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The Ku Klux Klan Fights The South

Sensible southerners reading of the reign of the Ku Klux Klan in Maplesville, Ala., must feel the weight of a great sadness.

First, of course, there is pity for the victims. A sick man was pulled from his bed, beaten and chased out of town. Four others were made to run and dance to pistol shots. The simple facts are enough to stir pity in anyone with a normal capacity for compassion.

But the victims are only minor actors in this tragedy. The robbed bullies themselves are the more pitiable. Scars of the destruction of the social order they peacefully are trying to protect. They move in a personal darkness that cannot, like that of their victims, be relieved by a rising sun.

It is fashionable to laugh at the Klan. It's difficult to see why. For although it is now little more than a demented fragment of a once vast machine of terror, that fragment casts a large shadow on the South.

It is one of larger anomalies of the times that even the tatters of the Klan still exist. The South's representatives in the Congress are without peers as men who understand the art of lawmaking. The power they exert over national legislation is far greater than the power of their numbers. But not even the most

skillful legislators can long prevent enactment of legislation that is born out of a public sense of outrage. At the root of the civil rights bill passed in the House and still supported by the White House is the theory that southern juries will violate their oaths in civil rights cases. The verdict of the Clinton, Tenn., jury helped to sway the Senate against that theory, more compellingly perhaps than the oratory of southern senators. Contrawise, the violent idiocy of the Klan strikes directly at the ability of southern juries to preserve for the South the utmost possible time and leeway to solve a social dilemma.

Thus the Klan, like the lawmakers, has the ability to exercise power greater than its numbers—but its power can weigh only on the side of those ready to conclude that the South cannot solve its problems, and that increasing federal intervention is necessary. Perhaps S. S. Ervin and Scott had this in mind when they made a show of rejecting proffered life-time memberships in the Klan. Obviously the senators felt it was not enough to treat the offer with silent contempt.

If the Klan was defeating nothing other than its own dim dream of white supremacy, laughter might be an effective antidote for its social poison. But when it hampers the region's first line of defense against repressive laws, the laughter seems hollow.

Resentment against the burden thrust upon the South by the Supreme Court decision still is commonplace in the region. But there is only one effective and morally permissible way to protest—in the framework of law and order.

The Klan must be isolated and confined until it is clearly recognizable as what it is—merely the sick ward of the South.

Stateless Hungarians: A Lost Cause?

What's the safest place to hide anything important? ... Somewhere where everybody else has looked. —A. A. MILNE.

THE plight of thousands of Hungarian refugees admitted to this country on parole after last fall's tragic events in Budapest was still hidden amid the rubble and confusion of a great debate over immigration quotas today. The search for solutions to their problem appeared to Washington observers to be fruitless.

In a rebuff for President Eisenhower, the House Judiciary Committee yesterday flatly rejected a proposal for grant permanent residence to the 25,000 Hungarians. The measure was in the form of an amendment offered by Rep. Keating (R-NY) to an immigration bill drafted by Rep. Walter (D-Pa.). The vote was reportedly 15-11.

President Eisenhower, in a special message to Congress, had strongly urged that the Hungarian refugees be granted permanent residence.

The irony of the situation is all too

obvious. While senators argue the fate of peoples who may or may not be admitted to the United States in future years it completely overlooks the fate of peoples already here.

Are the Hungarians to be allowed to live out their lives in virtual statelessness? Anxiety about their uncertain status must surely reduce their usefulness as members of American society and cause them needless anxiety.

Whether Congress intends to enact badly needed reforms in this nation's basic immigration laws, it ought certainly to regularize the status of the Hungarians. The Communists are already making propaganda capital out of America's attitude toward the refugees. In answer, the United States must demonstrate its attentional hospitality toward the oppressed—and to all who come to share the responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship.

Over-all reforms in the immigration laws are needed. But while these matters are being debated there is no need for the special problem of the Hungarians to wait.

Mr. Dulles' Quasi State Of Absurdity

NOW, the State Department has decided that a "quasi state of war" exists between the United States and Red China.

The phrase appeared in a letter from Undersecretary of State Christian Herter to American youths in the Soviet Union who are hell-bent on visiting Peiping.

What it amounts to is a quasi argument for maintaining the Dulles curtain around one of the most important nations in the world today—whatever we may think of its politics or behavior.

If the State Department expects to use this new device in its stubborn and foolish effort to keep American newsmen out of Communist China, it is wasting time and energy in a lost cause. Even as justification for allowing only a "limited number" of correspondents to go to China it lacks validity. No government official has any business whatsoever trying to decide what papers shall be allowed to enter the country.

What we are dealing with is a quasi state of absurdity.

How Walter George Got An Opinion

AUGUST as he was, the late Walter George never forgot to put his ear to the ground. As a member of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee studying the 1955 crisis involving Formosa and the off-shore islands, he called for the opinion of the committee's 27-year-old secretary. The opinion was: "Senator, I can tell you this: If for one haven't lost

a single damn thing on Quemoy or Matsui."

IN THE CITADEL, William S. White used the story to illustrate the difference in attitudes of Democratic and Republican senators. "Imagination bogglers," he said, "at attempting to conceive any such scene, or any such words from employes, in the Republican Policy Committee. Imagination simply will not try the jump."

From The Christian Science Monitor

THE LADY AND THE GENERAL

NO colonel would have dared it. Even a retired sergeant major, who can take more liberties with an "ism" than any major general, would have cloaked his words with regulation respect. Not so an exasperated and determined lady capitalist.

General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur, now chairman of the board of the Sperry Rand Corporation, was addressing the annual stockholders' meeting on the subject of "confiscatory" taxes. At the end of an hour and a quarter the unawed lady arose.

She loves America, said she. She is glad to pay taxes to it. What if one pays \$400 now would have paid only \$1 in 1885? "Who wants to live like in

1885?" Now let's "hear about Sperry Rand and dividends."

Just about everyone shares General MacArthur's unhappiness over paying taxes—high taxes. Many share his conviction that they are higher than they ought to be. Some agree with him that they are inequitous. But a great many others, we suspect, visualizing themselves as stockholders at that stockholders' meeting, would echo the irate lady's sentiment: Now let's hear about Sperry Rand.

It's tough to keep up with the Joneses. We wonder if everything they have is also mortgaged. —GREENSBORO (GA.) HERALD-JOURNAL

'Children! Think Of The Example You're Setting For Your Elders'



Prescription For Thugs

Pay Bounty For Duck-Tails

By ROBERT C. RUARK

THANK the good Lord I don't live in New York but spend the majority of my time in civilized jungles, such as Tanganyika or Kenya. For if I lived in New York, I should apply for a pistol permit, and induce myself in shooting, for sport, a great many people who are described as teenagers.

In times past, I have prescribed for the young thugs who terrorize the town such things as putting them in stocks, whipping them through the streets, shaving their heads, and imposing a curfew. I see that Magistrate Hurm Korn has just proposed a curfew for all youths under 18.

But I think that the recent reign of terror that the city has suffered calls for sterner measures. These "kids" of the gangs, and the "kids" of the street, who sabotage everything that comes under their eyes are plainly misunderstood. Somewhere their parents, the church, and the Boy

Scouts have failed them. So I propose a swift and humane solution. PAY A BOUNTY

Shoot 'em. Put 'em on license, of course — pay no more to a customer. Pay a bounty of so much a head — as you would with any other varmint — but deliver to the bearer of a ducktail hairdo and a black leather jacket such a sum as two bucks. This will save the courts a lot of parole trouble, and in time, if we practice enough, we may rid the noble metropolis of the vermin which infests it.

This, of course, is a piece of sarcasm. Obviously we cannot rod up the entire population for the "youths" would take the weapons away from the inert earth, plus guns.

TRIPLE THE FORCE But something has to be done about them, and damn if I know what. Possibly the best thing would be to triple the police force and



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON MOST vigorous and effective current pusher for the present civil rights bill is Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota. Talking to Senate leaders Johnson of Texas and Bill Knowland of California the other day, he said:

"You are two big strong men. Why don't you go over to the House of Representatives and exercise some influence?"

"Here is Joe Martin who never wanted a civil rights bill before in his life but who is now the great champion of the Negro. He even says the NAACP doesn't represent the Negro. He wants to go further than the NAACP."

New 'Religion'

"These great fighting liberals from Connecticut and Massachusetts like Meade A. Long and Joe Martin are having a wonderful time with their new-found religion," said Humphrey, "but they are not helping the rest of the country."

Knowland has been working conscientiously on the House Republicans to get acceptance of a modified civil rights bill. However, his problem is much more basic. It's a man who doesn't love him too much or vice versa—Vice President Nixon.

The real backstage manipulator on civil rights is Nixon, who wants the civil

rights issue held over until next year's elections. Nixon has been calling congressmen, demanding that they stand pat, "make not a single change in the original House civil rights bill."

Rayburn's Sponge Shortly before much-loved Speaker Sam Rayburn threw in the sponge for the natural gas bill at this session of Congress. Rep. Torrey Macdonald of Boston came to see him.

"Is the gas bill likely to come up for a vote before Thursday, Mr. Speaker?" asked Macdonald. "I want to leave town until Thursday, and I want to be on deck to vote against it."

Bearding The Lion This was bearding the lion in his den, because Mr. Sam has been one of the chief backers of the gas bill. However, Mr. Sam also believes in the democratic principle of letting every man vote. He blinked a bit, then replied:

"It won't be brought up before next Thursday." Shortly after that, Mr. Sam publicly threw in the sponge until next year.

Young Turks

Reason Mr. Sam threw in the sponge was the efforts of some young, vigorous

congressmen led by MacDonald of Boston, John Dingell of Detroit, and Charles Vanik of Cleveland, all Democrats, all first or second term congressmen. Backing up their efforts were such important organizations as the Alabama League of Municipalities and many of the mayors of the United States.

A dozen or so big city mayors came to Washington to testify against the gas bill, while Ed Reid, head of the Alabama League of Municipalities, wrote to every Alabama congressman to urge them to vote against the gas bill, he received word from every Alabama legislator except one. Apparently he hasn't argued with his brother Milton lately about Latin American friendship.

For, while brother Milton was in Mexico trying to strengthen Mexican-American friendship, his brother in the White House was sponsoring a bill that would paralyze the most important industry in Mexico—lead and zinc mining. It would

bring back the old cop on the beat who would crack a skull from time to time and infuse a little respect for law and order into these lice who beat up and murder strangers for fun.

Possibly you could reach back, away back, to the parental responsibility and put the parent in jail with the kid, and charge for parent board-and-room rates for the term of the sentence. This might encourage the parent to start early for the nearest strap to indoctrinate the little bum with some awe for authority.

In the absence of any easy solution, there is one thing that can be done to make the City of New York reasonably safe for decent people. You can quit handing these jerks as misunderstood kids and throw the book at them when you catch 'em.

SC BIG The tendency up to now has been to weep over them, and reason with them, and parole them in the custody of the nearest marijuana hustler when they ought to get shoved into the deep-freeze, permanently. A decent cop shoots 'em, and they pilory the cop. Some judge lets one thug loose with a reprimand and this thug's a big guy the next day, so big he has to go beat up an old lady or stick up a candy store.

On juvenile thugs, age should be of no consideration. A 14-year-old who is big enough to tote a switchblade or manufacture a zip gun is man enough to break a lot of rocks around, and if we can support the world, we can subsidize rock-breaking.

IT'S SCUM We have encouraged this scum to a point where it really thinks it's important to spend millions of dollars on scum, vermin, garbage, and should be treated as such. Trying to reason with it is a waste of time, because it just laughs, takes another charge, and fares out to kick the head off an innocent stranger for laughs.

I have had some experience with the youth of New York, and I was never more deadly serious than when I said up to the kid, "You ought to live in that jungle, I'd carry a gun."

And use it.

British Part With The Past A La Eisenhower And '52

By JOSEPH ALSOP

IN A month and a half past shutting back and forth across the English Channel on various occasions, this reporter has torn some rather vivid and not always agreeable impressions of the present state of the Western Alliance, and of taking to the road again it seems worth while to try to sort these impressions out.

Beginning, then, with the second Western ally, the most striking feature of the new British government of Harold Macmillan is its completeness of break with the past. In this, the Macmillan government strongly resembles the Eisenhower administration.

SAME ECHOES

In London today, as in Washington four years ago, the wartime ideas and attitudes, relationships and standards, have been briskly jettisoned at last. Some of the resulting American-British echoes are really ironically exact.

For example, former Minister of Defense Anthony Eden was dropped from the Macmillan cabinet, not because of Suez as is widely supposed, but simply because he refused to adopt the slogan, "Budget first, defense second," which has so long been familiar in the Eisenhower administration.

By the same token, the program of Head's successor, Defense Minister Duncan Sandys, is nothing but the famous Radford plan of American defense revised and adapted for British requirements.

ONE LINK

Again, with Lord Salisbury, Sir Anthony Eden and Antony Head, the men who have the old wartime feeling about the Anglo-American partnership have now left the British government, just as the last such men left the American government in 1953. Today, Prime Minister Macmillan is one real link with the past partnership in London, as is the President in Washington.

On that point there has been just the sort of thing here that occurred when Dean G. Acheson, who cared a great deal more about the atmosphere in the Western Alliance than the atmosphere on Capitol Hill, was replaced by John Foster Dulles, who put sentimental sensitivities so far ahead of Allied sensitivities, in the British government.

A New Fight

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The Rarer Skills

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON WISERACK: "It isn't the secretaries' claim in salary and status, but the fact that you have to pay the carpenters to redo the offices."

GOOD EXAMPLE Wilson himself set a good example by staying on the job four-and-a-half-years. But in that time a total of 72 captains of industry have marched up The Hill for confirmation. Of these, 46 have spent their little or great hour or two and have gone again.

The present system of abundant corporate vice-presidents was Wilson's idea, approved by the Senate in the early days when it somehow seemed un-American to deny President Eisenhower anything he asked for.

The Roosevelt administration fought the war with a handful of top Army and Navy bosses. The late James Forrestal, first secretary of Defense, ran the Pentagon with eight principal assistants, no deputies, no under or assistant secretaries. His Army, Navy and Air Force got by with two assistant secretaries.

Secretary Wilson has a deputy and nine assistant secretaries, plus three special assistants and a personal staff of 11. Each of his assistant secretaries has from five to 23 special assistants apiece. Each service now has an undersecretary and four assistant secretaries all with their aides and staffs.

The turnover ironically has been greatest in Wilson's own office, where he has had 19 changes. It has been least in the Army, with six. The Air Force has had seven, and the Navy, usually rated as the snob appeal service, has had 12.

ish case, the same Foreign Secretary, Selywn Lloyd, has remained on the job, but the priorities have been altered none the less.

DEED DONE

The new system of priorities was revealed, for example, in the Macmillan government's decision to defy the State Department in the matter of trade with China. The government's own experts were unanimous that Britain would not make any great economic gain by changing the China trade rules. But being publicly rude to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was bound to delight the entire House of Commons; and so the deed was done.

All this, no doubt, was inevitable. The American policy-makers, after all, were the first to downgrade the Anglo-American partnership and the Western alliance. The process reached the explosion-point when Secretary Dulles, having himself precipitated the Suez crisis, then blandly tried to shove his own handiwork under the rug. The result was the desperate British attempt to safeguard British vital Middle Eastern interests by independent action with the French.

BREAK WITH PAST The disaster was conclusion of the Suez crisis in turn produced the present situation. The Macmillan government, in a very real sense, is the direct consequence of the British failure at Suez. So is the stormy wave of anti-Americanism which has engulfed Britain. Suez trials was the real turning point, when the British 'brea' with the past occurred.

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