

Underworld Rule Perilously Close, McClellan Writes

Washington—AP—The United States will soon be "perilously close to clandestine rule" by the underworld unless the public makes a major crime-fighting effort, according to Sen. John L. McClellan.

What is needed, said the Arkansas Democrat in a new book published Thursday, is a "resurgence of old-fashioned morality."

McClellan, one of the Senate's chief investigators, said in the book "Crime Without Punishment" that crime today is a major industry run by racketeers employing public relations men, high-priced lawyers and board meetings.

Such criminal statesmen, he wrote, believe that "every man has his price" and the way to succeed in crime is through businesslike procedures instead of gunfire.

This conclusion, McClellan said, was the result of what he uncovered during investigations into the underworld, labor unions, and the gambling syndicates.

If the tide of crime is to be turned, McClellan said, "every honest man will be required to do his share."

In discussing James Hoffa, president of the Teamsters union, McClellan said Hoffa and Harry Bridges, head of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, have entered into a working agreement regarding the movement of water and highway freight that are a "threat to our internal economic security."

This mutual assistance pact cannot be tolerated, McClellan said. "It is the duty of Congress to enact legislation to remove this danger of national disaster, lest we remain at the mercy of Hoffa's arrogance and Bridges' politics."

Brain Cell of Quartz Fibres Demonstrated

New York—AP—A brain cell made of quartz fibres that can understand a spoken word and react to it was demonstrated Thursday by Sperry Gyroscope Co.

The company said the device called the Scepter is a major scientific breakthrough and may lead to the development of machines that obey commands. It was invented by Robert Hawkins.

The new development may make possible telephones without dials, typewriters that take spoken dictation and operate themselves, and even desk-size computers into which data can be put by the spoken word instead of by tape.

The company said Scepter could be used to make some factory machines obey spoken commands. It also could be made to obey visual signals or coded sound signals, as well as the voice. It also would be useful in medicine to detect sounds inside the body that reveal heart damage, for example.



Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER
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SLOWDOWN IN WAGE HIKES TO CONTINUE IN 1963
The slowdown in the rate of cash wage boosts in the United States—a major characteristic of the sluggish American economy in 1962—will continue in 1963.

Wage increases on average are almost sure to be smaller next year than pay hikes this year, and this year the increases are averaging the smallest since 1955.

The "floor" under yearly wage increases is being lowered. The prolonged post-World War II wage spiral is weakening. In factories particularly the wage gallop has become a creep. Fringe benefits continue to climb. The most frequent changes next year will be in insurance and pension provisions followed by more liberal vacation and holiday clauses. Here too, though, the majority of changes will be in non-manufacturing fields.

Meanwhile, as the U.S. cash wage upsurge flattens, wages in nations which are our chief overseas competitors for the world markets are rising rapidly. The 2½ to 3 per cent rise in wages in manufacturing industries here this past year contrasts with 5 to 6 per cent wage hikes in the Common Market nations.

The clue to 1963's wage pattern lies in the provisions for deferred pay increases to take effect automatically next year under contracts already signed. As Donald F. Farwell of the Bureau of National Affairs, a Washington research organization in the labor market field, remarked to me, "The size of deferred increases, we have found, is about as good an indicator as you can get of what negotiated increases are likely to average in the same year."

This week end the BNA will release an analysis of 2,300 contracts now in force providing for deferred wage increases in 1963. These will be the highlights of the report.

Item: Wage hikes to take effect automatically next year will average slightly over 7½ cents an hour compared with an average in 1962 of 8 cents an hour.

To illustrate how powerful an influence this "floor" is, in 1961 the average deferred pay increase was 8.2 cents, the average negotiated increase was 8 cents, the average negotiated increase through the third quarter has been 7.5 cents.

Says Farwell, "Assuming the same relationship prevails in 1963, there will be a further drop in the size of negotiated wage increases, perhaps to about 7 cents."

Item: The overall average hides significant variations. For instance, if deferred increases in construction are excluded, the average pay hike in 1963 drops to 6.8 cents. There are more numerous and higher deferred increases in construction than in any other industry. When the average is broken down into manufacturing and non-manufacturing, the sluggishness in manufacturing becomes even more marked. The average deferred pay hike in factories in 1963 will be 6½ cents against 10 cents in non-manufacturing.

Item: The trend toward long-term contracts carrying deferred increases persists. The deferred hikes appeared in 51 per cent of last year's contracts compared with only 5 per cent in 1954. In the first half of this year, 56 per cent of the non-manufacturing and 47 per cent of the manufacturing contracts provided for deferred hikes.

Item: A "zero" round—no cash increases at all—is provided for in 2 per cent of the settlements scheduled for 1963. In these instances changes will be limited to fringe benefits.

Why the slowdown? An obvious reason is our stickily high level of unemployment; there is a distinct correlation between a high rate of joblessness and a slowdown in wage increases. Another reason is that corporations which have been unable to raise prices to maintain their profits in this competitive era have been successfully holding out against heavy wage demands.

Does it mean the wage upswing is over? Obviously not. These increases still work out to 2½-3 per cent a year and expensive fringe benefits come on top of them. But there is no doubt that wages as well as prices in the U.S. have entered a new era of relative stability.

Employment Boon Seen by Duncan

Roseburg—AP—Public works projects in Douglas, Coos and Josephine counties would be a boon to employment in the area, Robert B. Duncan, Democratic candidate for Congress, said here Wednesday night.

Duncan reiterated that the three counties are eligible for participation in the emergency public works bill passed by Congress, and that he has asked President Kennedy to include the counties in the program.

This, along with changes in the Jones act opening up the Puerto Rican market, the increased allowable cut reducing the price of stumpage, more road building by the forest service, and self-help efforts by the lumber industry, "should go a long way toward helping the economy of the fourth district," Duncan said.

Young Entertainer Found Strangled

Van Nuys—UPI—The body of a pretty entertainer, clothed in a colorful Hawaiian muu muu, was found late Thursday jammed under her canopy bed.

Detectives said Terry Lee Yeigh, 16, apparently had been strangled. Her stepfather, Amos Yeigh, once owner of the Peppermint Twist night club in Pismo Beach, Calif., was being sought for questioning.

The shapely girl, who sang and danced for USO shows and attended a Hollywood professional school, had been reported missing since the previous night.

The girl's body was discovered by her mother, Mrs. Jackie Yeigh, 35. Detectives said there was no evidence of a struggle, nor any indication the girl had been assaulted.

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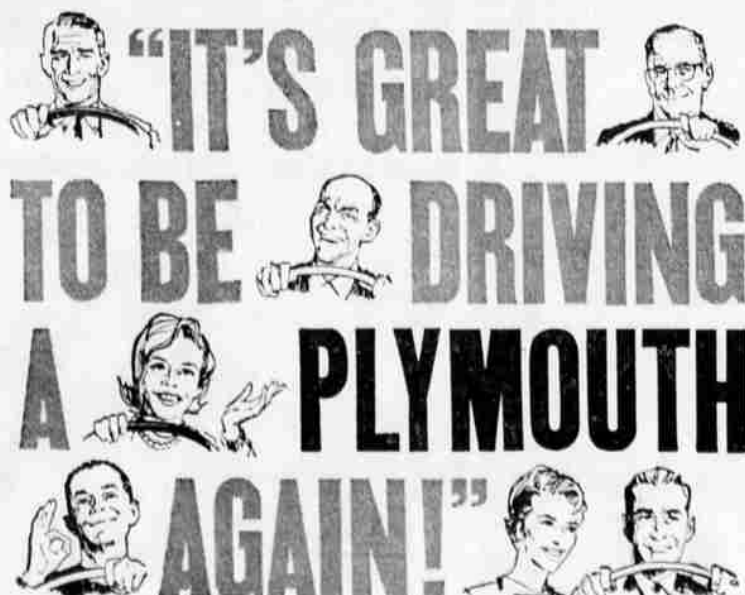
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