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Mobilizing Against Crime

Crime gets prime time these days. The crime problem has become one of the "in" things. It is the prevailing subject of committees, conferences, the Congress, state legislatures, town meetings. It is discussed by every government official from the President down to the most junior councilman in the smallest village.

All this talk, all this concern is good. If it lasts long enough and gets loud enough, it may awaken Mr. Average American from his pipe dream that crime doesn't really concern him personally. It may rouse him to the point of taking arms against this sea of troubles, and by opposing, end them.

That is what must be done to break the rising rate of crime and build a new respect for law and order. America's citizens—all the decent ones—must mobilize fully against crime. All the talk and plans will come to nothing; the best programs will fall short of the mark until every law-abiding citizen of every community is fully and finally convinced that his life, liberty and pursuit of happiness is seriously threatened by crime and the prevailing contempt for law and order.

When the ordinary citizens—the ones who never get their names in the news—are sold on the fact that lawlessness directly imperils their property, their loved ones, their very existence, they will answer the call to arms as they have always done when enemies threatened America. That is the sole cause for optimism in the entire frightening picture.

Nothing less than full mobilization of the citizenry—individually and collectively—to fight crime can save this country from criminal anarchy. Therefore, we urge all law-abiding citizens of the community to take to heart the slogan of the Exchange Clubs' 21st annual National Crime Prevention Week—"Citizens Alert! Mobilize Against Crime."

For 21 years, Exchange Clubs in the towns and cities of the United States and Puerto Rico have held aloft the banner of crime prevention. There has been the task, often discouraging, of awakening America to the menace of crime, of shattering public apathy toward crime prevention, and spurring citizens into action against lawlessness.

This year, before it is too late, join the Exchange Clubs in their observance of National Crime Prevention Week. Resolve to work and cooperate with your fellow Americans in programs to prevent and control crime, and to curb the mounting, insidious disregard and disrespect for law and order.

Your life, your loved ones' lives—the nation's life—hang in the balance. Heed the call, "Citizens Alert! Mobilize Against Crime."

It's Boy Scout Week

Celebration of the 58th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America which begins officially today got an early start in the area last weekend when 3,000 Scouts joined in a parade in Hermosa Beach, giving visible support to the 1968 theme, "Scouting rounds a guy out."

Scouting typifies the kind of voluntary, character-building action that accompanies responsible citizenship. We can be grateful that so many of our prominent leaders are offering to our sons these wonderful lessons in initiative and leadership.

Members of the Boy Scouts of America are taught the values of honesty and of loyalty to their country's founding principles.

With a record membership of 6,014,000 in 1967, the Boy Scouts of America can have a tremendous influence for tomorrow's leaders. They deserve our commendation during this special week for their year-long efforts to build character in our young men.

Opinions of Others

If you work for a man, in heavens name work for him; speak well of him and stand by the institution he represents.—*Elbert Hubbard.*

A hangover is something that occupies a head that wasn't used the night before.—*James E. Patterson in the Big Sandy and Hawkins (Tex.) Journal.*

So what if you're forty and have lived half your life. Look on the bright side. If you were a horse, you'd already be dead 15 years.—*Ardis M. Bloom in the Stanley (Wis.) Republican.*

Morning Report:

While the more beautiful life is spreading everywhere, you now have to get up an hour and a half earlier in the cold morning to splurge on the stock market. This ugly reversal cannot be blamed on anybody except the stock brokers who have been advising us for years to seek the more beautiful life by investing in stocks.

It turns out that the brokerage houses just need the extra time to do their paper work. And the more shares they sell, the worse the trouble grows.

All of this puts the brokers in a very embarrassing position. For years they have been telling me the exact future of this oil company and that grocery chain. Exactly how drugs will do and utilities won't. But how can I believe now that they know anything about other companies if they can't run their own?

Abe Mellinkoff

The Haunting Thought



HERB CAEN SAYS:

He's Hooked by a Corny But a 'Friendly Giant'

At the risk of incensing my Italian friends, I must report that the current Italian flick, "The Queens," is one of the all-time doggies—despite a brief appearance (sans credit) of San Francisco's Pia Lindstrom, looking sexily mysterious. She doesn't say a word but her eyes speak volumes, roughly translatable as "Lemme outta here!"

Hard core quote from Dr. Russell V. Lee of the Palo Alto Clinic "Hard-core narcotics are harmful only in deprivation, not in addiction; alcohol does at least 100,000 time more damage, measured in lives lost, monetary costs and social damage, than all the heroin in the world." They should bottle the stuff? . . . Charlie Willis wishes to be the first to predict that by 1975, the Oakland Athletics will force the Giants to move to San Jose . . . If I didn't have a young child in the house, I might never have discovered "The Friendly Giant" (this is not Willie Mays) on our educational station daily. If fact, after a few weeks of watching, I'm more hooked on it than the kid is. Corn, glorious corn! . . . Fashion designer John Weitz's description of those oversized cor-

dovan shoes worn by crew-cut junior executive types who also wear their pants too short: "They look like canal barges attached to toothpicks."

Hey, Sam, remember the seamanship line out of San Francisco called the China Mail? Imagine a regular mail run to China—that seems like a million years

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ago. The line had only two ships, and, as in a Dashiell Hammett yarn both were seized by the Govt. for smuggling opium. Put up for auction, they were bought by H. F. Alexander, who renamed them the H. F. and the Ruth Alexander. Later, the Dollar Line got them and I suppose they're long gone by now. End of the China Mail, end of mail to China . . . Speaking of such, The Culture Shop on Jackson St. in Chinatown does NOT stock Chairman Mao's little red book. Lost of other comic books, though. If he hadn't been so wordy, Mao would have made a good fortune cookie writer. Everybody needs an editor . . . Classified ad for an apt. in Peninsula paper: "Hotsy-

totsy view! A real bachelor pad. Sausalito-type construction!" Now what in the world is that—wall to wall mattresses? And it has been years since I've seen "hotsytotsy" used seriously, I repeat, everybody needs an editor, and where is mine?

Ice-cold quote from a S.F. high school kid, asked why the class President (a Negro) didn't attend any of the holiday private parties: "We elected him President to prove we're not prejudiced—hell, do we have to have him at parties, too?"

I guess President de Gaulle isn't kidding. Two major ships of the French Navy, the aircraft carrier Jeanne d'Arc and the cruiser, Victor Schoelcher, steam into S.F. Bay Feb. 21—but not to commence hostilities. "A good will mission," say the French, but I advise everyone to stay under cover. Besides, Victor Schoelcher is a pretty suspicious name for a Frenchman.

WILLIAM HOGAN

The 'Brain Drain' Curse Is Examined by Humorist

Max Wilk, a hard-working Connecticut humorist whose books have included one with the jaunty title "Don't Raise the Bridge, Lower the River," takes on the "brain-drain" in a zany new work titled "One of our Brains is Draining."

There is resentment, especially in England, against this brain-drain, the raiding of native scientists, teachers and researchers by big, rich American corporations. One of these, in Wilk's charade, is Calpro, Inc., a billion-dollar outfit which sponsors a think tank, or "brainateria" at Cambridge, Mass., where all sorts of kooks, nuts, "pure scientists" and other potential Edisons and Pasteurs are housed. Their only instruction: engage in absolutely nothing specific.

Into this luxury lab is enticed one Arthur Symes, known in England as an important "sheep man," whose scientific paper on the behavior of the British sheep under stress, is said to be so explosive that the War Office is keeping it under wraps in the top secret file. Calpro in effect kidnaps Symes without knowing that it has corralled a set of the Emperor's New Clothes in this particular drain of brains.

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Miller-Unruh Scrap May Widen Democratic Rifts

By HENRY C. MACARTHUR
Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO—Friction within the ranks of the Democrats loomed today as the result of an impending controversy between Senator George Miller, D-Contra Costa, and Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, D-Los Angeles, over legislative activities involving the joint legislative budget committee.

That there has for some time been a good deal of friction between Miller and Unruh is no secret, and the impending controversy will serve to further the rift in the Democratic ranks.

Speaker Unruh recently introduced legislation which would create a new joint economic committee. Assumedly, the duties of the joint legislative committee, which have expanded over the years, would be transferred to the new committee, and the legislative analyst abolished.

Miller, who is the chairman of the powerful joint legislative budget committee, said Unruh's bill is "not necessary and unduly costly."

He declared that in his opinion it would be neither necessary nor desirable to replace the budget committee with the economic com-

mittee, but stated he would welcome tying the Governor's economic report and the state budget more closely.

The law, said Miller, calls for a comprehensive economic report from the governor. The senator agreed that the legislature has not paid enough attention to this economic report, and suggested that it be given the

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legislative analyst in advance, as is the budget, so that review could be made of the economic report.

Most suggestions of the speaker, said Miller, have been put into effect already by the joint legislative committee.

Originally, the legislative analyst was given the chore of making an analysis of the governor's budget, and suggesting ways and means of trimming the document, or adding to it where necessary.

Since that time, the duties of the analyst have increased. He is now a research arm of the legislature on system's analysis and data processing, and his report on that subject now is being put into effect by the governor.

The legislature also designated the office as a repository of information on federal grants-in-aid and state subventions to local governments.

Also, a new program reporting congressional action on federal grants and other matters of interest to the state and local governments, is being put into effect by instruction from the joint committee.

Senator Miller said that with very little added cost, economic studies could be undertaken by the budget committee. He also pointed out that it is not necessary to pass a bill expanding the duties of the committee, as they are controlled by the rules of the legislature.

"The legislative analyst's reputation for forthright, non-political reporting and service to the legislature is absolutely invaluable," said Senator Miller. "This should not be tampered with. A principal objective of the committee over the 27 years since the office was established has been to maintain that integrity, and I have some real concern that a new policy-directed committee might be tempted to destroy that feature of the office."

ROYCE BRIER

We Can't Hold Two Views About Spy Ship Practice

All the American people, excepting a handful of freaks, want the men aboard the USS Pueblo released. They also want the ship back, but this is a secondary consideration, more face-saving than anything else.

How it can be accomplished, nobody now knows. But aside from this simple want and determination, it is a fair guess the American people are disturbed by two paramount issues in the matter: (1) in a material sense, how did it happen? (2) in a moral sense, what is the meaning of the Washington attitude?

Both go straight to the intelligence, prudence and integrity of our public officers, from the President down.

Let us first consider (2). To anyone who questioned the ethics of the presence of a spy ship off North Korea, Washington's stock answer

was that intelligence probing is a universal practice of the great powers. Russian spy ships, disguised as fishing vessels, have for years dogged our naval movements in the Pacific, Atlantic and Mediterranean.

But note that when one of these trawlers is unmasked, it is invariably held up to us as reprehensible conduct.

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We can't have it both ways. If it is reprehensible in the Russians, it is reprehensible in us. The least we can do is plead vital necessity involving our security, and to plead our own piety, a hypocrisy which corrodes our national character, and is far from becoming, however, commonplace in history.

So much for the intangi-

ble. The tangible has been widely discussed since the hijacking, and is met with conspicuous silence in Washington.

It is: why was an espionage ship dispatched to the near-waters of a sworn enemy as a sitting duck, to invite piratical seizure by any roving patrol equipped with a few light deck guns? One American destroyer would have prevented the incident.

True, the Central Intelligence Agency, which, you may be sure, instigated this probe, has an answer, though none is offered: a naval escort would be a give-away.

Here is the spy code honored by the novice television writer—when a spy is caught he will be disowned. This is fine for individual spies, who rarely lay the groundwork for wars, but it hardly applies to ships at sea. It doesn't apply to the Pueblo, because we cannot disown her, and nobody thought we could if she were apprehended.

Hence it is apparent we have some very sloppy planning by CIA, and any related sectors of government, including the White House and the State Department.

At high levels we put on long faces, make war moves, immerse the world in fear of new war, and who got us into this mess? The North Koreans? Why, pirates act like pirates. But if our public officers are impervious to this simple reality of history going back to the Romans, then we, the people, had better call some shots, and let them know that clammings up, and grave warnings of our peril, are bumbling, inadmissible statesmanship.

Alan Grey Says . . .

Mr. Richard Nixon . . . Put forth a fervent case . . . When stating he had entered . . . The presidential race . . . He thought he had a secret . . . The country wouldn't guess . . . When he said that he was running . . . In his meeting with the press . . . His chances would be better . . . If he comes to one decision . . . To stick with making speeches . . . And stays off television.