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Pupil Decrease Due for Delco?

Rejoice! Our birth rate is going down. You were sitting there, sullenly staring at your 1968 tax bill, particularly the section on school taxes, when you could have been reading this editorial and preparing for a celebration.

The Eastern Division of the Pennsylvania Economy League has studied recent birth rates and reports "a marked decrease" in the five-county (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia) region.

Comparing 1967 with 1961, in fact, Delaware County shows the biggest drop of all — 22.3 per cent.

As a result, elementary school enrollment in the region should decline by about 80,000 (more than 11 per cent) below present enrollment in the next five years and by about 100,000 (21 per cent) in the next 10 years.

As for secondary schools, peak enrollment there should be reached in "another six or so years" and then they'll experience corresponding decreases in enrollment.

The Economy League can't find any flies in the ointment. Net migration within the counties has been small; nonpublic schools will probably continue to accommodate the same numbers.

The effect on schools, of course, should mean less building programs, less educational programs, less personnel, less costs, less taxes, wheeee!

Before you pop the cork on that champagne, though, there do seem to be some other considerations.

First, is the Economy League sure, and second, are local school officials getting the word?

The Economy League figures are taken from the annual compilations of resident live births by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

This study shows Chester, for example, with a 19.9 per cent decline in live births between 1961 and 1967 (1,640 vs. 1,314).

But the Chester School District's Master Plan released in April estimates a 1980 school enrollment of 12,000, an increase over the February figure of 11,358.

Since the school district used statistics no more recent than 1964 and since the Economy League study has birth figures through 1967, let's be optimistic and say the Economy League is correct and school enrollment is really going to decrease.

The ramifications depend on school officials and the public which selects them. We'll look at some alternatives tomorrow.

U.S. Like Russia?

Several letters to the editor have objected to a Daily Times editorial which suggested some 13,000 members of the U.S. Communist Party are not much of a threat to this country.

The letters made the point that there were not many Communists in Russia in 1917, either.

That is correct. But these writers apparently see some similarity between conditions in Czarist Russia in 1917 and the United States in 1968.

We do not.

'Kooks'



RECALL REAGAN!

California Weapon Nihilistic Perversion

By MORRIE RYSKIND

We Californians are conditioned to our state's political vagaries, but others find our quirks enigmatic. Here is a typical letter of many inquiring about the current movement to recall Gov. Reagan:

"What gives? Didn't this same Reagan beat Gov. Brown by over a million votes in November of 1966, and hasn't he proven himself a mighty drawing card at GOP fund-raising dinners throughout the land? Has California opinion shifted so strongly that there's a genuine grass-roots demand for his recall? Frankly, I smell a rat."

Well, sir, I smell a whole nest of them.

LET'S START with the procedures for gubernatorial recall enacted into state law in 1911. It requires the signatures of only 12 per cent of all those who voted in the election which the incumbent won to secure another election in which the voters decide whether to retain him in office.

Obviously, this is a weapon to be used sparingly. The only justification for invoking it is some flagrant act of malfeasance.

Otherwise — used for sheer malice — it becomes a nihilistic perversion of representative government. For any dissident minority unwilling to abide by majority rule has the potential to muster the necessary 12 per cent.

Only in Communist countries can any candidate claim the affections of 89 per cent of his constituency.

YOUR MAN is defeated? Just get enough signatures from those who backed the losers and you force another election. And if you're beaten again, why draw up another petition. The result would be chaos.

So self-evident is that no motion for the recall of a governor has ever garnered sufficient signatures. Incidentally, during Pat Brown's tenure, three such attempts died of burning because no responsible group no matter how much it disliked Pat, would back them.

The time to displace Pat at the end of his term as Reagan did when he unseated him in the traditional American manner.

THERE WERE two efforts to recall Reagan as early as 1967 — indeed, the threats started right after his inauguration, which is revealing — that similarly got nowhere. So, when

this latest movement began, nobody paid it much mind.

The first notice of it to the general public came when the dailies ran a picture of Edwin A. Koupal, described as an "unemployed used-car salesman," and his 15-year-old daughter limping into Sacramento with a banner reading, "Recall Reagan!"

It seems these Passionate Pilgrims had walked 241 miles all the way from Delano, a small town southeast of our capital, to a begin to restore decent government to California.

And, they asserted, they had been stung by their trek by obtaining \$6,000 additional signatures to their petition en route. That gave them 630,000 out of the total of 780,414 they needed.

KOUPAL denies any political prompting and claims the idea was his very own. He was disturbed by Reagan, who he says, "is out to destroy the middle class," that he drew upon his savings borrowed an additional \$2,000 from his mother-in-law, and set about on his project alone.

That may well be, though of late some political activists are getting aboard and some 11,000 are said to be getting signatures.

To The Times:

"U. S. Reds are a Bore," headlined a Daily Times editorial on July 4.

"Don't be alarmed," it said. "There are only 13,000 members and only 100,000 sympathizers in the time."

If correct, those figures are much less than 1 per cent of our population and it took 15 per cent of the Russian population to take it over.

The editorial failed to point out that numbers alone are not as important as who and where the members of this group are. Do let us take a look at just a few people in the news.

IN CASES involving Communists and subversives, the Supreme Court has decided in their favor 90 per cent of the time.

Dean Rusk, secretary of state, was a member of the Institute of Pacific Relations declared by the Senate Internal Security Committee to be "an instrument of Communist policy, propaganda and military intelligence." He helped shape Korean war policy and recommended and won the dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

He moved to have Otto Otepka, a long time security evaluator for the State Department, fired because he would not approve the appointment of Walt Whitman Rostow (three times denied security clearance by three branches of the government) to a highly sensitive national security project. Rostow is now, however, a presidential adviser.

ROBERT Strange McNamara, as secretary of defense, refused to develop multi-range missile forces, scrapped medium range missiles, cancelled Minuteman and Jupiter missiles, and general nuclear strength to one-half of what it had been when he took office, discarded Diana Spear on orbital space craft to carry nuclear weapons into orbit — and weakened the National Guard.

Alb Fortas aided Alger Hiss

To The Times:

Recently a letter from Robert Woodson appeared in the Times stating that the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce was "on the sidelines in the hard-core unemployed."

On the contrary, the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce was the only organization which petitioned the National Alliance of Businessmen to create a Delaware County Committee.

Let's set the record straight:

1. WOODSON and Media Fellowship House invited the chamber to be present at a meeting in which Woodson asked those business firms in attendance to raise \$10,000 for Media Fellowship House to retain job counselors.

The chamber replied to Woodson, telling him, as an organization, and by action of its board of directors, we were supporting the National Alliance of Businessmen.

The alliance was created at the request of President Johnson and is administered by top-notch business leaders to prove that the private sector could help solve the hard-core unemployment problem where other efforts had failed.

The alliance is based on the national level by Henry Ford Jr. and on the Philadelphia region level by Bruce Saunders, president of Penn-Centel Railroad.

The chamber of commerce requested the creation of a Delaware County Committee of NAB. George F. Bleisling is now heading the local committee with 17 of this county's leading business and industrial men serving on the committee.

2. DURING the meeting at Media Fellowship House, Scott Paper Company, Sun Ship, the Boeing Co., Veritas Division, were all either the co-sponsors they had shown in pleading jobs for the hard-core unemployed.

and Harry Dexter White (Communist spies) in drafting the UN charter, was defense attorney for Bobby Baker; defended Owen Lattimore, a perjurer and Communist spy; was an officer of the International Juridical Association (Communist Party front group); appealed the firing of Milton Friedman from a top level post in government for disseminating Communist propaganda; and was praised by the Worker on Nov. 3, 1950, for denouncing the firing of State Department employees for just a day.

THE ABOVE is a tiny fraction, with a very short analysis, of men in the news.

Henry Fowler was chairman of a Communist front; Arthur Goldberg was president of a top Communist front; Orville Freeman promotes aid and trade with Soviets and Stewart Udall calls private property, "outmoded mythology."

Of course there is no need for alarm from such a small

fraction of left-wing extremists. The greatest danger lies from those of the extreme right.

They are trying to infiltrate, Parent-Teacher Associations as the Communists will be denied the right to teach in our public schools.

They believe in voluntary reading of the Bible and voluntary prayers.

THEY ARE TRYING to have our children taught to uphold the Constitution and the free enterprise system.

They believe in maintaining law and order without having to pay tribute to revolutionaries for the privilege of being able to walk the streets in safety.

If you are slightly confused by government, congressmen, mayors and even editors who say they oppose both the extreme left and the extreme right, I cannot blame you.

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Firearms Might Aid Resistance to Reds

To The Times:

The various ideas advanced by our President, our governor, some senators and representatives in reference to gun legislation, make one wonder if the whole idea isn't one of money-raising.

One cannot conceive these men, as learned as they should be and we hope are, to believe that any criminal would either register his gun or gun or register himself as a gun owner.

There must be some motive behind the shelling and I believe it's dollars. Why not put a tax on all shooting sets? Such a tax would raise more dollars and the location of our sporting firearms would still be kept from those that should not know.

AN INVASION isn't probable,

but still it isn't impossible. Neither a Communist uprising, if and when such a thing should happen, our sporting firearms would be a very timely adjunct to the defense of our country.

Either form of registration would furnish them with the desired list for fast disarming as they force proved when they entered Italy after the last war.

If I thought the registration of our guns would help retard crime, I would be for it. But take a look at the 1,505 major crimes in Philadelphia during June of this year as compared with 1,124 during 1967 for June.

Mandatory sentences with no pardons for using any gun in any crime would be one approach, but registration, never.

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Chamber Aids NAB

It is important to note that these are the very firms who ARE the chamber of commerce.

The chamber of commerce is not some abstract building on the 4th floor of a downtown office building. It is simply a federation of industrial businessmen joined in cooperative effort.

3. THE DELAWARE County Chamber of Commerce, if it were really in the sideline which would have ignored the NAB and its programs. On the contrary, we of the chamber, Philadelphia county which has taken the initiative to form a local NAB group.

Job salesmen from NAB have already secured 201 pledges of jobs from Delaware County businesses and the local committee will shortly be contacting over 400 small and medium size firms to secure additional job pledges.

4. I refer anyone who doubts the leadership role of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce in the National Alliance of Businessmen to contact the Metro-North Co-Director of NAB, Samuel

Seeman of Penn Centel Railroad.

5. THE CHAMBER's decision to support the NAB concept is based on the following: At one time the chamber was a businessmen's organization to support a businessmen's oriented program to hire hard-core unemployed.

b. It makes sense to channel support to a single source rather than dilute efforts into four or five other directions.

The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, by acting reasonably and exercising leadership in the NAB program, has been accused by Woodson of being "on the sidelines."

Apparently recent events have caused a change in direction. At one time, to act responsibly and exercise leadership placed you in the "mainstream." Now it apparently puts you "on the sideline."

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THE LAST AMERICAN



by Don Oakley and John Lane

15 End of the Dream

We have done our level best. We have scratched our heads to find out how to eliminate the last of them (Negroes). We stuffed ballot boxes. We shot them. We are not ashamed of it.

— "Plicker" Ben Tillman

Reconstruction died slowly and in many ways, but the fatal blow came with the presidential election of 1876.

A dispute over the vote count in South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida threw the election into the House of Representatives, where Democrats mounted a filibuster. In return for his promise to remove the last federal troops of occupation, the South agreed to deliver the

necessary electoral votes to the Republican candidate, Rutherford B. Hayes.

As long as the interests of the Negro had coincided with the interests of the Republican party and northern industrialists, the Negro had made real social, political and economic gains.

By the 1880s, however, the North was weary of the perennial problem of the Negro. Business wanted a return to normalcy. In 1883, the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the Civil Rights Act of 1875, forbidding discrimination.

Left now to itself, the South went about the process of de-reconstruction. By fair means or foul, peacefully or violently, the Negro was to be put back "in his place." Devious methods were used to prevent Negroes from voting. Terrorists of the Ku Klux Klan, Knights of the White Camellia, the Red Shirts and other groups destroyed the homes and crops of

Negroes, intimidated, whipped, hanged, and burned Negroes at the stake.

Jim Crow was born in the '80s and came to maturity with another Supreme Court decision in 1896 upholding the doctrine of "separate but equal."

There was separation, but no equality. In every sphere of life, and even in death, two societies were created, with the Negro in the inferior role. Negroes were barred from politics, from schools, from jobs, from businesses, from cemeteries, from social contact with whites, almost from the human race.

For a time in the '90s, poor whites and Negroes made common cause in the Populist Party, a farmer's movement. This, too, was crushed by the white supremacists.

The first year of the 20th century recorded 107 lynchings of Negroes in the South.

NEXT: The Negro Doers

Filth on Front Page

To The Times:

Well thank you, Delaware County Daily Times, for a 16-year-old Boy Scout from the Valley Forge Council, Boy Scouts of America, and I'm a bit disgusted with your paper, to say the least.

About 200 Scouts from Delaware County and the surrounding area will be going to Philadelphia National Scout Camp to represent the state of Pennsylvania.

I was asked to be the newspaper correspondent for this affair and much sure it was duly publicized.

I wrote an explicit article concerning the trip, with humor and details. And I "burnt the

midnight oil" writing it, too. SO I JUST want to say a great big "thank you" to the Times for its concern for the Boy Scouts of America and for the "dinky" little article on the eighth page.

Giant fights and filth can sure make the front page of the newspaper. But some thing for the Boy Scouts of America, in your mind, seems barely worth mentioning.

The article also is condensed till it has no meaning or feeling left.

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