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Handicapped Week

Twenty years ago President Harry Truman signed Public Law 178 which established the first full week in October as a week dedicated to job equality for the handicapped.

During the two decades which have intervened, handicapped persons across the nation have established a record of accomplishment which more than justifies the confidence which enlightened management has placed in them.

In many respects, the wheelchair is keeping pace with the push-button era as automation and the rapidly changing nature of today's jobs offer employers new incentives to make use of the special skills which the handicapped are learning through modern vocational rehabilitation.

Mrs. June C. Roper, manager of the local office of the California State Employment Service, reports that more than 125 handicapped persons have been placed on jobs by her office since the first of the year. And, she adds, each has been placed because of his ability—what he can do rather than what he cannot do.

The demands of today's jobs are more for qualities of the spirit rather than strength of the body. The number of jobs that require the unimpaired, robust day-laborer are disappearing so fast that the greatest lack is a job for the able-bodied person seeking an unskilled occupation.

"Ability Counts" long has been the slogan for national Employ the Handicapped Week—and it has never been more true than during this week as the nation salutes its handicapped workers.

Opinions of Others

It seems likely that a neat little fortune might accrue to the person who could figure out a fool-proof way to take the elasticity out of coffee time. We do not advocate putting a picture of the boss at the bottom of the coffee cup to scare workers back to their posts. There is much to be said, however, for sensible restraint in enjoying this version of the pause that refreshes. This privilege, like many another, is blighted by abuse of it.—*Brownsville (Pa.) Telegraph.*

Of course, the shortage of farm labor is due to Secretary of Labor Wirtz' cutting off of foreign workers, mostly Mexican. He wants American labor used. But if Americans, hypnotized by government checks and handouts, won't work, then who but foreign labor is going to gather the food crops to feed the bums and loafers who are living off the taxpayers? The government is simply going to have to downtrend this war on poverty stuff and tell those who don't want to work to get off the wagon. There is no other alternative.—*Goshen (Ind.) News.*

Sen. Robert C. Byrd says that modern meteorologists, armed with electronic devices such as radar, laser beams, and computers, may eventually be able to modify the weather—thus possibly altering man's natural environment and changing the course of civilization. Judging from bureaucratic controls of every other type that we are familiar with, we can think of no good effect that would result from a bureau's control of the weather. We should all start praying, "Please, Mr. Government, try to get to the moon if you will, but leave the rainmaking and the sunshine to God. He's managed to come through virtually in the nick of time, always, up to now."—*Harrisville (W. Va.) Ritchie Gazette.*

Popular sympathy for the plight of underprivileged Negroes in the United States has taken a terrific drop due to the savage uprisings in Chicago, Los Angeles, and numerous other Northern cities. One progressive Negro has stated that the civil rights cause has been set back twenty years.—*Greensburg (Inc.) Times.*

The next time some disgruntled character tells you he's living a dog's life, congratulate him warmly. For there is reason to believe that our dogs may be achieving the Great Society faster than their masters. The American Pet Products Manufacturing Association reports that Americans are spending \$53,000,000 a year to feed their dogs and another \$250,000,000 for canine products and services.—*St. Albans (Vt.) Messenger.*

Morning Report:

Over ice-cold martinis in Washington, it was very easy to take the calm, historical view — of the war between India and Pakistan. I think that's why so many pundits were pointing out that neither country is equipped for a long, modern war.

I don't think, however, that these comments were very satisfying to the people involved. For a guy getting killed, he doesn't particularly care if he is done in by a modern weapon or some obsolete piece of military equipment.

As a matter of fact, both countries are capable of creating widespread chaos. In no time at all, a million or so people could die of starvation. Which is just as permanent a way to die as by the latest-style atomic explosion.

Abe Mellinkoff



SACRAMENTO REPORT

Proposed Change Could Upset Carol Lane Case

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District

The State Supreme Court of California in 1961 handed down a decision to the effect that the State of California had pre-empted (monopolized) law-enforcement in the sensitive fields of the regulation of prostitution or other criminal aspects of illegal sexual activity, lewd or dissolute conduct, indecent exposure, venereal disease, the molestation of women and children and certain types of gambling.

This 1961 court decision is often referred to as the "Carol Lane case" because a common prostitute who operated under the name of "Carol Lane" was arrested by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. There was no "police brutality." The arrest was never questioned as being legal and proper at the time. Carol Lane was convicted of one or more crimes in a fair trial in the Superior Court of Los Angeles.

Lawyers who were retained by persons unknown to this author appealed the case and it eventually reached the State Supreme Court of California in 1961. The majority of the Justices of the Supreme Court held that the City of Los Angeles had no authority, and neither did the Los Angeles Police Department, because the State had pre-empted the field. To me this is utter nonsense. At least two of the present Justices of the California State Supreme Court agreed with me in 1961 and they still agree with me now. They "dissented" in 1961, which means they voted against the position taken by the other Justices.

During the regular (general) session of 1965, I introduced a bill prepared for me by nine eminent lawyers. The object of the bill was to overcome the 1961 State Supreme Court decision by writing into the laws of the state the fact that the Legislature at no time attempted to "pre-empt the field," as the majority

of the State Justices held to be the case in 1961.

My bill had a great deal of state-wide support but it was refused passage by the Assembly Committee on Criminal Procedure, and assigned to "interim study," which is a polite way of saying that my bill was killed and sent back to the cemetery for interment without benefit of clergy.

A petition is now being circulated to put on the ballot in 1966 a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of California. This proposed amendment was drafted after many months of research and hard work by District Attorney Frank Coakley of Alameda County; Harold W. Kennedy, County Counsel of Los Angeles County; George Wakefield, Chief Assistant County Counsel of Los Angeles County; Peter J. Pitchess, Sheriff of Los Angeles County; Assemblyman Howard J. Thelin of Glendale, who is an eminent lawyer; Warren M. Dorn, Supervisor, Los Angeles County, and several eminent lawyers in the 46th Assembly District, which I have represented for nearly 16 years.

If enough people sign the petitions, there will be a proposed amendment on the ballot either at the June or the November election in 1966. Then, if enough people vote on the proposed amendment, it will become part of our State Constitution, and home rule in the prosecution of filthy crimes will be restored to all the cities and all the counties in California, without depriving the State government of any of its rightful authority and power.

Please do not sign any petition without reading it very carefully, including the one mentioned above. The second paragraph of the petition described here begins: "The People of the State of California do enact the following constitutional amendment to be added as Section 11.5 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California: Sec. 11.5. Any regulation made pursu-

ant to Section II of this Article by any county, city, city and county, or town, respecting prostitution or other criminal aspects of sexual activity, lewd or dissolute conduct, indecent exposure, venereal disease or the protection of persons from molestation is not to be construed to be in conflict with general law . . . etc., etc.

Finally, if you want more information about this petition to amend the State Constitution through the initiative of the people of California, please write to Warren M. Dorn, Supervisor, Fifth District, Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, 869 Hall of Administration, Los Angeles 12, Calif., 90012.

Tell Supervisor Dorn that you read about the petition in this newspaper. If you want to mention my name, it will do no harm, but it is not essential. Supervisor Dorn has a very large and able staff with an ample allowance of stationery and postage to handle correspondence on this subject, and is anxious to hear from anyone in California who wants to sign the petition.

WILLIAM HOGAN

Lena Horne, Sammy Davis Autobiographies Due Soon

During the season we have had several books by American Negroes and whites about the plight of the Negro in our society, Mississippi to Harlem, Most, on the face of it, have been depressing, if often vivid documents—Claude Brown's current "Manchild" in the Promised Land," for example, or Nat Hentoff's candid sociological report, "The New Equality," which is now available as a Compass paperback (\$1.45).

This month we shall see two autobiography entries by American Negroes who are relatively privileged, and certainly talented, but who nevertheless have had their heartaches and crises due to racial prejudice. These will be two of the big show business stories of the season.

Sammy Davis Jr. will tell all in his book, "Yes I Can," prepared with the aid of two professional writers, Jane and Burt Boyer (Farar, Straus). This is an enormous bulk of material (612 pages) by the vivacious young man who started in vaudeville at the age of three and reached — well, certainly the top of the entertainment pile of his time.

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Tennessee Williams Has To Hurry Back to Couch

CAENFETTI: Tennessee Williams, expressing himself as "delighted" with the local production of his "Milk Train" (as well he should be), had a farewell dinner at Ondine, where he ordered a frozen daiquiri. Plunging into the frothy goo, he murmured happily: "It's like having a love affair with an Eskimo!" He then bade S.F. au revoir, explaining: "I must get back to New York—and my psychiatrist" . . . (For no reason at all, this puts me in mind of the Drs. Pinkney's line in their "Fallacy of Freud": The one most outstanding accomplishment of psychoanalysis seems to be that it takes someone who is covertly obnoxious and makes him overtly obnoxious". . . The late Eugene Burdick's favorite co-author, Bill Lederer, and his bride, Corky Lewis of Honolulu, celebrated their marriage over pate and champagne at the Blue Fox—he having finished his last collaboration with Burdick: "Sarkhan," a sequel to the "Ugly American" . . . Glimpsed at Top o' the Mark, as the big colms say: British Actor Richard Attenborough, fresh from shooting "Flight of the Phoenix" in Arizona, red of sunburn, itchy of beard, and bursting with the news that he'll direct "The Life of Gandhi" next year. "I saw Pandit Nehru in India just before he died," he said, "and his last words to me were, 'Richard, when you make that picture, please don't deify him. He was too great a man to deify.'"

MUTTERS & MUMBLES: "Why don't you write something about the outlandish clothes worn by young people these days?" writes a crotchety oldtimer. Can't do it. I remember too clearly the Uniform of the Day when I went to school: corduroy pants that were never, never washed—and were considered perfect only when they were stiff enough with dirt to stand by themselves. With these hideously filthy pants it was de rigueur to wear a spotlessly fresh white shirt every day—a bewildering combination that baffled our parents as deeply as we are baffled today.

BARRELS' BOTTOM: Wouldn't you know that Tammy Grimes would own a campy English sheepdog named Luther Elfoldo Fezzwig? Not only that, when they flew up from L.A., Lu-

Russell, SP's President, had his \$550,000 private car, hooked onto the tail, and went along for the ride. For another, General Edwin Walker, hero of the Far Righties, was aboard, in the regular passenger section. Before getting on, he bought every copy available of a paper — headlined "1000 Rioters Stop Troop Train"—charged to the end of his car, held up the papers and roared: "This is what YOUR younger generation is doing today!" Just outside town, cops stopped and surrounded the train to capture a hitch-hiker who had boarded earlier. Looking nervous, the General went to investigate the fuss, confiding later: "I thought I was about to be assassinated again." (Again?) Anyway, a dandy ride.

SOBER THOUGHT: Maybe the French have reason to be concerned about the increasing use of "Franglais," or "Frenglish"—the combination of French and English words. Here's a horrible example, a recent headline in a Paris paper: "Holdup Dans un Self-Service par 2 Gangsters." C'est la ball bounce, as I toutsays say.

CONFESSION: Gypsy Rose Lee, philosophizing on Channel 7: The first year of marriage is marvelous — exploring everything new together. The second is fine—re-living the first. The third year, it's just plain old normal married life . . . I never made it through that!

ROYCE BRIER

CIA Puts Saigon Embassy In Embarrassing Position

An excellent example of what you can expect when you deal with a bewildered government like that of South Viet Nam, has come to light.

As you might expect, the Central Intelligence Agency is apparently involved in what news stories described as an episode embarrassing to the American Embassy in Saigon, with at least three CIA officers reportedly declared persona non grata by the Viet Nam government.

The story is told in a low key, and obviously covers a bitter struggle in which the

CIA was charged with taking a foreign policy flier which fell on its face. From the various evasions employed, the story emerges:

In the hill country south of Saigon are 700,000 tribesmen served by small forces nominally opposed to the Viet Cong guerrillas and allied with Viet Nam. Two "united front" movements known as Fulro and Montagnard occupy the tribal areas, and have had American advisors and some unspecified military aid.

Recently, William F. Beachner, an Embassy "poli-

tical officer" (CIA), and two other CIA agents have been working with the tribal fronts. But recently army units are said to have disarmed 1,000 Fulro and Montagnard soldiers.

Sources close to the Vietnamese government aver the Americans were advising Fulro and Montagnard to seek "autonomy," and set up small independent states allied with Viet Nam. Saigon calls these hill tribes "savages."

A Viet Nam general named Co had what the news story calls an "acrimonious" meeting with American officials, and is said to have charged that CIA agents wrote a document addressed to the Montagnard on "How to negotiate" with the Saigon government in an autonomy effort.

Barry Zorthian, Embassy press officer, denied there were any formal charges against the Americans, but conceded the Embassy was willing to withdraw them to allay suspicions of the Viet Nam government.

Also involved was a fear American air forces might bomb the tribal areas on recommendation of an American general, unnamed.

Ambassador Lodge had a high level meeting with Viet Nam officials, and is said to have urged against use of force in the area, and specifically to have demanded that if force was used, American equipment would not be employed.

So far as we can see, the Americans have come off second-best in this political imbroglio. Whether CIA can add this achievement to U-2, Bay of Pigs and Singapore in record of foreign policy sallies by operatives you have never heard of before, is not yet certain, because responsible officials are clearly minimizing the event with a marked reticence.

But the President, who makes foreign policy, and the Secretary of State who expounds it, will have an interesting time untangling the facts now so blandly glossed over.