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Young U.S. Fogies Have It Made Before They Start

By ROBERT C. RUARK

I THINK I am more sorry than not for the young people who, having finished college, are now in the process of settling down to a life of toil and travail. There is so much security around, here the big item—the atom, that a lot of the fun of gambling must be missing.

It is a serious, sober bunch of sprouts that we have raised through World War II and the Korean troubles. Most of the ones I've met act like old folks. They start going steady in nearly a marital status of 14 or 15, and generally adopt the air of young fogies.

They have been largely Mama-raised, with Pop away to the wars, through a period of unprecedented prosperity. Largely they have not experienced the exhilaration of trying to whip a grinding poverty, as was the good fortune of us Depression kids.

PICK AND CHOOSE
Just about anybody who wants to work at anything can pick and choose today — especially the engineers with hairy ears and the laboratory boys in the South, which generally underpays its newspaper people, dewy journalism graduates are being courted by the papers, and some are starting as

high as a hundred bucks a week. This is a distant yelp from the days when a \$12-a-week copy boy job was considered a choice opportunity by an MA from Columbia.

The budding man of tomorrow has been accursed by lots of boons. He pioneered a fresh guild called "teen-ager," in which the loblolly received special status as a person instead of just being allowed to Topsy himself into ordinary growth.

Bill and Betty were early informed that they were special segments of the population, with special rights, privileges, clothes, habits, pastimes, problems — and that they were neither to be punished as children for being naughty nor made to face up to facts as an adult. Television and the blue Jean formed their character, as did the crewcut and the ponytail hairdo.

Vandalism and juvenile delinquency seemed to mark their early formative time — in odd variety to the later, sober, rather dull search for security in jobs. The average kid cut loose today doesn't ponder the possibility of making a million or busting out in the process. He wants to know about the pension plan and is already counting the days until he cashes his Social Security.

Possibly the early delinquency was a final fling at youth scarcely begun.

I was cast onto the world some 22 years ago this summer, into a world that was barren of John, even had ones, and it was sort of wonderful. You had nothing whatsoever to lose, so that anything that happened was an improvement on the score. The richest I shall ever be was when I left one paper, where I was making \$12 each week, for a raise of three bucks. Those three bucks made all the difference.

My bunch had a sort of joyous disregard of practicality. We all had starved in varying degrees through the sad years of 1923-33, so poverty held no threat to our peace of mind. We had no Thunderbolts to lose, no Cadillac converts to protect. We had not gone steady and entertained no thoughts of matrimony unless the bride was willing to eat air and sleep on the grass.

MAKE IT BIG
But it built up the old adrenalin, never you fear. There was a certain determination to make it big, to be poor no more, to take the world by the scruff and cuff it into submission. This thought often occurred to me as I swept phosphate rock, sulphur dust, and sheep manure



'I'm too busy planning my first million to join anything. This stuff is for the kids.'

A Big Customer For The 'Big Egg'

I TOOK a fire in Baltimore to bring ice hockey to Charlotte. No such luck figured in the almost assured decision of the NCAA to hold the Eastern NCAA Regional Tournament here next March. Stadia in Durham and Philadelphia, which also sought the big-time tourney, are still standing. The only fire involved in this major break for Charlotte and its Coliseum was in the determined salesmanship of Dr. Tom Scott, athletic director at Davidson College, and John Belk, head of the sports and recreation commission of the Chamber of Commerce.

a good product—the spacious Coliseum and a sports-conscious city and surrounding area. Probably the surprisingly solid support of hockey also heeded up their bid to bring the tourney to Charlotte. But Philadelphia has a fairly large trade area and Durham offered its coliseum rent-free.

Our IQ Just Isn't Up To The IGY

THE International Geophysical Year is very big in the news, but it is written very small on our calendar of upcoming attractions.

knows about the sciences, and that is very little. But this is a troubling aspect to this great effort to expand the frontiers of knowledge. The considerable information gained will be understood now and in the future by only a handful of the earth's population. The trickle-down theory works more slowly in the field of education than in economics.

Even the faintest understanding of what the IGY is all about requires a year at all—but a period of 18 months—our understanding has progressed very little. It embraces nothing more than the fact that during this period scientists of varying bent will seek answers to various perplexities which have whetted their desire to know more about the universe.

Yet in the democracies it is not the few but the many who make the decisions. Ultimately, for example, public opinion will shape U.S. policy on the banning or continuance of hydrogen bomb tests. Unfortunately there is no basis for an informed public opinion because even the scientists who perfected the weapon do not agree on the danger that testing poses through radioactive fallout.

The Sad Arithmetic Of Auto Racing

IT IS OUR considered judgment that News Sports Writer Max Muhleman is no prophet, although he is in the sad position of seeming to be one.

ing wheels or flying parts should be in front of every grandstand. There's no prophecy in that. Just simple arithmetic. Racers go out of control. If there is nothing between those autos and people but a few yards of track, they will be injured or killed.

By Carl Spencer

A BLAST OF OKRA SEEDS

THE SOUTH was faced with many problems during the period of reconstruction following the Civil War. Just about everybody had their ups and downs. As an old veteran once said, "Going was tougher trying to make a bumper crop on a piece of poor rocky land with a lame mule."

section of Wake County was at that time having his share of such losses. Christopher Holleman was a hard-working, God-fearing land owner of that section, and despite the fact that his crops were being stolen, he was still opposed to bloodshed. Years before he had gained possession of two very strange looking contraptions which had been constructed solely for the purpose of keeping prowlers away from the premises at night.



After the gun had been loaded, two lengths of string were then attached to small eyelets near the end of the revolving barrel. The loose ends of the strings were then tied to pegs some distance away. Once an intruder stumbled over one of the strings, the barrel immediately swung in that direction, and a heavy load of seeds was discharged at the unwelcome visitor.

Voice Of Taft Is Heard No More In The White House

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON
THE PUBLIC face which the Eisenhower administration presents to the world is more unchanging than that of any administration in recent history. Yet behind the public face, the Eisenhower administration has been changing in a subtle but important way.

Taft's Ohio treasurer in the pre-Eisenhower days, and his views have continued to have a strong Taftian flavor. And John Hollister, also on the way out as chief of the foreign aid agency, was Taft's law partner and one of his closest personal friends.

the four-H Taft was the bastion of the Taftian approach to foreign and defense policies within the administration. With the break-up of the four-H club, the voice of the late senator in administration affairs is muted, if not wholly stifled. By contrast, the voice of the late senator, former governor of New York Thomas E. Dewey, is still loud at second hand, although Dewey himself is not often consulted these days.

One way to define the change is to say that, four years after his death, the late Sen. Robert A. Taft has at least ceased to have an important influence within the administration. A symbol of the disappearance of the Taft influence is the imminent departure of the two most important Taft men in the government.

CLUB FINISHED
The departure of Humphrey and Hollister will write final to the once-famous "four-H club." The other two members of the four-H club were the late Budget Director Rowland Hughes and the extremely conservative Herbert Hoover Jr., who has been replaced as undersecretary of state by Christian Herter, an original Eisenhower man. By and large,

PARTY ISSUE
Attorney General Herbert Brownell, a Dewey man from way back, is credited with persuading the President to make civil rights a down-the-line party

from the 'teen-decks hold of the lumpy ship Sundance, Hamburg- Antwerp-Liverpool bound out of Savannah, for the starting sum of 10 bucks a week. And I had

fought a man with my fists for the job. Nope, I feel kind of sorry for this bunch. Even before they start they got it made.

issue in the current session of the House, the most important domestic political decision of the second Eisenhower administration. Press Secretary James Hagerty, another original Dewey man, has far more influence in the administration than most press secretaries enjoy. And the President's special economic adviser, Gabriel Hauge, who was placed on the Eisenhower campaign train as speech writer and economic specialist by Dewey, also enjoys increasing influence. Hauge has been the chief theoretician of the "Republicanism," and sees the President regularly. With the departure of Humphrey, with whom he often amicably disagreed, Hauge's influence is likely to increase still more.

Almost every important change in the administration has seen a movement from the Taftian right to the Deweyite center, as in the case of Robert Anderson for Humphrey in the Treasury, Fred Seaton for Douglas McKay in Interior, and Marion Folsom for Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby in the Welfare Department. And yet in a way it is an overstatement to define the change in the Eisenhower administration in terms of Taft and Dewey or right and center. What has happened is less a shift from right to center than a sort of settling down process. "We came here with fire in our eyes," the administration spokesman recalls ruefully. "We were going to turn everything upside down. But we found out it wasn't so easy."

'Happy New Geofiscal Year'



People's Platform

Is U. S. Losing Its Moral Fervor?

Editors, The News: THIS was the United States on Independence Day, 1957. It was a day of national reflection. Where many educators, following the lead of John Dewey, are teaching conformity to the group in individuals is to be in the image of his fellows, and his thinking is to be largely their thinking through him.)

Where the President of the United States in 1953 used his prestige to force through the Senate a treaty stripping our services overseas of their traditional rights as Americans, if they were accused of a crime off duty; and where in 1957 the same President attempted to strip a serviceman of his American rights when he was accused of a crime on duty. Where our political leaders persist in maintaining membership in the U. N., a group allegedly determined to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, but which makes a mockery of such a reaffirmation by permitting membership to the Communist dictatorships which sneer at human rights.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

HARRY Truman was in his usual announcing mood when I saw him recently. A big pile of mail was on his desk. The American flag was beside it. "I'm just back from stirring up the animals in Washington," he said. "Somebody has to do it."

British Tepid

"The British were lukewarm," Mr. Truman replied. "Stalin said he couldn't do anything about the Dardanelles until the Montreux Convention expired. He wanted to control the Dardanelles himself and take it away from Turkey."

Harmony Needed

"We have got to give the people here a chance to live and eat. Actually there is no reason why they can't get along together. I told that to Ibn Saud when I saw him."

Best Method

"What do you think is the way to bring peace to that part of the world?" I asked. "Just what I told you before," said Truman, proving that his memory was

Blockade Note

"We have enough ships in the Mediterranean," he replied, "to bring a blockade against any vessel, including Russian arms. And the United Nations would support us in heading off, war."

—PETER J. KING

Truman Had Predicted War In Suez

don't deny that Abraham's wife drove us out into the desert," he said. "I asked the former President whether he thought an officer had ever appointed him or President Roosevelt on the budget in the same way Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey had opposed Eisenhower.