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TV Crimebuster Encore?...

THE TELEVISION crime show sponsored by the Senate is all over. The only remaining act of the Kefauver Committee, according to Chairman Kefauver, is to close the doors and write the final report. There is, however, a distinct possibility that a Senate Crime Committee will continue to exist. The surface has indeed only been scratched.

The lives of three of the Committee members have been threatened, but no overt attempt has yet been made. Less pugnacious characters managed to get sick or be out of town in order to avoid the Committee hearings.

Treasury officials were brought under the censure of the probers for laxity in handling underworld tax dodgers. Chicago's Jake Guzik, for example, got away with a \$100,000 listing under "miscellaneous." In the future special treasury department "racketeer squads" will double check gamblers income tax forms.

The public interest aroused by the television show will undoubtedly do much to promote a permanent Committee to keep the laws ahead of modern gamblers and criminals. If Congress will not provide the money, television companies might sponsor more hearings. Department store sales dropped about ten per cent during the telecast.

The Committee also uncovered the need for more severe laws in regard to international narcotic trading. Chinese Communists have, according to reports, put 500 tons of opium up for sale. This amount would supply the world's medical needs for one year.

From a story in the New York Post about the guilty plea of Frank Erickson, bookmaker: "Among his customers over the years, placing as high as \$15,000 daily wagers with him, have been some of the town's top figures, including political leaders with whom he robbed elbows in the National Democratic Club."

Classified ad in the Athens (O.) Messenger: "3-room Apartment with bath, man and wife, one furnished and one unfurnished, all new, reasonable."

Interview with Mary Garden, former opera star, in the Portland (Ore.) Oregonian: "Around the throat from which poured song that thrilled millions were strand upon strand of pearls."

"Attorney Lawrence To Donate Car To Debaters" — Montpelier (Vt.) Argus over story about gift of a car.

"Pastoral Charms of Route 5 Not to Be Married by Repairs." — Richmond (Va.) Times Dispatch.

We endorse the work of the Committee, and we are in favor of a permanent committee with the same objectives. Public interest could find no better expression in the war against organized crime.

Robbing College Could Be Red Boon

Yale University President A. Whitney Griswold warns that channelling the Nation's youth into the armed forces instead of college may be playing into the hands of the Communists.

Writing in the April issue of the Atlantic, Dr. Griswold asserts that Communist aggression in Asia is requiring our colleges and universities to sacrifice their students, faculties and curricula to military necessity.

He adds: "If the long-run objective of Communism is to destroy our free society at its source, the farther we go toward stripping our colleges of students, dismissing their teachers and 'accelerating' their curricula, the nearer the Communists will have got to achieving that objective."

Dr. Griswold admits that such "desperate measures can be justified in the name of national survival," and he says that college students and professors have no desire to escape the fight for "our security and principles."

"But they have a mission in society," he asserts, "and the question is how much of that mission they can sacrifice without again 'losing the peace' and perhaps even losing the war."

Dr. Griswold says that "in the emergency, we talk of college education as a non-essential and an expendable," adding:

"While we lavish our ingenuity and resources on the weapons of war, we neglect and even handicap the men who will use them. This is a high price to pay for survival. And what price survival if we become a headless monster?"

While the United States is neglecting higher education, Russia is making use of it as a strategic asset, he says, citing evidence that medical, scientific and technological institutes in Soviet Russia are full and their enrollment increasing.

Discussing possible remedial measures, Dr. Griswold points out that it may be necessary to shorten the time consumed in the eight grades of high school and college. Although opposing "acceleration," he says that college students could earn their B. A. degrees in three years provided the standards of secondary education were improved. He suggests matching grants of public and private funds to finance such improvements.

He also urges colleges and universities to cooperate with the United States Armed Forces Institute in offering extension courses for men on military service.

From the City Desk

Council Post Vote Set for Tuesday

... By Joel Austin



HAVE YOU PICKED the man to represent you on the College Station City Council for the next two years? That question is not far away; in fact, just six days from now balloting will be in progress to elect three men to the city council.

Seven candidates have filed for one each of the three vacancies on the council, and from what we can foresee six days before election time, there is likely to be a hot time in Ward I and II where three men are campaigning for the right to sit at the council table in each district.

W. D. Fitch won't have to shake many hands or pass out cigars to residents of Ward III area. Fitch is unopposed for his position on the council and we expect to see him at the meetings for another two years.

Over in Ward I, Homer Adams, H. W. Badgett, and J. W. O'Brien will vie for the right to represent the South side people on the council. Badgett is the incumbent from this area and is seeking his third term.

In College Hills Ward II, L. G. Berryman, G. W. Black, and Harry Boyer will square off in the showdown election next Tuesday. Black is seeking re-election while Boyer and Berryman will be striving to replace him on the council.

In the other election scheduled for Saturday, April 7, two candidates will be running for the three year terms due to be vacated at the end of the month on the A&M Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Petitions have been received by Superintendent L. S. Richardson for the names of Henry Allen and Ewing Brown to be placed on the ballot. Brown is one of the present members of the board whose term is expiring, while Allen is running for the position left open by Ross Bond who announced he is not a candidate for re-election.

Second Big Fire

College Station's second major fire of the year occurred Sunday evening. Although the blaze, which completely destroyed the Marion Pugh Lumber Company, was outside the city limits, it attracted hundreds of bystanders.

Reports which we were able to obtain concerning the fire reveal that a man riding by the lumberyard noticed the big puffs of black smoke coming out of the building. He headed his car for the fire station and turned the alarm in there.

We also understand that after the firemen had arrived to fight the blaze, it was necessary to string one or two hose lines across the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. As time neared for the 6:10 Sunbeam to pull into the local station, a group of men went to the officials at the SP station and asked them to halt the oncoming train so the hose would not be damaged and the water supply curtailed.

The railroad men claimed they had no authority to delay the speedy train which travels between Houston and Dallas.

Armed with flares, a College Station policeman and several other people who were ready to help, went down the tracks far enough for the trainmen to see the burning flares and to stop in time to miss the hose. The train was stopped. The hose lines were removed from the tracks long enough for the train to pass, and then the fire fighters continued their work as the train sped on toward Dallas.

Refreshing Rains—At Last

The long needed rains were certainly a refreshing change to the weather seen in this area in the past few months. Although precipitation in the form of snow and sleet has been on the ground twice since the first of February, the cool rains which covered most of the State of Texas this weekend were warmly welcomed by the farmers of the Brazos Valley who were anxious to add moisture to the parched earth on their farm land.

A big ear-to-ear smile was in order for all farmers of the state today, and after the near two inches reported for the College Station-Bryan area yesterday, Spring gardeners should be busy for many weeks to come.

Red Cross Drive Still in Progress

Don't forget the 1951 Red Cross Drive which ends March 31. Now as never before this organization needs your membership and support to bring aid and supplies to people in distress.

The Brazos County Chapter is asking your help to meet the present crisis due not only to the Korean conflict, but also because of the enlarged fund needed for disaster and flood relief here at home.

A telegram received by Mike Barron, chairman of the Brazos County Chapter, from National Chairman David Sarnoff of Washington, D. C. stressed the need for receipts from the 1951 campaign to exceed the goals.

The wire read as follows:

"To fund chairman from General David Sarnoff. Subject: Red Cross Fund.

"Rapidly changing defense developments have greatly increased Red Cross responsibilities since the campaign goal was established. Our job is even more urgent now and demands our maximum effort to obtain over-subscription of each chapter's goal.

"Corporation and business leaders are showing tangible support of our efforts by their increased contributions. But indications are that average givers are not awake to the needs of the present situation which includes the urgent requirements of our fighting men.

"In view of this year's early Easter season, aggressive steps will be needed to keep the campaign rolling at high speed until you have achieved maximum possible over-subscription.

"I urge you to intensify your campaign tempo and coverage. This is vital if Red Cross is to serve efficiently our armed forces at home and abroad.

"Best wishes for successful results.

David Sarnoff
National Chairman American Red Cross"

Former Counselor Will Attend Course

Camp Chaffee, Ark., March 27 (Spl.)—Capt. Hugh R. Williams, former counselor at Texas A&M College, will enroll April 1 for the associate infantry officer advanced course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Upon completion of the course July 26, Williams will return to Camp Chaffee for duty with a 5th Armored Division tank unit.

Captain Williams advised students in personal and academic problems at Texas A&M. He is a graduate of the college and of the Smithville, Texas high school.

Raps College Athletics

Fulbright Urges Bill Fostering High Ethics

By ROBERT E. GREIGER

WASHINGTON, March 28—(AP)—Sen. Fulbright (D-Ark) warned yesterday that this nation could be destroyed by moral laxity such as revealed by investigations of crime and the RFC.

What America needs is a prompt

return to simple honesty, he told the Senate.

Saying the public should become aroused and indignant, he said he would introduce tomorrow a resolution to create a national commission on ethics in public affairs.

Fulbright heads the investigation of the RFC. The probe has

turned up what Senators call evidence of favoritism, influence peddling and get-rich-quick tactics involving government money or property.

He said the investigation has uncovered evils that are "beyond reach of the law" but show "moral blindness."

Without tying them directly to the investigation he mentioned:

- "Bribed and bribers."
- Lawyers "with a cleverness like the instinct of the rat that knows how to get the bait without getting caught."
- Persons "who under the guise of friendship accept favors which offend the spirit of the law but do not violate its letter."

- Business men employing "knavish lawyers to circumvent the law and enrich themselves at government expense."
- "False propaganda and the 'big lie' of demagogues."

He said scandals are nothing new in government but what does seem new "is the moral blindness or callousness which allows those in responsible positions to accept the practices which the facts reveal."

'Must Win' Doctrine

Speaking earnestly, and aiming passionately, he discussed colleges and universities that place great emphasis on athletics. He blamed the "cynical, immoral doctrine that one must win at all costs" for such scandals as bribing basketball players.

Fulbright, one time football star himself and later a university president, said:

"Our colleges, under extreme pressure from alumni, have become so intent upon winning football and basketball games that they use any means to gain their ends."

Parker Conducts Firemen's Classes

E. W. Parker, field instructor for the Texas Engineering Extension Service, is conducting basic fire training classes in Granbury, Hico, and Stephenville for a total of 38 firemen.

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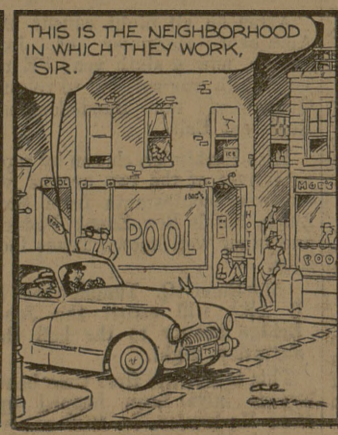
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