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## An Apathy and Crime

What he calls a "shocking indifference" to the fact that California is the nation's most crime-ridden state has been strongly condemned by former Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco.

Christopher, who spoke here before the Riviera Rotary Club last week, has continued to lash out at California's crime rate and charges that law enforcement in the state had been let down by the governor and the legislature.

Despite the fact that California leads the nation in crime, "measures that would strengthen the hand of law enforcement go down to defeat year after year in our State Capitol, and in 1965 not one important bill assisting law enforcement was passed," he said Monday.

The former mayor and a probable candidate for the GOP nomination as governor criticized Governor Brown for killing with a pocket veto "one of the few measures that passed both houses—a measure that would have increased the penalty for criminal assault of an officer."

We believe Mr. Christopher's points are worth the consideration of all Californians who are concerned about the trend toward lawlessness.

The freedom and the prosperity this state and nation enjoy can not exist if the laws enacted on the people's behalf are to be flaunted by a criminal minority.

At the same time, the paternalistic concern for the sensitivities of the murderer, rapist, arsonist, and robber that is so evident on the part of highly placed Americans can only add to the derring-do of the criminal gangs. After all, what has today's criminal got to lose when punishment has all but disappeared.

We urge all Californians to heed the warning being sounded by Mr. Christopher and by other articulate Americans, warnings of trends that will surely strip us of our freedoms if not stopped.

## September's Perils

This is September with all it implies for Southland families.

The impact of fall will hit this weekend with the three-day Labor Day celebration, last of summer's long week-end holidays.

Labor Day is a sure harbinger of school and today's editions of this newspaper are filled with back to school news and advertising messages.

The long weekend and the coming first days of school would be experiences filled with happiness and pleasant memories. One of the principal keys to pleasant memories is good driving practice when on the streets and highways, and it is seldom more important than during the next few weeks.

In planning for a Labor Day trip this weekend, travel experts advise that motorists take several steps to insure pleasant outing. Included in the suggestions are confirmation of accommodations at the destination and a double check of the family car to remove the technical and mechanical worries from the holiday.

The trip should be planned so a reasonable time is allowed for travel—don't get caught short and have to hurry. Observe all of the rules of the road, don't drive when too fatigued, and be particularly mindful of other drivers, road conditions, and the weather.

All of this is well to keep in mind around the community at all times, but is especially relevant in September with the thousands of children going back to school, many of the little ones for the first time.

Let September be a month that will live in pleasant memories on the tomorrows ahead. Don't let an unthinking moment in traffic fill it with horror.

## Opinions of Others

At this time of confusion, uncertainty, and unrest in so many areas of activity, we might well think of William Penn when in a critical period facing his people he met with the Indian chieftains and said, "My friends, we have met on the highway of good faith. We are all one flesh and blood. Being brethren, we shall not take advantage of one another. When disputes arise we will settle them in council. Between us there shall be nothing but openness and love." The Indian chiefs replied, "While the rivers run and the sun shines we will live in peace with the children of William Penn."—*Fort Mill (S.C.) Times.*

States are finding it more and more necessary and perhaps financially helpful to see and to anticipate federal grants. It just could be, if situations continue as presently indicated, the most popular and vote-getting governors will be those who can anticipate and secure the most and biggest federal grants for their respective states. More and more federal government and dependence—is that what we really want?—*Topeka (Kans.) Oswego Independent.*

We're getting all kinds of information about health care for the aged . . . We do not believe it is in the interest of good government . . . for the federal government to be the sole proprietor of such a program when coverage as good can be provided without burdening everyone with taxes which would be ever increasing. We believe the basic idea of the Eldercare proposal is the safer procedure.—*John Day (Ore.) Blue Mountain Eagle.*



ROYCE BRIER

## Riots Were Wrong, But They May Have Lessons

It has been evident to the thoughtful for many years that the problem of race relations is a world problem, that explosions such as those in Watts and Bogalusa are only part of a pattern.

A few centuries ago the white race did not find a problem in the colored races. Going out in the world it simply assumed it was superior and privileged, and supported the philosophy with force.

The philosophy began to lose with the thoughtful about 150 years ago, though it still ruled in Africa and Asia.

This summer, 101 years ago Abraham Lincoln began to struggle with the problem when it was seen the Confederacy would fail, and the country would soon have four million emancipated slaves. Bruce Catton discusses the question learnedly in the volume of his Civil War history, about to be published. What would be the status of these illiterate blacks? Lincoln did not survive to impose his influence on this angry question, and his successors made a mess of it.

For half a century or more no solution of the

question other than lynch law appeared in America. A two-class system prevailed where whites and blacks lived together. But it became increasingly clear the system could not endure without change in a society professing to be free.

Two great wars triggered violent solutions of the problem in Asia and Africa, and intensified the demands of American Negroes for a solution, whether peaceful or violent. The problem flared like a prairie fire across the world.

In America it shifted from South to North, and back to South. It gradually forced constitutional reforms to better the Negro's lot, in education, in jobs, in white acceptance of Negro equality in public accommodation. A second emancipation took form. The Negroes themselves were not united in how fast it should, or could, be effected. Many elements thought they were the victims of white stalling.

These elements included a potentially criminal core hating whites, countered chiefly in the South by a racist core hating blacks.

All are agreed it was this black core which precipi-

tated the Los Angeles riots, but the thoughtful insist the criminal course of the riots is rooted in a smoldering sense of wrong and frustration. In the Watts area there are no jobs for young men and boys. Negro and some white spokesmen aver the police rule of this depressed community has been harsh and imperceptive, hence these colored mobs have developed a fanatic hatred of police. The tiniest spark could set it off—and did. The infection then raced by the hour, turning to flame and gunfire.

But to understand how it happened, is not to counsel letting it go. It had to be stopped, the alternative being anarchy and the jungle. It is not certain this was the climax. All the great Negro ghettos of America bear the seeds of incalculable explosion. It would be silly to offer an answer, when nobody has one. But if any good can come from the grim Watts story, it could be that it might transform the careless and indifferent to the thoughtful. To borrow words from another time, hard thinking entails toil and sweat.

WILLIAM HOGAN

## Good Writing Reason for Success of Psychiatrist

A year ago we reviewed a little book titled "Games People Play." This is an odd and fascinating exercise subtitled "The Psychology of Human Relationships" (Grove; \$5). The author is Eric Berne, M.D., the Carmel-based San Francisco psychiatrist, who became fascinated with the unwritten rules and rituals in human behavior that result in certain "games" in relations with others. He interpreted and charted these games with zest and scientific erudition.

Games based on manners, social intercourse, sexual plays. Games called Alcoholic; Kick Me; Schlemiel ("I can be destructive and still get forgiveness"); Misfortune (My misfortune is better than yours."); In the Psychiatry Game, for example, a patient picks weak psychoanalysts, moving from one to another, demonstrating that he cannot be cured. The basic game: "You will never cure me, but you will teach me to be a better neurotic."

Grove Press published the book in an original edition of 3,000 copies, believing that it was addressed basically to the medical community. The astonished publish-

er went back to press time and time again during the year. Last week he announced that 70,000 copies had been sold, and were continuing to sell at the rate of 6,000 a week.

We checked with the author by phone the other day. Might he explain the book's success? Actually, Dr. Berne anticipated a best-seller where his publisher did not. This is not Stephen Potter's "Gamesmanship." This is about very real things, very real people—you and me. The book was written as a professional report, but average intelligent laymen want to know more about such professional secrets, or interpretations of their own behavior. They seek clues to what really goes on. A psychiatrist who can write intelligibly is always welcome to a lay public; the really good books on specialized clinical subjects endure.

Originally the reviews of the book were good, starting in San Francisco, and ending (months later) in Time magazine. Then there was word-of-mouth advertising, the cocktail party conversations, which often is the best kind of advertising.

The author constantly hears from readers, about games of their own, or variations on games and rules he describes.

A second "games" book is possibility. There is some talk now of a commercial television program based on the book, although Dr. Berne would not agree to such a thing unless he has absolute control over its content. It must be authentic, no mere flashy psychological panel show.

Best-sellerdom is nothing new to Dr. Berne. Eighteen years ago he published a "Layman's Guide to Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis," which is still moving briskly in two paperback editions, Simon & Schuster and Grove (Black Cat). "Games People Play," the sleeper of this year, seems due for the same happy fate.

## Quote

The fact that the American Federation of Teachers threatens a strike if they do not get what they want indicates they understand only the use of force, even

STAN DELAPLANE

## You Can Retire Easily In Small Mexican Towns

"We plan to do a little leisurely traveling around Mexico, searching for a place to live permanently. Can we do this on \$400 a month for two? Where?"

I think you can. And there are several lovely old towns—flowers, warm weather and more things now that Americans want. (Supermarkets for instance.) The July-August issue of Mexico This Month magazine has first-hand reports. Send for it—at Calle Atenas 42-601, Mexico 6, D.F. Send 66 cents, money order or personal check. NOT cash. (It's against Mexican law to send cash in the mail.) And allow three weeks for the magazine to get to you.

"What other countries are good for retired Americans with modest incomes?"

An American couple in Portugal writes to me: "Thank you for sending us to Portugal. We are in a small pensao (hotel with meals). Our room with full board is less than \$40 a week for two. Excellent food, fine fish, garden fresh vegetables. My husband is within walking distance of a golf course, a fine lending library and we discovered a good doctor.

"Actually, we could live cheaper than we do. (They are in Estoril, the fashionable beach suburb of Lisbon.) Brandy is \$1.70 a liter. Good cigarettes are 14 cents. Haircuts 20 cents. Maids 10 cents an hour."

"What is the new allowance on goods brought in duty-free?"

Was based on \$100 at wholesale value—which amounted to about \$140. It will be \$100 retail value starting Oct. 1. You were allowed to bring in a gallon of liquor. Now it will be one quart. You can still send back gifts of less than \$10 value not counted on you; \$100 carrying allowance. But it's \$10 retail not wholesale value.

The U.S. Virgin Islands, Samoa, and Guam are favored. You can still bring in a gallon of liquor and \$200 worth of what you bought at free port prices.

"Are youth hostels open to adults? In all countries?"

They are. You join American Youth Hostels—it's inexpensive. Get a pass. You want a bike, canoe, horse, skis or boats. They can be rented and they'll tell you where. Scooters and motorbikes are not allowed in SOME hostels. You need a sheet sewn up like a sleeping bag. Knife, fork, spoon, cup, plate and dishcloth.

"What are the advantages and disadvantages of the hostels?"

It's cheap. You buy and cook your own food and help clean up. There's usually a curfew—about 11 p.m. You can't smoke or have a drink. A friend of mine who tried it in Europe found them too much on the teen-age side. He said: "They sat around all evening eating cherries and throwing the seeds at each other."

"How do you like St. Thomas for a winter vacation?"

I like it. It's a sleepy Virgin Islands place. Even though it gets a good many people during the high winter season. The food is good. There's a lot of warm swimming and fishing. It is NOT expensive—average \$40 a couple per day with two meals.

It's a free port. No duty, no taxes. And you can bring home \$200 of what you buy. Plenty of social life among

tourists who gad from hotel to hotel. But not much contact with local people. The native Negro with Danish background doesn't mix.

"What are the best buys?"

The usual free-port things: Japanese transistor radios and miniature TV sets. German cameras and binoculars.

Locally made things are mostly straw weave. Danish silver is good here.

"Is it true you can buy some countries' money cheaper here than there?"

True. But it is illegal in those countries to carry it in.

HERB CAEN SAYS:

## Where Is The Last Place?

FLASH: In town is Prof. Marshall McLuhan, fabled, fabulous, revered, and even sainted by the New Intelligentsia, Director of the Center for Culture and Technology at University of Toronto, author of "The Mechanical Bride," "The Gutenberg Galaxy" and "Understanding Media," and darling of the critics.

Hot on the trail of this titan, I thought to myself, "Where is the last place in town you'd expect to see Marshall McLuhan?" and that's where I found him—at Off-Broadway in North Beach, lunching amid the topless waitresses with Writer Tom Wolfe, Adman Howard Gossage, and Dr. Gerald Feigen.

BEING PRESIDENT of the Leg Men of America, I never felt a primal urge to lunch among the topless ladies, but in such distinguished company, who could resist? "Strip steak sandwich," I said to Waitress Marilyn, who was wearing blue sequin pasties and not much else. As she walked sternly away, I commented, "A good-looking girl."

"Interesting choice of words," mused Dr. McLuhan. "Good-LOOKING girl. The remark of a man who is visually-oriented, not tactually. And I further noticed that you could not bring yourself to look at her breasts as she took your order. You examined her only after she walked away—another example of the visual: the further she walked away, the more attractive she became."

"Actually," I apologized, blushing, "I'm rather inhibited." The Professor nodded. "Another interesting word. Inhibited is the opposite of exhibited," he pointed out, "and what is exhibited causes you to be inhibited."

A TOPLESS fashion show ensued, commented by a young lady who was fully dressed and in good voice. "You're all dead out there," she chided. "Where's the applause?"

"Now the word applause," interjected Mr. McLuhan, "comes of course from the Latin 'applaudere,' which means to explode. In early times, audiences applauded to show their disfavor—they clapped their hands literally to explode the performer off the stage. Hence you might say that the silence here is a form of approbation, at least in the classical sense."

THE SHOW OVER, Tom Wolfe asked Waitress Marilyn: "Why do you wear pasties?" "Have to," she dimpled. "It's the law, when food is being served. For health reasons, you see?" Nobody saw.

"I think brassieres look sexier than pasties, don't you?" Marilyn inquired. Everybody nodded. "Besides, you can walk faster with a brassiere." Everybody looked blank. "What I mean is," she went on, "you don't JIGGLE so."

AT THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL, Albert Johnson (an exec of OUR Film Festival) met Richard Lester, director of The Beatles' movies, and was in turn introduced to Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon. Albert, blankly, to Mrs. Lennon: "Uh—are you one of the Lennon Sisters on the Lawrence Welk Show?" Poor Albert. Mrs. Lennon gave him such a look he should turn to stone.

NEWSFLASH from the Calif. Institute of Technology: "Arizona cypress has been induced to mature sexually—produce male flowers—in 88 days, which is 1/20th of the normal flowering age." I guess that's a newsflash—if you're a cypress in a hurry . . . Or, as the tiger in the tank said: "Hey, I smell gas!" Today's Truth in Advertising award goes to Calvert Distillers who, in an ad for a new product, confess: "We fell flat on our faces year after year before we found the formula," and that's the kind of pure research I find appealing.

## Morning Report:

That General de Gaulle is a worker all right. Nothing is too petty for him if he can needle us.

The other day he gave 10 old propeller planes to Cambodia that he had bought from us in the 50s. The planes were obsolete when he bought them and are no great military threat to us now. But they could cause some confusion in the Viet Nam war and that's enough for the old General, who is obsessed with himself and the glory of France. Two goals that are inseparable in his mind.

Frenchmen, however, shouldn't worry that de Gaulle will somehow alienate us. He won't be able to piddle away the reservoir of good feeling toward France if he lives to be a hundred—which he probably will.

Abe Mellinkoff