CRIME KIDS!

Who's to blame for the great surge of juvenile crime? J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI places the blame on "Adult Delinquency".

"You're crazy, mister, my Johnny is not a crook. He receives a liberal allowance and has the use of the family car whenever he needs it. Anything he wants, he can have. So, why should he steal?"

"Tell us another one, beanbrain. Suzie is a good girl. She travels the world and we foot all her bills. She brings home all the boys she wants. Why should she become a cheap harridan, a girl of the streets?"

Sure, your Johnny or Suzie may be good little angels with shining faces (as long as you can see them). But, even the (especially human angels, like Johnny or Suzie) can dirty their faces and shed their wings very quickly. Remember, the devil was a good angel once, too.

What am I driving at? Why am I picking on your Johnny or Suzie? What business is it of mine...

Whos? Not so fast with your accusations. Give me a chance to tell the other side of the story. It begins with a report that should latch deep furrows on the foreheads of every Johnny and Suzie in the land. This report is submitted by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

That report tells a sad tale of the widespread destruction of moral values among the young, as shown by the alarming upsurge of juvenile crime. It relates with cold candor and impartiality the facts of what today has become a national problem of the most pressing gravity.

Last October, serious crimes throughout the length and breadth of our nation showed an increase of 19 per cent over October 1944. Enough in itself to alarm any serious-minded citizen. But, what's more a shockingly large proportion of these crimes were committed by TEEN-AGE YOUNGSTERS, those angelic cherubs, the Johnnies and Suzies who can do no wrong.

FIFTEEN PER CENT of all the murders were committed by boys and girls UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

THIRTY-SIX OF ALL ROBBERIES were committed by boys and girls UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

Of the burglars FIFTY-ONE PER CENT were UNDER 21 as were SIXTY-TWO PER CENT of automobile thieves. TWENTY-SIX PER CENT of arsonists and THIRTY PER CENT of rapists.

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Loretto Opens New Psychiatric Wing

Recognizing the increasing need for added facilities in the treatment of mental patients in connection with general hospital care, Loretto hospital, 645 S. Central ave., has announced plans for opening the entire third floor as a self-contained psychiatric unit, all known protective devices and the latest modern equipment will be provided.

Three years ago the hospital set up an out-patient service providing shock therapy treatments under the direction of the hospital's own psychiatry and neurology. Estimated cost of conversion and equipment approximates $25,000.

In establishing an in-patient department, the hospital's own psychiatry and administrative heads of the hospital declared that its new department would answer a definite need.

Announcement of the new department was made coincident with plans for a grand benefit party Wednesday evening, June 26, at Our Lady of Sorrows hall, 230 S. Albany ave. The Very Rev. Vincent E. Scheltings, O. S. M., pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows church, is honorary chairman of the benefit. Among those directing various features are: Mrs. Irwin J. Scheer, president of the hospital auxiliary, and Miss H. Butter, vice-president. Information and ticket desks have been set up in the office of the hospital.

Sisters of St. Casimir staff the hospital. They also staff the Holy Cross Hospitals, 69th and California Ave.

BALTIC SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY FETES NEWLY ORDAINED DOMINICAN

Lithuanians of The Baltic Scandinavian Society of Washington, D. C. and their friends honored Fr. Alphonse Galleveius, O. F. at a luncheon on Thursday, June 6th at noon at Bonati's Cafe, 1022 21st Ave., N. W.

Fr. Galleveius, O. F. is a native of Lithuania and was stationed at Rascinai, Lithuania. He said his first Mass in South Boston, Massachusetts on June 9th where he has relatives. He was in a class of 36 Dominicans who were ordained by Bishop Shehan in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C. The ordinations were attended by members of the Lithuanian and Latvian Legations.

The luncheon was arranged by the founder and president of the Society, Mr. L. K. Kusnas. Among the guests who spoke briefly in felicitation to the newly ordained were: Mr. Juozas Kajekas of the Lithuanian Legation, Mr. Cha. Patey of the Holy Comforter Parish, Rev. Mr. Anthony Cepanis of Chicago, Mr. Vincent Gillis, a cousin of the newly ordained and the Major Albin Shimas, of the Women's Corps. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Matelis of 2043 Park Rood, N.W. were hosts at a buffet supper for Fr. Galleveius and his relatives from out of town.
The re-emergence of unified Europe, in spite of the war desolation and misery and in defiance of the partition and artificial barriers imposed on that Continent by the Big Three at Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam, is the most important single factor in the international picture of to-day. The most recent proof of it was given in the French and Italian elections, in which again the long cherished hopes of Communist leadership were cruelly shattered.

These elections were nothing else but the last item in a long cycle that appeared all across Europe. It began with the elections in Hungary and Austria last winter, it went through Holland, Belgium, Greece, Slovakia, local elections in Germany and now reached Italy and France. With the Soviet offensive in Europe, and Benes’ opportunist Czechs, in all these countries Communists lost their battle for mass popular support. Were free elections possible in Poland to-day, the Warsaw puppet regime and its supporters would undoubtedly suffer a still more blatant rout than did the communist everywhere.

Thus anti-communist sentiment can be traced all throughout Europe, be it in the Soviet zone under the Red terror or in the Free Democratic sphere. It testifies to a resurgent solidarity of all Europeans, true to the Christian heritage of their ancient civilization and extending now their hands across artificial boundaries for joint self-defense.

The French and Italian elections will pass to history, not because they were a special surprise, but because they marked a turning point in the world situation. At a time when the Big Powers are desperately trying to rescue the war-born and unnatural unity between the western world and Soviet Russia, a new spontaneous bloc of united Europeans is in being. While Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam are dying, the down trodden and partitioned Europe comes back to life. It attempts to stand up to the dangers toward the future. Indeed history is taking its revenge on those neo-traditional and “realist” planners, who in defiance of history’s teaching were attempting to build a new world based on continents cut into spheres of influence and tens of millions of people given away to the mercy of power.

This new reality is already affecting the policy of Democratic statesmen and is bound also to strengthen their hands at the approaching conference of the Big Four foreign secretaries in Paris. Mr. Bevin’s and Mr. Churchill’s usual powerful speeches before the British Parliament sounded like an ultimatum to Russia. Their note of vigor was definitely drawn from the conviction that the bulk of four hundred million Europeans feel a same thing as their British masters. It is a paradox indeed that Mr. Churchill, one of the creators of the partition of Europe and co-responsible for the sell-out of millions of Europeans to Soviet slavery, should to-day, under the impact of the Soviet menace to the British shore, come out in such a violent defence of the victims of his own past policy. It is characteristic indeed, that both Mr. Churchill and Bevin appealed in their speeches not to the various governments of Europe, the Big Powers helped to establish, but to the people themselves. They must have realized, that a powerful tide of new moral forces in Europe is rising and that only in alliance with these forces can the Democracies win their battle with Communist imperialism.

Against the background of this dramatic collapse of materialistic planning and resulting new human misery, as a shining symbol of everlasting truth appears the never changing voices of the Catholic Church. The Holy Father, who has emphasized Nye and Communism, has also openly criticized Yalta and the sell-out of free people in international bargains, appealed once again on the eve of French and Italian elections to the Catholic fidelty of the Catholic Church helped to establish, but to the people themselves. They must have realized, that a powerful tide of new moral forces in Europe is rising and that only in alliance with these forces can the Democracies win their battle with Communist imperialism.

Prior to the days of prohibition, no woman of refinement ever dared to set foot in a saloon, as it was called then, a tavern or cocktail lounge, as it is called now. I don’t say that women did not drink then, but when they did, it was in the confines of their homes.

In the present day it is nothing to see women, unattended, even at times alone, either sitting at a bar or lounging in a dim-lighted booth, sipping a beer or a cocktail with a lipstick stained cigarette in their hands, offering a disgusting view. I have no objection in seeing women drink, even St. Paul has said that a little wine is good for the stomach, but when one sees a view such as I have mentioned above, one readily turns away from such a scene with utter disgust.

It is not unusual to step into a cocktail lounge to find it filled with women, while a man can’t even find a place for himself either at the bar or in a booth. But when one sees a woman, having indulged above her capacity, on the brink of drunkenness, she cannot express the feeling of nausea and disgust. And to find women, and sad to admit, young girls, who should never be seen in a bar-room or cocktail lounge, I equating them with the excessive purpose of “picking up a date”, leaves a man speechless.

The result of those “pick-ups” is very often disastrous. How many innocent girls, because of this foolishness and bravado, have returned home after such a rendezvous bereft of their innocence and goodness! You girls have noticed this time and again, Just take up a newspaper. I wish to repeat again, that I find no cause to object when a girl, either escorted or with other girls, drops in for a drink into a respectable drinking establishment for a cocktail or two, but when they have two, three or more and lounge around with the hope of meeting someone or getting a “free” drink, I cannot sanction such an act.

I am quite sure that no daughter of Mary would dare to drink to excess. I am sure that she would not enter taverns with the express hope of a “pick-up” or the hope of being “pick-up”.

I am sure that she would not go into a “joint” with the hope of receiving a free drink, especially realizing and knowing what sad results arise from such escapades.

Every girl should try to be a lady at all times. She should moderate herself, especially in drinking, remembering that some day she may be privileged to be a mother, and sound mind and a healthy body makes her the most wonderful mother. Develop the virtue of temperance. Be moderate in all things. Remember that fel lows think very little of such girls as I have described above. Pray to Mary your heavenly Mother, to keep her protective arms about you, to lead you in the path of sobriety, innocence and holiness.

Father Pat
MARIANPOLIS NEWS

Albert Rubach, of Laranford, Pa., HS41, was killed in action in France the day before V-E Day. ... At the request of the Marianapolis Alumni Association, a Mass of Requiem for the repose of their souls will be sung in the college chapel on May 11th.

Charles Sheputa, JC’42, has received his discharge from the Army where he served as a radio technician. Presently he is a member of the “52-20” Club. ... Peter Uzdavins was discharged from the Army January 7th. He saw service in England, France and Germany, wears three battle stars, of which one is for hitting the beach at Normandy on “D” Day. ... Stanley Valeilis is out of the Army and is living with his wife at Providence, R.I. ... The Alumni Convention will be held at Marianapolis July 3rd. The program will open with Solemn High Mass at 8:00 A.M. and will close with a banquet in the evening.

A Camera Club has been organized at Marianapolis under the direction of Rev. J. Skrodonis, The officers of the club are as follows: Pres. A. Sadulius, V. Pres. J. Sidlauskas, Sec. A. Kelés, Trens. A. Killekvielius.

Frandis Sadulakas was awarded prize as the athlete who exhibited the best qualities of sportsmanship and leadership. Coach J. Rycavage and Rev. J. Petrukas, Director of Athletics, were presented gifts on the student body.

McCosky Not Sad; A’s Still in Majors, He Says

By DAN DESMOND
(Chicago Herald American)

Sometimes, a player dealt off the top of the pack to the bottom is disgruntled or, at least, wantingly brave about it as befits a martyr to baseball’s barter system.

Not, however, Barney McCosky, traded by contending Detroit to well-intentioned but frail Philadelphia. So goes his cut of some share—at least the third place split—of world series money. He’s not sore at anybody though:

“I’m in the big leagues, this still is the majors and it’s a lot better than being out in the islands.”

He was in the navy three and one-half years, a generous part of which was spent on duty in the South Pacific, playing ball, but not for big pay.

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BARNEY STILL FELT A little strange in his new company as the Athletics awaited the mid-afternoon train back east. He explained:

“I was in the Detroit system all my baseball life and a lot of these Philadelphia fellows I don’t know. I just joined them yesterday. Have to go around and introduce myself. ... of those were in the league before, but others came up while I was in service. Well I’ll be in there every day, I hope, and I know I’ll hit.

And so he has—a four year league major league mark of .316 and a sophomore sea-

son, 1940, in which his 200 hits led the American League in that respect. He batted .304 in the world series that.

McCosky rose rapidly in the Detroit system—his 400 at Charleston in the Mid-Atlantic lifted him from class B to the class A Texas within the same season. Then two full campaigns at Beaumont and he moved up to the Tigers, where he stroked enemy pitching with easy familiarity from 1939 through 1942.

The trade, most of the A’s feel, will eventually prove Connie Mack a shrewd trader again, although, from the Detroit standpoint, it was a desparation affair.

MAYOR FOR A DAY was the experience of Edmond Waymel, student at St. Gregory High school, shown here occupying the chair of Mayor Edward J. Kelly at the City Hall, Edmond and a cabinet of eight other high school students “took over” the city government for the day. Other events of the day included a luncheon and a meeting of the city council. (New World Photo).

Meditative and Instructional Reading

The Quality of Mercy

By the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hugh Francis Blunt

BUILDING on the thesis that charity, the love of God, and of the neighbor for the sake of God, is “the root, bursting into the bush that blossoms into flowers of mercy,” Msgr. Blunt builds his book on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Easy reading, yet deep and profound, the chapters abound in illustration from the lives of saints and lovers of God’s mercy, and in hints to practical application of the works of mercy in everyday life.

As mercy appears in the structure, and again, “Charity is the root and mercy is the fruit bearing tree”.

Charity proves her presence through the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, as the effect of the presence of the spirit of God, traces her story here through the whole of Scripture from Genesis to the Apocalypse. She is shown moving the Apostles and the deacons in the early church and ornamenting the lives of the saints. Whatever aspect of the subject she treats, Monsignor Blunt shows that the “cloak of charity is seamless”.

Built on the Gospels, the Epistles, and the writings of the Fathers, the author’s study outlines the theology of almsgiving. He draws on his friendship with Augustine, Chrysastom, Francis of Assisi, Catherine de Siena, Teresa, Vincent de Paul, Camillus de Lellis, and the great army of the sanctified, to find the marks of the mercy that is born of charity.

Each of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy is given a chapter of leisurely, scholarly, urbane, and reverent thought.

Music, Radio Shows

Will Be On Trains

Musical and radio programs playing a full hour before an audience of train travellers will be an early railroad innovation, a manufacturer of wire recording machines reports.

Club and lounge cars will get them first. No extra charge for the entertainment en route.

Soda Counter Philosopher (in a loud voice): "Tell me what you eat and I’ll tell you what you are!"

Little Man (a few stools away, piping up): “Cancel my order for shrimp salad.”

Cancelled Stamps

Readers are kindly asked to save their cancelled postage stamps for the Missions. All sorts of stamps needed.

Please send stamps to: MARIAN MISSION CLUB MARIAN HILLS SEMINARY HINSDALE, ILL.

FIBBER’S FRIEND — After 50 episodes in the Navy, Bill Thompson has returned to NBC’s “Fibber McGee and Molly” show. He plays Mr. Old Timer and Wallace Grimes, two of the McGee’s most earnest friends.
The Philosophy of the Present Day

J. G.

The philosophy we wish to discuss is underlying not only the great evil of divorce but most of the ills of the present day. Dogma is no isolated phenomenon but merely another manifestation of the malady besetting our entire social thought and life. Some of the other propensities of this philosophy are birth control, abortions, promiscuity, level books, and contempt for law.

This philosophy dates back to the time of Martin Luther who, in seeking to cure the ills, some real and most imaginary, introduced and developed his thesis of private interpretation. This teaching was not confined to the field of dogma and Scripture. Luther made it in other actions as well, and gradually it so evolved that by the time of the French Revolution it blossomed out into the doctrine called liberalism or materialism. According to this philosophy, no longer does man admit any subjection to the moral or moral law. Man is law and everything is subject to him.

The consequences of such system of thought are logical: laws reflect, not the immutable will of God, but rather the will of man. Thus laws to be passed should be not for the common good, but for the good of the individual. And so, laws differ in various communities according as man is influenced by decency or lack of it. A good example are our divorce laws. Illinois recognizes nine grounds for divorce; Iowa has New York which has only one. One State in our Union refuses to grant a divorce.

The statesman will show us the evils of individualism in international affairs for instance — sphere of influence and power polities. An economist will bring up the anti-union activities, anti-labor legislation, and unfair and unjust strikes. But in no other phase of life as in divorce cases is individualism or selfishness more manifest. The judges in our Civil Courts will admit that people appearing for divorce seem to be devoid of all consideration of one except self. Children, irreligious of age and tenderness, thoughts and opinions of parents and neighbors, the common good, the Church, — all such thoughts are secondary to their own selfish desires. Nay, rather, they are scorned as medi eval and clerical restraints on the human will.

We are living in this age and atmosphere. We too can be contaminated by the poison. This illogical philosophy, it is very hard to keep a level head when beset by the alluring temptations from the screen and stage, the popular so-called great literature, and finally closest to home, the example of the frivolous would be smart set. It cells for good reading, a great deal of common sense, study clubs, and most of all the spirit of dependence on God, and this mean prayer. The moody, B髑ulous Luther fell into his error when he had stopped to pray. The cynical Voltaire called prayer the threatening pendulum on the human will, but it is prayer and prayer only that will turn us back to God and give us thoughts to keep others rather than ourselves.

"Butter Not For Sale—But For Barter" 1,000 Lbs. for Auto Or Truck Offered

"Butter...Butter...Butter!" read the headline over an advertisement in a Detroit, Mich., newspaper recently. "One Thousand Pounds of Butter for Barter: Not for Sale", it proclaimed, and went on: "Due to Government and union labor strikes and slow down in production, money will not buy the equipment the farmer needs to produce more food.

"Therefore, we offer 1,000 pounds of butter (which represents 1,300 hours of farm labor on winter feeding), in exchange for 1 New 8-cylinder automobiles or 1 New 5-ton track.

OPA Blamed

"The present shortage of butter, which production is less than 50 per cent of prewar production, is caused by price ceiling and government subsidies and OPA bungling.

"Farmers have not gone on strike; they are buyingOUT producing cream for butter.

"The farmer will not trade 3 hours of his labor for 1 hour of industrial labor."

The advertisement was signed by the Soldier's Dairy Co., of Coldwater, Mich.

Sign in a window: "Piano For Sale."

Sign in neighbor's window: "Hurray!"

GETTING THE POINT of the bacteria vaccination business, Sinner and snooper, a couple of white rats used for experimenting, receive regular injections of a specially prepared vaccine at the Mundelein college biology laboratory. Needleless (l. to r.) are Jeanne Doucette, Margaret Mary Raini and Virginia Darovic, junior biology majors.

CRIME KIDS, from page 1

Descending still further down the scale of immaturity the percentage of increase in crime skyrockets out all proportion. And who's to blame for it all?

You can blame the war and 999 other causes, if you wish, but just read these words of the director of the FBI:

"It's the result of parents going to work in factories and earning more money than they ever enjoyed. Instead of the kids reaping the benefits, they've been left to themselves — to their own devices — and they're hungry for easy money, the pleasure and excitement.

"Home life has broken down. Well, look — here's the proof. We have an increase of 130 per cent — get that 130 per cent — of crimes for girls alone — and girls under 21.

And as he continues to the root of the problem, the director of the FBI speaks straight from the shoulder:

"And don't call it juvenile delinquency. Call it by it's proper name — to show where the blame lies. Call it ADULT DELINQUENCY."

Blunt and forceful words these that lay bare the cancerous sore of our social life — the crimes of the young. And he places the blame just where it belongs — upon delinquent adults or, in other words, upon parents who have failed in their God-given duty of rearing their children according to the laws of God and man.

Why blame the children — they are doing only what they learned from the example of their parents and other adults. If parents themselves transgressed the laws of God and man whenever they could get away with it — why be angry if the children follow in their footsteps.

Parents, now is the time for action, not words. Johnny and Susie, your "Crime Kids" can no longer be allowed to pursue their criminal careers or to lead their younger brothers or sisters along the path of crime and vice.

Where to begin? With yourselves, of course. A good, sincere examination of conscience will show just where and how you transgressed the laws of God or man in what manner your misdeeds influenced your children. Remember, your children's entire future will hang from that examination of conscience. Will they remain "Crime Kids" or will they grow up to be honest, upright and God-fearing citizens of our country.

It does not suffice to read only the glaring headlines of your conscience, that daily newspaper of man's personal actions. You must read every line and in between the lines and then act swiftly and firmly. Act while there is yet time, before your children become hardened criminals.

Correct yourselves and it will be easy to correct the bad habits of your children.

Francis Jančius, M.C.

The House Of Friendship

Friendship's House is made of gold
Its doors are open wide
And Love and Trust are Happiness
Are ever found inside.

It's in the City of the Heart,
Where stars shine all year through,
For Friendship's house is built of gold,
By precious friends like you.