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Seeds of a Tyrant

Terrible costs of the rioting which tore apart many of America's great cities during the past two weeks may never be fully computed.

In Newark and Detroit, two of the cities hit hardest by the marauding criminals, the losses in property run into the millions of dollars, most of it never to be recovered.

A far greater loss will be felt by those people who live in areas burned out and destroyed by rioters. Neighborhood stores, shops, and service establishments, filling many needs for the people of the area, are gone—in many cases gone and never to return.

The losses in material, however, are not nearly so great as the loss suffered by those whose efforts to improve the opportunities for minority races have been undone a thousandfold. Racketeers who have made Civil Rights a cloak for their criminal activities have literally undone the good work done by hundreds of thousands who have conscientiously struggled with the problem of rights.

The greatest potential loss, though, is the inroad such rebellion makes into the structure of our freedoms. It takes power—raw power—to put down armed insurrection of the magnitude witnessed in Newark and Detroit. And the man who can draw to himself the power to quell major riots can probably extend that power to other areas.

It is from such major insurrections that the world gets its Hitlers, Mussolinis, Stalins, and its other horrible tyrants. Despots are sired and thrive in the midst of such upheavals.

If the Stokely Carmichaels and the H. Rap Browns think their people have been abused by their country, they have forgotten the lessons of Buchenwald and Belsen. And if they think criminal rebellion will bring a better life for their followers, they have missed all the lessons of history.

Nobody gains when a Hitler is spawned.

Younger Issues Warning

The growing use of such drugs as marijuana and the acceptance and use of non-heroin drugs among students of our colleges and universities drew a warning this week from District Attorney Evelle J. Younger.

Commenting on the growing rate of narcotic and drug violations in California, Younger warned that law enforcement agencies and prosecuting officers would continue to enforce strictly all laws including the prohibition against "the use, possession, and sale of marijuana."

Student spokesmen and campus leaders who openly exhort others to try marijuana, are leading them into felonious acts, he said. Use, possession, or sale of marijuana could subject the violator to state prison sentences up to 10 years for possession, or life for a sale.

Although juries are convicting a constantly decreasing percentage of marijuana cases and the sentences are becoming more lenient, messing with the stuff seems to us to be a dangerous diversion. No hour of rapture could be payment enough for a prison term.

Marijuana is illegal and the district attorney points out that strong medical evidence exists that use of the drug is habit forming and can produce hypnotic and bizarre behavior.

Members of the Torrance Police Advisory Committee who visited the state narcotic rehabilitation center at Norco recently were told by several of the men confined there that their first experience with narcotics was through marijuana. They said most of the several hundred men there started that way. It was an easy step to heroin.

Playing around with marijuana seems to be the "in" thing among many of today's young set, and it must be opposed by all means available to us. We can ill afford to raise a nation of drug users in a world where the keenest minds are needed for survival.

Opinions of Others

The government of South Vietnam negotiated a mutual assistance pact with the United States in which we agreed to come to its aid at its call in event of aggression. We got the call. We answered. We fulfill the terms of a treaty, we also oppose the advance of communism . . . Unless someone stops it, the U.S. will be the last bastion of the free world, isolated in global communism, with the alternatives of surrender—or fight the last great battle.—*Altoona (Pa.) Mirror*.

The American culture, or lack of it, our society in general, is so diverse and many-splendored it is often hard for our boys and girls to know whom to admire. When young, the national heritage is too heavily sold to them as a cowboy heritage. The shooting and killing of the bad men in the West, or the wild west in general, is stressed and we see hardly any good portrayals or emphasis on our more important heritage—the colonies, the hard times and Indian wars, the revolution against England, the Civil War with all its heroics and sacrifices, etc.—*Ossian (Iowa) Bee*.

As America has moved from pioneering austerity to sophisticated affluence, from the simplicities of rugged individualism to the complexities and problems of an over-populated urban society, one of the casualties has been old-fashioned patriotism. National holidays see fewer flags flown . . . But the flag remains our single most valiant symbol of a spirit, a resolve, a courage, a compassion that created a new nation destined to be great in history. Long may it wave. And may the nation, the people, over which it flies indeed be brave, indeed be free.—*Winnemucca (Nev.) Humboldt Star*.



HERB CAEN SAYS:

Loud Motorbikes Don't Even Offer a 'So Sorry'

No wonder Bill Ball, head of the American Conservative Theatre, didn't want a split season in Chicago. If you lived in one of the greatest little houses on Telegraph Hill, which he does, would YOU want to move to Loopville-on-the-Lake? . . . Cliches that unfortunately are truer than the average cliché: you have to pack as many clothes for a weekend as you do for a month.

I'm sure those Japanese motor-bikes are an excellent piece of machinery, but gad, what a nasty sound they make, without even an occasional "So sorry" thrown in. Nor that I came here today to knock Japanese products. I've owned several TV sets, but my little Sony still gives me the most pleasure. What pleasure there is to be had, that it . . . Isn't it odd that the symbol for a bar in San Francisco (the word "Bar" being forbidden) is a Manhattan-with-cherry when everybody knows the martini-with-hangover is the most popular drink?

Sudden thought while traffic-stopped downtown: If all the horns were removed from cars, the world would be a better place in which to die, and traffic would move just as slowly . . . Some lawyers believe that one of the charges that Fonteyn and Nureyev were booked on—"visiting a house where marijuana is used or kept"—would never stand a test

of constitutionality. When I visit your house, how do I know what dark secret is hidden in your closets or drawers? And when, by the way, is this obsession with Old Cannabis going to end? It stopped being funny and started becoming ridiculous a long time ago.

I see that critics of Pacific Telephone are wondering

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why Ma Bell West spend \$10 million a year in advertising—and I say she has to. Otherwise all us customers might switch to Avis Phone Company . . . Jim Ginella contends the reason Joan Baez is confused is because her last names means "Yes-no" in Basque, but I never knew she was confused.

On-Job Training: Louise Gawain of Sacramento, home from Reed College for the summer, was turned down for job after job because she had no experience. At last, in tears, she complained to her mother: "They want experience just to type the simplest little letters. They want experience to set plates of food in front of people. There's only one job in Sacramento you don't have to have experience for—and that's Governor!"

The heir to a million-dollar fortune is living in a \$40-a-month pad on Potrero Hill and driving a truck for a buck. "I'm not a hippie and

I'm not on LSD," he shrugs. "I just can't stand my family or their friends." . . . Dr. Meyer Zeligs, the psychoanalyst, was supposed to take off for London—where his Hiss-Chambers book, "Friendship and Fratricide," is about to be published—but signals off for a spell. He slipped at the Cal Tennis Club and broke an arm (now why do you suppose he did that, doctor?)

Sacramento swings! The big deal at the Del Paso Country Club up there was to be an "African Safari Night," arranged by Chairman Tom Miller and Dr. Hunk Ankele. However, they begged to report, plans for a "Dance of the Virgins" were canceled "due to technical difficulties beyond the control of the Entertainment Committee."

Reassuring note on the door of a window-smashed store in downtown San Francisco: "This was not an act of hostility, it was an accident."

WILLIAM HOGAN

Hemingway's Reporting Still Is Great Reading

"On the way to Bimini we want to troll well out toward the axis of the Gulf Stream and see what we can raise. There is a lot of very fine looking current out there with a world of flying fish in it, that we had to cross going back and forth to Cuba, and you cannot tell what we may hit. Your correspondent plans to hit himself in the leg . . ."

I was browsing again in "By-Line Ernest Hemingway," the collection of the Old Master's journalism and dispatches of four decades (Schirmer's, \$8.95). It may not be the best Hemingway, but Your Correspondent—Old Cocky and Old Sentimental though he often may be—is never less than an accomplished entertainer. I suspect this is especially true of those of us who grew up on Hemingway; who, in the '30s, begged, borrowed or stole copies of Esquire to see what Your Correspondent was up to. Much of what he was up to happened to be things I was not particularly interested in, like worrying a marlin to death, or describing the efficiency of a Spanish bullfighter. Very instructive, though. The art in these letters, as in just about all the Old Pro's journalism, was that

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Attorney General Slams Del Mar Bidding Record

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR
Capitol News Service

A scathing report regarding activities surrounding the bidding for Del Mar race track in San Diego County has been issued by Thomas C. Lynch, attorney general. The report was made at the and Alan Pattee, D-Salinas, request of Assemblymen Harvey Johnson, D-El Monte, who are members of the government organization committee.

The report said the bidding for the track concession, which is one of state government's most valuable lease operations, was "surrounded by conflicts of interest, secret meetings, and unequal treatment of bidders."

The present lease, which expires in 1969, pays the state about \$350,000 annually. Proposals for a new 20-year lease would increase this amount materially. The new lease was scheduled to be granted by the 22nd district agricultural association, on whose property the track is located.

Last year the lease was granted to Del Mar Associates, headed by John Allesio, operator of the Caliente race track, who was second highest bidder. At present, there is a legal

moratorium on all Del Mar leasing activities.

Lynch's report said: "The business connections and personal associations of 22nd board member Lewis Lipton may involve a conflict of interest in his board actions on the Del Mar lease."

"The open meeting provisions of the agricultural

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code were subverted by the executive committee of the 22nd board in considering the lease.

"There was no equality in the board's treatment of the bidders."

"The board's retention of an officer of one of the bidding groups, Del Mar Associates, as an expert advisor, raises serious ethical and legal situations."

He recommended strengthening the secret meeting law, conflict of interest law, and protections on bidding as the result of his probe.

The attorney general last year questioned the award to Del Mar Associates as the California Horse Racing Board rules prohibit a bookmaker from being licensed as a race track official in California. Allesio operates a book making es-

tablishment in connection with the Caliente track.

The report said Lipton is an officer of the U. S. National Bank, and was hired by C. Arnold Smith, president of the bank, a business associate of Allesio and father of Carol Smith Shannon, an officer of Del Mar Associates. The bank was the stock escrow holders for Del Mar Associates.

Smith, the report says, with no official capacity, took a direct role in attempting to gather material to support the lease award.

The report also said the 22nd district board asked Robin Mansfield, officer of Del Mar Associates, to prepare documents which would support its decision to give the lease to Allesio. Mansfield's role was concealed from the public and state agencies until Lynch's probe uncovered it.

Also, the board held from 25 to 30 secret meetings regarding the lease, ranging from San Diego to Sacramento motels and in airplanes, the report said. Legality of the meetings was defended on grounds that less than a majority of the board was represented. Further information and documents were required from San Diego Turf Club, high bidder for the lease, which were not required from Del Mar Associates.

ROYCE BRIER

Rebuilding Arab Armies Is Frustrating Project

There is some nonsense, or misleading propaganda, or both, in news stories that the Arabs have made a considerable recovery from their debacle in the Mideast War.

Many of these stories originate in Washington and are serviced by respectable news media, estimates of public officials, or Pentagon personnel. But they lack background even when their foreground is plausible.

Where the reports are at least misleading is in implications that even a considerable number of planes, tanks and other armor can be put together as a fighting force capable of reopening the war.

A recent New York Times

story estimates some replacements, and these may be fairly accurate. For instance, the Egyptians lost 100 of their 163 advanced delta-wing MIG-21 fighters. There is said to be a replacement of ten. There are small replacements of older 15s, 17s, and 19s, which were largely wiped out. They lost most of their light bombers,

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and all 25 of their heavy bombers, reported replacements 10, and 30 from Algeria.

You may be sure the Algerians want the bombers back, plus a few they loaned Syria. The Russians have

shipped 4,000 tons of material by water, 25,000 tons by air to Egypt.

Whether this includes heavy group equipment is more likely to consist of light patrol vehicles, radar equipment, and anti-aircraft guns. The Egyptians lost about half of their 1,000 heavy Russian tanks, and some they rescued will need extensive overhauls.

Though Egypt was the foremost power in the Mideast when the war opened, it is now second or even third in war hardware.

There are two keys to this situation so far as concerns Arab capacity to resume warfare. The first is the time required to reconstruct a damaged and disoriented war machine. The source of supply, Russia, or at a guess Czechoslovakia, is remote and depends largely on the sea for delivery. Air is faster but is limited in transporting heavy gear.

The other key pertains to men and organization. Both tanks and planes require large service shops and personnel. But these shops and bases must be strategically placed for integrated action. Egypt's surviving bases are west of the Suez Canal, and new ones must be built and manned, with air crews trained to new flight plans.

Further, any resumption of military threat requires staff, both command and technical. But President Nasser relieved hundreds of his field commanders presumed to have lost the war. To replace them in a smooth-running operation is slow and frustrating work.

General Washington had it soft in March, 1776, when he maneuvered the Redcoats out of Boston. A few cannon emplaced on Dorchester Heights did it in a few days.

My Neighbors



DOMESTIC PROBLEM

