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Reports From Washington

SPECIAL ISSUE ABOUT SMUT MAIL

OF ALL OF THE FORCES which are at work today eroding dignity and basic morality of young people, I believe the most damaging is the use of the U. S. mails to purvey obscenity and perversion within the privacy of the home.

UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE in our society vicious men who would do absolutely anything to make a few dollars. Using mailing lists derived from such innocent sources as high school honor roll lists they flood the U. S. mails with offers of hand-some smut.

EVEN THE EMOTIONAL MATERIAL is chosen by practically any student of human dignity. A decade ago these advertisements would have qualified the sender to a few years in a Federal penitentiary. But today, following a series of court decisions, the smut merchants evidently have been working their presses and their mailing service overtime.

EVERY WEEK I RECEIVE letters from angry parents, pleading for a way to keep this filth out of their mailboxes. They take the position that the U. S. mails should not be freely available to those who would profit from pandering to the natural curiosity of the young! I agree!

IN THE LAST CONGRESS con-

siderable progress was made. A procedure was established under which a citizen — for himself or his children — could complain about material which, in his or her opinion, is "erotically arousing or sexually provocative" and lodge a formal complaint with the Postmaster. The sender then is notified, and any repetition makes him subject to fines and imprisonment.

THE FORM NECESSARY TO INITIATE this procedure is reproduced here. Should you receive an advertisement through the mail which offers to sell material which is, in your own opinion, erotically arousing or sexually provocative, fill out the form below and send it, along with the material you received, to your Postmaster.

WHILE THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES a positive means for stopping this disgusting traffic in smut, I view it as a stop-gap. President Nixon has proposed a three-part legislative program which will establish first-offense penalties of \$50,000 fine and five years in prison for those who knowingly send this kind of material to young people, and who transport it in interstate commerce. Also, it would establish a national list of individuals who object to this kind of mail and require mailers to purge their lists accordingly.

change in the draft law, permitting a draftee to be accompanied by an attorney before the Draft Board — persons charged with serious crimes are entitled to a lawyer but a young man, whose liberty is in equal jeopardy, is forbidden a lawyer under present laws. I have also submitted a bill calling on President Nixon to seek a mutual moratorium with Russia on further testing of MIRV space missiles. If they are deployed, there would be no stopping a costly arms escalation which could leave us bankrupt.

MOON LANDING — The impossible dream has been realized. The epic feat represents a triumph for all mankind. It proves that mankind as a whole can accomplish pretty much anything we want. As Astronaut Armstrong said, it was "a giant leap for mankind."

FAR EAST FACT FINDING MISSION — As Congress begins its recess, I and four fellow Congressmen have embarked on a two-week mission to South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and South Vietnam at the invitation of their Embassies here in Washington. These countries have and will continue to have an important impact on our nation's foreign affairs. The trip, being made at no expense to our government, will be a busy one during which we will meet with leaders in government, business, industry and agriculture as well as the military and our soldiers in Vietnam and South Korea. We will visit military hospitals, the Demilitarized Zone and talk with people in all walks of life. I consider it a special challenge to be selected for this mission which offers such significant opportunities to study and learn more about nations pressing problems which have become vital to us here. I especially look forward to meeting with GI's from our own district and personally convey our deep gratitude for the sacrifices they are making. I shall report more fully on this when I return.

TRANSPORTATION HEAD-ACHES — The House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, of which I am a member, has been holding long hearings on assorted bills aimed at relieving our congested airports and airways. As Congress recesses, hopes are high for meaningful legislation in this field. I had the honor to talk with Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe about the whole transportation problem and he stresses the need for a massive transit overhaul, integrating all modes of travel. I also have been named by Rep. Robert A. Taft, Jr. (R-Ohio) House Republican Research Committee chairman to a special Task Force to study transportation needs. The formulation of recommendations embracing the total transit picture, is our goal. A major headache in the transportation field is the demise of the passenger train. We in the district are especially aware of this after the announcement by the Erie-Lackawanna that it was discontinuing service. The ICC has started an investigation and hearings will be held soon in our district. A bill which I have since introduced will establish stricter rules for permitting such discontinuance. With our overcrowded highways and airways, passenger service should have a growing instead of diminishing role in our transportation network.

INFLATION AND THE SUR-TAX — Inflation has produced what I consider the gravest economic crisis in a generation and represents the most unjust tax of all because, while it affects everyone, it hits hardest at those least able to pay. It is my firm conviction and that of fiscal experts that extension of the income surtax is needed now to bring inflation under control and prevent our dollar from shrinking smaller every month. I make it clear however, as I did before my colleagues in the House, that I will oppose any further extension of the surtax after it is due to expire next June. I believe extension of the surtax for now, accompanied by major tax reforms, can slow down inflation. Bolstering my decision to support the surtax were assurances I received from House leaders that such tax reforms would be forthcoming this year. Loopholes must be closed

the future, the bill would permit a 2.5% population variation in the districts thus setting up for the first time guidelines for all states so they will not be subject to constant court mandates by people seeking mathematically precise balance between districts. I feel this is the sensible approach. In connection with reapportionment, I have been appointed to a three-member Republican Congressional Committee to work with the State Legislature in drawing up new district lines this year.

IN BRIEF — I am happy to report that Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, Armed Services Committee Chairman, has promised early hearings on draft reform, a request I and several other Congressmen made recently. I have also asked for a

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

Harry L. Burley, age 71, of Greenwood, N. Y., died this morning at his home after a long illness.

He was born in Windsor, Canada, and was a retired carpenter. He made his home in Auburndale, Florida during the winter.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Edna Whitcomb Burley, two sons, Rodney, stationed with the U.S. Navy in Port Hueneme, California and Donald of Morwalk, California; and a sister, the Rev. Charlotte Ordway of Albion; six grandchildren and two great grand children.

Services were held at the Smith Funeral Home in Canisteo, Saturday at 1 p. m. Burial was in Addison Cemetery. Rev. Bradley Wood, pastor of the West Jasper Church, officiated.

Mrs. Betty Pease of Rochester spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pease at West Greenwood.

Miss Cindy Ewell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ewell of Owego, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chaffee Sunday until Wednesday.

Mrs. Evelyn Hoagland is continuing summer courses at the Corning Community College until August 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Duke spent sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Duke, Sr., at their cottage near Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard and family of Troupsburg visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bennett. Her sister, Joan, went home with them for a visit.

Duane Chaffee of General Motors in Detroit, Michigan, arrived home Monday for a two weeks vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chaffee. Miss Betsey Lotten of Hornell is visiting at the Chaffee home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrell York of Trenton, New Jersey spent Sunday until Wednesday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wallace and visited other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sampson of Niagara Falls came Tuesday to visit his sister, Mrs. Bernice Osmin.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Austin and Mrs. Floyd Mattoon of Kansas and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Canisteo, were Wednesday evening callers at the home of Daniel Redmond.

Mrs. Robert Ackley of Hammondsport, called on several people in town, Wednesday.

Miss Sabrey Stephens and Mrs. Daniel Redmond were business callers in Genesee, Pa., and Wells-ville recently.

so the very rich and the large corporations bear a fairer share of the tax load; and so that those who have been carrying the heaviest burden get long overdue relief.

GETTING BACK SOME OF WHAT WE PAY OUT — As I said above, the taxpayer who for years has been carrying the heaviest burden must get some relief. This is so bitterly true on the local government level. The individual taxpayer has his back to the wall, confronted by a host of taxes to pay for education, welfare service and housing and health programs, many of which operate under Federal mandate. I have introduced a bill which hopefully will lighten this burden. Under the measure, those states paying more in taxes to the Federal coffers, would get more back. There would be no strings attached either. Local governments could use the funds where they feel it would do the most good without Federal approval. After all, they know local conditions best. The bill would also give the individual taxpayer credit on his federal tax to be used against state and local taxes.

Mrs. M. P. Wheeler spent some time this week at the home of her sister near Wellsboro, Pa.

Mrs. Florence Brownell is improving in health at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Teribury.

Homer Banks remains about the same at the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Pearl Bassett, a patient in the Bethesda Hospital, is about the same.

Mrs. Blanche Wallace is improving at the Bethesda Hospital.

Mrs. Louise Cobb is a guest at the home of Sabrey Stephens. As she is a native of our town we will be glad to see her on our streets again.

A party was held for James Wallace at his home Wednesday night. He left Sunday to join the Air Force at Lackland Air Base. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wallace.

A birthday party was given for Todd Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Glover, who is seven years old. Those who attended were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Waters and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Glover of Andover, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Kernan and Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bianco and children and Winnie Kernan and Bonnie Whitesell of Greenwood.

Kenneth Whitesell of F.F.A. Chapter of Greenwood Central School, earned an Empire Farmers Degree and last week attended a conference in Syracuse. Also attending the meetings were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schenck of R. D. 1, Greenwood. There were twenty-two attending the class. This is a Milk Marketing School for young Dairymen. It was held at Randolph House in Syracuse. They took five hour classes a day with an hour lecture and 15 minutes of discussion periods. It is good to have places where the people who are interested to go to better their interest.

Mrs. Bess, Wheeler, and her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hecker Sunday and Monday of this week for a family gathering.

Miss Grace Young went to Valley Stream, Long Island to spend some time with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young and family. She will go with the Young family to Shelter Island for a week, then will go to Summit, N. J., to visit her friend, Mrs. Ross Spelman.

Mrs. Ethel Cook, Miss Winona Cook and Mrs. Bernice Osmin went to Bath July 30th to help serve a picnic dinner to 38 veterans at the V.A. Center. Food was furnished by the American Legion Auxiliary from Greenwood and Canisteo. Three members from the Canisteo Unit also went to help.

Human Cannonball At Erie County Fair

Sure to thrill both young and old at the Erie County Fair, Ham-burg, New York, August 15th thru 23rd, will be the Great Zacchini Cannon with real "live" ammunition. From the mouth of the giant cannon a human projectile will be fired into space, to land safely in a net at the far end of the race track.

The Zacchins, one of the oldest families in the circus tradition, have appeared with every major circus in the world and in all major television programs.

IT TAKES 2... TO LICK CANCER... YOU AND YOUR DOCTOR... AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

USE THIS FORM

I, ..... addressee (print your name) (parent of addressee) of enclosed mailing from ..... (print mailer's name) (address, city, state ZIP code)

consider this mailing to be a pandering advertisement which offers for sale erotically arousing or sexually provocative matter.

Accordingly, under the provisions of Title 39, United States Code, 4009, I request that the above-named mailer, and his (its) agents or assigns, be directed to refrain from making any further mailings to me, (as well as to my below-listed minor children residing with me who have not attained their nineteenth birthday.)

Print your name Date Street City, State, and ZIP Code

LIST CHILDREN AND BIRTHDATES:

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MILLION DOLLAR RULING—

Among the bills I introduced since my last report to you is one which would do away with frequent and costly reapportionment under the Supreme Court's one-man, one-vote ruling. I have quarrel with the ruling. But I feel it's impossible to achieve the precise mathematical ratio which today produces so many court orders for change. As you know, New York State has been ordered to reapportion this year. The task will cost about \$1 million and will have to be done over next year when the 1970 Census figures are tallied. In addition, this year's reapportionment will be based on 1960 Census figures, which, with population shifts in the past 10 years, you will agree, are totally unreliable. To avoid such costly occurrences in