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Occasional 'Crackdowns' Are A Bust In The Struggle For Motoring Safety

The police crackdown on traffic law violators is as real as rain. The facts and figures speak louder than the official denials.

Charlotte has experienced whirlwind "crusades" before. If memory serves, the record for brevity was established on Dec. 1, 1955. That crackdown—part of a nationwide safe driving campaign—was wrapped up in 24 hours. It was successful enough while it lasted. But the reversion to type was immediate. A softness toward the erring motorist again prevailed and the carnage continued.

The battle for safety cannot be won by short-lived "crusades," occasional crackdowns or any other short-term devices. It can be won only by continuous pressure.

Let the current crackdown continue indefinitely and let it be as firm as the laws will allow.

What earthly good is it for the city to have the best laws intelligent minds can draft if they are not sternly and effectively enforced? We would probably be better off with no laws at all. Nothing breeds contempt and disregard for law as surely as public knowledge that enforcement is non-existent or timid.

Perhaps safe driving appeals, slogans, bumper stickers and "Bloodshed Book Scores" have their place. Some psychologists say so. But psychologists have never improved on the method of house-breaking a puppy.

Pious pleas are fine. But good, hard discipline is better. It is the firm responsibility of law enforcement authorities to provide that discipline 365 days a year.

To do so, they ought to be equipped with the best and most modern means of detecting traffic law violations that money can buy—including radar, unmarked patrol cars and anything else that will make law enforcement more efficient. We have heard some Charlotteans say that it isn't "sporting" to use whistles and unmarked cars to catch speeders. Since when is it necessary for the police to be "sporting" about the lives, limbs and property of people who may be killed by speeders? A whammy can't possibly hurt anybody who is not violating the law. And if the use of unmarked cars is unfair, we might as well put plainclothesmen back into uniform and let crime inherit the earth.

Furthermore, we would like to see the current crackdown extend to the courts,



It Takes Continuous Pressure

too. No matter how efficient the policemen are, lenient judges can undermine their efforts.

We are not suggesting ruthlessness. Both the arresting officers and the courts must be fair and the rights of the individual must be protected. Certainly, proof of guilt must be clearly established. But, once it is established, let the punishment fit the crime.

The general public can help by supporting their policemen and their courts in their jobs and by making sure that law enforcement officials have the proper tools and use them.

A reasonable program of appropriate action would consist of:

- Ample police organized and trained to uniform enforcement of the law.
- Impartial enforcement and complete cooperation by the courts.
- A state motor vehicle inspection law.
- Absolute refusal to license the unfit.
- Strict regulation of pedestrian traffic.
- Universal application of the principles of modern traffic control—particularly in street and highway design.

With this kind of program, strictly adhered to, traffic safety might be a reality rather than a utopian ideal.

Back To Business, Mr. Summerfield

Now that the Post Office Department's ridiculous ban on "Lady Chatterley's Lover" has been upset we trust Postmaster General Summerfield will devote his full attention to delivering the mail and leave literary criticism to others.

As Federal District Judge Frederick vanPelt Bryan said in his historic decision, the postmaster general possesses special competence "on many questions involving the administration of the Post Office Department, the handling of mails, official rates and other matters (but) he has no special competence to determine what constitutes obscenity."

His ban was an act of pious impertinence and wholly without justification in law. It involved the interpretation of a statute which imposes criminal penalties and that is a matter for the courts and the courts alone.

The decision in the case was properly based upon the principle that a book should not be judged on the basis of individual passages but as a whole. This is in line with an earlier opinion of the United States Supreme Court that the test of obscenity is whether "the domi-

nant theme of the material taken as a whole appears to prurient interest."

Judge Bryan found the celebrated D. H. Lawrence novel to be a book of "rare beauty and literary merit. To exclude it, he said, would fashion a rule which would fit 'a substantial portion of the classics of our literature.'"

It is a just and reasonable decision and one that will be long remembered as an important statement of freedom of expression under the Bill of Rights.

Hooray For 'Experts'

"These conclusions were given in an official and preliminary technical study of recent congressional testimony by a group of experts on fall-out."

In regions of heavy fall-out the dose might be three times the permissible. There is no conclusive scientific evidence that this dose would hurt anybody. On the other hand, there is no scientific evidence that it would not.

In The New York Times.

Thanks for nothing.

From The Richmond News Leader

'10 FEET, 4 INCHES OF BOOKS, PLEASE'

tells us, what is inside the book, just so the cover is the correct color.

Those who feel a certain reverence toward the printed word may be upset by this turn to fables. After all, what are books for, if not to be read? Books, it appears, are for lots of things in our striving civilization. But, gentle readers, let us not despair. The good bookmen are actively lobbying among the architects.

The ABA convention panelists are unanimous in their determination to see that built-in bookshelves get put in the plans for suburban palaces, right along with the kitchen, the fireplace, and the carport.

For the bookmen feel — and we agree — that a book, once bought and carried home, is a seductive thing. Some rainy afternoon, when the TV is on the blink and the kids are at the movies, the adult of curiosity may strike the young homeowner. What, she may ask herself, is inside that darling purple binding? If she finds it to her liking, next time she ventures into a book shop, she may ask for a title, rather than a decorative dimension.

Such uses of books are by no means uncommon. Here, in Richmond, a bookseller of our acquaintance frequently fills orders for so many feet of reds, blues and greens. It makes no difference, he

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Does Ike Mean It When He Says U. S. Will Fight?

BY JOSEPH ALSP

WASHINGTON
A story about Dwight D. Eisenhower, that is highly, even grimly, relevant at the moment, is told at the State Department. It concerns a meeting between the President and the ambassador to Germany, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, that took place some months ago.

In that early stage of the Berlin crisis, long before Germany was a policy talks. He came home, perhaps, quite sure what the basic American policy really was.

At any rate, Bruce was not content to let the matter rest, when the President had offered assurances like his famous press conference statement that "he would not give an inch" at Berlin. He bluntly reminded his chief that there was only one way to defend the hopelessly vulnerable Berlin position — by being willing to fight a nuclear war for Berlin.

ROOT AND ESSENCE

Bruce added that he thought there would be no war, if the President made his iron resolution plain to the Kremlin. But he pointed out that many means were available to the Kremlin, for testing and detecting any trace of doubt or hesitation in the President's apparent resolution. Hence, he concluded, the root and essence of the whole problem was the question, whether the President truly preferred the risk of a big war to a surrender.

The President replied that he understood the nature of the choice and had reflected on it long and prayerfully. Quite aside from America's moral ob-

ligation to the two million and a half Berliners, he went on, he had decided that a surrender at Berlin would be a disastrous error, for the purely practical reason that it would only prepare the demand for another surrender, somewhere else. Therefore, the President said grimly, he would indeed fight a nuclear war for Berlin if driven to it.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

That was long ago. But the President's reported statement to Bruce was echoed in large measure by his remarks to the White House reporters last week about the sleepless nights he had experienced because of the thought of using nuclear weapons to defend Berlin. In fact one must assume "and it is a sobering assumption" that the President's honest intention is exactly what he says it is — not to give a significant inch, and to fight rather than surrender if he has to do so.

As the President is a man who relies so heavily on his staff officers, these men, and chiefly Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, will define the phrase "not give an inch." Theoretically, their definition could quite easily turn out to be a concealed surrender. But on the question, so far as one can judge, Herter is just as firm as John Foster Dulles ever was.

PLAIN TALK LACKING

In these circumstances, it is bewildering that almost nothing has been done, even today, to give tangible expression to the President's resolution.

If You Come To Spain Don't Forget Your Tent

By ROBERT C. RUARK

BARCELONA

I have been playing Nanny lately to some hapless furriers who take jet planes but who are still living in the steam-trunk and plaid-lap robe past, and I wish this to be placed firmly upon the record.

It is rough to get an international reservation on all European airlines, and it is rough to change reservations, and honey, if you ain't got that solid, firm, fixed hotel reservation, don't come whining around to me. I have often been accused of genius, and everybody knows I helped Einstein with that famous formula which will one day kill the world, but I cannot — repeat CANNOT — do you any good at my favorite hotels in Barcelona, the Costa Brava, Madrid, Paris and London, because even the managing directors are sleeping in the parks.

SIX-DAY STANDBY

Perhaps I set a record one time when it took me 14 days — and a taxi-ride from Lisbon to Madrid — in order to get from Amsterdam to Barcelona by way of London and Paris, but it's darned near that bad right now. And if you think I'm kidding, I was recently on a six-day standby in Honolulu, East Africa, just to make it to Rome. And how many people do you know who are standing by in Nairobi?

Also, in Nairobi, on a couple occasions I was forced, more or less physically, to evict Mr. Brian Burrows, the general manager of the New Stanley and Norfolk hotels, from his personal quarters. Brian couldn't get me in the Norfolk, and there wasn't any room at the Stanley, so Burrows had to go. At least I lent him a tent, a blanket, and a can of beans. Maybe he got back happy. Seiji, that Swahili for "don't know."

THEY FORGOT

The basic trouble is that the airlines, in their painting eagerness to get you from Ghent to Aix faster than they did it on a galloping gnupeut, have forgotten one thing. Once you have made it from Ghent to Aix, you are supposed to be able to find a reasonably fee-free hotel in which to lay your weary hostel head.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

Interesting fact apropos the President's off-the-record dinner for a few chosen newsmen is that Sen. Thorton Morton of Kentucky, the GOP national chairman, had a similar dinner with newsmen and got bawled out for it by the White House.

How It Happened

At the first dinner, the chosen few repaired immediately afterward to the Statler Hotel, where they rented a room and prepared a comprehensive memo on everything Ike said. Then they decided what and should be printed. A coin was flipped to see whether the story would be released to a.m. or p.m. papers. The p.m.'s won.

With very little plain speaking about the choice that may lie ahead, President Eisenhower could rally the country behind him in a way no one could mistake. By so doing, he would strengthen Secretary Herter's means business.

Instead, while making his firm statement for the record, the President has allowed the country to fall into a state of uncorseted complacency about the Berlin crisis. Therefore Khrushchev tells all and sundry that the "workers" of America will not support the President's announced policy.

In the military sphere, too, the President has been persuaded with much difficulty by Secretary Herter to order what

are officially called "quiet precautions" easily noticeable by the Soviet intelligence. But he has steadfastly refused to order the major measures that would convince the Kremlin he means business.

ACTIONS, NOT WORDS

It is very plain from the way Khrushchev has been speaking and acting that he does not think the President means business. That error, if it is an error, can needlessly lead to a world tragedy. For just that reason, if the President truly means business, it is his duty to show it in the most decisive and unambiguous way.

Why has he not done so? First of all, when the foregoing arguments have been outlined

to him, he has always replied that "everyone knows" what his policy is, because he has explained his policy at press conference after press conference. It has never occurred to Eisenhower, apparently, that the Kremlin is only impressed by acts, and never by words.

Then too, there is the pull of the curious Eisenhower political technique, which has been described by Arthur Schlesinger Jr. as "whenever clear cut issues threaten to burst into flame, he douses them with torrents of platitudes and piety." The description may be cruel, but the technique is real, and it has been pretty effective so far in American domestic politics. The only trouble is that it has now become a very dangerous technique indeed.

'Friend, I Want You To Be Friendly To An Old Friend Of Mine, If You Know What I Mean'



People's Platform

'Point Of Order In Heaven'

By 4, Matthews Editors, The News

While I was away on a pilgrimage to Grand Chute, Wis., the birthplace of that greatest American patriot, our great country has ever produced. Sen. Joseph Raymond McCarthy, you had one of your egghead editors.

THE SAME ALL OVER

I thought that this year was especially chosen for everybody to come to Spain, but Art Buchwald assures me that it is the same in London, the same in Paris, the same in Berlin or Copenhagen and the South of France. Not to mention Rome, Capri and Naples. I am not really complaining, because my keepers have a simple solution for me. They merely lock me in the back room with shelves of white paper and lots of fresh typewriter ribbons. If I am a good boy, they take me out to the beach every Sunday for a half an hour, so long as I do not bark at the bikinis.

So, for the reason that I write of Palamos is that I finally broke out, hitch-hiked a ride on a local donkey, and managed to catch a cheap seat to see one of the worst bullfights ever recorded, even by Barcelona. I don't get back home walking, and sleeping under the cork trees, I ought to make it in three or four days.

If it had not been for Joe McCarthy, we would now be living under the rule of the Kremlin. I believe God sent Joe

McCarthy just in time to save us from the millions of domestic Communists as well as the foreign-born Communists with our borders. If it had not been for the great Joe McCarthy, Annie Lee Moss would probably be sitting in the White House right now. People like Mr. Cherry and I would have long since faced a firing squad. Without the warning given us by the late Sen. McCarthy, we might have very well suffered the fate of Hungary.

Being a true patriot and McCarthyite I do not indiscriminately call people Communists. I doubt if very many members of the Senate that voted to censure Joe were Communists. Most of those senators were just jealous of the power and prestige of Joe. For example, Sen. James O. Eastland may possibly be a Communist, but I do not believe Sen. Harry Byrd is a Communist, a leftist, yes, but not a Communist. Byrd was just jealous of Joe.

I have written a song in memory of Joe McCarthy. It is titled "Point of Order in Heaven." Due to the leftist influence in the music publishing field, I have been unable to get it published. I haven't given up all hope, yet. I am also working

on another song in Joe's memory. It is titled, "When They Crucified Joe."

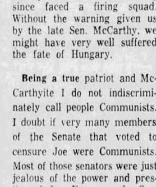
Nov. 14, 1959 is the 50th anniversary of Joe McCarthy's birthday. I think it would be most fitting if all patriots were to make a pilgrimage to

Grand Chute, Wis., on that day. Let's put our time and money where our hearts are. I am also in favor of petitioning the Congress to declare Nov. 14, Patriot's Day in honor of Joseph Raymond McCarthy.

What better way can we honor the man who single-handedly saved America from Russian domination? —BETTY RITTER



SEN. HARRY BYRD
Jealous Leftist



SEN. JOE MCCARTHY
Single-Handed Saviour

GOP Chief Tells All At Secret Dinner

WASHINGTON
This was how Eisenhower leaked at this private dinner for newsmen. Here is how GOP Chairman Morton leaked at his private dinner for which the White House bawled him out:

What Morton Said

Ike never really took command of the Republican Party. "The first surrender was at Morningside Heights," said Morton, referring to Eisenhower's adoption of the Taft program in the fall of 1952. "After that there were a lot of other surrenders." The budget estimates for 1961 are shocking, the GOP national chairman told dinner guests. The budget figure, he said, will be "pretty close" to \$82 billion, and the deficit will be over the limit of the 1960 election with an unbalanced budget. . . . Sen. Morton is afraid Ike is going to get the hat and slap Congress with so many vetoes that he'll give the impression of a "negative administration." (This is what the Senate liberals have been telling Lyndon Johnson

—namely that Eisenhower can use his veto too often.) . . . Ike refers to the veto as his "veto pistol," according to Morton.

Nixon Will Get It

Vice President Nixon is pretty sure to get the GOP nomination in 1960, Morton said. Nixon has about 80 per cent of the GOP pro behind him. They are the boys who make up the national convention and they're plugging for Nixon. Rockefeller doesn't have much chance to overtake him unless Nixon makes a very poor showing in the polls or in the primaries. . . . Morton further observed that Nelson Rockefeller won't quit for the nomination unless he is convinced Nixon can't win. (Rockefeller's friends don't agree.) Electing Congressmen. This makes Ike unhappy. He would be glad to see Simpson relieved of the job. However, following the fight to oust Ex-Speaker Joe Martin from the Republican leadership of the House, other Republican leaders urged caution on another purge.

even though not a candidate. He'll be informed of all key decisions before they are announced. . . . Morton claimed Rockefeller's speech before the Capitol Hill Republican Club was not supposed to be a campaign kickoff. "Rockefeller was embarrassed by the whole thing," said Morton. "But once the buildup started he couldn't back out."

Ike Despises Simpson

The one Republican leader who gets on Ike's nerves is Congressman Dick Simpson of Pennsylvania. "When he's in the room," confided the GOP chairman, "you can feel the chill." Simpson is a Pennsylvania high tariff conservative who has fought the reciprocal trade and is also chairman of the Republican Committee for Electing Congressmen. This makes Ike unhappy. He would be glad to see Simpson relieved of the job. However, following the fight to oust Ex-Speaker Joe Martin from the Republican leadership of the House, other Republican leaders urged caution on another purge.