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Parenthood Without Hokum

New Theory Backfired

By HOWARD WHITMAN

(In this series Howard Whitman, nationally prominent writer on social problems, reports on the re-discovery of the lost art of parenthood. His findings sweep away an accumulation of stuff and nonsense which has littered this vital subject for more than two decades. Parents are given confidence to BE PARENTS again, with the backing of new and down-to-earth trends in sociology and psychology.)

PART I

There is mounting evidence in the nation's family agencies and courts that the "let the child do as he pleases" theory of parenthood has backfired not only against society but against the very children who were reared that way. It has produced neither well-adjusted nor creative, expressive children — as hoped for — but rather youngsters who are untrained for life and end up paying the price themselves. Typical of the writer's findings throughout the country is the report from the Washington Institute of Mental Hygiene by psychiatric social worker Thelma DuVivange, in charge of intake.

"Some youngsters come to us who are just 'lumps,'" she stated. "They have just been fed and coddled. Their parents' idea of raising them has simply been to do things for them—never to expect anything from them."

"If such a child complains about food, he is given other food — every complaint is met. If he feels like messing up the house or even breaking things, he is allowed to. The well-intentioned parents have been trying to make him 'happy.' They have had the idea that a child must be continuously happy but they have overlooked the help the child to experience disappointment once in a while."

Such children, the case studies indicate, grow up with no sense of live-and-let-live and no notion of society's basic equal rights and obligations. Moreover they are psychologically weak, with distorted egos. As Miss DuVivange put it, "These children have no sense of identity."

The story of a girl named Paula, called from thousands of cases in the files of Family Service Association agencies, illustrates how the child eventually pays.

Paula is 14, eldest child in a family which could afford to send her to an outstanding private school. The case history notes, "Though Paula had a fixed allowance she was able to get extra money anytime she wanted it by 'begging' or 'nagging'."

No Parental Controls

About a year ago Paula stopped resorting even to these measures. She simply went into her father's desk drawer, where household funds were kept, and helped herself. Her father made feeble attempts to discipline her, but gave up because he felt, as he put it, "that discipline was old-fashioned." Paula was permitted to go out as she pleased, with no curfew and no effective attempts were made to govern her when she came home. The case history notes "an almost total absence of controls."

Paula carried with her to the private school the pattern of behavior she had learned at home. Her case history ends with the terse line, "Last March, in the middle of the semester, Paula was expelled from school."

The most pathetic thing about Paula's father, a case worker remarked, was that he actually believed that he had given in to the girl because "loved" her. It took a long time to show this father the difference between love and neglect.

Borrowed A Car

In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Judge Joe W. Sanders, of the newly established Family Court reported another typical case. It concerns a boy of 15, whom we'll call Pete. Pete first got in trouble with the law for "borrowing" an unlocked auto and going for a joy ride. He was reprimanded and sent home. Before long he was back in court, this time on a serious charge of auto theft.

"I had to send him to training school," Judge Sanders related. "This boy had no idea of life in society. His mother had pampered him — she always took his side when his father tried to discipline him. Yet it was the mother who sat there and cried all during the court hearing. The father came up and said, 'I'm sorry, I'm sorry.'"

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Judge Gatling Endorses News Parenthood Series

Judge Willard I. Gatling of Mecklenburg's Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts today endorsed The News series, "Parenthood Without Hokum," as "most instructive and thought provoking — a must for every parent."

Judge Gatling, after an advance reading of the complete series, commended The News for carrying the articles. I'd like to see them taken up in schools and Sunday schools, and discussed in every family in the community," he said. "The articles are written in concise, challenging terms. I hope parents will not stop with reading the series, but will go on to put its suggestions into practice."

"The articles have been helpful to me," Judge Gatling said, "and their educational content can be of great value to the parents of the community."

He said he particularly agrees with several of the theses of writer Howard Whitman—that discipline to be effective, must be begun early; that the child must be loved in his home, even when



Judge Willard L. Gatling Reads News Articles

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and a little cooler today. Fair and cool tonight. Tomorrow, fair and rather cool. High yesterday—89. High today—82. High tomorrow—80. Low tonight—59. Low tomorrow—57. Sunrise, 6:03 a.m.; sunset, 6:35 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 9-A

RELATIVES WAIT FOR PRISONERS

10 Americans Due Soon In Hong Kong From Red China

By DAVID J. ROADS

HONG KONG (AP)—Jubilant relatives began collecting in this British crown colony today to await arrival of 10 American civilians whose quick release has been promised by Red China.

It was not known just when the 10 would cross the border into Hong Kong, but a Peiping radio broadcast indicated they may already be heading for freedom.

When their release was decided, three of the Americans were believed to be in Peiping, three in Poochow, two in Canton, one in Chungking and one in Shanghai. Since all were expected to cross the border together, they would have to meet at some assembly point — probably Canton — for the train trip to Hong Kong.

Mrs. Sue Buol, who arrived here from Taipei, said she "had not been able to sleep a wink" since hearing that her husband Lawrence was among the 10.

KEPT BUSY

She said she had been busy since she got here checking "every possible avenue" for the date and time of her husband's arrival but she "had not been able to find out a darn thing."

Mildred Lovgren, daughter of the Rev. Levi O. Lovgren, said she was "all aglow" when she received word that her husband was among the 10.

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Julian Little Dies At 90



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Billy Graham Talks To 12,500

Coliseum, Auditorium Are Dedicated

By EMERY WISTER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

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"Let us make this the center of Christ. Let us dedicate the building to that purpose."

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And 12,500 persons sat in the coliseum to hear him. There were between 1,500 and 2,000 empty seats under the huge steel dome, but temporary chairs covered nearly all the arena floor, giving the building a 14,500 capacity.

TURNED AWAY

Many persons were turned from the doors. General chairman A. Grant Whitney estimated 1,500 were refused admittance when doors were closed after the program had started.

Yet at 1:30, only an hour before the program started, there was little prospect the coliseum would be filled. There were only a few thousand persons on hand opposite sides of the building, the would fill so quickly.

But suddenly traffic thickened, the cars started streaming into the parking lots. Traffic at one time was backed up to the new boulevard separation at Morehead and South Blvd., four miles away.

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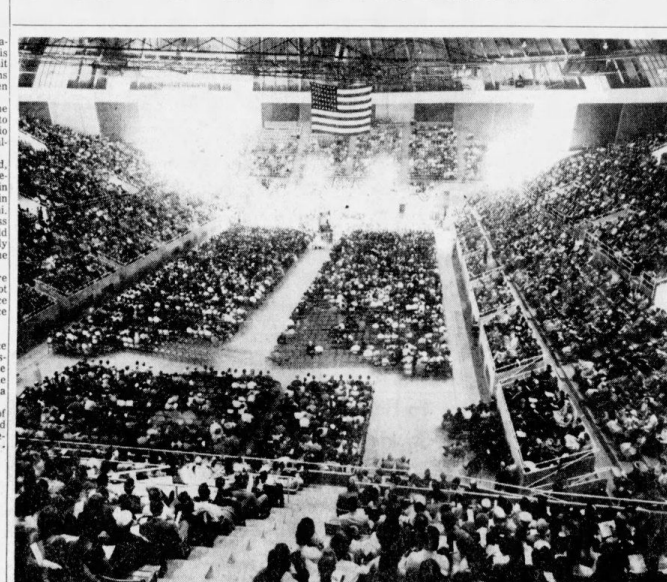
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Dock Strike Ordered At All Atlantic Ports



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N. Y. Tieup Is Extended By Union

NEW YORK (AP)—The International Longshoremen's Assn. (I.L.A.) ordered today an immediate strike of members in all Atlantic Coast ports in support of the New York waterfront tieup.

Following a meeting with union leaders, I.L.A. President William V. Bradley sent the following telegram to 400 locals along the coast from Camden to Puerto Rico:

"It has become necessary to call a general strike of our organization in order to preserve the I.L.A. You are hereby ordered and directed to stop work immediately in order to gain our objectives. To be specific, this is a general strike."

Bradley went to the North River waterfront just before the hiring hour and conferred with Thomas Gleason, the union's general organizer, who passed the word that the strike was still on.

ISSUES STATEMENT

Bradley then issued the following statement:

"An agreement was reached by the union and officials of the New York State legislative committee. After the agreement was made, pressure was put on the legislators not to go through with it. We called the strike off. Then they said 'no agreement.' We were do or die."

"We are not ready to make recommendations to the men at this time. This proves again the longshoremen are a political football."

The union leader referred to a short-lived agreement reached yesterday between the I.L.A. and a representative of the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Industrial and Labor Relations for a hearing of workers' complaints.

The pact was immediately repudiated by the committee chairman, Assemblyman John L. Ostroff, who said Marshall M. Miller, committee consultant who made the promise, had no authority to commit the committee.

Cancellation of the agreement also was announced in a charge from Patrick J. Connolly, executive vice president of the I.L.A.

"We will not recommend that they (union members) go back to work. We have nothing to offer them now," he said.

Hurricane Hilda Found

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The Weather Bureau issued this advisory No. 1 on Hurricane Hilda.

Force reconnaissance this morning indicates that the disturbed condition north of the Leeward Islands which has been under observation for the past 48 hours has now just developed hurricane intensity.

The hurricane was located at 11 a.m. at latitude 20.0 north, longitude 69.1 west, or 163 miles southeast of Turks Island. It is moving in a west-northwest direction at 13 m.p.h.

Hurricane winds are occurring in squalls around the center, particularly north of the center with gale winds extending outward 125 miles. The hurricane is expected to continue toward the west-northwest at 12 to 14 m.p.h. during the next 12 hours and to increase in size and intensity during the next 24 hours.

Caution advised the southeastern Bahamas for gale to hurricane force winds tonight and Tuesday forenoon. Interests elsewhere in the Bahamas should stand by for later advisories today and tonight.

Shipping in this area should exercise caution. Small craft along the lower Florida east coast and in the Bahamas should keep closely in touch with future advisories.

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They Crowded Into The Auditorium For Entertainment

Newsman Invade Wilds Of County On Unsuccessful Elephant Hunt

By EMERY WISTER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

SOME NEWSMEN INVADING THE WOODS, Mecklenburg County, to hunt for elephants today. We went elephant hunting in the wilds of Mecklenburg today.

Armed with a camera instead of a rifle, photographer Tommy Franklin and I went on safari in the marshy tanglewoods off Wilkinson Blvd. near Airport Park.

Our quarry, Vicki, gray, six-year-old six-foot elephant of the Airport Park's Zoo, LEFT YESTERDAY.

Vicki pulled up stakes and ran away from Airport Park yesterday afternoon. Jack Parlow, park operator, said the elephant became frightened when a calf jumped in front of her as she was being loaded into a truck

to be taken to the Gasomia fair. She dashed across the road and disappeared into the wooded area near Pilot Motor Lines terminal.

She's been there since. Several persons have tried to approach her, but only succeeded in frightening her.

So today Franklin and I went elephant hunting.

FEMALE ELEPHANT. And since Vicki is a cow, or female elephant, it was logical that she would answer to the plaintive mo of the bovine cow. I gave out with my best cow-call, MOO-AAUUW.

And there was a thrashing in the woods ahead. There she is," said Tommy

if I claim this beautiful edifice for North Carolina.

He had words of praise for the city, saying, "You are showing the way here. The split-second program you are presenting here is indicative of the type of citizenry you have. It is a challenge to us in North Carolina."

Then he said:

"You cannot not to hear me but to see the coliseum and hear Dr. Graham."

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excitedly, "I hear her in the bushes."

But if it was Vicki, she didn't show herself.

"Maybe a snake or something," said Tommy.

So then we tried a simpler method.

"Here, Vicki here, Vicki," we cried together. But if Vicki was around, no one knew it.

And then we whistled, shouted, and threw rocks in the brush hoping to bring any quarry out into the open.

NO VICKI. But there was no Vicki. So we trudged out of the woods and back to the highway again.

But Vicki is in the woods. See ELEPHANT on page 9A