

THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH? An Editorial

It all started several years ago, no one is sure just when, but it grew like Topsy, until now it has become a major infestation, threatening not only national stability, but perhaps national survival as well.

It started as the mere expression of "the right to dissent" and the Constitutional right of free speech. But each new day saw a little more latitude claimed, and a little more latitude given!

This breakdown of law-and-order became more and more prevalent as authorities permitted minor indiscretions to blossom into major ones — to look aside while little laws were being ignored, until soon it was the major ones that were being violated.

In the beginning, its advocates claimed a moral right to ignore laws that were bad in the eyes of the beholder. Where previously there had been a clear line between right and wrong — between legal and illegal actions — an increasing number of people (who should have known better) bought the argument that citizens had a moral right to ignore the law, so long as the end justified the means.

A whole new glossary of terms came into being. First, there were sit-ins, lie-ins later teach-ins, swim-ins, prayer-ins, and a dozen other expressions — all intended to establish a high moral purpose for deliberate violations of other people's rights. Once it was learned that laws could be violated, even to the point of drawing public praise, the advocates of lawlessness grew even bolder in their challenge to establish authority.

One essential ingredient to gaining acceptability was widespread news coverage of every incident of law breaking. The eye of the television camera or the lens of all news-media — focused on a demonstrator with a large sign and then diffused over the network facilities and throughout the press to the smallest hamlet in the nation — was the necessary catalyst.

Pretty soon free speech almost became a license to "shout fire in a crowded theater". Young men began to burn their draft cards in public and young ladies with guitars sang folk-songs shouting their praise. The Nation's flag was desecrated with impunity. Comedians sent their "Neilsen Ratings" soaring by ridiculing the President of the United States and making him the target of the most obscene jokes. It wasn't very long before the President of the United States couldn't go anywhere in the land without the threat of physical violence and verbal abuse. Cabinet officers could not even visit a college campus without being shouted down by students exercising so-called "free speech". A United States Senator found the new trend so absorbing and so obviously useful to his own goals that he offered to send blood to a foreign enemy whose bullets were killing American soldiers daily.

In the name of gaining equal rights, mass looting and burning and even sniping which is murder, spread to more than a hundred cities. Even more ominous, the highest law enforcement authority in the land decreed that when more than three people commit a crime, it is better for the law to "look the other way" — and it did. The judiciary no longer backed the constabulary! Finally, plans were under way to bring hundreds of thousands of people to the Capital of the United States and, through mass civil disobedience, demonstrate once and for all that the law was dead — even if God wasn't. It is clear that what started out long ago, as however well intended, permissiveness is about to engulf the Nation in a crisis more serious than any yet encountered. My reverent prayer is: God Save America.

(Taken from a speech by Rep. Durward G. Hall)

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50 YEARS AGO

May 30, 1919

J. H. Backus, Publisher Mrs. Ella Mabel Tucker, 59, died May 28th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Erwin D. Baker. Her husband, a son, a daughter, a brother and two sisters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mortimer Driscoll returned from overseas Friday and Daniel McEachy Wednesday. Both saw active service in France for many months.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wood have moved their household goods to Andover from Newburg and are located in the Cannon home corner of Elm and Center Streets.

Miss Mayme Dean of the DeGraff Hospital in Tonawanda, is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dean of South Hill.

Miss Nora McAndrew of South Hill, spent the week-end with relatives in Wellsville.

Edgar Yale of Afton has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. A. Fowler, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Driscoll of Tidouche, Pa., are the guests of his mother, Mrs. Mary Driscoll.

Mrs. H. A. Kilbourne and children have returned to their home in Galeton after a visit with Andover relatives.

Mrs. P. Barrett and daughter, Miss Julia, went to Buffalo today to visit Mrs. Barrett's sister, Mrs. Robert Barrett.

Mrs. V. L. Eggleston returned the first of the week from Salamanca, where she has been caring for Mrs. P. Gallagher and babe.

Mrs. Mark Wilson and daughter, of Whitesville came Monday to pass a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bloss.

Mrs. F. L. Bloss and Mrs. William Childs returned Friday from Rochester, where they had been in attendance at the Robert State Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cooper returned to their home at West Line, Pa., Wednesday, after a visit of several days with Mrs. D. C. Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. Alie Mead.

Victor Stearns of Hornell is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvey have returned to their home in Almond after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Strait.

Mrs. Valencia Slocum and daughter, Lela, spent the week-end in Buffalo.

40 YEARS AGO

May 31, 1920

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers Miss Mildred Cook, 22, of Almond, formerly of Andover, died Sunday, May 26. Her parents, a sister and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

Martha Bullard Cook, 77, died Tuesday, May 28th. Her husband, a sister and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

John Fisher is moving his grocery stock from the Jordan Block formerly known as the Trainor store to the grocery conducted by Charles and Miss Grace Fisher in the Beebe Store corner of Main and Center Streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jackson of Barney Mills, spent part of last week with relatives at Cameron.

Miss Lila Austin of Barney Mills returned to her duties at the St. James Hospital on Thursday after three weeks vacation at her home.

Frank Quigg and nephew of Conneaut, Ohio, visited Andover relatives last week.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Storer and children of Olean, were guests at the Folsing home Saturday and Sunday.

J. C. McDonough and daughter, Florence of New York City, are visiting at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough on Dyke Street.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Grenolds and daughter, Lois, who were guests of Mrs. Grenold's brother, Floyd Voss and family, have returned to their home at Westbury,



by Alex Rankin

Note To:

State Senators John H. Hughes of Syracuse, John D. Calandra of the Bronx, Thomas F. McGowan of Buffalo, Ralph J. Marino of Oyster Bay, Nicholas Ferraro of Long Island City, Abraham Bergstein of New York and Assemblymen Dominick DiGirolamo of Brooklyn, Prescott B. Huntington of Rochester, Ronald H. Hills of Hamburg, Anthony G. DeFazio of New York and Frederick D. Schmidt of Woodhaven.

If you are looking for something to do between sessions this summer you might tell the public:

A. Who paid for the full page advertisements in newspapers across the state accusing the Joint Legislative Committee on Crime of staging a drug raid at the State University at Stony Brook, L. I. the day the committee was to begin hearings on the drug problem at Stony Brook?

B. Find out why a college professor at Stony Brook recently told students, "Never trust a cop."

C. Find out how many former Stony Brook students are now teaching at private and public colleges and universities across the state and where.

The men to whom this note is addressed are, in fact, hard-working members of the JLC on Crime. Hughes is its chairman and DiCarlo its vice chairman.

A year ago this committee held hearings on Stony Brook and discovered drugs and marijuana were as common as long hair at the state supported institution.

They discovered that the university administration was at best inept in handling the situation. One official admitted he was to an important drug peddler but didn't bother to even write a report on what he'd heard.

R. I.

Mrs. James Shimwell and children and Miss Acella Edwards, spent the week-end in Rochester, guests of James Shimwell, who is employed by the Eastman Kodak Company.

A. R. Baker was in Mansfield, Pa., Saturday in attendance at the Alumni banquet of the Mansfield State Teachers College of which he is a graduate.

Prof. and Mrs. Leon Cook motored up from Raleigh, N. C., called here by the death of their niece, Miss Mildred Cook.

Mrs. Mary Shea of Buffalo has returned after a visit at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Joyce and Mrs. Ellen Walsh.

Miss Isabelle Loughhead of Eldred, Pa., visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claire C. Backus from Saturday until Tuesday.

Miss Susan O'Donnell spent from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay D. McVay and family of Cuba.

30 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1930

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Henry Horan celebrated his 85th birthday anniversary, Monday evening, May 28th when neighbors and friends gathered at his home.

Mrs. Robert Smith entertained 12 guests at a buffet luncheon Saturday, May 27th at her home in honor of the birthday of her sister, Miss Veronica Lynch.

Floyd A. Richardson of Hornell, formerly of Andover, has retired from the Erie Railroad Company after 52 years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Covert of N. Main Street, are parents of a son, Archie Douglas, born Wednesday, May 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snedeker have moved their household goods from Scio into the home on Water Street which they recently purchased of E. E. Orvin. Hefebert Ladies of Davis Hill is visiting his sister, Lottie of East

Committee investigators discovered a year later the problem had gotten worse, not better, at Stony Brook. But their hearings were called off when a campus riot erupted after police arrested a number of students on drug indictments.

This was followed by the full page ads in papers across the state. And on May 21 there was a raid on "recreation" at the university at which Dr. Michael Brown, associate associate professor, told students not to trust cops.

At a time when the reputation of the state was at stake, the JLC on Crime was accused of being a "runners" by Stony Brook students and professors.

And so this question becomes important: How many professors who believe there is nothing wrong with drugs and marijuana, and how many students who are teachers, who believe the same thing, are now teaching at colleges and universities around the state, spreading their beliefs?

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The JLC documents the fact that drug usage is common at Stony Brook — as common as the idea that there is nothing wrong with it. The committee was ready to call the principal of a Long Island high school and ask him if he knew his students had been recruited as "runners" by Stony Brook students and professors.

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Smethport, Pa., for a few days. Mrs. Farley Drake of Rochester was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Leri Leonard of Elm Valley over the Memorial Day week-end.

Mrs. Sarah Tucker Howland, arrived Sunday from Alluwe Okla., and is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Mead of Elm Valley.

Miss Maxine Crandall of Independence, began work Monday as secretary for Dr. Travis in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dreher and daughters of Wellsville spent Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Illig of Independence.

Ralph Williams of Scottsville visited his mother, Mrs. Mabel Williams from Friday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss and son, Eldyn of Waverly were visiting Andover and Independence relatives over Memorial Day.

Miss Marion Bloss of South Bend, Ind., was a Memorial Day guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Belle Bloss and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bloss.

Mrs. Bertha Pingrey of Honeoye, visited Andover friends over the week-end.

H. E. Robinson returned Tuesday from a visit at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huffcut at Sea Cliff, L. I., and also attended the World's Fair.

Mrs. Harry Engley of New York City, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ann McDonough.

Rev. and Mrs. Lucien H. Kerns in company with Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Sangree of Wellsville were in New York City from Monday to Wednesday attending the commencement exercises of Union Theological Seminary of which both gentlemen are alumni.

Miss Dawn Williams of Wellsville is spending the week at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Sweet.

A. G. Kemp had a session at Sobonville, Pa., Monday and I. H. Gillilan left Sunday for Watertown to load syrup.