

Put Those Teeners to Work, Assemblyman Says

By HENRY C. MacARTHUR
SACRAMENTO — (CNS) — For a good many years, it has been an acknowledged fact that California's stringent laws prohibiting minors from working, except under the strictest supervision of government, have been conducive to the promulgation of idleness, juvenile delinquency, and the resultant breaking down of the moral fiber of a state once devoted to initiative and enterprise.

All types of roadblocks are thrown in the path of a young man or woman seeking employment by these laws, and the rules and regulations of the state department of industrial relations, to the point where many employers, particularly in rural areas, not only are reluctant, but actually refuse to hire minors, so many are the regulations to which they must conform, and the harassment they undergo from the state's investigators.

The majority of these laws were enacted years ago with the support of labor unions, under the guise of protecting young people from the abuse some employers once made of the privilege of putting young people to work in gainful employment. If all the facts were known about labor's support of the child labor laws, it no doubt would be found that labor was interested particularly in protecting the jobs of union members. Even now, apprentices are limited in many occupations.

Although this has been a matter of common knowledge for years, little, if anything has been done by the legislature to alleviate this situation, for the simple reason that offending labor was a step toward political suicide.

This year, however, there is the possibility of a change in attitude. Assemblyman William Campbell, R-Hacienda Heights, has introduced bills which could point the way to relaxing the measures which prevent minors from securing employment in at least some fields.

Whether Campbell's measures get anywhere or not, they at least will make some inroads on the stranglehold labor maintains with relation to bars of employment to qualified minors, who are able and willing to work, but are prevented from securing jobs by the old school unions.

"We have been painfully aware that unemployment by youths is higher than any other type category," Campbell said, "and unemployment by minority youth is the highest of all."

His measure would allow young people to work between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. with school and parental consent, and approval by the labor commissioner.

Also, a second bill would reduce the 50 different type jobs in which minors are unable to work at the present time. These include jobs on railroads, boats, on scaffolding, around printing presses, in bowling alleys, and in the manufacturing of leather, as well as many others.

The measure would make it the responsibility of the state labor commissioner to determine whether the job was detrimental to a minor's health or safety, and would also necessitate parental consent.

Such decisions, Campbell points out, would permit more employment of our young people than is possible under present law, without endangering the health, safety or welfare of those youngsters.

Obviously, the days when an energetic young man could go out and find employment on his own are gone forever, but at least some effort is being made to make it less impossible to work.

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Another Heritage

Nestled along the west bank of the Potomac, just a short distance from the nation's capital, is an 'illustrated page' from American history — the hallowed ground of Mount Vernon.

Seen majestically from the river below, the residence set atop the gently rising greensward of the river bank, punctuated by skillful landscaping and curving paths, seems to gain stature and dominance when viewed from a distance, and to exude colonial charm when viewed nearby from the entrance gate.

The landscaping, gardens, trees and even some of the shrubbery still reveal the touch of the master gardener, surveyor, soldier and statesman, George Washington.

A leisurely stroll through Mount Vernon rekindles the fire of patriotism, whose glow has become diminished for many having freedom — and not appreciating its value.

Not all of us have had the opportunity to visit this freedom shrine, but throughout the nation there are others with a similar story to tell. So when we mark the observance of Washington's birthday and recall his devotion and sacrifices, let's give thought also to another heritage — the Constitution, the document which has made possible many of the traditions we hold dear.

While we have our political, social and religious differences, remember it is the Constitution which has made it possible to live and prosper with them.



Bar Cronies Plot System To Foil Plane Hijackers

About all this skyjacking: The daily convocation of gray matter at Enrico's — Blair Fuller, Barnaby Conrad, Niels Mortensen, and others — has the answer. Each week, one of the airlines usually hit (Eastern, National TWA) lays on a free flight to Havana for anybody who wants to go. If that isn't SIMPLE... Meanwhile Jim Prichard has this definition of a real loser: "A guy who books a flight to Hawaii on a plane that is hijacked to Fresno"... And I don't suppose you heard about the Air France plane that was hijacked, did you? Well, then.

Controversial: I mean, everything is these days, even the Boy Scouts of America! A resolution praising these worthies as "character building" had to be withdrawn at the Episcopal Diocese Convention because as soon as it was introduced, hoarse voices were heard: "How about the Girl Scouts?... 'The YMCA!'"... "This resolution is contrary to the ecumenical spirit"... "The Boy Scouts are nationalistic in spirit!"... Further oddment: Just about the only delegate who spoke approvingly of the resolution was a young, bearded, long-haired priest who said: "The Scouts provide a fine training ground for hippies. I don't know a single hippie who wasn't once a Boy Scout!"... That tied everybody in knots.

Jack Varea of Stauffer Chemical in New York, visiting here, slipped on the Balclutha, broke his arm — and is now the toast of the Manhattan cocktail circuit with his story of falling down in a three-masted square rigger in San Francisco... Playwright Michael "The Beard" McClure is writing a beardless screenplay for Jim Morrison, star of The Doors, and the hottest male sex symbol since Jimmy Dean... Cal student to Herbert the Furrier: "The trouble with taking science is that you spend all afternoon in the lab while your girl's with an arts m a j o r..." Herbert, wisely: "Now I know why there are so many mad scientists"... And as long as we're in Berkeley, Gerhard Kudritzki found this

in the guestbook at the Berkeley Students Union: "Today my girl friend went back to her mother in Bakersfield because I had thrown her typewriter from a third-floor window, torn up her term paper, and given her a black eye... That's the trouble with Bakersfield girls. No sense of humor... And you'll want to know that Mrs. John A. Viator and Michael Marsten, trying to kick the

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smoking habit, have a big wager going on who cracks first. "However," adds Mr. Marsten, "the bet is off if one of us has to face a firing squad."

Raquel Welch, fearlessly quoted in the Far Eastern Economic Review, and don't ask me why: "Sending a girl like me to Vietnam to entertain the troops is like teasing a caged lion with a piece of raw meat."

Shakespeare anticipated everything, even the Hong Kong flu (in "King Lear"): "Infirmity doth still neglect all office/Whereto our health is bound." I quoted that to the boss yesterday — I've got the bug so bad my silk suit just fell apart — but he ordered me to come out and play anyway... Len Leopold, fascinated by the Paris peace table problems: "Just think, the next winner of the Nobel Peace Prize may be a furniture designer!" And I feel sorry for Honest Ave Harriman, benched for Lodge. No longer can he hum his favorite tune, "Averell in Paris, chestnuts in blossom"... Some of the S.F. police aren't too happy with Prof. Don Hayakawa after reading his remarks about them (particularly the Tac Squad) they dug some implied criticism out from between the lines... Under "Lost and Found" in last week's San Francisco Chronicle classifieds: "Weasel with wart on nose lost from Jr. Museum." I just looked in the mirror. It wasn't me. Try elsewhere.

Add belated happy new year notes: A jar containing about \$50 in donations was stolen

from the Berkeley United Nations Association Center, despite a label stating clearly that the money was for the starving of Biafra. Enjoy, thief!... Headline in the SF (for Science Fiction) Examiner: "What Onassis Spent on Jackie — \$2,200,000 in four weeks." Love is a m o n e y-splendored thing?... Ben Omar, an admirer of our Blue Meanies, reports after a thorough investigation: "All those stories about police brutality are hogwash!"... Dorothy Atwood, Piedmont's most noted mother of seven, leaves for the Turkish Riviera Sunday with Bob Middleton the 300-lb. actor, having won this considerable prize on TV's "Dating Game." Dorothy, biting her beestung lip: "It's exciting, except for these nightmares I keep having about King Farouk"... Paul Browne, squinting in Hawaii, found this sunny squib in the Maui News: "Bids will be opened Tuesday for the purchase of swill for the Maui Memorial Hospital." Stay healthy.

Our own Laff-In: "If Martha Tilton married Conrad Hilton would she be Lilitin' Martha Tilton Hilton?" Jean Ney wants to know. I'd rather know what happens when a Silvia Thin Man Meets a Virginia Slim girl... Ronnie Schell: "A heart murmur kept me out of the Army. It kept murmuring 'Don't go, don't go!'"... Jim Holden: "Do the laundromat dryers run backwards in Australia?"... Sean Mooney at Monroe's, describing the No. 1 occupational hazard of a bachelor: "Waking up in the morning and trying to remember where you parked your car."

Off the wires: You still don't think clothing, like hair, is a political expression? Here's flash from Dar es Salaam: "Some 500 Green Guards (members of Tanzania's Youth League) are to receive police training for a cultural revolution against the miniskirt. Thousands of posters showing what is banned — helmets above the knee, ultra brief shorts and trousers with broad belts — have been displayed in the capital"

Other Opinions

Today, what a strange world it is. We continue to succor freedom abroad, but we let it be abused at home. And we constrict it; we let it erode. To every disaster, no matter how distant, we respond with compassion. But all too often ingratitude flows back as our reward. Boldly we moved to save the pound sterling and the mark and the lira, and then we let our own currency dribble down the drain. *Greenfield (Ind.) Reporter.*

Postage in the past few years has soared, while the quality of service in the post office has deteriorated to a point where customers have every right to be infuriated.—*Adams (N.Y.) Journal.*

YOUR LEGISLATOR

Merit Plan for Judges Given Chance for Life

By VINCENT THOMAS
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The governor's proposed judicial selection system, better known as the "merit plan" for selecting judges, received considerable public support during the 1968 session, but failed approval in an assembly committee after it has passed the senate.

Briefly, the plan called for a separate commission to be appointed for each of the five appellate court districts. In each district the commission would consist of a court of appeal judge selected by his colleagues as chairman, two lawyers appointed by the State Bar, and one judge, and two other citizens, neither lawyers or judges.

Actually, the governor wants judicial appointment recommendations systematically channeled to his desk by these commissions that have searched and studied the capabilities of the judicial applicants. In other words, he wants to take such appointments out of politics.

Our own Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court and chairman of the judicial council,

said last year he hoped "the goal of selecting judges in non-political, non-partisan context would be in sight."

Under the merit plan proposal, the governor would retain the power to make appointments, but such appointments would be subject to confirmation by the commission.

Undoubtedly a measure will be introduced again this session with this or some similar plan in mind.

As late as last December the lower house judiciary committee scheduled a hearing to give consideration to a second alternative to the governor's plan.

The new proposal probed by the committee was that of one of my colleagues in the senate. He suggests a "veto" plan for the selection of judges.

He proposes the creation of a single commission with the power to approve or disapprove the governor's judicial appointments, after they are made. This too would continue the traditional appointing power of the governor, but the commission would provide a guarantee that no unqualified person would ever become a judge.

From the Mailbox

Administrators Must Run Schools, Educator Says

To the Editor:

It becomes clearer as we watch all these crisis situations in our schools that a public institution in the field of education has to be run by administration rather than by its faculty to be effective or responsive. The board is a policy body that is there to see that it is run but not to run it.

Letting a faculty, which isn't responsible and is protected by

tenure, make decisions for boards and administrations, who are responsible, is the height of folly.

Teachers can effectively contribute the classroom instructor's viewpoint on these matters, but they are not competent when it comes to the legal and financial implications of these decisions. Sound policy is a compromise between these and many other aspects that become involved. A voice, "Yes," but authority to thwart and decide policy, "no." This principal applies to any group that speaks from a specialized viewpoint in a total public institution.

This represents only the A-B-C's of the representative republic which we call democracy. When the people have voted officeholders into office, they (the officeholders) have no business giving the voting privilege back to any special interests that may be attacking them at the moment.

When a public business is taken over by its employees, it's not responsive any longer to the system that established it. This lesson had better be learned well by those now in elective office if we plan to continue as a representative democracy.

It should be remembered that administrators are a specialized group also and they should not assume discretionary authority either. Their job is to carry out the discretionary decisions of the board.

Our forefathers knew enough to separate the executive function from the legislative function. Surely our boards of education today should be smart enough to understand this principle and so should our state legislators. When a piece of the dog tries to wag the whole dog he is liable to get hungry.

J. H. HULL

Wrong Drive?

To the Editor:

Recent editions of the local papers indicate that the city of Torrance intends to build a "Fountain" in the Civic Center Complex.

Without debating its merits, may I suggest that our civic officials and citizens would be performing a more worthwhile service were we to buy a "Kidney Machine," donate it to a local hospital, label it as a gift from the Torrance community, and make it available on a "need" basis.

Certainly a fountain may be pretty, but would we not all have accomplished more in saving lives?

It is my understanding that nothing formal in the way of a resolution has passed the City Council. Perhaps it would be wise to form a group to make the "Torrance Kidney Machine" a reality?

Thanks for your help.

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My Neighbors



"Aw, he seems friendly enough, Mom — Lookit that big smile!"

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