures waiting patiently in the acacia trees for the lions to eat their fill, these scavengers certainly are not on the decline either.

The marshlands rimming the southern tip of Lake Edward are alive with flamingo, duck, pelican, fishing eagle and other water fowl.

Lacking transport, money and trained personnel it has not been possible to hold an animal census since independence but the Conservator said "we can tell by eye that everything is on the increase."

Grange News

Gold Hill Grange

The recent meeting of Gold Hill Grange was called to order by Master Wilbur Martin. Seven regular officers were absent because of the State Fair and vacations. Other members were appointed pro tem to fill the stations.

Committees were called and reports were given, including a report regarding the Rogue Basin Flood Control bill in Washington, D.C. It also was reported that work had started on the sidewalk project at the Grange hall.

Lecturer Willie McLean called on Mrs. Lynne Scott to relate the Scotts' activities during the last summer. To celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary the Scotts took a trip through the high lakes area of Oregon.

Ralph James reminded Grange members of the Winemucca-to-the-Sea highway dedication. The date, September 21 and 22.

The next regular meeting of the Gold Hill Grange will be held Thursday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m. at the Grange hall on Sixth ave.

Servicemen

REASSIGNED

Airman Basic Terry D. O'Connors, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. O'Connors, route 4, Medford, is being reassigned to Chanute Air Force base, Ill., for technical training as an aircraft maintenance specialist.

Airman O'Connors, who completed the first phase of his military training at Lackland Air Force base, Tex., was selected for the specialized course on the basis of his interests and aptitudes. He is a 1962 graduate of Medford High school.

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