

Editorials

Split Car Taxes Fairly Before Raising More

WOULD IOWA motorists tolerate still another increase in motor vehicle taxes to correct the lack of adequate financing of the primary system?

We don't believe they would. The reason is illustrated in a quotation from a speech which State Sen. Martin-Wiley of Linn County delivered last month at a meeting of the Iowa Good Roads Association:

"THE AUTOMOTIVE Safety Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D. C., has made a state-wide needs study in Iowa. This study revealed that to bring our highway system up to sufficient standards by 1981, based on present revenue, we would have a shortage of funds in all of our three systems, primary, secondary and urban. It showed us, too, that the deficiency would be twice as great in primary over secondary and almost twice as great in urban funds as the other two combined.

Now what did the legislature do about it? After days of haggling, after thousands of dollars in money and time were spent in lobbying, we passed a new formula for distribution which did nothing to eliminate the shortage. We only changed the picture so that the shortages were in a different place. Now the state primary shortage is twice as great as the other two combined. Just what did cities gain when you consider that 37 per cent of the total needs of all cities and towns are for primary road funds to be spent on proposed primary highway extensions into cities and towns in the 20-year program of the professional studies?"

ALTHOUGH IT is not apparent on the surface, this is really a devastating indictment of the legislature in which Senator Wiley was himself a key fig-

ure in determining the allocation of funds. Here is what happened:

The Public Administration Service, which made the financial study and recommendations for the 1960 road survey, recommended an INCREASE of 5 percentage points in allocation of funds to the primary system, an INCREASE of 7 percentage points in allocations to cities and towns and a DECREASE of 12 percentage points in allocations to counties for farm-to-market and secondary roads.

Yet the legislature, after taking more than \$3.6 million "off the top" for interstate highways and other purposes, voted to DECREASE primary allocations by 3 percentage points, gave cities and towns an increase of only 5 percentage points and decreased allocations to counties by only 2 percentage points.

WHAT CONFIDENCE, therefore, can the motoring public have that increased motor vehicle taxes would be distributed fairly when the record shows that the legislature refuses to distribute fairly the existing revenues? The legislature gave cities only 13 per cent of the Road Use Fund instead of the recommended 15 per cent and TOOK THREE-FIFTHS of the increased percentage out of the primary fund. As Wiley mentions, this latter action hurts cities by reducing funds available for primary extensions within cities.

This tactic of giving cities more with one hand and taking something away from them with the other is the type of "cracker barrel" politics that goes on in the Iowa legislature. But it is one reason the overwhelming majority of Iowa motorists are not going to be very enthusiastic about talk of raising motor vehicle taxes still higher.

Late hours are good for anyone, says a doctor. How about for two?

Strictly Personal

Harris: Public Blind To Mental Sickness

By SYDNEY J. HARRIS

IT'S NOT MERELY that so many mentally sick people are walking around the streets; it's that so many of them perform mentally sick acts for so long without calling any public attention to themselves.

The most striking and tragic recent example of this, of course, was the Florida fishing-boat captain whose craft capsized, presumably drowning, all aboard. When a little girl passenger was found alive, however, the captain killed himself before the true story could come out.

ONLY THEN was it discovered that he had a long history of this sort of "mis-hap," that his personal and professional careers were blotched with dreadful "accidents," including the death of one of his wives and her mother while he was driving the car.

In his fascinating book, "Asylums," (now available in a paperback), Erving Goffman cites several psychological surveys as showing that the public believes "mental patients" are those locked up in mental hospitals, as opposed to those who are not.

In the same way, the white-collar class looks upon "criminals" as only those in prison, while everyone else walking the streets is considered a member of the non-criminal class.

What is astonishing to those trained in the discipline of psychology is the public's blindness to blatant and prolonged displays of mental illness on the part of persons who are not committed to institutions.

UNTIL SUCH persons actually perform some outrageously illegal, or obviously insane act, they are permitted by friends and relatives to breeze right along. This indifference or ignorance, of course, is no kindness — for mental illness, like any other sort of illness, gets worse unless it is curbed and treated.

The fishing-boat captain is only a gross and shocking example of unbalanced behavior that persists for years, until the final incredible blowup. Only then, the friends and relatives begin to put the pieces together, to recall strange incidents and curious omissions.

We tend to think in tight little categories; there, behind bars, are the criminals; there, in hospitals, are the psychotic; and here are the rest of us, honest and sane, just walking around, minding our own business. We take the uniform for the person, the status for the state.

But there are more of us just walking around who need help than are in all the mental hospitals and clinics and psychiatrists' offices. Like delinquency, such behavior must be caught early to do much good. The more we ignore it in those close to us, the less right we have to reproach its prevalence in society as a whole.



Anatomy of a Political Speech

WE'VE ALL HEARD OF THE RADICAL RIGHT AND THE RADICAL LEFT, WITH US TONIGHT IS A SPOKESMAN OF A GROUP WHOSE VIEWS WE'VE HEARD VERY LITTLE ABOUT: THE RADICAL MIDDLE.



GOOD MORNING, GOOD AFTERNOON, GOOD EVENING.

WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE VIEWS OF YOUR ORGANIZATION, SIR?



PROBABLY, THE RADICAL MIDDLE THINKS IT'S TIME WE TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN WORLD AFFAIRS WHILE DEPLORING THE IDEA OF CHANGE FOR MERE CHANGE'S SAKE.

—by Jules Feiffer

WE OPPOSE CONCESSIONS TO THE SOVIETS. HOWEVER, WE FAVOR NEGOTIATIONS AND STRONGLY SUPPORT THE U.N. WHILE WE REJECT ITS INTERFERENCE WITH OUR BASIC INTERESTS.



WE FAVOR ARMS CONTROL AND A CONTINUED BUILDUP, A STRONG CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM WITHOUT THE UNDUE HASTE WHICH CREATES DEEP SCARS.



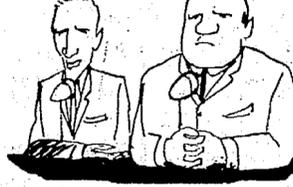
THEN, SIR, SUMMING UP WISE, YOU'D SAY YOUR PHILOSOPHY IS — ?



BOLD TIMES CALL FOR BOLD ANSWERS, WITHIN REASON. IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING, MORE OR LESS.

THANK YOU, SIR.

ON THE OTHER HAND —



Patriot or Fanatic?

Here Are Facts on Walker Record

Sees Reason For Years Of Retreat

By RELMAN MORIN AP Special Correspondent

GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER is a deeply disturbed man.

He is disturbed about loyalty in the federal government, about co-existence with the Communists, about some rulings of the Supreme Court, about 15 "policy decisions" in foreign relations, about the position of the United States vis-a-vis the United Nations, about actions of the late Dag Hammarskjold, and especially about the "media," meaning American newspapers, radio and television.



EDWIN A. WALKER "Doesn't Anyone Ever Say Anything Good for America?"

DISCUSSING this last point during an interview with this reporter, his voice suddenly choked.

"Doesn't anyone ever say anything good for America?" he asked. "You never hear it in Europe."

Earlier, in a speech, he said: "The image of America, as I have seen it in the Far East and the West, is distorted and grotesque... a picture of corruption, im-

morality and materialism. This kind of propaganda, combined with censorship, has hastened our retreat from victory through 18 years."

Walker's ideas, in some respects, closely parallel those of the recently formed groups on the far right. The transcript of the Army investigation of him, held last April, on allegations that he was guilty of improper conduct as a commander in Germany, quotes him as saying he joined the John Birch Society in 1959 but never attended another of its meetings.

He told this reporter, "I'm not being associated with any organization. I am not going to be a principal spokesman for anyone but Edwin A. Walker."

In any case, it seems unlikely that he would emerge as the leader of a unified rightist movement, should such unification ever take place.

He graduated from West Point in 1931. He was a combat commander during World War II and in the Korean War. He commanded the troops sent to Little Rock, Ark., in the desegregation disturbances of 1957, "contrary to my personal wishes."

In 1959, he tried to resign from the Army.

His resignation was refused. The Army assigned him to command the 24th U. S. Infantry Division in Germany.

HIS COLLISION with the Pentagon developed last April. A pamphlet published by Walker says that Arthur Sylvester, assistant secretary of defense of public affairs, telephoned him from Washington, April 15. The pamphlet says Sylvester asked Walker whether he was using John Birch

Society material in his troop indoctrination program. Walker replied that he was not.

Sylvester then asked, according to the pamphlet, whether Walker had ever alluded to former President Harry S. Truman and former Secretary of State Dean Acheson as "pink." Walker also denied this.

IN RESPONSE to the same question with regard to Eleanor Roosevelt, the pamphlet says: "Gen. Walker replied that he had referred to Mrs. Roosevelt as a pink; that his reference to her had been made a year or so before in a discussion meeting."

Walker was relieved of his command. The Army investigated these and other charges against him. When the inquiry ended, he was "admonished" to use the official Army regulations term. Then he was assigned to Hawaii as assistant chief of staff for training and operations.

Sylvester later said, in a television interview: "The basic issue in Gen. Walker's case had to do with what the Army discovered itself. And that was, according to them, there is a prima facie case that he may well have violated both the federal Hatch Act and the Army's counterpart of that — regulations which prevent

Army officers from trying to influence their troops on how to vote."

SYLVESTER SAID Walker had urged troops to consult an index which gave a "voting rating" of members of Congress. The Army had identified this index as a document compiled by the conservative group, "Americans for Constitutional Action."

Walker denies any improprieties. He says he was the victim of "censorship." He resigned his two-star rank and refused Army retirement pay — \$12,000 a year — in order to be free to conduct his campaign against those he feels are censoring information from soldiers and the public about Communism.

He says he first began to ponder the internal "conspiracy" in 1945. Again, he holds the press responsible for the misrepresentation by the press of Gen. George Patton's efforts in Germany. He was trying to put some responsible people back into positions, while our military government seemed to be doing just the reverse.

Patton was admonished after a news conference Sept. 22, 1945, when he was quoted as saying: "Well, this Nazi thing is just like a

Democratic and Republican election fight. I don't know anything about parties."

Walker is courteous to a reporter, but he looks you straight in the eye and says, "The job at hand is to inform the public, which the media have failed to do. They are ingratulated, too."

He says, "Coexistence is in effect collaboration with the enemy."

WHAT'S THE alternative? A shooting war?

"No, no," he replies. "The alternative is power strategy. It is the combined power of the people and the military, unified in a cause which becomes the power strategy for America. With God's blessing and what we've got, there isn't a power or combination of powers that would dare challenge us."

He says the military, not civilian authorities, should be in charge of nuclear weapons. "The military should have full control of their weapons," he says, "to include the responsibility for their planning and their use."

The United Nations? He replies, "We have long since passed the point of no return in the U.N."

"The late Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold was a long way from being the best thing that ever happened to America."

Demos Split On McManus

THE CURRENT dispute among Iowa Democrats over the appointment of federal judges has created scars which may hurt the party in the coming state and Congressional elections.

Former Lt. Gov. Edward J. McManus had been considered a cinch for one of the appointments until the fight developed in the last few weeks. Just what the issues are remain somewhat confused; but it became apparent this week that State Chairman Lex Hawkins of Des Moines is a key figure in the opposition to McManus, for the Polk County Central Committee, upon Hawkins' recommendation, refused to endorse McManus for the bench.

Since prominent Democratic leaders in widely separated parts of the state are enthusiastic supporters of McManus, the action of the state chairman creates a rift which is likely to erupt during the campaign.

Certainly the opposition to McManus cannot be based on any lack of qualification on his part. He is a competent and seasoned attorney who is highly respected by all who know him. To bypass a man of his stature for a relative unknown could only occur because the Kennedy administration has a political debt to pay in some other direction.

You figure this one: A girl steps into society by coming out.

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Today in World Affairs

Lawrence: Future of Latin America at Stake

By DAVID LAWRENCE

CUBA IS ONLY an incident — an example. The real battle today is to save Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Mexico, which are the rich prizes that the Soviet Union has set out to win in Latin America. If they succumb, the other countries are expected to collapse soon thereafter.

This is one reason why the United States has endeavored to line up the Organization of American States behind some action that would show the Soviets, as well as their followers in Central and South America, that the invasion of this hemisphere is not to go unchallenged.

IT HAS COME as a surprise to most people in the United States that there should be any hesitancy in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico to go along with this country in applying economic sanctions to Cuba.

This hesitancy certainly is not because the governments of those four nations do not understand what has happened in Cuba. It is primarily because they face from within their own countries such formidable opposition from Communist-inspired groups and factions that they fear for their own political future. A series of events recently in Latin-American countries show how the Communists topple or attempt to topple a regime

friendly to the United States.

WHAT MATTERS most at the moment is not whether the United States can achieve a victory for a resolution at the conference at Punta del Este that would impose an economic embargo on Cuba, but whether the viewpoint of this country has been sufficiently impressed on Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico so that their respective governments will begin to see that they cannot hesitate any longer. They cannot flounder indefinitely between sympathy for the position of the United States and fear of their own malcontents.

Economic sanctions or the embargoing of trade is not easy to impose anywhere in the world, even among the nations of Western Europe. There are businessmen inside Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico as well as other Latin-American countries who see bankruptcy ahead if interference with trade is sanctioned inside the hemisphere. These men have political influence within their own governments, and much as they may appreciate the viewpoint of the Washington government, they would like to see a less drastic course pursued.

THIS IS WHY a controversy over the action to be taken at the Punta del Este conference has been inevitable. The draft resolution presented by the United States for the signature of all the foreign ministers minced no words. It read as follows: "The ministers have been able to verify that the subversive offensive of Commu-

Background of the News

Organized Right-Wing Groups Grow Stronger

By Editorial Research Service

A FIVE-DAY School of Anti-Communism opened in Oakland, Calif., on Jan. 29. It is patterned after earlier projects in St. Louis, Los Angeles, and other cities. On the same day a "national anti-Communist leadership school," bringing together a wide range of organizations, was held in Tulsa.

The impulse to equate anti-Communism with a revival of McCarthyism should be avoided. A practical reason was given by former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, an ardent foe of both McCarthyism and political standpatism, in a telecast of Jan. 21. Sen. McCarthy, said Lehman, had no organization, whereas the rightist groups of today are highly organized and disciplined.

AS AN EXAMPLE, the five-day national anti-Communist leadership school in Tulsa, Okla., in late January and early February brings together representatives of the following organizations: the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, the John Birch Society, the National Indignation Convention, We, the People!, the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, the Liberty Lobby, Fact Finders, Young Americans for Freedom, the Constitution Party, and Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as such state organizations as New Mexicans for Freedom and local groups such as the Orange County (Calif.) Anti-Communist League.

Mayors of 55 cities in the San Francisco Bay area signed a proclamation designating Jan. 29-Feb. 2 as "Anti-Communism Week" in connection

with the School of Anti-Communism being conducted in that period in Oakland by the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade.

McCarthy never lacked for funds, but he never enjoyed the prosperity our present anti-Communists do. Gross receipts of the Christian Crusade have been estimated at \$63,000 in 1957, \$380,000 in 1960, \$1 million in 1961.

ORGANIZED anti-Communism appears to have considerable commercial appeal.

The Richfield Oil Co. recently sponsored a three-hour rally — "Hollywood's Answer to Communism" — over a TV network of 35 stations in six Western states. Technicolor Corp. and Schick Safety Razor Co. will sponsor local television coverage (KTVU) of the Oakland school. Indeed, according to "Broadcasting," "Communism has suddenly emerged as the hottest new program subject in television." McCarthy occasionally received free network time, but never, it memory serves, was he sponsored.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"How do you expect me to sleep when my stomach can hear that 'frigerator door?'"