

**LOOSELEAF NOTEBOOK**

**Rebellion Comes Natural When Youth Is Squeezed**

By ALAN ANTHONY  
J. Edgar Hoover's most recent blast at American youngsters reads like something out of a horror comic book. He twists statistics out of reason to make it appear that his method — which is not clear — is civilization's only protection against the menace which is your son and mine.

It is not uncommon that the head of a law-enforcement agency tries to keep the public scared to death of some imaginary terror. Without a devil, how can they justify playing God? Without an ogre, what are those fantastic budgets for? Without a foe, who needs a protector?

If there is no real danger, one must be manufactured. Here are some of the terms Hoover uses in the FBI's Law Enforcement Bulletin. He is discussing your children:

"... volcanic upheaval of youth lawlessness — rampaging teen-age criminals — vicious young thugs — torture, sadism, murder, gang warfare — toll the depredations of teenage menaces — youth menace — youth crime attack —"

In the first place, unless a federal law is broken, it is none of this functionary's business. The FBI's chief operation, as far as local police departments are concerned, is book-keeping. Through its records, a boy thereby can readily be accused of a crime on the strength of a previous indiscretion.

Mr. Hoover and the young offender are clamoring for the same things: attention, recog-

nition, appreciation. Neither wants to be restrained. They should understand each other, but they don't.

It apparently has yet to dawn on those in power that the more numerous the laws, the more crime. There was no narcotics problem before the laws made it profitable and provided youth another tool of aggrandizement. A curfew does little but make a lawbreaker out of a child who previously would just get the daylight whaled out of him when he got home. (Sure, curfew makes the cop's job easier; so would filing a daily flight plan before you leave the house.)

Overlapping laws are even more oppressive. It is illegal to be drunk. Heaven knows why. Being pickled is anyone's privilege. Being disorderly is a crime. Being drunk AND disorderly is a double crime, and we are twice blessed.

Restrict a child, and he will struggle to be free. This is what our youth is doing today — a perfectly natural consequence of binding him in our ever-constricting barbed-wire cocoon of legislation.

Freedom and love produce acts of kindness. Force and restriction produce what we indubitably deserve. More force and more restriction will beset more of it. This is what Mr. Hoover is advocating when he calls for an "all-out campaign against these flagrant, young criminals."

Bad children don't get bad by themselves. It's bad people, who think they are good, who make them that way.

**Van Doren Ain't So Dumb**

Charles Van Doren's confession that he isn't as smart as he appeared is little more than a common human failing carried to an extreme.

Is there one of us not constantly striving to appear to be what we are not? We try to make our neighbors think we are rich as our creditors believe we are poor.

The false-tooth, girdle, and false makers would be out of business if people were content to be what they are. So would the manufacturers of the huge double-finned, super-dynamic, triple-grilled, power-equipped monsters that hog the highways.

If everyone confessed his every error, not even the jailer would be left outdoors.

"Van Doren isn't so smart," a friend of ours remarked, handing us the check for his coffee. Isn't he?

If you're so smart, why ain't you rich?

**Factory-Work Hiring in Drop from Summer**

Production and related factory workers were added to area payrolls at the rate of 5.3 per cent in August, compared with 6 per cent in July and 5 per cent employed in the same month a year ago.

Separations showed a moderate increase. During August hiring exceeded separations but by a considerably smaller margin than in July. Plants directly involved in the steel strike were excluded in the computation.

**Head VA Medic Named**

Dr. James S. Giotfelty, former manager of the Durham, N. C., Veterans Administration hospital, has been appointed medical director of the Los Angeles VA center, succeeding Dr. Charles F. Wayer who recently retired.

**Recognition Fete Scheduled for Torrance Scouts**

Fifty years work by the Boy Scouts of America will be celebrated and six local Scouters will be honored at the annual Harbor area recognition banquet Wednesday at the Hacienda Hotel, San Pedro.

More than 300 persons are expected to attend the event, where William A. Dunlap, former president of Toastmasters International, will be master of ceremonies.

The program will include a German band. A history of Scouting will be given in a skit prepared by Scouts under direction of Herman Goodman.

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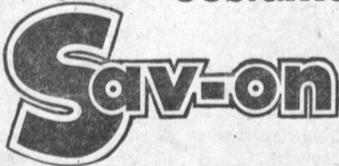
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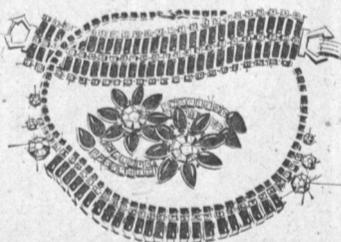
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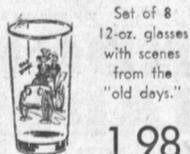


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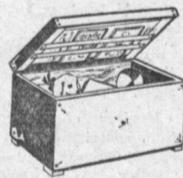


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