

Union Lobbyist Assails Youth Employment Plan

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR
SACRAMENTO — (CNS) — It was not to be expected that the forces of organized labor would take kindly to Governor Ronald Reagan's legislative proposals to make it easier for young people to secure employment, but the vituperative attack on the administration for trying to remove some of the causes of juvenile delinquency and improve the youth atmosphere in this state made by Thomas L. Pitts, head lobbyist

for the AFL-CIO in the Capitol, was unanticipated. The governor is proposing a series of measures which, in effect, would allow boys and girls in the mid-teens to start a productive life earlier, without interference with their educations, through extensions of the time they can work before and after school. Reagan states, in proposing the bills, that education and employment are keys to progress. Pitts says the proposal for a return to sanity in the state's

labor control, which was effected over a series of years by virtue of labor control of the legislature, is a "return to 19th Century philosophies," a charge which probably would be laughable were it not so serious in its effect on the lives of thousands of young people. Also, the union labor lobbyist claims the governor has a "complete lack of understanding" of employment problems confronting and encountered by today's youth. All of which appears to be ridiculous, for the simple reason that the

administration has the same understanding of the situation that the vast majority of the people of the state have, and have had for some time. This understanding is that young people can't get jobs, primarily on account of the labor union laws enacted when the union lobbies in Sacramento were in virtual control of the legislature. They were adopted with such restrictions that many employers, even if they could provide work, were reluctant or flatly refused, to help a youngster

who was eager and anxious to begin the process of earning at least a part of his living. This brings up the question of "why" these laws were adopted originally, and the only conceivable answer is that organized labor sought to extend to the limit its stranglehold on the work monopoly, to dictate who shall and who shall not be employed. In pursuing this course of dictatorship, union labor thereby has created a situation contributing to the problem of juvenile delinquency, unrest

and youthful crime, which might have been averted, in at least a measure, had more young people been allowed to work, for it is inevitable that with nothing to do, and no responsibilities to carry out, youth will head for trouble. Thus, there appears to be no cogent reason, other than a selfish one, for labor to oppose the Reagan measures at all, which in addition to lengthening hours of work, would allow young people of 16 years to drive vehicles in employment,

and operate certain machinery, which they are now prohibited from doing as "hazardous" occupations. It's a certainty that no one wants to return to the "sweat shop" era which in the beginning caused adoption of the fore-runners of the present restrictions. But it is also certain that thousands of parents would like to see the lifting of the many restrictions adopted only for the protection of the labor unions, to permit their children to go to work.

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Is the Key to All Your Liberties

Comment and Opinion

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Rights and Duties

For a good many years, civic groups, politicians, government administrators, and others, have been talking about the responsibilities of citizens. At the same time, there appears to have been more emphasis on the rights of citizens, under the federal and state regulations. One state senator proposed to do something about this situation. He is Senator George Deukmajian, (R-Long Beach), who says he is coming forth with legislation to require the state, when it prints the annual copies of the state and federal constitutions, to include in them a "Declaration of Responsibilities."

"For some time," Deukmajian states, "I have felt that as our young people read our constitutions, and particularly the declarations of individual rights, they should also be exposed to a formal expression of the fact that a Democratic society can function only if its citizens are responsible as well as free."

"I think that this is especially necessary now, for through television we are witnessing the activities of a disruptive minority of revolutionaries and trouble-makers who seek to excuse their violence and lawlessness by saying that they are merely exercising their "Constitutional rights."

Every year, the state prints revised copies of the constitutions, which is necessary because of the many changes effected in the California constitution. These copies are widely distributed to schools, libraries, and other places. Such an outlet, the senator believes, would serve to carry the message of responsibilities, as well as rights, and give young people some indication of the fact that there is more to citizenship than "rights."

He cites some of the responsibilities which he considers mandatory to good citizenship, among them being to vote in every election for which he is eligible and in addition, obtain reliable information on all issues and candidates. (Only one in 10 Torrance voters went to the polls Tuesday).

Another responsibility, he says, that in the exercise of the citizens own rights, there should be no infringement on the rights of any other citizen.

Then there is the responsibility to do all that is possible to provide children with a home where they may have food and shelter, love, understanding and direction.

Again, to realize he is required to obey all laws, and that he is accountable for unlawful acts, and to expect punishment for violations.

Pursue to the fullest extent possible, all educational opportunities, and support efforts to extend them to others, is another responsibility. Others are to expose and seek to eliminate by peaceful means all prejudice and discrimination, give time, talents and money to improve the general welfare of the community, state and nation, and to maintain and instill in children loyalty to the state and nation.

Thus, Senator Deukmajian is attempting a long-range educational project to bring home the fact that along with the rights of citizenship go the responsibilities of citizenship, which in effect, is as important and perhaps more so, than the hard-won rights fought for and won by founders of the country.

In fact, rights aren't worth the paper they're written on unless the citizenry maintains them through exercising their responsibilities.—HCM

Other Opinions

"All is over. Silent, mourned, abandoned, broken Czechoslovakia recedes into darkness." These were the words of Winston Churchill in 1939. Now this sad little country, after a brief flicker of freedom's light, again recedes into the darkness.—Metairie (La.) Times.

We are so impressed with governmental budgets that we intend to conduct our own finances in a similar manner. First, we'll figure out how much money we need for the year, then ask the boss for that amount. Why didn't we think of this before? — Bound Brook (N.J.) Chronicle.

Watch Out for the KO Punch



From the Mailbox

Aid Sought for Victims Of Fighting in Vietnam

To the Editor:

My reason for writing to you is to publicize in some small way a very worthwhile cause — "Project Camillus" in Saigon, Vietnam.

Attached please find a copy of a letter received from Father Gelinus in Saigon because it is filled with a morale builder I think this country needs. After reading the letter . . . I hope that some people may want to help.

Here is a list of items that we have been sending and seem to be needed: light weight clothes, shoes, diapers, liquid vitamins, baby bottles, small toys, light weight food packages (dehydrated), tooth paste, soap, comic books, old towels, and sheets.

It may be amazing to note that what may be a rag to us is a valuable piece of clothing to one who has not. They can send the items directly in care of "Project Camillus," attention Father Andre Gelinus, Office of the Chaplain, HQ USA HAC CH Sect. APO 96243 San Francisco, or if they wish, I will arrange for shipment. If some would care to donate pennies, this also would be appreciated to offset expense of postage.

Thank you for your consideration of the above matter.
MRS. JACK G. MILES
17919 Doty Ave.
Torrance

Dear Mrs. Miles:
Last June a wonderful parcel of clothing reached us carrying your name as chairman of St. Catherine Labour Parish Charities. I should have thanked you all immediately for this generous gift. But we were then in the middle of so many occupations (distribution of relief to families hurt by rockets, etc. . . .) that I had to

forego even this elementary duty of gratitude.

Better late than never. I want you to know now and to let all your friends of the board of charity of the parish know how much this gift was appreciated. With all this disturbing propaganda given to the anti-Vietnam protestors, it is most comforting for us here to receive this proof that at least a few people are still behind us.

If those in responsible positions do not give up out of despair or lassitude, this war may soon be won to the satisfaction of all concerned. Meanwhile there is still a great deal of suffering that can be alleviated by charities like yours.

God will reward you for your

kind heart for all these generosities.

FATHER ANDRE GELINUS, S.J.

To the Editor:

Would you please put some comics in the Press-Herald. I like to read comics, and wish they were in your paper.

My brother, Mike Mauno, is on route 50. He always gives me some papers.

When I grow up I might be a Press-Herald editor. I am 9, but I wish to have a paper route for the Press-Herald.

Thank you.
LARS MAUNO
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WHAT A MAN CAN DREAM. MAN CAN DO!



HERB CAEN SAYS:

Spring's First Nice Day Is Meant to Be Enjoyed

Sunday should have been preserved under glass: The Bay's blue map of peace, studded with white flags of surrender to pleasure. Tree-shaded streets alive with joggers instead of muggers. The immediate sights of a small town, which this city forever struggles to be: Kids licking ice cream cones on Union, white-clad couples strolling toward tennis courts, oldsters in parks, tuning their pale faces to the sun grateful for one more spring. At the Zoo, the gibbon apt, greatest of hams, were performing prodigies of acrobatics for the biggest crowd of the season. White, black and yellow kids tumbled together in the jungle gyms, innocent, aware of their "difference" (at what age do you teach them to hate, parents?). If weren't for a few minor items — the senselessness of Vietnam, ABMs, billions for moonshots and pennies for ghats — you could almost be happy. But the first real day of spring is always something special, and hope does spring eternal in this city by the bay.

board of the Oakland Tribune: "Forget the bay — fill Oakland!" . . . The new (superstar) Janis Joplin drew 20,000 into Winterland during her four-night run, but her pleasure was a bit blunted at midnight Sunday. After giving her best performance of the en-

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gagement, she danced down to Winterland's garage to collect her new Porsche — the one with the Psychedelic paint job — only to find it had been stolen by a smooth cat who'd said "Janis wants me to pick up her car" . . . More from the mysterious East Bay: Hildegard Dennis, running for the Berkeley City Council, describes herself in her official list of qualifications as "Marion and mother of two brilliant male coeds" . . . Quote: "I'm delivering Dr. Spock!" With those words, Author Jessica Mitford Truehart flew off to N.Y. to turn in the manuscript of her book on Dr. Spock's trial and tribulations in Boston.

Feb. 10: "S.F.'s Jim Schoettler, now teaching first graders in Oroville, wrote 'Love and peace' on his chalkboard as a writing exercise for his pupils, and was promptly ordered to remove the phrase by a superior. 'There's too much of this stuff around already,' he was told. Today he's trying 'Freedom now,' and I think we may anticipate his imminent return to this city of love, peace and freedom" . . . A few days ago, he received a letter from Theodor Edwards, Superintendent of Oroville Schools, beginning "Your services will not be required for the ensuing school year" and proceeding to its inevitable finale. Welcome home, Jim.

The S.F. Convention Bureau, patting itself backwise in its current newsletter "A crowd of 275,000 lined the route of S.F.'s Year of the Rooster parade. Clear skies contributed to the record turnout. So did the Bureau's publicity build-up of the event. The effect of this promotional effort was felt at all levels of the festival." Especially during the riot that followed.

Caenetti: On the bulletin From this column (fanfare)

THE MONEY TREE

The Car Racing Business Getting Better Each Day

By MILTON MOSKOWITZ

In terms of admissions, horse racing is the most popular spectator sport in America — but can you guess which is second?

The answer, surprisingly, is automobile racing, which is getting out of the cult stage and into the mass entertainment class. Some 40 million Americans paid their way into a track last year to thrill to the sight of drivers gunning their cars around a curve at speeds well over 100 miles per hour.

There are estimated 600 tracks in the U.S. but the majority of these are small, dirt courses not sanctioned by the four association which make up the auto racing establishment: Sport Car Club of America, National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, United States Auto Club and the National Hot Rod Association.

It was an unsanctioned ("gypsy") track in Georgia that was the scene earlier this year of a horrid mishap. A car plowed into dense cluster of spectators, killing 12 of them.

This is not likely to happen at the well-organized, major league tracks which are now attracting enthusiasts from miles around. Originally, tracks were set up by car buffs who liked to race. Today, the businessmen are moving in. They look for aut racing to be THE sport of the 70s.

If you want to see how this operates as a business, take a look at a new company called Michigan International Speedway of Detroit. MIS is less than two years old. It has held one race. But it's already the biggest mover and shaker in this volatile field.

Larry LoPatin, Detroit real

estate developer and harness race promoter, organized MIS to build from the ground up a super complex for auto racing. Completed last year at a cost of \$6 million, the Michigan International Speedway is four circuits in one: There's a two-mile banked oval for Indianapolis-type races; a three-mile grand prix road circuit; a two-and-one-quarter-mile road circuit; and a smaller infield road circuit.

A Look at the World of Finance

This speedway was plunked down on an 800-acre site in Irish Hills, Mich., which is 70 miles southwest of Detroit and accessible therefore to racing "nuts" in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

The inaugural race, a 250-mile run over the banked oval, was held last October 13 and was won by California driver Ronnie Bucknam, who did the circuit at an average speed of 161.8 mph. Attendance was 55,130. This meant revenues of \$500,000 for MIS. After expenses, including a \$75,000 purse, MIS cleared \$160,000 before taxes.

This kind of arithmetic impressed Larry LoPatin. "Why keep it all to Michigan?" he asked. So, in the four months following his inaugural event, which was the largest grosser of any sporting event ever held in the state of Michigan, he moved MIS into three new fronts.

For \$1.2 million, MIS acquired control of Atlanta International Raceway in Georgia. For a larger outlay, it got working control of Riverside International Raceway in California. However, its biggest step was taken in Texas.

MIS is building the Texas International Speedway, a dupli-

cate of the Michigan International Speedway, on a 2,600-acre site at College Station. The speedway has been strategically placed in the center of a triangle that encompasses Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and San Antonio, the most highly populated areas of Texas. The inaugural is set for Dec. 7, a 500-mile championship race over the banked oval.

The next area for expansion is the Northeast, where MIS is scouting for acreage where it can build another super speedway.

Mr. LoPatin told us that he believes automobile racing today is at the stage of professional football was when George Halas moved his "Staley Starchers" into Chicago to become the Chicago Bears.

He's not unmindful either of the \$15 million which the National Football League gets annually for television rights. That's down on his agenda, along with a host of other money-making-by-products such as the driving schools being opened at his speedways.

With the increasing popularity of racing, more drivers will be needed. MIS schools will train them. To get an initial test of your driving ability, you will pay \$100. After that, you will be able to book instruction at the rate of \$5-per-lap. And on these high-speed tracks, the laps go by very quickly.

See you at the speedway.

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