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Juveniles and the Law

America's increasing crime rate, reported this week in the annual Uniform Crime Reports compilation of the FBI for 1963, is cause for concern to all citizens.

Of greatest concern, however, is the startling report that arrests of young persons under 18 years of age for criminal acts soared 11 percent, and that 1963 was the fifteenth consecutive year to show an increase in this category.

The reports issued by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover indicate also that juvenile arrests for criminal acts have been increasing at a rate twice as fast as the population growth in their ages during the past five years.

The crimes are not confined to hoodlumism or vandalism. Those under 18 years of age showing up in the reports represented 8 percent of all arrests for murder; 18 percent of forcible rape; 14 percent of all aggravated assault cases; 26 percent of all robbery cases; 50 percent of the burglary, and 51 percent of the larceny.

Youths under 18 lead the field in auto theft arrests, accounting for 63 percent of the total. Those contributing to this disproportionate share of the nation's crime account for only 4 out of 100 young persons, Mr. Hoover pointed out.

Traditionally, juveniles involved in criminal acts have been given the shield of anonymity. California law places all persons under 18 in the juvenile category, and newspapers have followed the practice of withholding names of those persons under that age who are arrested.

During those same years, the crime rate of juveniles has been soaring, according to the FBI compilations.

The Press-Herald questions the validity of shielding the young people because of a chronological age barrier. If the offender is old enough to conceive and commit some of the heinous crimes of our times, he certainly should be old enough to be handled as an adult in open court.

Perhaps it's time California's judges, sociologists, and juvenile authorities took a long, hard look at the young criminal. It's time to take him off the spoon-fed pap diet.

Opinions of Others

Thanks to one of the credit card companies for simplifying the tipping system in New York . . . The standard tip (or so the company says) at a good restaurant or smart night club varies between 15 and 20 per cent depending on the amount of the bill, the atmosphere and the quality of the service . . . The card company says one shouldn't tip the headwaiter unless he performs some special service. He'll see to that, by the way. If he does, then tip him on the way out. Some pay him on the way in. These are the people who get a table.—Goshen (Ind.) News.

Freedom of Information: The U.S. Department has been at loggerheads with the press in recent years over the question of how much the American public is entitled to know of foreign affairs . . . Assistant Secretary of State Manning criticised the press recently for delving too deeply into this delicate area. He said newspapermen were indulging in "exposure for exposure's sake." The answer was given by Rep. John E. Moss, chairman of the House Government Information subcommittee: "The nation's foreign policy," he retorted, "is endangered far more by lack of understanding than by exploitation by the press."—Chester (S.C.) News

Out of the Past

40 Years Ago

City Councilmen made it against the law for peddlers to knock on doors where a sign was posted. To aid residents in putting the new law into quick effect, the editor offered signs at no cost. Oil also was in the news, and wells were coming in like crazy throughout the district.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Wise of Torrance received the first air mail letter ever delivered in Torrance. The letter was sent to the Wise family by friends in the east, congratulating them on their 40th wedding anniversary.

30 Years Ago

Plans for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the main building at Torrance High were announced and equipment was moved onto the campus. The main building and the shops were severely damaged during the 1933 earthquake. The City Council voted to spend \$700 to finish work on the Torrance Park bandshell. Formal opening was slated for mid-August.

20 Years Ago

A questionnaire being circulated in Torrance and surrounding areas was aimed at establishing the feeling of the people toward the establishment of a junior college. Results of the early questionnaires were 15 to 1 for a college independent of the Los Angeles City Schools.

Employees of Felker Manufacturing Co. received the Army - Navy Production Award for the third time. The award meant the plant's "E" flag would carry another star.

10 Years Ago

Building was the big news in Torrance, and the City Council made the news even bigger when it approved tract maps for \$10 million in new homes. The tract was the first unit of the Southwood area, and included 500 homes. The eyes of the city turned toward 12 lovely ladies—all contestants in the Miss Torrance contest. The winner—Miss Norma Quine, a 17-year-old beauty sponsored by a local car dealership.

When The Bars Are Sawed—

—YOU CAN'T CHOOSE WHICH ONES ARE TURNED LOOSE!



BOOKS by William Hogan

Publishers Stay Busy Even in July's Heat

Paperback publishing knows no formal seasons, and July brings a variety of pertinent offerings. Some topical items which caught my eye:

John Howard Griffin's explosive personal adventure, "Black Like Me" (Signet; 50 cents), is an account by the white writer who dyed his skin, shaved his head and lived for an agonizing stretch as a Negro in the South including Mississippi.

This is one of the great contemporary American horror stories, yet exhilarating stuff. A 15-year-old boy of my acquaintance just read it and knows more about life in the United States and certainly more about the meaning of civil rights than he did when school let out last June. Especially recommended.

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TRAVEL by Stan Delaplane

Try a Shipboard Gala; It Can Be Smash Event

"We would like to give a bon voyage party for friends going on a Pacific cruise ship. Do we arrange for a private table in the lounge and pay the waiter? Or what?"

Just call the shipping line. They are all set up to do this for you — including hors d'oeuvre and a steward to serve if you like. (Tip him \$5 to \$10.) Except on ships going only to Honolulu, the bar doesn't open until the ship clears port. You have the party in the people's room.

Do the lady a favor. Advise her to make ALL her hairdressing appointments the first day out. Especially for nights of special events such as the Captain's dinner.

"We have two weeks in Hawaii and would like to visit a truly native island . . ."

The only old Hawaii is on the little island of Niihau. It is privately owned, even to transportation to get there. The owners discourage attempts to visit it. The plantation towns on Molokai and Lanai are "native," but it's not Polynesia Hawaii.

However, you can go to the Polynesian Cultural Center—an hour from Waikiki on the quiet, windward side. This is new and an excellent showing—not only of Hawaii as it was but of other Polynesian cultures as they are Tahiti, Samoa, Tongan islands and the Maoris of New Zealand. It's \$2 admission and \$2.50 for a 25-course dinner from all the islands. Plus a big music-dance show.

"Are there any jobs for students overseas?"

I've seen ads on this by International Student Travel Center, 39 Cortlandt Street, New York City. They ask \$3 for membership and registration. But I have no idea how good this is. Why don't you write first — without the \$3 — and see what they offer.

"How could we find out about vacations on farms."

A very complete listing is Farm Vacation Guide, 36 East 57th Street (New York City). Costs \$1.

"We have heard that we can buy Japanese cultured pearls cheaper through a wholesale merchant in Japan than through the shops. How could we locate such a wholesaler?"

The only way I would know is through a reliable friend living in Japan. Even then, I think you would have to have a great knowledge of pearls. People in this business tell me the only sure way is to compare what you want to buy—side by side—with a similar set of

A Bookman's Notebook

By WILLIAM HOGAN

"The Pilgrim Project," a novel by Hank Searls (McGraw; \$4.95) is the sort of lightweight entertainment you take to a mountain lodge at about this time of year. Don't think that's bad — for Searls, a literary product of the University of California's School of Engineering and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, knows as much about the space program as anybody who writes fiction about it. He is very convincing indeed in this elaborate and suspenseful tale of a young astronaut who has entered the well-planned U.S. moon project but is swept into a parallel, top secret, highly risky program instead when the Russians threaten to land a man on the moon first. A work of tension, excitement and cosmic adventure. Science-fiction? Who can tell these days?

"Why is there seldom time enough to do a job right, but always enough time to do it over?"—Ernst L. Henes, Wellington (Ohio) Enterprise.

pearls of known value. Luster and matching size are what make the value.

"We will be in Europe in August—on our own for we prefer not to be bound to schedules or advance reservations. What is the best way to find hotel accommodations?"

You are going to have problems, August is the time when Europe is full of Americans. And all the Europeans are on vacation. However, many towns have a tourist bureau with listings of hotels. And sometimes you find some kind of hotel bureau in the airport or the train station.

"We intend to drive through the Far West in August. (Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada.) We wonder if we will have trouble getting motel rooms."

This is a big year for tra-

vel in the West. I'd insure myself for motel rooms by stopping and finding one by 4 in the afternoon. Most travelers can't resist driving the extra few hours of daylight and you get a jump on them.

"Our cruise ship stops in Suva in the Fijis. Is there anything to buy there?"

Some very good tortoise shell work. And some replicas in very good hardwood of the dishes the Fijians used to cook and serve your sailor grandpa in. Makes a conversation piece salad bowl. That's about all.

"... also anything to buy when we stop in Tahiti?"

Pretty good woven straw planters' hats. Shell necklaces. After that buy yourself a flower to put behind your ear and a bottle of Hinano beer. Tahiti is not a shopping place.

Our Man Hoppe

He Was a Dupe All the Time

By Arthur Hoppe

Good news. Mr. Goldwater has achieved party unity. Most of the liberal leaders have agreed not to bolt. No sir, in the interests of unity, they're going to stick loyally with the party for the next four years. And bore from within.

Mr. Rockefeller, for example, says that Mr. Goldwater's stand on extremism is dangerous, irresponsible, and frightening." But he says he's going to stay in the party to work for its "return to the historic principles of Abraham Lincoln." Who freed the slaves. While this fearless position will be applauded by Abolitionists everywhere, there's no question the liberals have their work cut out for them. Their first step, obviously, must be to form a secret, boring-from-within society. Which they might call "The Abraham Lincoln Brigade."

(Scene: A basement room. In the light of a single naked bulb dangling from the ceiling, the posters on the walls can be seen: "America is a Democracy, not a Republic." And: "Respect Earl Warren." Seven members of the Eastern Establishment, all now wearing tennis shoes, are seated around the table. The cell leader, known by the code name of "The Rock," speaks.)

THE ROCK (in a sibilant whisper): Thanks a thou, fellas, for coming. We need every true liberal patriot we get if we are to save our nation from the creeping Conservative peril.

CABBOTT: Oh, how naive we've been, betrayed by our own leaders. For as our Red, White & Blue Book points out, Eisenhower was nothing more than a Conservative Dupe. Nixon was a secret Conservative Sympathizer, or ConSymp, all along. And who knows what John Foster Dulles was!

GEORGE: There is no question the insidious Connie Menace has captured our beloved party. Look at the platform! There are actually several paragraphs that are different from the Democrats!

THE ROCK: It's frightening, fellas. We must act in the great traditions of our beloved Abraham Lincoln to save our beloved party. Let's infiltrate the P.T.A.

CABBOTT: Spoken as a dedicated parent. THE ROCK: Is that a crack, fella? GEORGE: Let's not wrangle. Goldwater has deceived us by acting the way he said he'd act all along. That man is a card-carrying Conservative! And now that we've pledged him our support, we must overthrow him.

THE ROCK: Right, fella! To the attack. Start the clandestine mimeograph machines. Subvert the local committees. Capture the Young Republicans. Divide, unify, stamp out Goldwater! And then that happy day will come once again our beloved party will be back in the mainstream. Exactly like the Democrats.

So as I say, Mr. Goldwater's pulled a great coup. By employing all his political sagacity and intense energy, he has somehow managed to keep the liberals from bolting in order to preserve party unity. Heaven help him.

Morning Report:

That recent wrestling match between two Senators could be a good thing. Only it didn't go long enough. After a ten-minute tussle, both of them were off the floor, back on their feet, and talking over television.

What I mean is it might be an improvement if some of our Senators wrestled more and talked less. At least we voters would pay more attention to them. I'm sure the two wrestlers — Senator Thurmond of South Carolina, and Senator Yarborough of Texas, say a lot of great things—every now and then. But their gems are lost in a rarely ending torrent of words that raises callouses on the ear drums.

Abe Mellinkoff