

A BARRED DOOR, DARK CORNER

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This posed photograph typifies the problem of housing for our mentally ill.

Steel Bars For Sick Minds

In 8 Months, We Have Jailed 113 Of Our Mentally Ill

By ANN SAWYER
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The young girl sat defiantly in a corner of her cell, clothed only in a white cotton bra and half slip.

Negro boy who has been in jail since July. There are men and women in their early 20's, some in their 40's, one white woman 58, and a Negro woman who is 82 years old.

THE NAMES OF THE SICK
AMONG THE CRIMINALS
But she was no criminal. She had not assaulted anyone. She had not violated any law.

They're part of a cycle that begins with a step in the jail stop the Courthouse, then a trip to Morganton or Goldsboro, final release, a brief period of freedom, and then back with Jailer S. C. McClintock.

On an average of every 54 hours a mental patient, such as this 15-year-old girl, is locked up in the County Jail.

At the jailer's records, their names are found among those of men and women sentenced for driving drunk, murder, violating the liquor law, assault, the words "insane" or "mental observation" are found in the column where charges are listed.

There are days when no mental cases are committed to jail. But there are other days, and they aren't unusual, when two or three begin their indefinite stay. The average is about thirteen a month.

Dr. William Harrison Williams, chairman of the state affairs committee of the ministerial association, has said that a temporary shelter for mental patients is critically needed in this area.

A WEARING CYCLE
FOR OUR MENTALLY ILL
There is no set limit on insanity. It touches the young and the old. There's a 15-year-old

Decision of the ministerial association to work for the hospital for these hopeless people was made last week. And the project is now still in the strictly preliminary stages. At best, Dr. Williams' group feels it will probably be some months before the problem is permanently solved.

Most of the commitments were made before the Democrats began sniping at the administration's handling of the farm problem in their Chicago meeting early this week and before W.P. President George Meany accused Eisenhower

of yielding to the influence of big business. Beginning Monday with a major speech at the Boston Garden at a night Republican rally, the President has scheduled speeches of varying length and significance also in Pennsylvania, Missouri, Louisiana and Texas.

Benson Not To 'Sit idly By' In Farm Squeeze

Agriculture Leader To Protect Farmer

AUGUSTA, Wis. (AP)—E. Earl Benson told farmers today he did not "become secretary of agriculture to sit idly by wringing my hands and watching the farmer squeezed by lowered farm prices and high fixed costs."

Benson said he would assure farmers that both the President and he "are determined to do all within our power to protect and improve the living standards of farm people of this great nation."



GUESS WHO SEES HIS CHILD?

L. Joe Bednarz, second from left, of Gilbertville, Mass., gets a glimpse of his wife and baby daughter as the transport Gen. William B. Harrison, Jr., returned in Operation Big Switch after the Eisenhower administration, he said.

Osborne, Minneapolis, Minn.: Capt. Joseph Simons, Tacoma, Wash.; and Lt. Harold E. Stahlman, Nashville, Tenn. Only two of the others have sighted relatives. The other two are still looking. (AP Wirephoto).

Korean Repatriate Declares U. N. POWs Forcibly Detained

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Korean repatriate declared today that U. N. prisoners of war are being screened ideologically.

The 18 South Koreans who returned Saturday were in good health. They showed no emotion as they alighted from a Boeing-built truck at Freedom Gate reception center. The transfer was businesslike and brief.

Appropriations In Second Trillion

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress is working on its second trillion dollars in appropriations in the last 12 years.

In 1917 and 1918, with the United States involved in World War I, appropriations took a big jump—to \$18,800,000,000 in 1917 and 27 billion in 1918. The following year they dropped to \$4,400,000,000.

Steep Draft Increase Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—The draft outlook is for a steep increase in 1954. It is expected that there will be perhaps as many as 50,000 to 60,000 men a month.

Dr. H. B. Hersey, director of Selective Service, said in a CBS radio interview last night that the number of draftees after the new fiscal year began July 1, "perhaps as high as 50,000 to 60,000 a month."

Diplomat Flees Polish 'Nightmare'

NEW YORK (AP)—Dr. Marek Korowicz, Polish diplomat who got his first look at America last Monday, is seeking political asylum here.

Korowicz, 49, said he was a member of the Polish Communist-dominated United Nations delegation.

Ike Swaps Vacation For Speeches

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OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm to sunny tonight and Sunday. Windy with scattered afternoon showers Sunday.

EVENING PRAYER

Our Father, daily we seek Thee and find Thee anew. Life is empty without Thy presence. All things we have Thee, we have all things when our hearts long to have. May we be living witnesses to Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Comic Dictionary

FAME
Being popular with a lot of people who wouldn't like you if they knew you.

Says Republican Party 'Cleaning Up' Government

'Communist-Studded' Charge Is Hurdled
By JACK BELL
CHICAGO (AP)—Sen. Dirksen (R-Ill.) said today President Eisenhower is rapidly cleaning up a "scandalous mess" in a government the Democrats left "studded with Communists."

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