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WHEN WILL SEX CRIMES STOP?

THREE press stories—all from the west—on part of the nation—made mid-November uniquely grim.

Tuesday, Nov. 15: The mutilated body of six-year-old Linda Gloufcof was found in a Los Angeles backyard.

Friday, Nov. 18: The raped, battered body of seven-year-old Joyce Brilabos was found in a canal near Twin Falls, Idaho.

Sunday, Nov. 20: The raped, bruised body of seventeen-month-old Josephine Vaux was found in a muddy furrow in a field near Fresno, Calif.

WHY? The origin took its head in confused bewilderment. Why? More than one mother, thousands of miles removed from the scenes of the crime, pondered and kept her fingers beside her. Why? Some of the nation's leading psychiatrists nodded resignedly and thought to themselves: "It happened before; it will happen again; society won't learn."

Perhaps that "psychiatrist" thing is only back over the thousands of cases of sexual violence in the past few years. They may have thought of such warnings as this, issued by an eminent member of their profession:

"The constitutional psychopathic inferior is a mutant and comes in the same proportion as normal people do. It is practically inevitable that the suggested, inevitable, inevitable circumstances will commit some serious crime.... Psychopathic personalities can be detected by their life, by their character, and by their actions.... They are segregated in their lives, in their work, in their activities. Kept away from most forms of opportunity and suggestion for crime, and most occupied at those which interest them, many of them might live their lives without being brought into contact with anyone who might be harmed by one of their acts, and not innocent children."

This was the opinion early this year of Dr. Matthew T. Updegraff, a Philadelphia psychiatrist quoted in *Fortifying Evening Post* article on sex crimes....

No one, not even the psychiatrists who are called upon to defend these persons born without normal inhibitions, has the ability to hold to the rules of decency, suggests that moral degenerates be forgiven or let off lightly for their crimes....

On the contrary, most of them insist

that they should be locked up for life; some even recommend castration, although others doubt the value of this extreme measure, doubt that it would quell the compulsion to violence found in those persons they call "constitutional psychopathic inferiors."

This view may strike some as "hammy-pammy." They may be inclined to ask the psychiatrist: "What if it were your daughter, or your wife, or your child, who was guilty of this?"

It is probable that the psychiatrist would answer: "If it had been my daughter I would be even more regretful that society had taken no legal steps to segregate such a person before he became a danger."

PSYCHIATRY holds that these constitutional psychopathic inferiors can be detected early in life—and often are. Evidence, furnished by many cases of sexual violence shows that those who committed the violence have been recorded in juvenile courts and other records as "constitutional psychopathic inferior" or "psychopathic personality" or "potentially dangerous."

Why, then, were they not "put away," segregated, before—like the infamous Chicago slayer, William Helms—were killed and killed again? Helms, by the way, had no known background of psychopathic behavior.

While state laws make it a felony to molest a child, they are ridden with loopholes which let such a person go, without being committed, because of a psychopathic disorder which predicts even greater crimes, can only be punished as a minor crime. There is no law against being a "psychopathic personality." They are, legally sane, they are kept from wrong.

Their difficulty arises from the fact that rightness and wrongness makes no difference to them.

What, then, is to be done to halt the yearly parade of rapes and apparently motiveless murders arising out of psychopathic disorders? Must mothers be forced to segregate their children from the dangers of society? Or can some method be found to segregate psychopathic personalities before they can wreak such havoc as the nation noted last week?

INSURANCE—AGAINST CATASTROPHE

SENATOR PAUL DOUGLAS of Illinois has apparently had embraced a theory he long held about Federal health insurance. That is, that only kind of general Federal protection which makes any sense at all is insurance against medical disaster.

"Catastrophe illness" is the Senator's term for it—like the kind of sickness which wipes out a family's savings and prevents the money-maker of the family from continuing as his job.

Or, stated differently, it is the kind of disaster which strikes a man to mortgage his present and his whole future.

In an address to the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Senator Douglas said that "the bill for a national health program will not pass the second session of the 81st Congress. The American Medical Association's campaign has killed it," he said.

PROPERTY AND PEOPLE

THROUGH we are not convinced that a Palmer Alley can ever be made into anything but a Palmer Alley, we are now moving to make the Government the agent for the property owner on his efforts to improve the place.

The two-part series on the Alley by our Mr. McDonald revealed the close tie between Palmer Alley and Charlotte's crime record. It's the same old story. Slums and crime go hand-in-hand.

Mr. Dalton is optimistic about the Alley. The houses have been modified to fit the city's standard ordinance. He has arranged with the Police Department to have the place patrolled more frequently. The Alley is going to be well lighted. New tenants will be chosen more carefully than ever employed. The houses have been sprayed, drainage pipes have been unclogged, weeds are being cut down. Residents are being forced to comply with garbage disposal laws.

THE REAL DANGER

DOUBLE taxation of corporate dividends and the consequent drying up of the sources of equity capital, going to make necessary for a complete stop in the helping finance-private business.

That is the perplexing question arising out of hearings, that followed the RFC loan of \$44,000,000 to Kaiser-Frazer. It is the same old story. Slums and crime go hand-in-hand.

Resolved were unanimously adopted, following the Kentucky 49-0 pitting of Ole Miss, in a mass meeting held in a "Pulleyville pool hall, never to buy another bottle of Kentucky bourbon."—*Europa (Miss) Daily News*.

'But This Thing Isn't Getting Any Bigger'



The White House calls represent the submission of the efforts by the liberal bloc in the House to force a strong catastrophe to open. "These efforts have had their purpose," they say, "and have made a little like the famous line from *Horatius* at the Bridge: "Those behind cried forward, and those before cried back." Except for a handful of the liberal politicians, State Auditor Joseph Ferguson, and a few political cronies, none of Ohio's leading Democrats has been eager to take on the redoubtable Taft. Lincoln almost has been deterred by this reluctance, although he has been the laborer under the plow since the beginning, Lincoln's reluctance has sprung largely from two sources. First, Taft, who is a registered Republican, and he has been one of the strongest supporters from the White House and the national Democratic organization in the second place, feared that lacking this support, Ferguson would be a candidate of almost any organization in Ohio, to beat him in the primaries, before he has even cracked the Democratic caucus.

The labor groups and their liberal allies are convinced that only Lincoln, with an excellent record as a public speaker, and who has a real farm following, can give the vote to the defeated and the other Taft-Harley Act. Hence the call for the White House, which are part of the determined campaign to overcome the initial, slightly conservative, Lincoln, Lincoln will be the guardian of expressions of sympathy for the Lincoln candidacy, and the background of support of interfering overtly in the Ohio primary in favor of the Republican.

Now don't misunderstand me. I would not thank Senator Graham to look into this country's own enemies, without any apologetic attitude? Ostensibly, he is one of those "overdetermined" liberals who believe that a group of persons have the right to say and do anything in this country short of an overt act of violence. A dangerously soft viewpoint indeed, when consistently applied—and a viewpoint which the American courts and the American people are fast learning to disregard.

I think that a scheming Communist had actually capitalized on a statement by a man of Senator Graham's position and prominence (thus adding considerable weight to the Red's argument, but certainly not one that should have done much as the quote itself. It was of course, choice words. The presence of these hitherto undisciplined, he took the fullest measure of satisfaction in rendering it.

Let's look on a brighter, safer side for a moment. Isn't it comforting to know that we can go to the polls next year and cast votes against a man who takes America's internal security so lightly? In times of international crises—when our domestic way of life is looked in jeopardy—their activity is almost inconceivable that we have in our midst patriotic leaders who do not realize the great significance of that fact in terms of internal or interstate patriotism.

Senator is doing a pretty good job as far as our security as a nation are concerned—but never to my knowledge has he shown public concern for the welfare of those who are in danger of losing their property to American sabotage and espionage.

Drew Pearson's Merry Go-Round

A VISITING Latin-American official, talking with General Eisenhower, was asked if he would like to see the "Rusians" right away and get it over with?

Eisenhower wheeled on him and said: "Can you tell me how long it would take you to get over to the States and hold the Soviet Union after the bombs fall?"

Russians' New Radar Screen

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has just received a vitally important report on the subject of Russia's anti-aircraft defenses—particularly her radar network, which has contributed to military skepticism about dropping the atom bomb.

This report, carefully compiled from sources inside the Soviet Union, reveals that the Russians have a radar warning system encompassing all but a small portion of the Soviet Union. In addition to this, they have also constructed an inner circle of radar defenses.

NOTES The Siberian border is the one Russian area thus far not equipped with long-range radar stations. But the Russians, believing this to be their most vulnerable area, are working at full speed on installing such equipment along the frozen Siberian wastes.

Joseph And Steward Stalk Reluctant Horatius

JACK KROLL, chairman of the Policy Committee, paid-a-private, unannounced call on President Truman last week. He is the only man to have been Secretary of Agriculture. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the Interior. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the Navy. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the Army. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the State. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the Treasury. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the Commerce. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the Education. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the Health, Education and Welfare. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the Housing and Urban Development. He is the only man to have been Secretary of the Labor.

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GENTLE HINT

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Error Of Arithmetic

LOSING one-half million gallons of water daily is a serious business for the citizens of Charlotte, but not as costly as reported in tonight's (Nov. 23) paper.

Agrees With Mr. Jones

JUST want to say that I am another person in agreement with Paul H. Jones, whose letter appeared in the 28th issue of this paper. He says, "It is not fair to demand that we should increase the demand for pork." As a result, the Dept of Agriculture has abandoned plans to support hog prices—will go for this year.

ADAM DENIED WAVES—Admiral Denfield came back to the Pentagon for a few hours recently, called on Secretary of the Navy Matthews and the new chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the new chief of the Navy and called on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He said that he had a long and profitable conversation with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and that they were in agreement with his views.

Atom Bomb Not Enough, Militarists Say

SURPRISING thing is, a check of voting records shows that the same Congressmen voted pretty much for both the National Security Act and the National Labor Relations Act. This is a curious coincidence, especially since the two acts are so different in their nature and scope.

Lab And Small Business Allies

HOPES to back the same candidates for Congress. However, representatives of small business and organized labor are now comparing notes on Congressmen who are working out an alliance for 1950.